

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**July 18, 2021**

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

**Theme:** What is the Church and Why Does It Exist?  
Serving and Suffering

**Worship Leader:** Shelly Kerchner & Jeanette Hunsberger

**Music:** Rachel Allen & Beth Hillegass

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

All: It is still one body though every part is different.

Leader: Therefore, the foot cannot say,

Left: I am not part of the body;

Leader: nor can the ear say,

Right: I am not part of the body;

Leader: the eye cannot say to the hand,

Left: I don't need you;

Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,

Right: I don't need you.

Leader: If one part suffers,  
All: all parts share the pain;  
Leader: if one part is praised,  
All: all parts share the joy.  
Leader: Together we are Christ's body;  
All: each one of us is a part of it.

(VT 856)

## **Prayer**

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

## **Music**

**Scripture:** Acts 7:54-60

**Message:** “Worth Dying For” – Jayne

## **Responding:**

We seek your saving grace, God of Christ Jesus, for all those who are lost among their doubts, sins, griefs or fears

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For those who suffer gravely from the cruel abuse of their fellow humanity, and all who suffer because of the apathy and neglect of respectable people.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For some who are suffering from disease or accident, and the many who suffer because of terrorism and war.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For people who bear their suffering alone and unaided, and others who though surrounded by medical personnel and equipment, still find their pain unbearable.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For those who suffer abuse at home or at work, and the many children who suffer from the bullying or rejection of their peers.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

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For any who suffer a painful, terminal illness, and those loved one whose spirits are this day torn by raw grief.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For those who in their suffering have no faith to support them, and any who's once-vibrant faith seems to be ebbing away under stress.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

For all who in suffering still trust and praise their God, and those who while suffering themselves still give comfort to their distressed friends and loved one.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

**O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.**

Loving God, we commit into your hands our lives, that in sickness or in health, in joy or in sorrow, we may carry (without grumbling) whatever cross you give us, and always have time and love for those who are falling down under the weight of their hardship. This we ask through Christ Jesus our redeemer. **Amen.**

- written by Bruce Prewer,

**Sending Music**

**Sending Words:** Blessing of Hope by Jan Richardson

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**Bulletin Editor for July:** Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

**Church Sign for July:** Chris Lehman

**Front Table for July:** Chris Lehman

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

**Offering:** 07/11/2021 – \$1,426.70 – Regular

5.00 – Missions/School Kits

\$1,431.70 = TOTAL



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



Johnstown, Pennsylvania

July 18, 2021

We commit to love and obey God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom of peace and justice more present on Earth.

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

**July Mission Offering:** Mennonite Central Committee School Kits

**Wed., July 21, 8:30 a.m.:** Provide New Day Camp lunches

**Fri.–Sun., Aug 6–8:** Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration  
of Congregations (Laurelville or virtual)

**Tues., Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Lay Leaders

**Wed., Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.:** Church Council

**Sun., Aug. 29:** Church Picnic & Worship at Lehman Pavilion

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

**Jayne will be in the office this week on Wed and Fri.** She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**We will pack the lunches for New Day on Wed, July 21 at 8:30-ish.** If you can help let Sharon Shetler know. Thanks to everyone who helped this past Wednesday.

**URGENT NEED:** Help MCC fill an urgent need for **school kits!** MCC school kits provide essential school supplies, like notebooks and pencils. School kits are often requested after disasters. They help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to leave their homes. We will collect school supplies during July. If you prefer to donate money, as our **July Mission Offering**, you can do so and supplies will be purchased or the donation sent to MCC. A list of supplies can be found on the table in the foyer.

**Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated.** To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. We **also have an option for electronic giving.** You can go to the link on our webpage at [stahlmennonite.org](http://stahlmennonite.org). You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at [mstahl@matthewstahl.com](mailto:mstahl@matthewstahl.com) or Jayne at [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com)

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**TWO TRISTATE MINI SALES:** It's DOUBLE the FUN or should we say DOUBLE the FUNDS! As we were unable to plan on a relief sale being appropriate for July at McHenry, MD, there are two mini sales set to support MCC in a sisterly way! No, we are not in competition, we are all doing our part in our areas to support MCC however we can.

- **Friday & Saturday, August 13 & 14:** Two mini-sales to benefit Mennonite Central Committee will take place at Kaufman Mennonite.

- **Friday, August 13:** Drop off pre-packaged baked goods that you are donating. (Contact [patricialeverknight@gmail.com](mailto:patricialeverknight@gmail.com) for more information.) You can view Saturday auction items and participate in a silent auction from 6-7:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m.:** Come out to purchase baked goods and take part in a live charity auction. Chicken BBQ halves will be ready for pick-up at 11:00 a.m. Purchases and donations must be paid by cash or check, made payable to TriState Relief Sale. Sorry, no credit cards. If you have a special item to donate for the auction, contact Yvonne Devers @ 814-421-9008.

**COVID protocols are constantly changing around us.** Because of the availability of vaccines and the protection they offer, the Lay Leaders recommend that **if you are vaccinated, you no longer will be asked to wear a mask during our worship services.** However, if you feel more comfortable keeping a mask on during some or all of your time here, that is quite acceptable and will be respected. We continue to ask that most visiting be done outdoors when weather allows. These have been very strange days and months for all of us, but your efforts have kept our infection spread very low within this congregation. Thanks so much for your patience and willingness to care for the safety and health of one another. We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety and comfort of you and your family.

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

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| Denise Couture   | Anne Marie Millander | Ammon Shelter        |
| Chantay Jeffers  | TayLee Bush          | Shelly Kerchner      |
| Deb Gates (new job)  | Linda Gindlesperger  | Whitey Gindlesperger |
| Mark Blasko  | Paul & Ruth Thomas   | Pat & Joy Cotchen    |
| Regina Regman  | Gloria Zambanini     | Tonya Pejack         |
| Laurelville Summer Camps   |                      | Allison Bridgewater  |
| Deb's bus passenger (Steven) – Mother's death                      |                      |                      |
| Joy, Leah, Jayne, Sonya & Darden – all working at Laurelville Camp |                      |                      |
| Unrest in Haiti & South Africa                                     |                      | MennoCon 2021        |

