

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 25, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: What is the Church and Why Does It Exist?
Including the Excluded

Worship Leader: Bill Hunsberger

Music: Rachel Allen & Beth Hillegass

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music

Call to Worship: Psalm 139

Prayer

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

Music

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Message: “Boldly Go Where None Has Gone Before” – Jayne

Responding:

Leader: God of mystery and of power,
nothing is hidden from you, to you all things are plain.

People: **Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see
your hand.**

Leader: Your might and your strength are beyond all comparison. Your love is greater than words can say.

People: Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

Leader: You call us Lord to a closer walk with you. You guide us into the paths that you have chosen in your wisdom..

People: Give us grace, O Lord, to hear your word and see your hand.

Keep us from fleeing your presence.

Make us responsive to your loving call,

Wherever and to whomever that may take us.

Amen.

— written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild,

Sending Music

Sending Words: SJ 158

Bulletin Editor for August: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Church Sign for August: Sharon Shetler

Front Table for August: Sharon Shetler

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

Offering: 07/18/2021 – \$1,783.70 – Regular

10.00 – Service Adventure

\$1,793.70 = TOTAL

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

July Mission Offering: Mennonite Central Committee School Kits

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 *****

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday (or Happy Belated Birthday!) today or send them a card this week:

Belated..... Tues., July 20 – Curt Lichtenfels; Thurs., July 22 – Chris Lehman; Thurs., July 22 – Leah Rittenhouse; Fri., July 23 – Gianna Lushko

This Week.... Tues., July 27 – Carol McKool; Tues., July 22 – Jude Lehman; Sat., July 31 – Cindy Lehman

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Mon., July 26 – Steve & Shannon Hathaway; Wed., July 28 – Abraham & Lindsey Lehman; Wed., July 28 – Neil & Ellen Lehman; Thurs., July 29 – Zachary & Tina Lehman; Fri., July 30 – Jennifer & Richard Kaltreider

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.

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.

You are invited to participate in the Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) churchwide Journey Forward study through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices, so please take part in the survey today: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey>



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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.

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.

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 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.

Joy Cotchen has been volunteering at conference in some capacity since 2000. In her blog, “The Joy of volunteering,” she shares what she finds most enjoyable about the volunteer experience. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/joy-of-volunteering>.

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. 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 or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com

***** **PRAYER REQUESTS** *****

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| Ellery & Joy | Lydia & Kirby Shaffer’s | Foster Children |
| Christopher Liechty | Paul & Ruth Thomas | Pat & Joy Cotchen |
| Denise Couture | Anne Marie Millander | Ammon Shelter |
| Chantay Jeffers | TayLee Bush | Shelly Kerchner |
| Deb Gates (new job) | Linda Gindlesperger | Whitey Gindlesperger |
| Travel Mercies | Tonya Pejack | Allison Bridgewater |
| Unrest in Haiti & South Africa | | MennoCon 2021 |
| Deb’s bus passenger (Steven) – Mother’s death | | |
| Laurelville Summer Camps | | |
| Joy, Leah, Jayne, Sonya & Darden – all working at Laurelville Camp | | |