

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 8, 2020

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class
Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Ron Telenko

Song Leader: Leah Rittenhouse

**THEME: Lent 2 – "Show us the extent of your faithful,
loving presence."**

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Reflective Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking
and being, where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

**Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us
and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

Opening Prayer

Singing

Offering

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

Singing

Preparing to Hear the Scripture

Scripture: John 3:1-17 – Readers Theatre

Message: "Night Searches" – Jayne

Confession: (all read in unison)

We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving,
and totally trustworthy.

We also confess our desire for what is familiar,
comfortable, and secure.

We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to
accept new challenges, new ways of thinking,
or new places of service.

Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call
when you invite us into new ways of being.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us is the faithful One
who promised to never leave us or forsake us.
May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ritual of Response

Extinguishing the Light

Sending Song

Benediction

Greeters for March: Matt Stahl & Stephanie Carr
Bulletin Editor for March: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961
Front Table Arrangement for March: Worship Committee
Church Sign for March: Pat & Joy Cotchen
Offering Holders for March: Ruby Barrett-Ross
St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper
Offering: 03/01/20 – \$1,752.00 – Regular

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

Today, Mar. 8, 12:00 noon – Lunch and Learn: Dialogue Techniques
Mon., Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m. – Kid’s Connection
Wed., Mar. 11, 5-7:00 p.m. – Soup Night
Wed., Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council
Fri., Mar. 13, 10:30 a.m. – Mission Committee
Mon., Mar 23, 6:30 – Kid’s Connection Easter Egg Hunt
(Last Kid's Connection until Fall!)
Wed., Mar 25, 5-7:00 p.m. – Last Soup Night until Fall!
Wed., Mar 25, 7:15 p.m. – Bible Unwrapped
Sun., Mar 29 – Mission Offering for Lahash/Beans and Rice

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, March 10 – Emily Kaltreider; Monday, March 11 – Richard Kaltreider

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Thursday, March 14 – Myles & Sharon Shetler

Under the table with the bulletins in the foyer are **Activity Bags for the kids**. Feel free to take one and use it during worship then return it before you head home. If you have ideas of something else you would like in them, let Jayne or Leah Rittenhouse know! \

A **Lunch and Learn**, is scheduled for today **Sunday, March 8** immediately following our morning worship service. Lunch will be provided as a youth fund raiser. The discussion time will be learning “Dialogue Techniques”.



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FOCUS STATEMENT: God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges, new ways of being, thinking, and doing. As we respond to this invitation, God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence.

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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Anyone wishing to order **lilies for the Easter Season** to be used in church, can contact Joyce Telenko by Sunday, March 29th, either at church or by calling 479-7092. The cost this year will be \$9.00.

If you, or someone you know is between the ages of 9-13, check out the **Jr. Youth Retreat scheduled for March 20-23** at Laurelville. This is being sponsored by Allegheny Mennonite Conference. For more info see the brochure beside the mailboxes, or talk to Joy Cotchen or Jayne.

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You are warmly invited to join us in our home for a house concert of original award-winning **music by Gina Hollsopple on Saturday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.** It will be a delightful and inspiring evening of wonderful music and accompanying entertaining stories. Snacks and beverages will be provided and available at 6:30 p.m. Artist donations are gratefully accepted and CD's available. We hope you share the evening with us! RSVP requested. (Gina is the daughter of Al and Madonna Hollsopple. Al is a former pastor of Stahl. Both Al and Madonna will be at the concert.) **Bill and Jeanette Hunsberger**

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