

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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October 1, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: God is at Work – World Communion Sunday

Music: “Songs from Africa 2003: Mennonite World Conference”

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Gathering Music: “Kimulena” (Zambia)

Translation: *Jesus is the King of Kings*

The King of Kings will come to take us all.

The King of Kings is calling all of us.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Music: “Yezu Azali Awa” (Congo)

Translation:

Jesus Christ is present here,

Jesus Christ is present here,

Jesus Christ is present here with us.

Hallelujah hallelujah, hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Call to worship:

Leader: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

People: We are the People of God!

Leader: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

People: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

People: We are One in God's Spirit!

Leader: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

People: For we are the people of Redemption!

Leader: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

People: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

Opening Prayer

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

Music: “Saare Shristi” (India)

Translation:

You are the Lord of the whole universe.

You are the Protector of the whole universe.

We will always bow before You.

We will always sing Your praises.

You are the Creator and Savior of the whole world.

Save us from all danger.

My life is in your hands, Lord.

Allow me to walk in the path.

Focus Moment: Mennonite World Conference Video

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13

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: “Having the Same Love” – Jayne

Response: Communion Celebrated

Leader: You are invited to the table that God has prepared
for all people everywhere who call on the name of the
Lord.

**People: We come longing for God's generous love and grace
to fill our life.**

Leader: Come then; join your sisters and brothers in Christ
and receive from the bounty of God.

**People: We open our hearts to receive all that God has to
offer. Thank you for inviting us to this banquet!**

**Help us to remember the gift we have received
and to live as brothers and sisters,
members of one family.**

All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Amen.

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& Leadinginworship.com

Music During Communion:

“En el Estaba la Vida” (Cuba)

Translation:

*In Him was life, and the life was our light/
If you are thirsty, come and drink freely of the
water of life.*

*The God who made our universe is the One
who has given us life and courage.*

Our life is like mist, like fog it disappears.

*Today I place before you life and death,
choose life, life forever.*

“O Prince of Peace” (Indonesia)

Sending Music: “Dalam Yesus Kita Bersaudara” (Indonesia)

Translation:

In Jesus we are brothers and sisters

Now and forevermore.

In Jesus we are brothers and sisters.

Sending Words

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World Communion Sunday

Philippians 2:1-13

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

Front Table for October: Shana Lichtenfels

Outdoor Sign for October: Neil Lehman

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

Offering: 09/24/2023 – \$ 2,218.70 – General Fund

310.00 – Service Adventure

\$ 2,528.70 – Total

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

October Mission Offering: MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates)

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

Wed., Oct 11, 6:30: Church Council

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

Mon., Oct 23, 4:15: Vision Team

Sat., Nov 4: Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Session,
Winchester, VA

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

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Thurs., Oct. 5 – Floyd & Chris Lehman

Jayne will be on vacation this week and out of town. You can call or text her in an emergency. (330-224-3944) Or you can contact Lay Leader Sonya Horsley (Joy and Neil will also be out of town).

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Today we welcome the Service Adventure Unit, visiting us for worship. We will have a **potluck meal following** to spend some time getting to know them. Even if you didn't bring any food, you are welcome to stay and join in this time!

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 October Mission Offering is MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates). You will be hearing more about them next Sunday. MEDA is an international economic development organization that creates business solutions to poverty. The hope of MEDA is to help shape a world where all can thrive.

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*****

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