

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday in Advent

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: RESTORATION IS NEAR:
“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music Leader: Rachel Allen & Stahl Singers

Preservice Music: “Comfort, Comfort, O My People”
The Soil and The Seed Project, Vol. 5

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gathering Music: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” VT 219
“We Dream” VT 225

Call to Worship:

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse;
its root shall bear fruit.

People: **May we be ready, O Lord,
ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest,
bringing forth the fruit of dwelling,
longing, unity, and peace.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us,
bright as morning glory.**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and
through you, life that ripples out to your people,
into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Lighting the Advent Candles: Psalm 80:3

Silence

Litany:

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,
make God’s paths straight.**

Leader: As we prepare,
we light this candle as a sign of peace.

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: “Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture: Matthew 3:3-12

Message: “Doomsdayer” – Jayne

Response: (*congregation reads in unison*)

We move closer to the coming of our Lord.

Let us go forward in peace.

Sending Music: “Build Your Kingdom Here” VT 393

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: 11/27/2022 – \$2,503.70 = General

310.00 = Doctrine of Discovery

 \$2,376.00 = TOTAL

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

December Mission Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service

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 is scheduled for 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: Tues., Dec. 6 – Saffron Barrett-Ross

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 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, or if you are willing to help read scripture, 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 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

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.

Our December Mission Offering is for Mennonite Disaster Service. Responding to floods, tornados, hurricanes, mudslides, and wildfires is the work of MDS. MDS recruits, organizes and empowers volunteers to repair and rebuild the homes of those impacted by disasters in the United States and Canada. As they respond with Christian love to serve people who would not otherwise have the means to recover, their goal is to restore hope and bring people home.

The denominational **Advent at Home Worship Guide** is now available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme from Leader Magazine, "Restoration is Near." Look for it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

This is the Meal Train for Jayne Byler:

<https://mealtrain.com/m10d87>. What is Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized. **MealTrain.com** is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

The end of the fiscal year is nearing for us as a congregation. Your continued contributions are essential for the work of Stahl Mennonite Church. Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances. As we settle into Fall routines, please continue to remember the work of the church. An easy way to make sure your offering is not missed when you are away is through the electronic giving option on our webpage. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. Your commitment to the church through your financial offerings is one way to keep our work as a congregation going here in our community and beyond our local area. However you give, know that **the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without you!**

Covid numbers are ever unpredictable. If you feel the need to mask for your own health or to protect the health of others, you are encouraged to do so. Lay Leaders will continue to monitor this rise. Thanks again, for your patience and care for one another's health.

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

- Laura & Jason (Paul & Mary Ellen Lehman's daughter & son-in-law)
- Shannon Hathaway
- Rhoda Dillon
- Hospital Staff
- Rachel Allen (Praise!)
- Paul Thomas
- Blair Kaufman
- Mary Jo Capper
- Ron Telenko
- Paul & Mary Ellen Lehman
- Don Mintmier Family (death)
- Josh Shaulis Family (death)
- Jim Clark Family (death)
- Bruce Dunn
- Julianne Rice
- Deb Gates
- Rueben & Jeri Hunsberger
- Whitey & Linda Gindlesperger
- Don & Marge Auckerman
- Leah Rittenhouse (praise)
- Sonya & Darden Horsley (Praise!)
- Bill & Maryann Ackman