

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 25, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Habits of Hospitality: Offering Peace”

Worship Leader: Jeanette Hunsberger

Music Leader: Rachel Allen

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Prayer:

God of Peace and Love, we bring our prayers to you,
trusting in your grace and mercy.

We pray for peace among the nations,
where neighbor fights neighbor over politics and religion,
rising up against each other over power and resources,

Christ speaks: Peace, be still!

We pray for peace among the governments of the world,

where policies and laws bring conflict and strife,
needs of the many, dominated by the wants of a few,

Christ speaks: Peace, be still!

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons,
That rather than the dropping of bombs and the shooting of
guns, there will be the sharing of bread,

Christ speaks: Peace, be still!

We pray for peace among the world,
wherever diversity creates hatred and fear,
wherever difference divides and creates social enemies,

Christ speaks: Peace, be still!

We pray for peace within homes,
wherever there is violence and abuse within the family,
wherever there is provocation that leads to insult or injury,

Christ speaks: Peace, be still!

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Breathe upon us the gentleness of your peace.

Inflame our hearts with a desire for your justice.

In the name of Christ

Amen

Susan Pickering

Welcoming Service Adventure

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

Music

Scripture: Luke 10:1-9

Message: “What Is Set Before You” – Jayne

Litany of Response:

Peace is the heart of God
but how shall we find peace between people?
There can be no flower of peace
from the seeds of discord;
there can be no fruit of peace
from the root of injustice;
there can be no reaping of peace
from the sowing of oppression.

But when in our thoughts
we honor God and our neighbors,

when in our words
we encourage those who are lonely or depressed,
when in our actions
we seek justice and freedom for all,
then peace breaks out with happiness
in all the places where people meet
and women and men, young and old,
join in the tongues of all the nations
to praise the Prince of Peace,
Jesus, Emmanuel, God alongside us.

John Johansen-Berg (England)

Sending Music

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for October: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

Church Sign for October:

Front Table for October: Shana Lichtenfels

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

Offering: 09/18/2022 – \$1,603.70 = TOTAL (General Offering)

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

September Mission Offering: Johnstown Service Adventure

TODAY, Sun., Sept 25: Service Adventure visiting and a pot luck meal immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

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

Sun., Oct. 2: World Communion Sunday

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

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

Sun.- Sat., Oct. 9-15: Jayne on vacation

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



STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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.

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Mon., Sept. 26 – Lila & Grayson Mishler

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

Mission Offering for September is Johnstown Service Adventure. They are visiting us today and we will be having a **pot luck meal following our Worship Service.** A **wish list** of items they could use was sent via email and is also available on the table in the foyer. Have those items here today, Sept 25th. Thanks!

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.

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.**

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/

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

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*******

Shelly Kerchner	Tracy Tredennick	Deb Gates
Shaun Smith	Amanda Cotchen	Unspoken Requests
Wilma Thomas	Dennis Pingatore	COVID Victims
New Formed Visioning Team	Rueben Hunsberger & Family	
Suicide, Addiction & Recovery Victims		
Rachel & Exchange Student		
Josh, Steph & New Baby (Leaders of the Service Adventure Unit)		