

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**July 16, 2023**

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

**Theme:** PEACE WITHIN: Isaac and his Neighbors

**Worship Leader:** Joy Cotchen

**Music:** Stahl Song Leaders

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

**Many:** Room for our questions and room for our confidence.

**One:** Room for our joy and room for our grief.

**Many:** Room for our fear and room for our generosity.

**One:** Room for ourselves and room for each other.

**Many:** Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.

**All:** Let us worship together in faith.

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**One:** Lavish God, we come to you in prayer for this world that so desperately needs your peace. Guide each of us to make the difficult decisions required of a true peacemaker.  
(*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

**Many:** hear our prayer.

**One:** We pray for peace of mind, spirit, and body for those we love.

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**One:** We pray that any conflicts within our community will be resolved in healthy, life-giving ways.

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**One:** We pray that the divisions and animosity present in our nation be eased;

that people would listen well, think clearly, and speak with truth and kindness.

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**One:** We pray for those in places of violence, that you would calm their fears and shield them from harm.

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**One:** We pray for those with power, that they will work toward the justice that leads to peace.

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**One:** Most holy God, bless our work toward your peace and remind us of your promise that those who make peace are blessed.

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**Many:** hear our prayer.

**All:** Amen.

**Singing**

**Scripture:** Genesis 26:12-33

**Message:** “Going Sideways to Move Forward” - 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 July:** Shana – 814-288-0171

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

**Offering:** 07/09/2023 – \$2,413.70 – General Fund

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

**July Mission Offering:** Mennonite Central Committee

**Aug 4-6:** Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration of  
Congregations at Laurelville – There will not be a service  
here at Stahl

**Aug 8, 4:00:** Lay Leaders

**Aug 9, 7:30:** Church Council

**Aug 27** – Church Picnic (More details to follow)

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by  
sending them a card this week: July 20 – Curt Lichtenfels; Sat. July 22 –  
Chris Lehman and Leah Rittenhouse.

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today  
or by sending them a card this week: Today, July 16 – Steve and  
Shannon Hathaway; Fri. July 21 – Josh and Sherri Telenko

**Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed and Fri.** She can be contacted  
at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or emailing  
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# Seeking Peace Together

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**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.

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