

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

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**March 4, 2018**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.**

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

Elementary Class (Ages 3 to Grade 6) – Basement Classroom

**MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.**

**Worship Leader:** Joy Cotchen

**Song Leaders:** Stahl Singers

**Theme: Lent 3 – Between Me & You & Working it Through**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Theme Song:** "Between Me & You" (insert in bulletin)

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come rule makers, rule breakers,

and you who are still finding your way.

Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with

wisecracks, you are made in the image of God.

Come into God's house.

Hear God's Word.

Prepare to meet your Maker and your match.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human

wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

**People: Some of us like certainty and structure.**

**Some of us don't.**

**We come by different roads, yet we are here together.**

**We want to know God, and to be known by God.**

**We are here to worship the Lord.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

We are here and Christ Jesus is here.

We join our hearts in worship.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering:** Walking Roots – "Prayer of Confession"

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns:** *God of Love, Hear Our Prayer*

**Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB #548 – "Teach me thy truth"

**Between Me & You**

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Message:** "Rules Are Made to Be ..." – Jayne Byler

**Song of Response:** STJ #52 – Jesus Help Us Live in Peace

**Body Prayer**

**Sending Song:** "I Will Bless You" (insert in back of hymnal)

**Benediction**

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**Greeters for March:** Dale & Donna Steitz

**Bulletin Editor for March:** Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

**Front Table Arrangement for March:** Worship Committee

**Church Sign for March:** Floyd Lehman

**Offering Holders for March:** Dale & Donna Steitz

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

**Offering:** 2/25/2018 – \$1,450.00 – Regular

174.00 – Honduras Mission Trip  
\$1,624.00 = TOTAL

\*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

**Tues., Mar. 6, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid’s Connection

**Wed., Mar. 7, 5:00 p.m.** – Soup Night

**Fri., Mar. 9, 4:00 p.m.** – Lay Leaders (rescheduled)

**Mon., Mar. 12 – Tues., Mar. 20** – Jayne will take vacation time

**Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council (rescheduled)

**Sat., Mar. 17** – Serve at Family Kitchen

**Tues., Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m.** – Kid's Connection Easter Egg Hunt

**Sun., April 1 – 8:30 a.m.** – Easter "Sonrise" Service

**9:30 a.m.** – Easter Breakfast (no Sunday School)

**10:30 a.m.** – Easter Worship Service

**Sun., Apr. 8** – Stahl's Annual Church Banquet (more info to follow)

**Sat., & Sun., May 5–6, 2018** – Church Retreat at Laurelville.

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

**Thanks to everyone** who attended and helped with yesterday’s hosting of Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Session. We could not have done it without all the helping hands!

**TODAY**, immediately after our worship service, we will have a meal provided as a Fundraiser for the group going to Honduras. Following the meal we will have our Annual Business Meeting.

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Sat., Mar. 10 – Emily Kaltreider

Anyone wishing to **purchase a flower** for the church's Easter service can contact Joyce Telenko by Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> either at church or by calling 479-7092. You can choose between lilies, hyacinths or tulips. The cost this year will be \$9.00.

**Service Adventure** members will be joining us the second and third Sundays of this month. Make sure you extend a warm welcome to them!

By popular demand, the **Stahl Singers** have been cordially invited to sing for worship during Lent. All are welcome to join us for one, two or all the Sundays of Lent which began Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

**Focus Statement:** We are in relationship with a God whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We need relational guidelines to guide the *between*, although rigidly adhering to rules has the potential to come in between. How might we seek God each day and tend to the space between (for example, between relationship), rather than focus solely on the rules?

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.

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

**Simplicity, Solidarity, and Sharing** are the ways we will connect with our friends in East Africa through the month of March by contributing to the organization, Lahash. Lahash works to improve food security for the vulnerable by providing supplemental nutrition, funding sustainable food projects, and offering emergency food assistance in times of crisis in that region. Choose one aspect or choose all three through the month of March and contribute your offering during our Missions offering on March 25. We are offering a rice and beans meal, for anyone who chooses to participate, each Monday through the month of March. If you would like to host a meal on one of those Mondays, contact Jeanette. Each host can choose to either prepare a meal of plain rice and plain beans or have those who are attending bring their own contribution to combine and share. Let Jeanette know your preference and we can plan for either method.

Our **Rice and Beans Hosts** are as follows:

Mon., March 5 – Bill & Jeannette Hunsberger

Mon., March 12 – Service Adventure

Mon., March 19 – Arlene Moser

Mon., March 26 – Open

If you would like to host, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Thank you for your generous support** for the trip to Honduras and supporting Jacob and his work. We will continue to offer soup for you to grab for a quick Sunday lunch. If you purchase soup in a canning jar, please bring the jar, lid and band back to the church to be used again.

**Next Sunday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.** – Thomas Mennonite Church invites you to "Come & Sing". We will be singing Hymns, Contemporary, Choruses and Kid's Songs.

**Please notice:** There are two updates to make to your church directories. The first one is Jayne's new address: 190 Neil St., Johnstown, PA 15904. The second one is Ron Telenko's cell phone number: (814) 233-2181. Also, if anyone is interested in an electronic

copy of the **Church Directory**, please let Jayne know and she will send one to you!

## **NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)**

**To all crafters or receivers of handiwork ...** I am looking for a knitted or crocheted scarf to be used for Sunday Morning worship. If anyone has one you made, or that someone has made for you, could you please bring it along with you to church? Thanks! Jayne

**Please Notice:** The March 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt at Greenhouse Park that was to be sponsored by the CTAM, has been postponed until April of 2019. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused for your congregations. We hope that you will decide to join us next year!

**Song leaders needed** all of April after Easter. Please let Rachel know if you can help in any way!

**JCS OPEN HOUSE:** How you educate your children is one of the most important decisions you will make as parents. Johnstown Christian School provides students Preschool through Grade 12 with a quality Christ-centered education. You are invited to our annual Open House on Thursday, March 15 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about Christian Education and Johnstown Christian School is welcome to attend. Stop by and tour the building, meet our teachers and see us in action. Come see why JCS is worth the investment!

**Everence®** will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 2 and 8 p.m. (EDT). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement *savings* into retirement *income* and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit [everence.com/retirementincome](http://everence.com/retirementincome) or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com)

\*\*\*\*\*PRAYER REQUESTS\*\*\*\*\*

Benny Perry

Brian Thomas

Shaun Smith

Deb & Dan Gates

Cassi Lambert

Rachel Allen

Pat Cotchen

Dave Miller

Saffron & Ruby

Jacob Horsley

Jen Rys

Jen & Jimmy Yoder

2 Unspoken Requests

Warren Fieg

School Violence