

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**May 22, 2022**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Theme:** Diversity: God’s Design

**“Do I Belong Here?”**

**Worship Leader:** Curt Lichtenfels

**Music Leaders:** Rachel and Leah

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:**

**Prayer:** (based on Isaiah 55)

Leader: “I don’t think the way you think.

The way you work isn’t the way I work.”

—God’s Decree.

**Community: Lord, renew my thinking.**

Leader:

“For as the sky soars high above earth,

so the way I work surpasses the way you work,

and the way I think is beyond the way you think.

Just as rain and snow descend from the skies

and don’t go back until they’ve watered the earth,

Doing their work of making things grow and blossom,

producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,

So will the words that come out of my mouth  
not come back empty-handed.  
They'll do the work I sent them to do,  
they'll complete the **assignment** I gave them.”  
**Community: Lord, help me to respond in faith, hope and  
love to the work that is before me today. Amen**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:** “*God of Love, Hear our Prayer*”

**Music**

**Scripture:** Luke 19:1-10

**Message:** “A Guest in Your House” - Jayne

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Are you building walls or tearing them down? What internal and external walls need to come down in your context?
2. Personally, what tools do you need to work to tear down walls that make others feel like they do not belong?
3. What welcoming symbols can you use to invite others into the community?
4. How can you change up your routine to make room to welcome or connect with someone outside of your circle?

**Sharing responses**

**Response:** “Do I Belong Here?” by Tara Downer

**Sending Music**

**Sending Words**

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**Bulletin Editor for May:** Shelly Kerchner – 814-691-0393

**Church Sign for May:** Chris Lehman

**Front Table for May:** Chris Lehman

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

**Offering:** 05/15/2022 – \$ 1068.79 = General

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

**May Mission Offering:** MCUSA Justice Fund

**Fri.-Mon., May 27-30:** MCUSA Special Delegate Gathering in  
Kansas City

**Sun., June 5, 4–6:00 pm:** School’s Out Hot Dog Roast

**Wed., June 15, 7:00 pm:** Church Council

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

**Jayne will be in the office on Wednesday. She will be traveling to Kansas City on Friday-Monday for the MCUSA Special Delegate Session.** She is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com). If an emergency arises, please contact one of the Lay Leaders: Bill Hunsberger, Sonya Horsley or Joy Cotchen.

**We celebrate with our graduates this month:**

- Tori Dombrosky graduating from Conemaugh Township High School
- Riley Allen graduating from Carlo University, BA in Psychology and Gender Studies
- Jacob Horsley graduating from Eastern Mennonite University. BA in Computer Science and Peacebuilding and Development.
- Justin Byler graduating from Kent State University, Master of Architecture

**The Mission Offering for May is Mennonite Church USA Justice Fund.** The Justice Fund will use donations to provide grants for MC USA congregations that are engaging in their communities to dismantle racism and to build peace. The MC USA Justice Fund is part of the denomination's #BringThePeace initiative which is a call to action for individuals and congregations to extend peace in their communities. It is also a prayer inviting God to bring the peace that expands our capacity for empathy, compassion and love that actively seeks to dismantle oppression and violence.

**Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board and staff are encouraging conferences, congregations, and constituents to come together in prayer and fasting** ahead of and during the Special Session of Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. In Kansas City, Missouri. Delegates have significant work to do during the four-day assembly. Four proposed resolutions – addressing important topics, such as denominational polity, LGBTQ inclusion, accessibility for people with disabilities and justice in our criminal legal system – will be discussed and/or voted on at the Delegate Assembly. To see agenda items and resolutions go to [mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-2](http://mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-2)



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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