

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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August 22, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

**THEME: What is the Church and Why Does it Exist?
Spiritual Discernment**

Worship Leader: Bill Hunsberger

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music: “God loves all his many people” HWB 397
sung by Mennonite Church of Boston

Call to Worship based on Matthew 22:34-40, Psalm 1

Leader: Which commandment in the law is greatest?

People: Love your God.

Leader: And the second?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Love

People: With all your heart.

Leader: Love

People: With all your soul.

Leader: Love

People: With all your mind.

Leader: Love

People: With all your strength.

Leader: On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of our God.

~ Joanna Harader

Prayer

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

Music: “Will you let me be your servant” by Richard Gillard
HWB 307

Scripture: Acts 15:1-11

Message: “How Do We Know” - Jayne

Responding:

Loving God,
We pray for the wisdom to discern your call in our lives.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the wisdom to make healthy choices
in the face of endless and confusing options.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the grace to redefine our relationships
with our families and our friends as our lives change.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the courage to swim against the current of
society as we seek to follow where you lead us.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the courage to take a stand with you
for justice and peace in this world in this time.

Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

— Katherine Hawker

Sending Music: Together, by Nathan Grieser

Sending Words: HWB 774 from Romans 15:5-6

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: 08/15/2021 – \$1,407.60 – Regular

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

August Mission Offering: Allegheny Mennonite Conference
Sun., Aug. 29: Church Picnic & Worship at Lehman Pavilion
Tues., Sept. 14, 6:30: Lay Leaders
Sun., Sept. 26, 12:00: Church Council

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Thurs., Aug. 27 – Dan Gates and Will Horsley

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Sat., Aug. 28 – Dan & Debra Gates

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.

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 at 10:30 followed by a potluck picnic lunch. Bring a main dish and either salad or dessert to share. Place settings will be provided. Come enjoy the fresh air and fellowship!

We collected 141 bars of soap and 101 School Kits that will be taken to MCC for distribution all over the world. Thank You!

Covid 19 protocols are constantly changing. Because of the increase of cases and the Delta variant, the CDC is recommending increased use of masks when inside public spaces, even if vaccinated. Lay Leaders discussed this change and recommend complying with these new guidelines. We know it is not convenient or popular to do so. However, we choose to err on the side of caution guided by medical professionals. Please visit outdoors following worship, weather permitting, where you can remove your mask. 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.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

August 22, 2021

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Mennonite Central Committee response to Haiti earthquake:

Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. Right now, local partners are assessing the situation to provide aid where needed most. With your help MCC can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will help provide emergency support and supplies. You can donate online at mcc.org/haiti-earthquake, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Please welcome and add to your directory:

Elizabeth and Daniel Dunmore
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***** PRAYER REQUESTS *****

Ellery & Joy	Lydia & Kirby Shaffer's Foster Children
Christopher Liechty	Paul & Ruth Thomas Abby Shetler
Shelly Kerchner	Deb Gates (new job) Travel Mercies
Linda Gindlesperger	Whitey Gindlesperger
Anne Marie Millander	Haiti
Dan Gates Family	(sister-in-law death)

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