

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

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**December 5, 2021**

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

**THEME:** Advent 2: Dare to imagine God’s embrace!

**Worship Leader:** Deb Gates

**Music Leaders:** Rachel Allen & Leah Rittenhouse

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Luke 3:4-6**

**Call to Worship**

**Advent Candle:**

**Leader:** We light a candle of peace.  
And we imagine:

**People:** **God’s tender mercy, God’s compassion.**

**Leader:** We light the candle of peace to feel God’s embrace, God’s nearness, God’s breath.

**People:** **Imagine that . . . we are God’s wonders, blessed wonders.**

“He Came Down” using “peace” STJ 31

**Prayer**

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

**Music**

**Imagining**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:68-79

**Message:** “On The Road” – Jayne

**Response**

**Sending Music**

**Sending Words** ~ written by Jan L. Richardson

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**Bulletin Editor for December:** Shana Lichtenfels – 814-288-0171

**Church Sign for December:**

**Front Table for December:** Worship Committee

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

**Offering:** 11/28/2021 – \$2,118.70 - Regular

280.00 – Mission/Benevolence Fund

25.00 – Benevolence

\$2,423.70

\*\*\*\*\* **COMING EVENTS** \*\*\*\*\*

**Mission Offering for December:** Mennonite Disaster Service

**Sun, Dec. 5, 6:00 p.m.:** Voices Together and MCC Fundraiser

**Tue, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.:** Lay Leaders

**Wed, Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.:** Church Council

**Wed., Dec. 15–Wed., Jan. 5:** Jayne taking vacation and holiday time for son’s surgery recovery in Ohio.

**Fri., Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m.:** Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon., Dec. 6 – Saffron Barrett-Ross; Sat. Dec. 11 – Emma Kate Hartzler

**Jayne will be in the office this week on Wed. and Fri.** She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**A Voices Together and MCC Fundraiser is planned for today, Dec 5 at 6:00 through Facebook Live.** Go to our Facebook page or our webpage for a link to connect to this event (no need to have a Facebook account to access through website). This will be a way to participate in the Advent Season through music, support Worship Committee's efforts to purchase the new Voices Together hymnal for our congregation as well as the work of Mennonite Central Committee. You will hear musical selections from Rachel Allen, Dan Becker and Her Harmony as well as updates on MCC from Les Horning. You can contribute online through our website donation button or you can give through the insert in your bulletin in the offering plate.

**ATTENTION:** If anyone wishes to order or has already ordered **poinsettias for the holiday season**, please notice that the cost is now \$10.50 since we have chosen to support SEADS nursery. If you wish to change your order because of this cost difference, please talk to Joyce Telenko ASAP. Phone 814-322-2932 (cell) or 814-479-7092 (home). Colors available are red or white.

**Thank you to everyone who helped in the discernment process for finding persons to serve in various positions.** The Personnel Committee recognizes that many of us live very busy lives or are feeling the effects of aging on our energy and abilities. So, to each person who said "yes" and to those who gave suggestions, we are grateful. We have one crucial position to be filled. **We still need someone to serve as Congregational Secretary.** This involves taking minutes at monthly Council meetings and distributing them, as well as preparing the booklet and taking minutes for the annual business meeting in Jan/Feb. If you are willing to take on this position, or even a portion of it, let Cindy Lehman, Shana Lichtenfels or Jayne know sometime soon. Thanks for your consideration.

**Mission offering for the month of December is Mennonite Disaster Service.**



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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*Imagine the wideness of God's embrace of all creatures and  
creation!*

*It will widen our hearts to do the things that make for peace.*

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.

**Covid 19 protocols are constantly changing. Because of the increase of cases and the Delta variant, the CDC is recommending increased use of masks when inside public spaces, even if vaccinated.** Lay Leaders discussed this change and recommend complying with these new guidelines. We know it is not convenient or popular to do so. However, we choose to error on the side of caution guided by medical professionals. Please visit outdoors following worship, weather permitting, where you can remove your mask. Thanks so much for your patience and willingness to care for the safety and health of one another. We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live.

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**Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances.** Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. You can give in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or mail your offering to Sharon Shetler. You can also give electronically on our website. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

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