

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 3, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: LISTENING and FOLLOWING

Worship Leader: Pat Cotchen

Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4

Opening Prayer:

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

Singing

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15; Matthew 16:21-28

Sitting with the Scripture

Message: - Rosalie Danschanko

Response

God, we confess that we cling to our lives.

We protect and provide for ourselves

We do not love perfectly, afraid of the cost.

Forgive our selfishness, heal our fear,

and deepen our trust in your grace,

that we may let go of our lives,

take up the cross of love,

and receive true life from you.

“Those who want to save their life will lose it.”

I confess my attachment to power, privilege, security and esteem.

I confess I seek my own well-being separate from others.

I confess I would rather be safe than loving.

“But those who lose their life for love’s sake will find it.”

Give me faith to risk for the sake of love.

Give me courage to choose justice over my security.

I give you my life, God, that you may give life back to me, new, and free and infinite.

“Take up your cross and follow me.”

God, give me grace to follow Jesus,

by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Song

Sending Words: VT 1050

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

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

Offering: 08/27/2023 – \$ 1,691.22 – General Fund

100.00 – Allegheny Conference

\$ 1,791.22 - Total

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

September Mission Offering: Service Adventure

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

Wed., Sep 6, 8:00pm: Church Council

Mon., Oct 2-Sun Oct 8: Jayne on Vacation

Wed., Oct 18, 4:30-6:30pm: Soup Night returns!

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

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Today, Sept. 3 - Dan Ross & Sarah Barrett; Wed., Sept. 6 – Glenn & Martha Lehman

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.

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome this morning, Rosalie Danchanko. Rosalie has been here in the past to speak to us and we are thrilled to have her here again. She works as Executive Director at Highlands Health: Laurel Highlands Free & Charitable Medical Clinic, here in Johnstown. Today she is here as one who walks the journey of faith with all who strive to follow Jesus.

One final opportunity for fellowship and discipleship “on the porch”: You are invited to a Wednesday night series from 6:30-8:00 at Chris and Floyd Lehman’s home (174 Lost Valley Drive, Boswell, PA). The first week was a great time of sharing, laughter, and some amazing peaches! Each week will have a slightly different focus. Bring a Chair and your appetite, everything else will be provided! The remaining week is: Sep 6 - Peace, Praise and Pizza on the Porch

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Seeking Peace Together

Check out the schedule for Red Cross Blood Drives at St Davids Lutheran Church in Davidsville. The next drive is Sep 25 between 12:00 and 5:30. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Our September Mission Offering will be for Service Adventure.

The Service Adventure program has a house in Johnstown that currently has 3 young people participating along with the Leader couple and their 2 children. They will be spending the next 9 months living and learning and serving in the Johnstown area. The unit needed to purchase a new “used” van. This has meant extra expenses. Offerings go to the daily needs for the unit. We will also be posting a “wish-list” of items they would like that we can share with them when they visit our congregation in October.

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

Visit everence.com/webinar-wednesdays for registration information. These are online events.

Continue to be aware of opportunities to practice Radical Hospitality that you might wish to share with the Vision Team

(Neil Lehman, Daniel Dunmore, Rachel Allen, Jeanette Hunsberger, Matt Stahl, or Jayne Byler). The Vision Team will meet in the fall to discern next steps.

Throughout the summer your giving of offerings has been steady and generous. **Thank you for your continued support of our congregation’s ministry.** We are winding down our summer and heading into fall. That doesn’t mean travels end! You are still able to give your offering either through the mail or electronically on our Stahl Mennonite Church webpage. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) Offerings shared on a Sunday morning are also special because that means you were here in person to give them!

Covid numbers are rising again. If you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

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

Dwight & Linda Gindlesperger Shelly Kerchner-healing of skin issues
Jim Simko Bob Lohr Family (Death) Derek Dorricott Family (Death)
Service Adventure Unit Bill Hunsberger Ron Telenko
Returning Students and Teachers Madeline Dunn Linda Slovak
Lucy & Darnelle Jones Abraham Lehman Family (new changes)
World Politics Flood & Hurricane Victims
Gerry Fix (Joyce Telenko’s Sister)