

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**October 2, 2022**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**Theme:** “Habits of Hospitality: Welcoming All People – ”  
World Communion Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jayne

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen

“All Are Welcome” – by Marty Haugen (VT 36)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 34:8

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;*

*happy are those who take refuge in him.*

Around the world people gather to break bread this World  
Communion Sunday.

**We gather with them in heart and mind.**

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**As part of that body we join in its unity.**

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

**Let us pray...**

~ written by Rev Gord

## **Prayer**

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

## **Music**

**Scripture:** I Thessalonians 1:1-9

**Message:** "Bread for All" – Jayne

## **Celebrating Communion**

**Prayer:** *(Congregation reads in unison)*

Lord as we gather around this wonderful meal  
everywhere and in every place;  
bless us all your children.

As we eat this bread and drink this cup  
linking arms around the world,  
pour your grace into us all.

May we see in each other  
your light, your love and you.  
May it not matter our differences,  
our names, our languages,  
our looks, and our way of doing things.  
May what matter today and everyday  
be that we are one in you.

May you shine your light  
into those whose world is covered in darkness.  
May you use us to feed the hungry,  
clothe the ones who need clothes,  
give a cup of water to those who are thirsty,  
shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prison.

May lives be awakened to you, Lord,  
to your love and to your kingdom  
whose door is always open to all.

~ written by Rev Abi and posted on **A Place for Prayer**

**"Bread of Heaven"** – The Soil and Seed Project vol. 4

**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:** 09/25/2022 – \$ 628.70 – General

100.00 – Service Adventure

\$ 728.70 = TOTAL

\*\*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**October Mission Offering:** Victim Services

**Today, Sun., Oct. 2:** World Communion Sunday

**Today, 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!)

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

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

**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](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

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 TODAY!

Jayne has been with this congregation for 5 years. She has made it a **goal for the coming year to meet with everyone in the congregation** individually or as families, whatever is most comfortable. This can be in your home, at a coffee shop, over a meal... whatever you prefer. She will be contacting you over the coming year to set up a time. If, however, you are eager to help her meet her goal early, feel free to call her anytime to schedule it!



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

October 2, 2022

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.

**Congratulations** to Bradon Lovenduski & Cara Lichtenfels who were married yesterday, Saturday, October 1, 2022. The Stahl family all wish many blessings to the new Mr. & Mrs. Lovenduski!

**Our Mission Offering for October is Victim Services.** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ava Genovese will be our guest speaker next Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> to share more about their work. You can donate either through the **offering**, or by bringing **items** from a wish list found on the table in the entry.

**Community Soup Night will return!** Mark your calendar for Wed. October 19, 4:30-6:30 pm when we will begin serving soup here at the church. Community is welcome! *Anyone willing to help make soup, please let Joy know by Monday of that week.* We will also be having a time for **Kid's Connection** following Soup from 6:30-7:30 as well as an **Adult Bible Study** at the same time. *If you are willing and able to donate snacks for Kid's Connection, see the sign-up sheet on the table in the entry.* 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.

Anyone willing to **help clean the kitchen** before Soup night begins, come to the church Fri., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to help. Contact Joy for more information.

**Do you love to hold a baby? Then Stephanie from the Service Adventure Unit needs your help!** She has occasional Zoom meetings to attend and needs an extra pair of arms to look after Noah, their newborn. She is hoping to compile a list of people to call on to help. It would be for about 2 hours and you would have a week's notice. If this sounds like something you could do, please let Jayne or Joy know. Thanks!

Mennonite Church USA launched the **“Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration”** initiative in September. This initiative, in conjunction with the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System” resolution, seeks to raise awareness of injustices in the U.S. criminal legal system, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color and people without financial security. The initiative will continue through the end of October. Read more at [mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi)

**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, Fri.-Sat., 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/](https://mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/)

**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**\*\*\*\*\*

Tonya Pejack                      Amanda Cotchen                      Tracy Tredennick  
Rueben Hunsberger (Praise!)                      Shelly Kerchner ( Praise!)  
Newly Formed Visioning Team                      Rachel & Exchange Student  
Suicide, Addiction & Recovery Victims