

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 27, 2022 – First Sunday in Advent

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: “RESTORATION IS NEAR”

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music Leader: Rachel & Stahl Singers

Preservice Music: “O Come, O Come” The Soil and The Seed Project
Vol 5

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Psalm 122

Gathering Music “Here I Am to Worship” VT 227

“We Come” VT 225

Call to Worship:

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel;
you who sit on the mercy seat between the
cherubim,
we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

People: **Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your
people,
that we may see you clearly.
Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.
People: **Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved, made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**
All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.

Lighting the Advent Candles—Psalm 80:3

Silence

Litany:

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: The night is far gone, the day is near.

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Song: “Hope is a Candle” VT 211

Prayer

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

Music “Beautiful Things” VT 551

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1–5; Romans 13:8-12

Message: “Come to the Mountain” - Jayne

Response: (*congregation reads in unison*)

We move closer to the coming of our Lord.

Let us go forward with hope.

Sending Music “How Firm a Foundation” VT 592

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for December: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

Church Sign for December:

Front Table for December: Worship Committee

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

Offering: 11/20/2022 – \$2503.70 = General

\$ 20.00 = Doctrine of Discovery

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

November Mission Offering: Repair Network to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

Sun., Nov 27: Advent begins

Mon., Dec. 5, 6:00 pm: Visioning Team

Thur., Dec. 8, 7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee

Tue., Dec. 13, 4:00 pm: Lay Leaders

Wed. Dec. 14 7:30 pm: Church Council

Wed., Dec 14: Jayne - knee replacement surgery

Sat., Dec. 24, 11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service. PLEASE NOTE that there will be no Morning Worship on Christmas Day.

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or by sending them a card this week: Mon., Nov. 28 - Arlene Moser; Thurs. Dec. 1 – Brooks Cotchen & Lovea (Lovie) Lehman & Lynn Moser; Sat., Dec 3 - Dwight & Linda Gindlesperger (A)

Jayne hopes to be in the office this week on Wednesday and Friday. She is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Advent has arrived and we are looking for your musical talents during our Sunday Morning Worship Service. If you would like to join a revival of the **Stahl Singers**, let Rachel Allen know and plan to come at 10:00 am each Sunday to go over music for the morning. If you would like a copy of the planned songs, let Jayne or Rachel know.

Believe it or not, it is already time to be preparing for our Christmas Eve Service. We will have a Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm on Christmas Eve (no worship on Christmas Day). If you would like to share a musical (vocal/instrumental) selection or a reading, please let Rachel Allen or Jayne know. Thanks!

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to have displayed in the church this Christmas Season, please let Joyce Telenko know by next Sunday, November 27th at 814-322-2932. They are \$11.00 each for a 6 ½” plant. Specify red or white when ordering. You can then take them home after our Christmas Eve Service.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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*We need restoration,
awaiting Christ's coming in our time just as the world
waited before people The first incarnation. In anticipation,
we are to live as restored people.*

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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