

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**June 18, 2023**

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

**Theme:** PEACE WITH GOD: Vine and Branches

**Worship Leader:** Bill Hunsberger

**Music:** Stahl Song Leaders

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song**

**Call to worship:**

**One:** We have come to meditate on the word of God,

**Many:** that we might be like trees planted by streams of water.

**One:** We have come to listen to the words of Jesus,

**Many:** that we might be branches abiding in the true vine.

**One:** Let us delight in this time of worship,

**Many:** that our joy might be complete.

**Prayer**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**One:** Indwelling God,  
some of us feel close to you, connected, grounded.

Some of us feel distant, isolated, disoriented.

If we are honest, most of us feel all of those things  
depending on the day or the moment.

In whatever we are facing, whatever we are feeling,  
whatever struggles wait for us in the coming week,

**Many:** let us abide in you.

**One:** Gracious God,  
we carry in our hearts those we love  
and we lift them to you in prayer.

For those who are sick, wounded, in pain: provide  
healing.

For those who are depressed, discouraged, despairing:  
provide hope.

For those who are fearful, confused, upset: provide  
peace.

In whatever struggles they face,

**Many:** let them abide in you.

**One:** Compassionate God,  
we pray also for people in our community, our nation,  
and our world who are not living within the fullness of  
your love and joy.

We pray that those who grieve would be comforted;  
that those who hunger would be filled;  
that those who seek shelter would find it;  
that those who live in the midst of violence would be  
delivered to safety.

For all who face struggles in this world,

**Many:** let them abide in you.

**One:** Righteous God,  
guide those who lead organizations, corporations, and  
governments.

Let the work they do, the decisions they make,  
and the policies they enact be born of wisdom  
and move us all toward love and justice.

As these leaders take actions that affect many lives,

**Many:** let them abide in you.

**One:** Holy God, we pray today  
for this broad and beautiful and broken world.  
May your love be evident.  
May our joy be complete.

**Many:** Let us all abide in you.

**All:** Amen.

### Singing

**Scripture:** John 15:1-17

**Message:** “Abiding in Love” - Jayne

**Response:** *(bring offerings up along with paper doves as prelude of  
sending song is played.)*

**Sending song**

**Sending words**

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**Bulletin Editor for June:** Norma Alwine – 814-421-1782

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

**Offering:** 06/11/2023 – \$1,473.70 – General Fund

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

**June Mission Offering:** New Day Camp

**Sun., June 25:** Outdoor Worship & Hot Dog Roast

**Mon June 26:** Lay Leaders

**Mon.-Sat., July 3-8:** MennoCon23 in Kansas City, Missouri

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# Seeking Peace Together

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Tues., Jun 20 – Justin Carr; Fri., Jun 23 – Bill Horsley.

**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.

**Lay Leaders are sharing a Benevolence Fund need.** This past week the 2 motors of Shelly's wheelchair burned out and must be replaced. Each costs at least \$900. We have agreed to help her cover these costs. If you would like to contribute, please designate an offering for the Benevolence Fund. We will also be seeking some funds from the Everence Sharing Fund.

**Instead of making packed lunches for New Day Camp, this summer we will be collecting snacks and other supplies.** Snack items include: chips, pretzels, granola bars, squeezey applesauce, any treats that do not need utensils, along with bottled water. Bring these items in by Sun July 9.

**We will be having an outdoor worship on June 25 under our church carport, followed by a Hot Dog roast. Bring a lawn chair for seating.** Hot dogs, s'mores and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring any other picnic side dishes that you would like to share.

**If you have flowers from your garden that you would like to share** on the front table on Sunday mornings during the summer, feel free to bring them. You can either let Jayne know ahead of time or just bring them and we will add them to whatever is there.

During our Summer worships we will frequently have **Reader's Theater** readings. If you are available to help with any of these, please see the **sign-up sheet** on the back table.

**Continue to be aware of opportunities to practice Radical Hospitality that you might wish to share with the Vision Team** (Neil Lehman, Daniel Dunmore, Rachel Allen, Jeanette Hunsberger, Matt Stahl, or Jayne Byler). The Vision Team will meet in the fall to discern next steps.

**Our June Mission Offering will be for New Day Summer Camp.** Summer Program changes a little every year, but it always provides a great time for the children! The main part of the program offers "day camp" activities that the children attend throughout the week, as well as special outings to enjoy. Outings can include: trips to Idlewild, swimming at the Que, Urban Air fun day, Shawnee, day hikes, ice cream, and more!

**A new version of THE SOIL AND THE SEED PROJECT devotional and CD is available.** Vol 7 Ordinary Time offers resources June through November. A few copies are available at the mailboxes or go online to [www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org](http://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org) to download.

The **TriState Auctions to benefit Mennonite Central Committee - Springs** will be having their sale on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The **Johnstown Area Sale** will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Yvonne Devers at 814-421-9008 for questions and donations.

Summer travels have begun and you may miss Sunday worship throughout the coming months. **You are still able to give your offering either through the mail or electronically on our Stahl Mennonite Church webpage.** (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) You have been very generous in your giving and we have been able to meet our spending needs. **Thank you for your continued support of our congregation's ministry.**

\*\*\*\*\* PRAYER REQUESTS\*\*\*\*\*

Family of Laura Thomas	Charlotte/Sam Barrett	Jennifer's Sister
Neil & Ellen Lehman	Ron Telenko	Loveda Liecht
TayLee Bush	Chantay Jeffers	Dan Gates
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