

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**January 5, 2020**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.**

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.**

**Worship Leader:** Neil Lehman

**Song Leader:** Stahl Singers

**"What Are You Waiting For?"**

**Epiphany Sunday: Unable to Go Back the Way We Came**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song - HWB 204 – Gloria**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.

**Many: Asking, when will you see the light that I am,  
the grace I have extended to all people,  
the dance out of the darkness  
and into righteousness to which I invited you?**

One: Can we see that in you we are transformed,  
unable to go back the way we have known?

**All: God, what are we waiting for?**

**Prayer**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Responsive Reading:**

Leader: Lift us your eyes and look around.

**People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come.**

Leader: The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come!

**Leader: Gather your children and bring gifts to the Lord.**

*All: Arise! Shine! And be transformed!*

**Song:** “Hope is a candle” (insert in back of HWB)

**Offering:** HWB 207 – Child So Lovely

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

**Singing:** HWB 208 – Love Came Down at Christmas

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12 – Sharon Shetler

**Children's Time:** Asking questions ...

**Message:** Leah Rittenhouse

**Sending Song:** SYJ 78 – We Will Walk With God

**Benediction**

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**Greeters for January:** Myles & Sharon Shetler

**Bulletin Editor for January:** Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

**Front Table Arrangement for January:** Sharon Shetler

**Church Sign for January:** Sharon Shetler

**Offering Holders for January:** Myles & Sharon Shetler

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

**Offering:** 12/29/2019 - \$ 271.00 – Regular

519.00 – MDS

\$ 790.00 = TOTAL

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

**Thurs., Dec. 26 - Jan. 14??** – Jayne on medical leave

**Wed., Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council

**Sun., Feb. 23** – Annual Congregational Business Meeting

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Sun., Jan. 5 – Holly Hartzler; Mon., Jan. 6 – Ethan Cotchen; Wed., Jan. 8 – Terrie Wyar; Thurs., Jan. 9 – Jenn Petro

**Jayne is on medical leave** to heal from her knee replacement. She will return in January sometime, depending on how the healing process goes. Stay tuned. If you have a need, please contact one of the Lay Leaders: Joy Cotchen, Glenn Lehman, Dave Miller or Bill Hunsberger

Under the table with the bulletins in the foyer are **Activity Bags for the kids**. Feel free to take one and use it during worship then return it before you head home. If you have ideas of something else you would like in them, let Jayne or Sharon Shetler know!

If you have **announcements you want put in the bulletin**, please have them to Shana Lichtenfels and/or Ellen Lehman by Friday morning of each week.

**Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets** for offering holders, front table, church sign and greeters are posted on the bulletin board. Take a look and see where you might want to serve! Thanks!

January begins the celebration of **100 years of MCC**. To be a part of this we will join the **effort to create 5000 comforters**. We will not be making all 5000 comforters ourselves, but will do our best to contribute as many as possible. If you would like to piece a comforter top to be knotted, please let Deb Gates or Sharon Shetler know. Size specifications can be found on the MCC website. We will have a comforter set up during the month of January and then have an afternoon of knotting on Sunday, Jan. 26 following lunch. Let's see how many we can create!

Praise God that the government in Mongolia has renewed JCS International's registration for another two years. JCS is the consortium of mission agencies through which **Mennonite Mission Network** ministers in this country. Pray for God's light to brighten people's lives in this season of extreme cold and short days.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

**January 5, 2020**

***The wait is over.  
The mystery has been made known.  
Arise! Shine!  
Walk in this new path and be transformed!***

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.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.

\*\*\*\*\***PRAYER REQUESTS**\*\*\*\*\*

Jayne Byler	Deb Gates	Unspoken Request
Laura Mittenberger	Cat Hammond	Traveling Mercies
Louise (Deb's friend)	TayLee Bush	Chantay Jeffers
Whitey & Linda G.	Chris Liechty	Baby Aladin
LVV Residents	Cheryl McDowell	Mary Ann Ackman
Rosellen Lehman	Al Smith	Jude Keafer
Norma Thomas	Larry & Anne Marie	Millinger