

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 21, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

LENT 5

THEME: Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Opening Music: “For the Beauty of the Earth” by Michelle Swift

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song: “Speak, O Lord” by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Call to Worship:

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

Many: **There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.**

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: **“The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”**

ALL: *We call out to you, as you call us to deeper growth.*

Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: *“God of Love, Hear our Prayer”*

OT Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31:44

Song/Music: Service Adventure Unit

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Video Introducing Service Adventure Unit

Message/Sharing: “Growing Through Service Adventure” –
Johnstown Service Adventure Unit

Confession/Assurance:

Many: **Deep calls to deep.**

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess our resistance to being planted
into your aching earth,
into the way of your covenant.

We confess our need for you to plant within us
the joy of your salvation,
a willing spirit.

(Silence to name the forces that keep us from deep healing.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: **Calling us to deep growth.**

We come to you, God.

Response Ritual – Possible questions for reflection and response:

- How is God calling you to deep growth?

- What do you need to let go of so that you can grow?

Song: “Seeds” by Girl Named Tom

Sending Words

Sending Song: “The Tree Song” by Evie Karlsson

Bulletin Editor for March: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper
Offering: 03/14/2021 – \$1,396.70 = Regular

*****COMING EVENTS*****

March Mission Offering – Lehash Beans and Rice
Wed., Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m. – Racism Discussion via zoom
Fri., Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service
Sun., Apr. 4 – Easter Sunday
Wed., Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council
Tue., Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. – Lay Leaders

*****NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Wed., Mar. 24 – Dale Yoder; Fri., Mar. 26 – Noah Cotchen; Sat., Mar. 27 – Floyd Lehman

Jayne will be in the office on Thurs and Friday. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with the sign and the front table are posted on the bulletin board. We will hold off volunteering to usher or greet until we are back to doing these again.

E A S T E R F L O W E R S ! The SEADS Greenhouse will be supplying our Easter flowers this year. The lists of available flowers and prices are on a table in the foyer in the back of the church or you can also view them on our church website. If you wish to make a purchase, you can sign-up on the lists or call/text Chris Lehman at (814) 248-9684 by Tuesday, March 23rd. Please pay by check or cash directly to Chris.

Reminder: Our item for St. Francis Food Pantry is toilet paper. Let's see how much we can gather this month to help those in the community who are in need!



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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FOCUS STATEMENT: Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.

We commit to love and obey God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom of peace and justice more present on Earth.

The small group study of racism meets next on Wed., Mar 24, 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be emailed. It will not be posted on our website because we were recently “Zoom Bombed”, so we need to take precautions about posting the link. If you need the link sent to you, please let Jayne know. Before we meet watch Episode 11, “The Fierce Urgency of Now” of “**The Color of Compromise**” on Amazon Prime or on YouTube.

We will continue the **COVID Safety Protocols** in place since last summer (social distancing, face coverings, no Sunday school ...) to help keep safe. Lay Leaders will monitor the color codes of Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to give clues if the numbers begin to rise again and we need to reassess meeting. The hospital is currently in phase green (green, yellow, red, black). We will continue streaming our worship via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety of you and your family.

Mission offering for March is Lahash: Rice and Beans. Lahash is an organization that helps purchase land, grow gardens, poultry projects and other needs in Africa. You might want to plan a meal of simple beans and rice one day in March to remind ourselves that many in the world go without the abundance of food we take for granted.

Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated. To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. **We also have an option for electronic giving.** You can go to the link on our website at stahlmennonite.org. You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com

For those who give virtually, your year-end total may be different based on if you absorbed the processing fee or not. Any questions contact me. Thanks, Sharon

JCS IS NOW ENROLLING: *Engaging Minds * Building Character * Deepening Faith* – Johnstown Christian School is now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year for students in PK4 through Grade 12. Call today to schedule your personal tour! (814) 288-2588. More details about JCS can be found at our website www.JohnstownChristianSchool.org or on the JCS Facebook Page.

Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio and online on Tues. thru Sat., July 6-10, 2021. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, please visit the website: mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/

Do you have **questions about MennoCon21**? Mennonite Church USA leaders provide an update and address questions in this recorded webinar: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-da-webinar>

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

JoAnne (Jayne's Sis-in Law)	Paul Thomas	Virginia Moyer
Jayne's Bro Sam & Sis Cher	Becky Mishler	Paul Harnish
Larry & Ann Millender	Al Smith	Rob Miller
Robin's Bro-in-Law	Sarah Barrett	Lauren Cotchen
Loveda Liechty	Bernice Lehman	Ron Telenko
Dave Sprankle	Tom Russell	Myles Shetler
Anne Brenneman Family (death)		Ellory Hanson