

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

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**April 23, 2023**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

***Theme: Walking with Jesus***

**Worship Leader:** Carol McKool

**Music Leader:** Rachel and Elizabeth

**Opening Music:** “This is my Body” from The Soil and The Seed vol 6

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering song

Call to worship/prayer

congregation will echo the line:

**“Jesus, we want to know you.”**

Sharing our joys and concerns: “*God of Love, Hear our Prayer*”

Singing

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Message: “A Letter from Iglesia Menonita del Cordero” –  
read by Jeanette Hunsberger

Response (congregation reads in unison)

O God, you come to us in unexpected places

In isolation, behind closed doors

On dusty roads, as we go from place to place

In video chats with friends and telephone conversations with loved ones.

You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace

You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless

You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.

Come and be among us now, in every place where we are.

Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you.

In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen

~ by Ann Harbridge

Sending song

Sending words

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

**Front Table for April:** Worship Committee

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

**Offering:** 04/23/2023 – \$7,478.90 – General Fund

550.00 – Iglesia Menonita

\$8,028.90

\*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

April Mission Offering: Iglesia Menonita del Cordero in Brownsville, Texas

Mon-Thu, Apr 24-27: AMC Spring Pastor’s Bible Study at Laurelville

Sat. Apr. 29, 8 am: Clean-up Day at the Church

Wed. May 10, 7:00 pm: Church Council

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon. April 24 – Martha Lehman;

Tues. April 25 – Ruth Thomas.

**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](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**Our Mission Offering for April is Iglesia Menonita del Cordero in Brownsville, Texas.** Brownsville is a border city between Mexico and the US. The church is located about two blocks from a Shelter that has been receiving immigrant asylum seekers. The church started seeing the overflow of the immigrants and those that were being kicked out and began embracing them. They are a small congregation, so it was hard to meet all of their needs. They started with food, water and clothing. They now have a ministry called “Mi Projimo” (my neighbor) and thru the financial help others have given, are paying their trips to San Antonio, TX. There they get enrolled in a different organization to pay for their final destination. They also have a Children’s ministry for community children. Their parents or family do not go to any church. They embrace the kids and the family with events and weekly children’s church. You will be hearing more of their ministry today during worship.

**Laurel View Village will be holding its annual basket party!** It will be held on the campus of LVV from 11-7, May 3,4,5 and 10-1, May 6. Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, May 6 at 2pm on Facebook live. Winners will be posted on Facebook and the website. Donations of baskets are welcome and proceeds of this event benefit the Caring Fund for residents who have exhausted their financial resources. For more details call Barb Cotchen at 814-208-4015.

**Keystone Family Alliance is hosting Show Hope's "Hope for the Journey Conference"** on Saturday May 6 from 9am-5pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 1845 N. Center Ave. Somerset. This conference is designed to encourage and equip parents and caregivers meeting the everyday needs of children impacted by adoption and/or foster care. It is also a much-needed resource for churches, agencies, teachers, and organizations in their care and support of the families and communities they serve. Register at <https://form-usa.keela.co/hope-for-the-journey-somerset> and contact [lydia@keyfam.org](mailto:lydia@keyfam.org) with questions or for more info.

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Teachers/students – School shootings    Jean Cable  
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