

WELCOME TO

STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 5, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M

Theme: Easter Sunday: Dwelling in Dissonance –
Death and Resurrection

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Music: Stahl Musicians

Opening Music: “Hold On” by Heidi Wilson

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

**May the Risen Christ bring us the peace
that passes all understanding this Easter,
filling your hearts with hope, joy,
and the warmth of Christ’s presence.**

(Light the Peace lamp and pause for reflection)

May this season of renewal strengthen our faith,
bring comfort to our spirit,
and bless our community with love and peace,
ensuring we walk in the joy of Jesus’ resurrection.

Gathering Songs: “Gathered Here” – VT 3

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing” – VT 359

“Christ has a risen hallelujah” – VT 341

Call to Worship:

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

All: *The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.*

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

All: *Angels singing.*

One: Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

All: *Jesus is risen!*

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday’s tears linger, as they must,

All: *but love is stronger than death.*

One: Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

All: *Our names—each one.*

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

All: *It is the sound of resurrection.*

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Prayer: Now the green blade rises” – VT 353

Singing

Scripture: John 20:1-18 as Reader’s Theatre

Readers Theater: “Then and Now”

Message: “Seeds of Hope in the Garden” – Jayne

Confession

Response: “Resurrection” by The Soil and the Seed from Matt. #29

Sending Song: “That Easter morn at break of day” – VT 342

Sending Words

*** If you would like to have a prayer request included in this Prayer, Prayer Cards are available at the ends of your pews. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the Gathering Songs. There will also be opportunity to share using the mic.*

Resource used: LEADER magazine, Winter 2025-26

Bulletin Editor for April: Ellen Lehman – (814) 288-1961
Front Table for April: Worship Committee
Greeters for April: Pat & Joy Cotchen
Church Sign for April: Neil Lehman
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper
Offering: 03/29/2026 – \$2,268.70 – General Fund
1,000.00 – Playground Set
 181.00 – Lahash
\$3,449.70 = Total

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

April Mission Offering: Swing-set replacement
Wed., April 8, 6:30 pm: Church Council
Sun., April 12, 9:00 am: Congregational Discussion
(note change of date)
Thurs., April 16 - Sat., April 18: Jayne at CLC meetings in Chicago
Mon., April 20 - Thurs., April 23: Jayne at AMC Pastor's Bible Study at Laurelville
Sun., April 26, 10:30 am: AMC Conference Minister, Amy Yoder McGloughlin, guest speaker
Tues., May 5, 4:30 pm: Lay Leaders

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

Wish the following a **Happy Anniversary** today or by sending them a card this week: Friday, April 10 – Patrick & Joy Cotchen
Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed. and Friday this week. If you would like to meet with her or contact her, then or any other time, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Sunrise Breakfast this morning. This event reaches not only our congregation but the larger community!

Hearing assistance headphones and a large print hymnal are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please correct this phone number in your directory:
Mackel, William (Ed) (814) 243-2891

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Dwelling in DISSONANCE



*Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.
Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives!
Our dissonance now is like those first disciples:
What does this all mean?*

April 5, 2026

Our Mission Offering Opportunity for April is one that is very close to home! The **swing set in our front yard** is no longer safe and will be torn down soon. We will be replacing it this spring. It is enjoyed by our children and neighborhood kids as well! We want to keep them safe when they are here. A well-constructed one has been priced at about \$4,200.

Our monthly Congregational Discussion date has been moved up a week earlier to April 12. We will meet this month and then again in May before taking a summer break. Put the date on your calendar and plan to arrive here at **9:00 am** to share coffee and donuts and conversation about our congregation and our tools for the future.

A Community Celebration: Freedom – The Journey Continues.

Join us as we honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through faith, unity, and freedom, Sunday, April 12, 2026, 3 – 5:00 pm at Greater Johnstown High School Auditorium, 222 Central Avenue Johnstown, PA 15902. Admission is Free. (Donations will be accepted at the door.) Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Arnett, Pastor of First Cambria AME Zion Church. All churches and community members are welcome.

Teachers needed at JCS. Johnstown Christian School is looking for qualified, faith-filled educators for the 2026-27 school year.

We are hiring:

- *Elementary Instructions (full-time)
- *Preschool Instructor (part-time)
- *Learning Support Instructors (full and part-time)

JCS also needs day-to-day substitutes for all grade levels (Preschool through 12th grade) now and for the 2026-27 school year. Applications are available on the JCS website at:

<https://www.johnstownchristianschool.org/about-jcs/employment/>

Are you interested in exploring what it means to be a Mennonite Christian? Jayne will be offering an online Zoom discussion for those interested in baptism or church membership or just want to learn more. If this sounds like something you would want to be part of, let her know. We will begin this class in the coming weeks.

We would like to encourage our youngest attenders to feel free to participate in worship through sharing time or if you would like to read scripture, please let Jayne know.

Spring is finally coming and we can soon open the windows and increase the air flow. Flu and viruses have been pervasive this winter and may continue through the spring. Because these are unpredictable viruses, if you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure or to avoid sharing any virus, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

Don't forget about the **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** Feel free to sit and color at it during worship. Perhaps you could create something to represent the scripture for the day. There are supplies there for children as well as other creative folks to use to help engage the morning worship with paper, color, or other art supplies. Anyone of any age is welcome to see what is there to enhance your worship. Please return any unused supplies to the table after worship ends.

2026 is well underway. Financial giving has been steady and has kept us functioning. **Thank you for the generous giving that continues to keep the congregation strong.** As always, you can give in the offering plate in the back or mail in your offering to the church address.

Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. This gives you the opportunity to make your gift recurring. See our website, Stahlmennonite.org to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

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

Pete Bartolomucci	Kylie Maland	Tim McDonald
Kathy Drew	Bruce Waikel	Lamar & Pam Shaffer
Jackie Horsley	Nikyon	Bubs & Ondrea Jones
Kelly Pribish	Travelers	Yoni & Oshi Birbaum
Linda & Whitey Gindlesperger		Ella Lenhart
Paul, Amy & Greta McNutt	Wally & Kathy Fieser Family	(death)