#### WELCOME TO

## STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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## **November 5, 2023**

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

**Theme:** Remembering Our Beloved

Worship Leader: Bill Hunsberger Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements Lighting the Peace Lamp Gathering Song Call to Worship:

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today.

~ seasonsonline.ca

**Opening Prayer** 

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: "God of Love, Hear our Prayer"

**Singing** 

**Focus Moment:** "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf"

**Scripture:** I John 3:1-3 **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:** "Beloved Leaves" – Jayne

Response: Remembering those who have gone

**Sending Song** 

**Sending Words:** "In the Leaving – A Blessing" by Jan Richardson

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**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:** 10/29/2023 – \$ 1,693.90 – General Fund

 $\frac{25.00}{1,718.90}$  – MEDA

November Mission Offering: Highlands Health Clinic

Wed., Nov. 8, 4:30-6:30 pm: Soup Night (Please let Joy know if you

plan to make soup)

Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 pm: Church Council

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**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Today, Sun., Nov. 5 – Jean Cable; Today, Sun., Nov. 5 – Adeline Cotchen

**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 <a href="mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com">stahlmennonite@gmail.com</a>

**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 November Mission Offering is the Highlands Health Clinic.

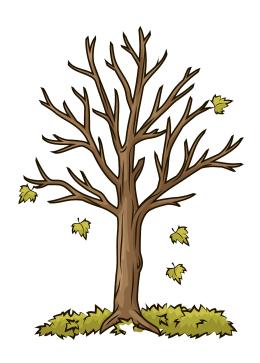
The mission of Highlands Health is to provide free and charitable medical, pharmaceutical and wellness care to the low income, uninsured and under-insured in the Laurel Highlands region of Western PA using volunteer professional staff. It is the intention of the Highlands Health to help those who are making a sincere effort to help themselves and their families.

**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, PA 15905

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"...we are called children of God!"

I John 3:1-3

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Check out the schedule for Red Cross Blood Drives at St. David's Lutheran Church in Davidsville. The next drive is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 noon & 5:30 pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Huge gratitude for the continued faithful financial giving to the work of this congregation. Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. See our website to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) As always, you are also welcome to give through the Sunday morning offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Without the continued sharing of your gifts, financial or in your participation among us, this congregation would not continue.

**Covid numbers are rising again.** If you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

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