

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 12, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Living Together in Christ”

Worship Leader: Jeanette Hunsberger

Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship:

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

the Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

Opening Prayer

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

Singing

Focus Moment

Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:1, 9-12

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: MennoCon23 Evening Worship (July 6, 2023) – Jon Carlson

Response: (congregation reads in unison)

Lord, at times you call us to step ahead...

you ask us to pave a way with our own footsteps,
to move with you, in your way, in your time.

Help us to know that you tread the path with us,
and though we may be fearful
and our steps may be reluctant and faltering,
it is enough that we take one step at a time.

So, Lord we commit this week to you,
and the places we will go,
trusting that you go beside us each day,
wherever we may find ourselves.

In Jesus' name, Amen

~ written by Dave Hopwood

Sending Song

Sending Words: VT 1068

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: 11/05/2023 – \$ 1,484.70 – General Fund

17.00 – Highland Clinic

\$1,501.70 = TOTAL

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

November Mission Offering: Highlands Health Clinic

Wed., Nov. 15, 4:30-6:30 pm: Soup Night (Please let Joy know if you plan to make soup)

Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30 pm: Personnel Committee

Thur., Nov 23: “Happy Thanksgiving!”

Wed., Nov 29, 6:30 pm: Advent for All! Small Group Adventure for all ages,

Tues., Dec. 12, 4:00 pm: Vision Team

Tues., Dec. 12, 6:30 pm: Church Council

Sun., Dec. 24, 11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Today, Nov. 12 – Darden Horsley; Mon., Nov. 13 – Fiona & Willem Hathaway; Tues., Nov. 14 – Jacob Horsley; Tues., Nov. 14 – Rachel Allen; Thurs., Nov. 16 – Bill Hunsberger; Sat., Nov. 18 – Daniel Dunmore; Sat., Nov. 18 – Lydia Lehman

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or by sending them a card this week: Thurs, Nov. 16 – Bill & Jeanette Hunsberger

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

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Don't forget about the **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.

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**“You yourselves have been
taught by God
to love one another”**

I Thessalonians 4:9

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.

If anyone in the congregation would like any books ordered for the **Church Library**, please contact Carol McKool by TODAY, November 12th. She will be placing an order to purchase new books for the library. **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 you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be displayed in the church for the Christmas Season, please contact Joyce Telenko at 814-322-2932 by Mon. Dec. 4th. Price for either a red and/or white poinsettia is \$12 each. Thanks!

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

Vision Team met and would like your direction. On the table beside the bulletins is a survey asking to help determine which direction we might go. Please take a look and note your preference and put the completed survey in the box beside. Thanks!

Beginning November 29th, you can participate in ADVENT FOR ALL, a four week small group adventure for all ages. Each week you will be invited to bring some item from home to help focus on the theme, using the four Advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love. Stay tuned for what to bring each week. Prepare for Christmas with this time of gathering to share, read scripture and light the Advent candles.

LIVE Nativity will be returning this year! The two evenings will be: Friday, December 8 from 5-8 PM & Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 2-8 PM. We would like to ask you to begin planning what goodies you could make for our Market Place Foods table. No packaging is needed - we will handle that! We will be especially in need of your delicious cookies, gobs, candies, breads, beautiful cakes & pies...and even snack mixes! People love our homemade goodies, so please contact Trish Leverknight with any questions or to let her know what you can contribute!! E-mail: patricialeverknight@gmail.com or Phone: 814-288-2425.

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.

***** **PRAYER REQUESTS*******

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| Gaza/Israel War in Middle East | Victim’s Families in Maine |
| Shooting | |
| Deb Gates (praise) | Riley Allen Gerry Fix |
| Abe Lehman & Family | Merle McDaniel Shelly Kerchner |
| Cara (Lichtenfels) Lovenduski | Lydia Lehman |
| EMU Student’s Families in Accident | |

