

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**October 9, 2022**

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

**Theme:** “Habits of Hospitality: A Place of Refuge

**Worship Leader:** Shelly Kerchner

**Music Leader:** Rachel Allen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 61:1-3, 7, 10-11

**Prayer** (Congregation reads bold print)

We believe that beyond violence, **there can be love;**

That beyond despair, **there can be hope;**

That beyond torment, **we will find rest;**

That beyond brokenness, **there can be healing;**

That beyond agony, **we will find joy.**

Oh, God, transform our disbelief

**and gently carry us from darkness to light.**

Carolyn Holderread Heggen

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

**Music**

**Scripture:** Luke 4:16-20

**Message:** Ava Genovese from Victim Services

**Opportunity for Questions**

**Litany of Response**

**Sending Music**

**Sending Words**

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

**Church Sign for October:** Shana Lichtenfels

**Front Table for October:** Shana Lichtenfels

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

**Offering:** 10/02/2022 – \$1,498.70 – General

120.00 – Victim Services

75.00 – Service Adventure

\$1,693.70 = TOTAL

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

**October Mission Offering:** Victim Services

**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!)

**Oct 27, 4:00:** Lay Leaders

**Oct 29:** Serve meal at Saturday’s Kitchen

**Nov 2, 7:30:** Church Council

**Nov 5, 9:30-2:30:** Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Session, Scottdale Mennonite Church

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

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Mon. Oct. 10 – Abe Lehman; Tues. Oct. 11 – Pat Cotchen; Thurs., Oct. 13 – Cara Lovenduski

**Jayne will be on vacation this week and will not be in the office. In case of emergency, please call one of the Lay Leaders: Bill Hunsberger, Sonya Horsley or Joy Cotchen.**

**Welcome our guest speaker today, Ava Genovese from Victim Services.** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so we asked someone from Victim Services to come share with us about their work.

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!

**Our Mission Offering for October is Victim Services.** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. You can donate either through the **offering**, or by bringing **items** from a wish list found on the table in the entry.

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.

**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.



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH



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.

**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](https://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   Shelly Kerchner ( Praise!)  
Newly Formed Visioning Team            Rachel & Exchange Student  
Suicide, Addiction & Recovery Victims