

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 7, 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

Elementary Class (Ages 3 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett/Ross

Song Leaders: Stahl Singers

Theme: Epiphany – YES! LET IT BE DECLARED

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lantern

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gathering Song: "Longing for Light" – SJ 54 (vs. 1-5)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within
us.

All: *It is the star of the East; it is the morning
sun.*

Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all
generations.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.
You have torn open the heavens, and your glory
reaches the earth.

All: *May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.*

May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where you are.

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Prayer

Offering

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "This Little Light of Mine" – Jayne

Songs of Response: "Hail the Bless'd Morn" – *HWB 221*

"This Little Light of Mine" – *HWB 401*

Confession/Words of Assurance

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns: *Let it Be Heard, Lord*

Sending Song: "Let It Be" (words on insert in back of hymnal)

Benediction

Greeters for January: Dan, Sarah, Saffron & Ruby Barrett/Ross

Bulletin Editor for January: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

Front Table Arrangement for January: Joy Cotchen

Church Sign for January: Joy Cotchen

Offering Holders for January: Dan, Sarah, Saffron & Ruby

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

Offerings: 12/24/2017 – \$2,902.00 = Regular

1,130.00 = MDS/Missions

\$4,032.00 = TOTAL

12/31/2017 – \$1,761.00 = Regular

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

Wed., Jan. 10, 5:00 p.m. – Soup Night Resumes

Wed., Jan. 10, 6:00 p.m. – Mission Committee

Wed., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council

Mon.–Wed., Jan. 15-17 – School for Leadership Training at EMU,
Jayne will be attending.

Tues., Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. – Kid's Connection resumes.

Sat., Mar. 3 – Stahl will be hosting the Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Meeting.

Sat., & Sun., May 5–6, 2018 – Church Retreat at Laurelville.

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Jan. 8 – Terrie Wyar;
Tues., Jan. 9 – Jenifer Rys

Last call: If anyone is interested in **exploring baptism or church membership**, please let Jayne know. She will be offering a class beginning in the New Year.

The new **2018 Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets** are on the back bulletin board. Please take a look at them and see where you might like to participate!

Also, the **2018 offering envelopes** are on the table in the foyer. Please start using them today.

Are you someone who **enjoys webpage design and monitoring**? Well, we have a job for you! We are looking for someone to keep our church webpage current and relevant. If you might like to give this a try, let Jayne know.

Crossroads Community Church would like to invite those interested to join us at Crossroads as we pack the **Relief Kit Buckets** on Friday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a light meal (soup, bread, crackers and cheese). Following the meal, Luke Schrock Hurst (MCC East Coast Representative) will share about relief work in Syria. We will then break into groups and begin to pack the buckets.

Mark your calendars for the **3rd Annual Quartet and Acapella Hymn Sing**. This event will be held at Kaufman Mennonite Church on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. with a light supper to follow. Questions? Please contact Sheri Speigle at (814) 659-1198. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Tri-State Relief Sale.

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

Amelia Yoder	Dennis Sullivan	Diane Gindlesperger
Benny Perry	Shaun Smith	Rhonda Westburg
Randall Whetzel	Brian Thomas	Jacob Horsley
Sue Klemmersteiner	Frank Glovach	Unspoken request
Beth – Deb G. Friend	Claudia Teeter	Steve & Reba Fox
Sarah’s Co-workers	Cathy Zakucia	Jim & Rhonda Baldwin
Linnie Hostetler	Connor Bethman	Ruby Ross
Matt & Dominique Ross	Sue Henesey	Linda Palmer
Bryant Seifert Family (death)		Lois Cable Family (death)



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Focus Statement: Drawn by the light, we, like the magi, are sent forth in new directions. We are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world. Arise, shine, for the mystery of Christ has been revealed!

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.