

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**August 27, 2023**

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

**Theme:** PEACE WITH CREATION:  
Rejoicing With Creation

**Worship Leader:** Jayne Byler

**Music:** Dave Mishler & Joy Cotchen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Wild Hope:** by Lora Braun, July 2014

**Gathering Songs**

**Call to Worship:** (from a Canadian Indian)

*Congregation will echo "We rejoice"*

**Opening Prayer**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:** *"God of love, hear our prayer"*

**Back to School Recognition**

**Prayers of the People**

**Singing**

**Scripture as Reader's Theatre**

**Table Interactions**

**Story:** "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss

**Confession:** (congregation reads in unison)

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen:  
You place us in your creation,  
and you command us to care for it.

Your works declare glory and splendor,  
and you call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty,  
forgive us.

Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted,  
have mercy upon us.

Where we have become estranged from the creatures  
with whom we share this planet,  
grant us your peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
and for the sake of the new creation, we pray.

Amen.

Earth Day Prayer of Confession by Ken Carter.

**Sending Song**

**Prayer for Meal and Blessing**

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**Bulletin Editor for September:** Norma Alwine – (814) 421-1782

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

**Offering:** 08/20/2023 – \$ 2,423.70 = General Fund Total

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

**August Mission Offering:** Allegheny Mennonite Conference

**Today, Sun., Aug. 27, 10:30 am:** Church Outdoor Worship and Picnic  
at Greenhouse Park, Pavilion #6. Potluck Meal to follow. ALL  
are invited to stay!

**Wed., Aug. 30, 6:30-8:00 pm:** Peace, Passages and Pie on the Porch

**Wed., Sept. 6, 6:30-8:00 pm:** Peace, Praise and Pizza on the Porch

**Wed., Sept. 6, 8:00 pm:** Church Council (on the porch)

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Sunday Aug. 27 – Dan Gates; Today, Sunday Aug. 27 – Will Horsley; Thurs., Aug. 31 – Grant Dombrosky

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

**Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed. and Friday.** She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**Our August Mission Offering will go to Allegheny Mennonite Conference.** We are a member of this conference of 17 congregations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia, who work together to live out our faith as “Jesus Centered. Collaborative. Committed to place-based ministry”. Most recently we shared in a Celebration of Congregations at Laurelville Retreat Center. Donations will continue to fund the work of AMC through its Conference Minister, Office Administrator and the various projects and ministries of the conference.

**An opportunity for fellowship and discipleship “on the porch”.** You are invited to a 3-week Wednesday night series from 6:30-8:00 pm at Chris and Floyd Lehman’s home (174 Lost Valley Drive, Boswell, PA). Each week will have a slightly different focus. Bring a chair and your appetite, everything else will be provided!

- **Aug. 30** - Peace, Passages and Pie on the Porch  
(Come with a passage of scripture to share that is meaningful or brings you peace.)
- **Sept. 06** - Peace, Praise and Pizza on the Porch

These **four webinars** will be held on Wednesdays starting Sept. 6. Attendees will hear how **Everence** can help them make important financial decisions that reflect their faith values.

- **Sept. 06** - Retirement Income Strategies
- **Sept. 20** - Understanding Medicare
- **Sept. 27** - Protecting What Matters Most

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# Seeking Peace Together

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