

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

**Pastoral Intern:** Leah Rittenhouse

**Lay Leaders:** Sarah Barrett, Pat Cotchen & Sonya Horsley

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**November 27, 2016**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.**

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

*"Life Together in the Spirit"* – Kitchen Class – teacher Jill Miller

Elementary Class (Ages 2 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.**

**"First Sunday of Advent"**

**Worship Leader:** Sonya Horsley

**Music Leader:** Leah Rittenhouse

**Announcements**

**Focus Statement:**

*God's peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.*

**Gathering Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Candle Lighting**

**Confession/Reconciling**

**Offering**

**Song**

**Children's Time**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14 read by Carol McKool

**Sermon:** Joy Cotchen

**Silence & Reflection**

**Song of Response**

**Prayers/Sharing**

**Sending Song**

**Benediction**

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**Greeters for December:** Dan & Sarah Barrett-Ross

**Bulletin Editor for December:** Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

**Front Table Arrangement for December:** Worship Committee

**Church Sign for December:** Rod & Cindy Lehman

**Sharing & Caring Items for December:** Peanut Butter &  
Spaghetti Sauce

**Offering Holders for December:** Dan & Sarah Barrett-Ross

**Offering:** 11/20/16 – \$2,121.00 = Regular

25.00 = Women's Help Center

\$2,146.00 = TOTAL

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

**Tues., Nov. 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** – Kid’s Connection

**Wed., Nov. 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** – Souper Wednesday

**Fri. & Sat., Dec. 9 & 10** – Live Nativity will be at Greenhouse  
Park. See Notes & Announcements for times and details.

**Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m.** – Children's Christmas Program

**Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council

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

**Following the sermon** will be a time of silence and reflection.  
During this time, you are invited to write or draw something on one

of the heart ornaments at the end of the pew. Some questions to reflect on: What stood out to you from a song, the scripture, or this morning's service? Where have you witnessed God at work in the world? What does it mean to walk in the way of God's heart? Where have you sensed God's presence?



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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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**Start baking those cookies!!** We are looking forward to sharing the Joy of Christ that is within us through Christmas Caroling. Bring your happy voice and any instrumentation you can add and join us on Sunday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Notify Linda Gindlesperger or Jeanette Hunsberger if you know of someone who would enjoy a visit from carolers. We'll meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., split into groups and return to the church for cookies, hot chocolate, and fun.

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

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**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Mon., Nov. 29 – Arlene Moser; Thurs., Dec. 1 – Lovea Lehman; Thurs., Dec. 1 – Lynn Moser

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Sat., Dec. 3 – Dwight & Linda Gindlesperger

Please return your **Personnel Committee Discernment Sheets** TODAY, Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to Sharon or Shana.

**Souper Wednesday from 5:00–7:00 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for people to sign up to make a pot of soup. Pass the word!

**REMEMBER** to bring these items to church by Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>:

- nonperishable grocery items for the Family Kitchen of Johnstown
- single-serve items for the Backpack Project at the Conemaugh Township Elementary School

**SAVE THE DATE!** The **Conemaugh Township Area Ministries** will be hosting a Live Nativity again this year on Friday, December 9 from 5-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 from 2-8:00 p.m. at Greenhouse Park in Tire Hill. This year's story will be "The Journey of Mary". Our visiting stations will include: the Shepherds; Mary being visited by the Angel Gabriel; Mary visiting Elizabeth; Mary telling Joseph that she is with child and the angel visiting Joseph; the Wise Men and of course Mary and Joseph at the Manger with Jesus. The entry fee to the Live Nativity is canned goods that will be donated to the St. Frances Caring and Sharing Food Bank. The CTAM is also asking for volunteers to make cookies and baked goods for the Market Place refreshments following the tour. We have been very blessed with donations the past two years and hope

that you will continue to help us this year. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

## Walking in the way of God's heart



**God's peace is at hand**



