

**WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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October 10, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

THEME: Joy Subverts

Worship Leader: Carol McKool

Music Leaders: Rachel Allen and Leah Rittenhouse

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-4 (from Psalms for Praying)

Prayer:

Open our ears to hear your word.

Open our eyes to see your presence.

Open our arms to the embrace of community.

Open our minds to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts to the joy of new life.

(Voices Together 866)

Sharing the Joy Virtual Style

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

Music

Scripture: Philippians 3

An Illustrative Moment

Message: Greg Pile guest speaker

Response:

Leader: We gather together as a people of God,
followers of Jesus, called to be disciples.

People: Bless the Lord, who gives us counsel
and instructs our hearts in the night.

Leader: Our paths have led us here
together as one body to worship the Lord.

People: The Lord is always before us,
moving us toward a greater relationship with God
and each other.

Leader: Open your hearts to the love of God,
open your souls to the Spirit within,
open your bodies to the security that comes from
Christ.

People: The Lord shows us the path of life.
In God’s presence there is fullness of joy and
hope forevermore. Brett Klingenberg

Sending Music

Sending Words: *Based on Philippians 3:14*

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

Church Sign for October: Rod & Cindy Lehman

Front Table for October: Shana Lichtenfels

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

Offering: 10/03/2021 – \$4,343.70 Regular

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

October Mission Offering: Women’s Help Center

Sat., Oct 16: Saturday’s Kitchen meal

Sun., Oct 24, 1:00: Voices Together and MCC Fundraiser

Tues., Nov 2, 6:30 pm: Lay Leaders

Wed., Nov 3, 7:00 pm: Church Council

Sun., Dec 5, 1:00 pm: Voices Together and MCC Fundraiser

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Sun., Oct. 10 – Abe Lehman; Mon., Oct. 11 – Pat Cotchen; Wed., Oct. 13 – Cara Lichtenfels

Jayne will be in the office this week on Wed. and Fri. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Welcome to Greg Pile, our guest speaker for this morning. Greg is a retired minister who remains active in the community and is a friend to many.

We will be serving the meal at Saturday's Kitchen on Saturday, Oct 16. There are still a few spaces to sign up to help prep, bake or serve. Check out the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Shetler.

Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances. Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. You can give in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or mail your offering to Sharon Shetler. You can also give electronically on our website. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

The racism discussion group has interest, but the timing seems to be off. So, we will set it aside until late winter/spring. Hopefully after the holidays, when Covid is behaving itself better and folks feel a bit more free, we will try again. Stay tuned for something to come in February. Thanks to those who expressed interest.

Shelly is home but still has a fair amount of limitations so one way to support her and Tracy is to **provide meals**. You can schedule a mealtime on Meal Train by following this link: <https://mealtrain.com/k19z82> Or, if you prefer, you can arrange a time with Shelly personally. Her contact information is: 814-691-0393, 809 Olim St. Johnstown Pa. 15904. Shelly and Tracy eat a vegetarian and plant-based diet. Legumes, pasta dishes like lasagna, tofu, eggs, cheese and other dairy are welcomed.



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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.

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If you would like to do more personal work on joy you can talk to Becky Haas at <https://joyworkllc.com/> for a free 30-minute consultation or to discover other joy resources. A promo code that is "PARTNER" and will reveal 5 hidden free tickets to the first 5 persons who take advantage of this.

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Voices Together is a new hymnal published by Mennomedia. It offers an expanded variety of music to enhance our worship. Worship Committee has decided to have a **fundraising event on Dec 5 at 1:00** (note the change of date to allow for better planning) to help pay for this resource. This will be a hybrid musical event with streaming at the church building and online. You can participate either way. More details will follow but put the date on your calendar! We will also be raising funds for MCC and its work around the world to bring relief to those in need. You will be able to contribute to either or both projects.

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