

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 26, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music Leader: Rachel Allen, Elizabeth Dunmore & Sonya Horsley

Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus

Lent 4: “Shaped by Life”

We Gather

Prelude Music: “You Give Us More Grace”
from “The Soil and The Seed” vol 6

Welcome and Announcements

Music

Call to Worship and Prayer (*based on Psalm 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.
Blessed be your name.**

Sharing Ourselves

Music

We Hear God’s Word

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1–14

Confession and Silent Reflection

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones.
We are cruel in our words
and indifferent in our actions.
We confess to the Lord . . .

(*silent prayer*)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord.
Put your Spirit within us
and make us alive.

All: We place our hope in you. Amen.

New Testament Reading: John 11:1–45

Message: “Shaped by Life” – Jayne

We Respond

Music

Testimony Guiding questions:

1. Have you ever experienced dryness or hopelessness in your life?
Could you tell us some details about that experience?
2. How did God enter your situation and make a shift from dryness to abundance?
3. If there is no “dead end” in the lives of those who put their trust in God, then, from your experience, how does God help us make a U-turn?

Shaping the Clay

We Go Out

Sending Song

Sending Words

Leader: Put your hope in the Lord.

People: The Lord is unfailing love,

Leader: and with God is full redemption.

People: God will bring us up from our graves.

All: God will redeem us from all our sins.

Bulletin Editor for April: Shana – 814-288-0171

Front Table for March: Worship Committee

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for April: Toilet Paper

Offering: 03/19/2023 – \$1,008.70 – General Fund

Current Budget Statistics:

Last Year Income: \$19,477

Current Income: \$23,406

Budget Income: \$21,923

Last Year Expense: \$27,625

Current Expenses: \$23,735

Budget Expenses: \$24,342



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

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans

Mar 26, 12:00: Lahash: Rice and Beans Lunch

Mar 29, 4:30-6:30: Final Soup Night of the season

Mar 29, 6:30-7:30: Final Kid's Connection of the season

Mar 29, 6:30-7:30: Lectio Divina Bible Study

Apr 2, 3:00: Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 7, 7:00: Good Friday Service

Apr 9, 6:30am: Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Hunsberger Farm

Apr 9, 10:30: Easter Sunday Worship

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Mar.27 – Floyd Lehman and Wed., Mar 29- Deb Gates.

Jayne plans to be in the office on Wed and Fri. She can be contacted at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

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We will have a Rice and Beans meal on today following worship. You are welcome to stay, even if you didn't bring any food.

We will once again have an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am (sun is scheduled to rise at 6:47) at the top of the hill of the Hunsberger's farm (687 E Campus Ave, Davidsville). This will be followed by a breakfast. Stay tuned for ways you can contribute to the meal.

The Women's Help Center and Hosanna Industries are partnering at a blitz housing rehab event at 819-821 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, Monday, April 3rd - Thursday, April 6th, 8am-4pm daily. Volunteers will help to renovate a duplex that will provide transitional housing to individuals and families leaving the Help Center's emergency shelter. Your help will give a family a safe place to call home as they get back on their feet. It's a wonderful way to spend a day and make a difference! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with: Painting, Carpeting & Flooring, General Carpentry & Labor, Cleaning, Food Preparation. ALL skill levels are needed and welcome! If you would like to contribute a lunch, drinks, fruit or snacks for the event, please contact the Help Center at 814-536-5361 before March 20. Lunch and beverages will be provided, and free parking is available behind the Help Center. Please register for a volunteer spot by March 27th by emailing Becky Hetzer at rjhetzer@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Bible Study is continuing during Lent (Mar 1-Mar 29) using a Lectio Divina format. We will read through the scriptures to be used in the coming worship and reflect on their meaning for our lives today. Join at 6:30, following Soup.

There are many ways to give to Stahl Mennonite Church. Sharing your time and talents on Sunday morning and throughout the week help keep our ministry alive. We also count on the financial support of those able to give. Because of rising costs, our giving will need to increase. By adding a few dollars each time you give, we will be better able to meet our expenses. **Thank you for the generous giving of your finances.** Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed, when you are away is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.). How ever you give, know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

Covid numbers are ever unpredictable. If you feel the need to mask for your own health or to protect the health of others, you are encouraged to do so. Lay Leaders will continue to monitor. Thanks, again, for your patience and care for one another's health.

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

Jayne Byler Heather Vitko Rhonda Baldwin (praise)
Prospect Homes Residents Ruby Barrett-Ross Jen Deitkie (praise)
Daniel's great nephew Paul Kauffman Family Mike Lappi
Olga Roman