

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**December 15, 2019**

**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:** Neil Lehman

**Song Leader:** Stahl Singers

**“What Are You Waiting For?”**

Third Sunday of Advent: Kept Waiting by Fear

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song - “God of grace” HWB 366**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

**Many: Asking, when will I start rejoicing that you are coming?**

**Will I trust your faithfulness to your creation?**

One: Can I be patient enough to trust in your time, instead of my own?

**All: God, what am I waiting for?**

**Prayer**

**Lighting the Advent Candle:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Song:** “Hope is a candle” (insert in back of HWB)

**Responsive Reading**



**Thurs., Dec. 26** - Jayne having knee replacement surgery  
**Wed., Jan 15, 7 p.m.** - Church Council  
**Sun., Feb 23** - Annual Congregational Business Meeting

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Fri., Dec. 20 – Sarah Barrett

**Jayne will attempt to be in the office this week on Wednesday and Friday.** She will be off on Monday and Tuesday. She is **always available** via phone (330-224-3944).

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 Sharon Shetler know!

It is that time of year again! By popular demand, the **Stahl Singers will be returning for Advent!** Any and all are welcome. You can join in all Sundays or any that you are available. We will be meeting at 10:00 am each Sunday before worship to practice. Please let Rachel Allen know of your interest and availability.

Come support the **Kid's Connection Christmas Program** and all the children who participate. They will be sharing some of what they are learning as well as their version of the Christmas Story tonight, Dec 15 at 6:00. Cookies and Ice Cream will be served after.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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