

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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July 26, 2020

MORNING MUSIC & WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Also Via Facebook Live

Worship Leader: Donna Thomas

Theme: **Ezra Reads the Law**

Opening Music: "How Great Thou Art" – Anthem Lights

Welcome and Announcements

Music: "Ubi Caritas" – sung by Kings Return

(English Translation)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.

And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the
World without end. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 19

Prayer

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

The Spirit Moving: Barrett/Ross Family (video)

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-18

Message: Leah Rittenhouse

Response

Benediction

Sending Music: “The Love of God” – The Mennonite Hour Singers

Bulletin Editor for July: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

Front Table Arrangement for July:

Church Sign for July: Jeanette Hunsberger

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

Offering: 07/19/2020 – \$ 1,318.70 = Regular

100.00 = Rachel

 \$ 1,418.70 = TOTAL

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

Month of July – Mission Offering for Benevolence Fund

Sat., Aug. 1, 10:00 a.m. – Allegheny Mennonite Conference

 Delegate Zoom Meeting

Sun., Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. – AMC Celebration of Congregations

 Online Worship

Thurs., Aug. 13, 1:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Zoom Meeting

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or

send them a card this week: Mon., July 27 – Carol McKool;

Mon., July 27 – Jude Lehman; Fri., July 31 – Cindy Lehman;

Sat., Aug. 1 – Alex Platt

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

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

Jayne will be in the office on Thursday and will be doing an AMC Clergy training on Friday. She will be off Mon. and Tues. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling (330) 224-3944.

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. If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Kaufman Mennonite Church is hosting an event Fri., July 31 to Sun., August 1 to **benefit Mennonite Central Committee.** There will be a silent auction from 6–7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31st and a live auction, bake sale, and BBQ chicken sale on Saturday, August 1st. The live auction will run from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. and BBQ chicken sales will start at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until sold out. Call Yvonne Devers with questions at (814) 421-9008.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration worship service next Sunday, August 2, 2020, will be a live Zoom worship service. We will not be streaming worship on Facebook as we usually do, because we will be sharing in this worship in our building. You can join the worship at home by going to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82507360411?pwd=NG5FZHllVHdNczFE R2JwTjgxYnUrZz09>
Meeting ID: 825 0736 0411
Passcode: 495592
This link will also be sent out via email this coming week.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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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.

Council decided to **cancel the Picnic and Retreat for this year** due to health and safety concerns.

From Rachel, John and Riley: I opened the card sent today. The words of love and comfort and the generosity brought me to my knees in gratitude. Our family is not unique in facing economic and other hardships during this time. The fact that so many people held our family in their loving, caring concern eased so much that is happening in my heart right now. The ongoing economic uncertainty is easing a bit as I am looking to develop more of my work online. I hope to have at least some of this up and ready by the end of the summer and receiving some regular stream of income. My mom, as you may know, fractured her lumbar spine. She is returning home July 17th. Her home presents a good many challenges with lack of accessibility being the main one. There are also challenges around communicating needs and the acknowledgment of those needs. Riley will be returning to Carlow in a month also. While she did not enjoy online classes, she will not be permitted home until finals are over in November. Her mental health has taken quite a hit and we have never been apart for more than a week. So, we appreciate deeply your prayers, your concerns, your love and support. I am humbly aware that everyone's lives are impacted during this time and our family remains committed to serving however we can best be of service in our community. God's peace to each and every one of you. May your generosity be returned to you ten thousand fold. May you and your loved ones be blessed beyond measure. May you be safe and free from harm in all your comings and goings. Thank you for being the eyes, ears, feet, hands and heart of Jesus.

Volunteer Handyman Wanted: One of the bathrooms at the Service Adventure house is in need of a handyman's attention. Work would include replacing the floor and possibly moving/replacing the vanity. Work could be done anytime between now and the middle of August. Please contact Julie Yoder with questions: (574) 312-4845 or at serviceadventurejtown@gmail.com

The leadership team of Mennonite Church USA recently led an interactive, **online panel discussion, entitled Race, Church and Change**. It is about the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it. View it at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

Wanna take care of your coffee needs while helping out our Youth and working for peace and justice? Sound too good to be true? Mennonite Church USA Convention Planning is excited to share a fundraising opportunity with you. We have partnered with One Village Coffee to bring back *Menno’s Best Coffee. A portion of the proceeds from every bag of coffee you sell comes back to your youth group and the peace and justice work of MC USA. One Village Coffee will be roasting up three specialty coffee options: Menno’s Best Dark Roast, Menno’s Best Medium Roast and Menno’s Best Decaf. They will be available for purchase in 12 oz. packages for \$15. For each package sold, youth groups will receive \$6 (40%) and \$1 will get donated toward MC USA peace and justice work. Any order under 70 bags will be charged a discounted FedEx rate based on weight. Coffee comes in whole bean unless you request to have it ground. If ground, coffee will be ground at the size for a drip coffee maker. All Menno’s Best coffee is Fair Trade and Organic. You can order the coffee at the following website:
convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennos-best-coffee-fundraiser/

Host Families Needed! Do you want to get more involved with this years Service Adventure Unit? Please consider signing up to be a host family! As a host family you would be paired with a participant who would become part of your family every Tuesday evening. This usually means having them over for dinner and family time, but can also mean taking them out to eat or even inviting them along to a child’s sporting event. Participants really love this chance to get away from the Service Adventure house and be included in family life. Please contact Julie Yoder to sign up at (574) 312-4845 or at serviceadventurejtown@gmail.com

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

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| James Kormanik | Demitri Blasko | Kristi Titus |
| Paul Thomas | Mark Blasko | Nevin Yoder |
| Dan Blough | Dan Gates | TayLee Bush |
| Stephen Cotchen | Deb Gates | Lauren Cotchen |
| Learning Lamp – COVID | Virginia Moyer | Our Nation |