

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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February 17, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

**Theme: Journey Forward:
Witness To God's Peace**

Worship Leader: Pat Cotchen

Song Leader: Joy Cotchen

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: Micah 6:6-8

Prayer

Song

Confession and Assurance: Sung Response “Kyrie Eleison,” HWB 144

We confess, loving God,
that we have been quick to judge others but slow to forgive our neighbors,
let alone our enemies.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We have often engaged in division and strife
in our personal lives and among our churches.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We have accepted peace as not going to war
but have neglected to do justice for the poor and marginalized.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We, who are called a people of peace,
are in desperate need of your mercy and forgiveness.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

Assurance of Forgiveness: Philippians 4:7

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

Song

Scripture: Ephesians 2:14-17 (Shana Lichtenfels)

Message:

Confessing Our Faith (from Renewed Commitments for MC USA) congregation reads in unison

**We are called to extend God’s holistic peace,
proclaiming Christ’s redemption for the world
with our lives.**

**Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and
offers reconciliation.**

**We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting
violence and resisting injustice in all forms,
and in all places.**

Offering

Sending Song

Sending Words: Isaiah 55:12

- Greeters for February:** Curt & Shana Lichtenfels
- Bulletin Editor for February:** Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171
- Front Table Arrangement for February:** Shana Lichtenfels
- Church Sign for February:** Joy Cotchen
- Offering Holders for February:** Curt & Shana Lichtenfels
- St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for February:** Toilet Paper
- Offering:** 02/10/2019 - \$917.00 – Regular

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

- Mon., Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid’s Connection
- Wed., Feb 20, 5-7:00 p.m.** – Soup Night
- Sunday, Feb 24:** Mission offering for Service Adventure
- Sun., Mar. 3, 12:00 noon** –Annual Congregational Business Meeting
- Wed., Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m.** – Ash Wednesday Service
- Wednesday, Mar 13, 7:15 p.m.** – Spiritual Growth Group
- Sunday, Mar 17, 12:30 p.m.** – Rice and Beans meal

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Wed., Feb. 20 – Adam Cotchen; Thurs., Feb. 21 – Sharon Shetler

Jayne will be in the office this week on Tuesday and Friday, and will be off Monday and Wednesday. She is always available via cell in case of an emergency! (330-224-3944)

If you were not in worship on Jan 27, and missed out on the **project to make a wall art piece** as your way of committing to the life and work of Stahl Mennonite for the coming year, please be sure to see Jayne this morning to participate. You can work on it during our lunch discussion!

During the month of **February** our worships will focus on a series from MC USA entitled **“Journey Forward”**. This is an opportunity to reflect on who we are as a congregation, a denomination and where God might be leading us. Each of these four Sundays, our worship time will be followed by a meal and discussion opportunity. The meals will be fund raisers for the youth as they prepare to go to MCUSA Assembly in Kansas City this summer.

We are excited to be learning about the most **recent Service Adventure Unit through the month of February**. The list of needs given to us by Service Adventure on the bulletin board have all been taken, but we are looking for persons who would be willing to take a box of these supplies to the unit, hopefully having enough interest to offer one box/basket per week (for weeks 2, 3 and 4 of February). If you are interested in taking a supply box/basket to the Unit for one of the remaining weeks of February, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. You are also encouraged to reach out on your own through cards, invitations, phone calls, etc. to the Unit. In addition, we will collect a cash gift on Sunday, February 24 to benefit Service Adventure



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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.

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