

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 3, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

**LENT 5: SEEKING GOD’S WAYS –
From Scarcity to Abundance**

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Music Leaders: Rachel Allen & Leah Rittenhouse

Recorded Music: “I Want to Know Christ”
from “The Soil and the Seed Project”
by – Walking Roots

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp: Psalm 126 from –
“Psalms for a New World”

Responsive Reading to “uncover the visual”:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

(pause to uncover visual and light the candle)

**All: *Lord, move us from our scarcity mentality into
your abundant life.***

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,
People: **who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**
Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.
People: **We live within the abundance of God,**
Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy
All: *as we worship God together.*

Prayer

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

Music

Living the Gospel

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Message: “Abundant Love” - Jayne

Silent Reflection

Open Responses

Lenten prayer of confession:

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.
People: **We call upon you while you are near.**
Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.
People: **Forgive us for thinking we deserve special
treatment.
Lead us to radical inclusion.**
Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly
All: *and follow your way more faithfully.*

Sending Music

Sending Words

**Resource used: Leader Magazine Worship Resources, Winter
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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.

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine: MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. “Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,” says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today by visiting mcc.org/ukraine. Please send donation checks to: MCC PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501 or call toll-free at 1-888-563-4676.

We will have a Good Friday Service on Fri., April 15 at 7:00 pm. This service will include communion and footwashing. If you would like to participate in a 4 person Reader’s Theater or scripture reading, please let Jayne know.

We will have an Easter Sunday outdoor Sunrise Service at the Hunsberger farm, at 6:30 am followed by a breakfast. (687 E Campus Ave, Davidsville, PA.) Stay tuned for more details! We will also have our regular worship time at 10:30 am at the church.

Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir & Handbell Choir will be at Oakland United Methodist Church, 1504 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA on Sun., May 1st at 7:00 pm.

Ready for Summer? Summer Camp at Laurelville is coming beginning June 2–Aug 5, 2022. If you are a young person age 6-17 there is a week for you. The theme is “CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN: Reaching for Wholeness” based on Matthew 5:33-6:4. If you are interested see Joy Cotchen or Leah Rittenhouse for more information.

The new VOICES TOGETHER hymnals are in the pews! We have a few extra copies if you would like to purchase one to take home with you. They are \$25 each. Also, as you look at the older HYMNAL WORSHIP BOOK in your pew, if it is a bit ragged and worn, there are better copies to exchange it with on the front pew. We also have one large print VOICES TOGETHER available on the front pew. If we need more, let Jayne know.

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. The beginning of the year, with winter weather and lingering Covid concerns, has us **off to a slow start in our finances.**

Hopefully as we get out more and warmer weather comes, giving will increase. As always, you can give in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or mail your offering to the church or to Kathy Thomas (our new assistant treasurer). You can also give electronically on our website. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) This can easily be set up as a recurring offering, so you don't have to worry about finding the checkbook each week! However you give, know that the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without it!

Because of the decline in Covid 19 cases, CDC recommendations for masking have eased. Conemaugh Medical Center has also moved into "green" phase because of low covid numbers. Therefore, **Lay Leaders are recommending we make masking optional in our gatherings.** If you are immunocompromised or are protecting someone in your household, you may choose to continue masking, but we are no longer recommending this for everyone who has been vaccinated. Thanks for your patience and care for one another's health.

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

Joy Cotchen

Gus Barrett-Fox

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Rachel's sister and family