

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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August 1, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

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

Worship Leader: Deb Gates

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music - “God is here among us” (HWB 16)

Call to Worship: Leader: From darkness to light,
from weeping in the night to joy in the morning,

People: we rejoice in you, O Christ!

Leader: From unbelief to belief,
from poor vision to a more perfect sight,

People: we rejoice in you, O Christ!

Leader: From clouded minds to clear thinking,
from pride to humility,

People: we rejoice in you, O Christ!

(togetherinworship.net)

Prayer

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

Music: “Spirit of God! Descend” (HWB 502)

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Message: "Practicing Revitalization" by Michael Danner
(virtual seminar from MennoCon 21)

Response: Share one insight from Michael’s talk

Sending Music: “Have Thine own way” (HWB 504) sung by
Lynda Randle

Sending Words

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 – \$1,702.60 – Regular
250.00 - Benevolence
<u>186.00</u> – School kits
\$2,138.60 = TOTAL

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

August Mission Offering: Allegheny Mennonite Conference

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 today or
send them a card this week: Today, August 1 – Alex Platt

Jayne will be in the office this week on Wed. She will be participating in AMC Celebration of Congregations and will be leaving on Friday so will not be in the office. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

The School Kits are creating a wonderful mountain on the table in the foyer! If you meant to bring your supplies in but forgot, let Sharon know there are more on the way before she takes them to MCC in Chambersburg. We ran out of cloth bags, so bring your kit in plastic bags to send to an MCC warehouse where they will be re-bagged. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Our worship next week will be Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration streamed live via Zoom from Laurelville Retreat Center. Jayne will be leading the worship and Tony Brown will be the speaker. You are invited to participate in person or by viewing it here on Sunday morning at 10:30 or by streaming it at home. A link will be emailed later this week.

On **August 13 & 14** there will be a **Johnstown District Mini Auction** held at **Kaufman Church** to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. You are invited. You are also welcome to donate items for the auction and bake sale. Prepackaged baked goods should be dropped off Friday evening between 6 & 7:30 pm. On Friday evening there will be a Silent Auction and you may view items for Saturday's live auction. The sale will begin at 9 am on Saturday and Chicken Barbeque halves will be ready for pick up at 11 am.

Mark your calendar for Aug 29. We will once again gather for a church picnic at the Lehman Pavilion! It has been 2 years since we have been able to share food together. We will have our worship service followed by a potluck picnic lunch. Stay tuned for details.

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

August 1, 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.

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.

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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

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