

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 4, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: What is the Church and Why Does It Exist?
One Heart and Soul

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman **Music:** Rachel Allen

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Prayer

Music

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

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

Message: “Heart and Soul” – Jayne

Prayer of Confession:

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

Silent Prayers

God of mercy,

we come celebrating our unity,
but we confess the many ways
that we are divided.

Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status,
gender, age, and musical preferences
all too often obscure the common calling
we share in Christ's name.

May our common identity as your children
and our communal witness to Christ
bind us together in your name.

Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,
and remind us that we are your resurrection people.

— Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*

Sending Music

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for July: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

Church Sign for July: Chris Lehman

Front Table for July: Chris Lehman

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

Offering: 06/27/2021 – \$1,600.70 – Regular
160.00 – Missions
25.00 – Benevolence
\$1,785.70 = TOTAL

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

July Mission Offering – Mennonite Central Committee School Kits

Tues.–Sat., July 6-10 – MennoCon 21 (Cincinnati or virtual)

Wed., July 14 – Provide New Day Camp lunches

Wed., July 21 – Provide New Day Camp lunches

Fri.–Sun., Aug 6-8 – Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration
of Congregations (Laurelville or virtual)

Tues., Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m. – Lay Leaders

Wed., Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m. – Church Council

Sun., Aug. 29 – Church Picnic & Worship at Lehman Pavilion

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: ALL Friday, July 9th!! Donna Thomas, Lois Spory & Stephen Cotchen

Jayne will be participating in the MennoCon21 virtual gathering this week so office hours will be unpredictable. She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Please remember Mark Blasko with a card of encouragement. His address is: Cambria Care Center
429 Manor Dr.,
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Take note of the sign-up sheets for items for the New Day Lunches on the table in the foyer. We will assemble the first set of lunches on July 14. If you can help, let Sharon Shetler know.

URGENT NEED: Help MCC fill an urgent need for **school kits!** MCC school kits provide essential school supplies, like notebooks and pencils. School kits are often requested after disasters. They help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to leave their homes. We will collect school supplies during July. If you prefer to donate money, as our **July Mission Offering**, you can do so and supplies will be purchased or the donation sent to MCC. A list of supplies can be found on the table in the foyer.



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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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.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference will be a **Hybrid** gathering this year from August 6-8, 2021. You can choose either to attend in person at Laurelville or virtually via Zoom. Conference leadership continues to determine changes necessary due to COVID and the safety of others. We will be following the CDC guidelines that are current at the time of Celebration. Registration forms are available beside the church mailboxes. It's important that you register as early as possible because we are limited to the number of rooms we have reserved. Any questions, please contact the conference office at 814-443-2007 or office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org

COVID protocols are constantly changing around us. Because of the availability of vaccines and the protection they offer, the Lay Leaders recommend that **if you are vaccinated, you no longer will be asked to wear a mask during our worship services.** However, if you feel more comfortable keeping a mask on during some or all of your time here, that is quite acceptable and will be respected. We continue to ask that most visiting be done outdoors when weather allows. These have been very strange days and months for all of us, but your efforts have kept our infection spread very low within this congregation. Thanks so much for your patience and willingness to care for the safety and health of one another. We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety and comfort of you and your family.

Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated. To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. **We also have an option for electronic giving.** You can go to the link on our webpage at stahlmennonite.org. You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

A Memorial Service for Noah Yoder and Dorothy Yoder Shetler will be held on Saturday, July 10, 3:00 p.m. at the Kauffman Church.

TWO TRISTATE MINI SALES – It’s DOUBLE the FUN or should we say DOUBLE the FUNDS! As we were unable to plan on a relief sale being appropriate for July at McHenry, MD, there are two mini sales set to support MCC in a sisterly way! No, we are not in competition, we are all doing our part in our areas to support MCC however we can.

FIRST EVENT: On Saturday, July 17 there will be an auction to benefit Mennonite Central Committee at the Springs Mennonite Church starting at 11:00 a.m. offering quilts, crafts, artisan and other local items. BBQ chicken will be available for take-out at noon.

SECOND EVENT: A mini-sale to benefit Mennonite Central Committee will take place at Kaufman Mennonite, Friday & Saturday, August 13 & 14.

Friday, drop off pre-packaged baked goods that you are donating, (Contact patricialeverknight@gmail.com for information.) You can view Saturday auction items and participate in a silent auction from 6-7:30 p.m. Come out Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. to purchase baked goods and take part in a live charity auction. Chicken BBQ halves will be ready for pick-up at 11:00 a.m. Purchases and s must be paid by cash or check, made payable to TriState Relief Sale. Sorry, no credit cards. If you have a special item to donate for the auction, contact Yvonne Devers @ 814-421-9008.

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

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| Scott Hostetler | Linda Gindlesperger | Whitey Gindlesperger |
| Mark Blasko | Allan Thomas | Shelly Kerchner |
| Regina Regman | Gloria Zambanini | Traveling Mercies |
| Laurelville Summer Camps | Mark and Allison Bridgewater | |
| Deb’s bus passenger (Steven) – Mother’s death | | |
| Joy, Leah, Jayne, Sonya & Darden – all working at Laurelville Camp | | |

Where are traditions being called into question that challenge me to want to “set others straight”?

- We need to go by what the Bible says
- Need to reach out
- Dealing with racial issues
- Accepting everyone for who they are
- Peace position
- Learning to accept a wide range of people
- Accepting different styles of worship
- Other’s personalities
- Church service: online/in person
- The “church’s” use of faith/religion to accept/justify political views
- How we praise through singing
- Different people – it will be diverse
- Is the past linked to the present?
- Frustration that things don’t change fast enough
- The “old” traditional ways of Mennonite Church
- Accepting and celebrating the changing definition of a family