WELCOME TO STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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October 29, 2023 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: What Is Your Gospel Message: Mennonite Heritage Sunday

> Worship Leader: Jayne Byler Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements
Lighting the Peace Lamp
Gathering Song
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: "God of Love, Hear our Prayer"
Singing
Focus Moment
Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-8
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: "Remembering Forward" – Jayne

Response: "Endless Praise" by Phil Campbell-Enns **Sending song Sending words**

Bulletin Editor for November: Ellen Lehman – (814) 288-1961
Front Table for November: Sonya Horsley
Outdoor Sign for November:
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for November: Toilet Paper
Offering: 10/22/2023 – \$ 1,358.70 – General Fund

October Mission Offering: MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) Wed., Nov. 1, 4:30-6:30: Soup Night Wed., Nov 1, 7:00: Lay Leaders Sat., Nov 4: Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Session, Winchester, VA

Wed., Nov 8, 6:30: Church Council

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Thurs. Nov. 2 – Josh Telenko

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed. and Friday. She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for Soup Night, set for this Wednesday, Nov 1 from 4:30-6:30, when we open ourselves to the community for hot soup and warm fellowship. If you would like to provide soup or help in any other way, please let Joy Cotchen know by Monday, so she knows how to plan! **Hearing assistance headphones** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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). 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.

Thank you for your emails, texts, calls, cards, flowers and prayers over these weeks. When Becky learned she had only a few days to live, she made every effort to get home so that she could say goodbye to each grandchild and her family. I was with her when she passed peacefully. We all felt your love and caring. Your preparation for the refreshments was perfect. **With much appreciation, Dave and family**

Dave Mishler's address: 159 Kennesaw Lane, Johnstown 15905

Mennonite Church USA has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence," an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more at: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence.

If anyone in the congregation would like any books ordered for the **Church Library**, please contact Carol McKool by November 12. She will be placing an order to purchase new books for the library.

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The symbol of a lamb caught in thorns is a symbol of persecution, specifically used to refer to the Early Anabaptists.

"We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel..."

I Thessalonians 2:2

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