

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: Love Your Neighbor

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

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

Singing

Focus Moment: “Walking Your Neighborhood”

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14

Sitting with the Scripture:

Take a moment to sit in silent reflection of what has just been read.

Let the words and the Spirit settle in your being.

Message: “Owe Nothing But Love” - Jayne

Response:

God of light and life,
you set before us today
the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness;
of putting on the light of Christ;
of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst
in the person of Jesus Christ.

**As the people of God in this place,
we know that a crucial part of our witness
is in revealing Christ to the world
through the way we love and care for one another.**

Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us
of the One who is to come.
So many people, young and old, grope helplessly
in the gloom of despair and suffering,
yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives.
Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us.

**Merciful God,
cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us
from loving you and loving our neighbor.
so that our lives radiate faith active in love,
as we watch and wait
for your breaking into our world once more
in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen**

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online

Sending Song

Sending Words:

We will be serving the meal at Saturday's Kitchen on Sept 23. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer to see how you can participate.

A huge thank you to Chris and Floyd Lehman for opening their porch for three weeks of gathering. We had a steady attendance of people who engaged in prayer, scripture and praise, while eating some tasty food! If you would like to host a week or two or three event at your home (donuts in the dining room, lattes in the living room, cake in the kitchen...) during the coming months before Soup Night begins, please talk to Jayne.

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*******

Mary Ruth & Rand Zeigler & Family, accident in Belize (Jeanette's sister)
Dwight & Linda Gindlesperger Shelly Kerchner 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)