

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 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.

**Lent 2: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast:
God gathers us in safe shelter**

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Song Leaders: Stahl Singers

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: (based on Psalms 63 and 27)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

*People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary
land where there is no water.*

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation –
we shall not be afraid.

*People: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,
for we will see God's goodness.*

ALL: *O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.*

Prayer

Offering/Hymn

Extinguishing Candle

Song: "All this pain" – new song from *Voices Together*
(in back of HWB)

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

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35 – Arlene Moyer

Message: Yvette Madison

Response of Confession and Reconciliation:

Leader: (reading Psalm 27:7-9)

"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me
and answer me!

'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who
have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of
my salvation!"

Who will seek the Lord today?

Confessional Response: Floyd Lehman

I will call upon the Lord today.

Leader: We are all invited to the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

ALL: *Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our light and
salvation. When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.*

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us (pause), we seek your face.
When our souls hunger for your shelter (pause), we seek your face.

ALL: *In the morning and in the evening, we will seek
the face of our God*

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Sending Song

Benediction

Greeters for March: Bill & Jeanette Hunsberger

Bulletin Editor for March: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

Front Table Arrangement for March: Worship Committee

Church Sign for March: Joyce Telenko

Offering Holders for March: Jen Petro

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper

Offering: 03/10/2019 - \$1,870.00 – Regular

50.00 – Conference

\$1,920.00 = TOTAL

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

Mon., Mar. 18, 6:30 p.m. – Kid’s Connection
Wed., Mar. 20, 5-7:00 p.m. – Soup Night
Wed., Apr 3, 7:00 – Church Council
Sun., Apr. 7, 5:00 p.m. – Stahl's Annual Spring Banquet (see notes)
Wed., Apr 10, 7:15 – Spiritual Growth Group
Sun., April 14, 2:00 – Kids Connection Easter Egg Hunt
Mon., April 15, 7:00 – Hosting EMHS Choir program
Sat. & Sun., Sept. 28-29 – Church Retreat at Laurelville

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

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Monday, March 18 – Rachel & John Allen

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

Today, Sunday, March 17 we will offer opportunity to join Lahash and their work in East Africa by eating a simple lunch of rice and beans. You are encouraged to join us for lunch and give to Lahash the amount (or more if you choose) you would otherwise be spending on your normal lunch. In doing so we hope to simplify our own lives, stand in solidarity and share our abundance with others for whom even such a simple meal is extravagant.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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