

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 30, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

***Theme:** Coming Together*

Worship Leader: Shelley Kerchner

Music Leader: Rachel and Elizabeth

Opening Music: “Set Your Minds” The Soil and the Seed” vol 6 #3

Welcome and Announcements (include gratitude for giving
offerings in various forms)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering song

Call to Worship/Prayer

Spirit of God, Work in us. (congregation echoes this line)

Lord, capture our hearts

As we worship and pray

Fill us with awe

At what you are doing

May your joy pour out

Spirit of God, Work in us. (congregation echoes this line)

Grow your character in us

As we humbly serve each other

As we share what we have

Wherever there is need

We break bread together and remember you

Spirit of God, Work in us. (congregation echoes this line)

Help us to share your rescuing love

With everyone around us

Help us make space at the table

And space in our schedules

For those you are adding to our number

Spirit of God, Work in us. (congregation echoes this line)

(The Soil and the Seed Project vol 6)

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

Singing

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Message: “The Beauty of Dissonance” - Jayne

Response: VT 960

Sending song

Sending words

We are God’s church:

We come together to worship.

God has filled us with his power:

We go out to bring others to Christ.

God has called us to be family:

We come together to share our lives.

God has put words on our lips:

We go out to tell the world about Christ.

God has given us the Spirit:

We come together to celebrate.

God has showered us with his riches:

We go out to share God’s goodness with others.

We are God’s church:

We go now to serve God.

~ adapted from John Leach/The Jubilate Group.

Bulletin Editor for May: Ellen Lehman– 814-288-1961

Front Table for May:

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

Offering: 04/23/2023 – \$1,098.70 – General Fund

 30.00 – Iglesia Menonita
 \$1,128.70

Stahl Mennonite Church Current Budget Statistics

Last Year Income \$36,330 Last Year Expense \$38,706

Current Income \$44,144 Current Expenses \$33,948

Budget Income \$31,058 Budget Expenses \$34,484

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

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

Mon May 8, 6:30 pm: Lay Leaders

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Sat. May 6 – Joyce Telenko

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Today, April 30 – Bill and Sonya Horsley

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

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.

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary

The JCS Tour Choir and Handbell Choir will be at Faith Baptist Church, 730 Sunberry St, Johnstown, on Sunday, May 7th at 7pm.



STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

April 30, 2023

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