

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 2, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: PEACE WITHIN: Letting Go of Worry

Worship Leader: Curt Lichtenfels

Music: Recorded Music

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song - “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” VT 419

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus says, “Do not worry about your life.”

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus asks, “Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?”

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, “Look at the birds of the air . . . consider the lilies of the field.”

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, “Seek first the Kingdom of God.”

Many: And so we gather, now, to worship.

Opening Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: “*God of love, hear our prayer*”

Prayers of the People:

One: Gracious God, we thank you
for all that we receive from the abundance of your earth:
for food and water, shelter and clothing, beauty and joy in
abundance.
God of life,

Many: we give you thanks.

One: We thank you
that life is more than food and the body more than clothing,
that our deepest call and truest peace
comes in working with you toward your reign of love on earth.
God of life,

Many: we give you thanks.

One: Be with those we hold dear who have more than enough trouble
for today—
those suffering in body and spirit,
those carrying a heavy load of fear and worry.
In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Be with all people in our community and around the world
who worry about what they will eat
or what they will drink
or where they will sleep
or what they will wear.
Ease their anxieties and provide for their needs.
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One: Let your church truly seek first your kingdom,
offering daily sustenance to those in need
and working with you for a world where nobody has need.
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Many: hear our prayer.

One: Let our leaders be dedicated not to establishing their own power,
but to establishing communities that exemplify your love and
justice.
In your mercy, God,

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One: Holy One, we thank you for the privilege of coming to you in prayer.

As we have shared these prayers with our words,
let us carry them in our hearts and live them with our lives.

Many: Amen.

Singing - “Don’t Be Afraid” VT 596

Scripture: Matthew 6:25–34

Message: “Don’t Think About Pink Elephants!” - Jayne

Response

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

Sending Song: “Jesus, Be the Center” VT 584

Sending Words (from Matthew 11:28–30)

*** Resource used LEADER Magazine Spring 2023

Bulletin Editor for July: Shana – 814-288-0171

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

Offering: 06/25/2023 – \$1,145.90 – General Fund
\$100.00 – Benevolence (Shelly)
<u> \$100.00</u> – New Day
\$1,345.90

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

July Mission Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

July 3-8: MennoCon23 in Kansas City, Missouri

July 9-14: Jayne serving as Bible Teacher at Laurelville Summer Camp

Aug 4-6: Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration of
Congregations at Laurelville

Aug 8, 4:00: Lay Leaders

Aug 9, 7:30: Church Council

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Seeking Peace Together

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