

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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May 4, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

THEME: “Thankful for Each of You”

Worship Leader: Jayne Byler

Music: Stahl Musicians

Gathering Music: “Fill Us With Your Love” The Soil and The Seed Vol 3

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

We gather:

a community of faith in a broken world.

We gather to celebrate

that no darkness can extinguish light,

to remember

that love will always be more powerful than death,

and to trust that

peace will always be stronger than violence.

(pause for reflection and to light the peace lamp)

We gather,

people of faith in the light of God’s world.

~ written by Cheryl Lawrie

Gathering Song(s): “Together” VT 389

Call to Worship

Sharing our joys and concerns**

Prayer

Singing: “My Life Flows On” VT 605

Introduction of Liechty Trio

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Music by Caleb, Josh and Bekka Leichy

Response: Prayer by Carol Penner

Sending song: “Could It Be That God Is Singing” VT 42

Sending words: VT 882

** 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.

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

May Mission Offering: Cambria City Mission

Wed., May 7, 6:30: Church Council

Thurs., May 8 – Sat., May 10: Jayne at CLC Meetings, Wichita KS

Sun., May 18, 9:00 am: Congregational Discussion Journey –
Seeking God’s Will

Sun., June 1, 12:00: First Sunday Lunch

Bulletin Editor for May: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-242-2097

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

Front Table for May:

Church Sign for May: Neil Lehman

Offering: 04/27/2025 – \$1,333.70 – General Fund

165.00 – Cambria City Mission

\$1,498.70 = TOTAL

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

Wish the following a **Happy Birthday** today or by sending them a card this week: Tues., May 6 – Joyce Telenko; Wed. May 7 –Sonya Horsley

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wednesday. She will be traveling to Wichita, KS on Thurs-Sat to represent Allegheny Mennonite Conference in the Constituency Leaders Conference of MCUSA. If you need to contact her, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com, or contact one of the Lay Leaders, Neil Lehman, Jeanette Hunsberger or Pat Cotchen.

Welcome today to the Liechty trio, Caleb, Joshua and Bekah, known in wider circles as Girl Named Tom, who are sharing their gift of voice with us. They have had many adventures since they last sang with us. Fresh off a concert last evening at Laurelville Retreat Center, we are grateful they can join us today.

Our May Mission Offering Opportunity is The Soil and The Seed Project which nurtures faith through music, art, and Little Liturgies for daily and weekly use in the home. These resources help establish new rhythms of faith as together we turn towards Jesus, believing and celebrating the Good News of God's Love for the whole world. The Soil and The Seed Project is a community-supported ministry of the church working for spiritual renewal—in individuals, families, and communities—through beautiful, creative resources that help us together turn towards Jesus in the ordinary moments of life.

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

Don't forget about the **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** 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.

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