

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH
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September 24, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: Strive for Oneness

Worship Leader: Joy Cotchen

Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Songs: VT #74 O Worship Our God All Glorious Above
VT #584 Jesus Be the Center

Call to Worship: Psalm 133 from *Psalms for Praying*

Opening Prayer

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

Singing: VT #390 In Christ There Is No East or West

Focus Moment: “Together” by Nathan Grieser

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30

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: “Deeper Than Agreement” - Jayne

Response: VT #856

Sending Song: VT #831 Blest Be the Tie That Bind

Sending Words: VT #1066

Bulletin Editor for October: Shana - (814) 288-0171

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

Offering: 09/17/2023 – \$ 2,548.70 – General Fund

100.00 – Service Adventure

\$ 2,648.70 – Total

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

September Mission Offering: Service Adventure

Sun., Oct 1: World Communion Sunday

Sun., Oct 1, 12:00: Potluck Meal with Service Adventure Unit

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

Wed., Oct 11, 7:30: Church Council

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

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Today, Sept. 24 – John Allen; Tue., Sept 26 – Lila & Grayson Mishler.

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.

On Oct. 1 the Service Adventure Unit will be visiting us for worship. We will have a **potluck meal following** to spend some time getting to know them. If you are able, please bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert to share

We are trying some new ways to worship during the Sunday morning gatherings. One is an **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** There are supplies there for children as well as other creative folks to use to help engage the morning worship with paper, color, or other art supplies. Anyone of any age is welcome to see what is there to enhance your worship. Please return any unused supplies to the table after worship ends.

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. A **“wish-list” is available on the table in the foyer of items they would like** that we can share with them when they visit our congregation in October.

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Striving Side by Side

Philippians 1:21-30

Huge gratitude for the continued faithful financial giving to the work of this congregation. Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. See our website to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) As always, you are also welcome to give through the Sunday morning offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Without the continued sharing of your gifts, financial or in your participation among us, this congregation would not continue.

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*******

Cara (Lichtenfels) Lovenduski Family of John Farkas – Death
Telenkos, Lehmans and Horsleys traveling Those touched by suicide.
Mary Ruth & Rand Zeigler & Family, accident in Belize (Jeanette's sister)
Death of Mercedes Father Dwight & Linda Gindlesperger
Service Adventure Unit Ron Telenko
Gerry Fix (Joyce Telenko's Sister)