

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 26, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “Do Not Cease to Give Thanks”

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music: Stahl Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Songs: “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” – VT 118

“Now Thank We All Our God” – VT 114

Call to Worship: (based on Isaiah 12:3-6)

Opening Prayer:

We thank You, God, for the gift of each other.

Together, we learn to love.

We thank You, God, for the gift of each other.

Together, we learn to be loved.

We thank You, God, for the gift of each other.

Together, we are stronger.

We thank You, God, for the gift of each other.

Bind us together in love.

Amen.

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

Singing: “The Church’s One Foundation” – VT 397

Focus Moment

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

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: “Thanks Paul!” – Jayne

Response

Sending Song: “For the Beauty of the Earth” – VT 120

Sending Words:

Christ behind us

Christ before us

Christ within us

Christ around us

We have seen our Lord this day

We have seen the living God

We have seen God in our hearts

And in one another

Go in gratitude.

Go in peace.

Bulletin Editor for December: Norma Gindlesperger – 814-421-1782

Front Table for December: Worship Committee

Outdoor Sign for December:

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for December: Toilet Paper

Offering: 11/19/2023 – \$1,108.70 – General Fund

_____ 2.00 – Highland Clinic

\$1,110.70 = TOTAL

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

November Mission Offering: Highlands Health Clinic
Wed., Nov. 29, 4:30-6:30 pm: Soup Night
Wed., Nov 29, 6:30 pm: Advent for All! Small Group Adventure for all ages.
Wed., Nov. 29, 7:45 pm: Finance Committee
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: Tues., Nov. 28 – Arlene Moser; Fri., Dec. 1 – Brooks Cotchen, Lovea Lehman & Lynn Moser

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed., and Fri. 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.

Forms to volunteer or suggest someone for a position in the congregation for 2024, are available on the table in the foyer. Please take a look at the positions that are open for the coming year and consider whether you might be willing to step into one. Or, perhaps you have someone in mind to suggest who is gifted in one of these areas. They are due back to the Personnel Committee (Shana Lichtenfels or Joyce Telenko) by Dec. 3. Thanks!

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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“I do not cease to give thanks”

Ephesians 1:16

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 **TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 26th**. Price for either a red and/or white poinsettia is \$12 each. Thanks!

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.

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 Nov. 29 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. The first one will be **this Wednesday, Nov. 29**. The theme is **“Hope”**. Bring along a Christmas ornament or decoration that symbolizes the hope of Christmas.

Help a local family in need to have a blessed Christmas. We will **collect gift cards** to help them take care of their needs. Please bring gift cards from places where gifts might be purchased by Dec. 3. Then bring gift cards from places where food and household needs might be purchased by Dec. 17. Share some of the blessings you have received this year with a family who has had a difficult time. A box will be available to place them on the table in the foyer. Thank you.

A new version of The Soil and The Seed devotional and CD for Advent and Christmas is available at the mailboxes. If you would prefer a digital copy, go to thesoilandtheseedproject.org.

The fiscal year is coming to an end. Thanks to all 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*******

Matt & Linda Scloshlovich	Rachel Allen (travel)	Ron Telenko
Jerry & Lisa Thomas	Riley Allen	Gerry Fix
Dan & Deb Gates	Tracy Tredenick	Shelly Kerchner
Dan's Mom & Family	Merle McDaniel	Lydia Lehman
Abe Lehman & Family	Gaza/Israel War in Middle East	
Sonya Co-Worker's Baby & Family		
Ohio School Bus Accident & Families		

