

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 11, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Which Commandment”

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music: SHEMA YISRAEL by Micha'el Ben David

(in Hebrew and English)

“Shema Yisrael” is a Jewish prayer that serves as a centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services found in Deuteronomy 6.

Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
That we have not come to be entertained
**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and
strength.**

~ written by Bruce Prewer

Prayer

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

Music: "How Can I Say" VT 388 sung by Dionne McClain-Freeney

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34; Luke 13:1-9

Message: "How Far?" – Dave Mishler, Conference Mishler of AMC

Sharing Questions and Responses: Opportunity for anyone to share
a question or response for message.

Litany of Response:

We believe in the kin-dom of God,

through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

We believe the kin-dom is like a mustard seed;

sown in apparent insignificance,

growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.

We believe the kin-dom is like yeast;

inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life,

expanding into enough bread for the world.

We believe the kin-dom of God is like a treasure;

lost and rendered insignificant under the ground,

now found with joy and thanksgiving.

We believe the kin-dom of God is like pearls;

all others become insignificant

when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.

**We believe in the kin-dom of God, through Christ upon us,
within us, beyond us;**

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.

— adapted from litany written by Bruce Prewer

Sending Music: "Move in Our Midst" VT 827 sung by Jacob Crouse

Sending Words: VT 1069

Bulletin Editor for September: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

Church Sign for September: Shana Lichtenfels

Front Table for September:

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

Offering: 09/04/2022 – \$1,693.70 – General Offering
220.00 – Service Adventure
25.00 – Allegheny Conference
\$1,938.70 = TOTAL

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

September Mission Offering: Johnstown Service Adventure

Wed., Sept. 28, 4:00 pm: Lay Leaders

Sun., Oct. 2: Following Worship – Assemble School Kits

Wed., Oct. 5, 8:00 pm: Church Council

Wed., Oct. 19: Community Soup Night, Kid's Connection & Adult Bible Study will begin. **(See note below for the times!)**

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Mon., Sept. 12 – Zachary Lehman; Tues., Sept. 13 – Jennifer Kaltreider

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Today, Sun., Sept. 11 – Jeffrey & Katrina Dombrosky; Sat., Sept. 17 – Adam & Lauren Cotchen

Jayne hopes to be in the office this week on Wednesday and Friday. She is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Will Horsley & Kayla Kuckenberger on the birth of their new daughter named Shiloh Rae. Shiloh was born Sunday, September 4, 2022. All are doing well!



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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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.

A limited supply of new **“The Soil and the Seed Project Devotions” and CD’s are available at the mailboxes.** You can also download this Vol. 4//Ordinary Time at www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org

Community Soup Night will return! Mark your calendar for Wed. October 19, 4:30-6:30 when we will begin serving soup here at the church. Community is welcome! We will also be having a time for **Kids Connection** following Soup from 6:30-7:30 as well as an **Adult Bible Study** at the same time. Make Wednesday nights a time to gather for fellowship and learning with something for everyone. If you can help with any of these events, talk to Joy Cotchen or Jayne.

Mission Offering for September is Johnstown Service Adventure.

Thank you for your response to help supply MCC with **school kits.** We will assemble the empty kits with supplies we have collected after church on **Sunday, October 2.**

Covid numbers are ever unpredictable. If you feel the need to mask for your own health or to protect the health of others, you are encouraged to do so. Lay Leaders will continue to monitor this rise. You are also strongly encouraged to congregate for visiting outside (weather permitting). Thanks again, for your patience and care for one another’s health.

Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances. As we settle into Fall routines, please continue to remember the work of the church. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed when you are away is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. Your commitment to the church through your financial offerings is one way to keep our work as a congregation going here in our community and beyond our local area. However you give, know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

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

Jackson, MS	Rueben Hunsberger	Shaun Smith
Wilma Thomas	Deb Gates	Dennis Pingatore
Beau Peachy	Leah Rittenhouse	COVID Victims
Rhoda Dillon	Riley Allen	Amy DeRubis
Will Horsley & Kayla Kuckenberger	School Children & Teachers	
Josh & Steph – Service Adventure Group		
John Haines Family (death)		
Ida Hollsopple Family (death)		