

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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August 19, 2018

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: Bill Hunsberger

Song Leader: Wayne Wyar

PRACTICING FAITH: Making Room by Fasting
Gathering Before God

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus is the bread of life.

Come to him and never be hungry.

Believe in him and never be thirsty.

People: We won't work hard for food that spoils.

We'll strive for food that lasts eternally.

Leader: The bread of God gives life to the world.

People: Give us this bread always.

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Prayer

Praising God

OT Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9b

Song of Praise

Offering to God

Sharing Our Finances

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Petition and Gratitude

Song

Listening for God

Scripture: John 6:27-35 – Carol McKool

Message: "Hard and Fast" – Jayne

Response

Going with God

Song

Sending Blessing:

Leader: This is the fast that God chooses:

People: to undo the chains of injustice,

Leader: to break down systems of oppression,

People: to give away our bread to the hungry,

Leader: to make room for the homeless,

People: to let go of the divisions between us and our neighbors.

Leader: God will guide us continually and satisfy our needs in parched places.

People: We will be like a watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Greeters for August: Rod & Cindy Lehman

Bulletin Editor for August: Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

Front Table Arrangement for August: Martha Lehman

Church Sign for August: Neil & Ellen Lehman

Offering Holders for August: Dale & Donna Steitz

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

Offering: 8/12/2018 - \$2,373.00 = Regular

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

Sun., Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Worship and picnic at Lehman Pavilion

Wednesday, Aug 29, 4:00 p.m. – Lay Leaders

Friday, Sep. 28, 9:30 a.m. – Worship Committee

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

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, August 19 – Maggie Smith

TONIGHT, Sun., Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. – It's that time of year again! The new Service Adventure Unit has arrived and the dedication service is planned to be at Crossroads Community Church. Please come out for this service and fellowship time to meet this year's unit. Participants this year are David Aberle, Kendrick Eastman and Kim Hoffmann. Leaders are Eric & Julie Yoder with their children Dane, Heath and Claire.

To help the Barrett/Ross family in their **frequent trips to Pittsburgh**, you may designate an offering amount to go into the Benevolence Fund, which will go toward their expenses.

The **Conemaugh Township Area Ministries Annual Picnic and Fellowship** will be held on Friday, August 24, 2018 at Davidsville Community Church. The meal will be catered and will be served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the picnic are \$10 per person, available from Jayne by Aug. 20th. Please plan on joining for an evening of good food and fun fellowship with others from our Community of Churches. Entertainment will be provided by "Ken Fetterman". If

you need more information, please contact Nancy Gindlesperger at 814-479-7458. Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Next Sunday, Aug. 26 - We will have an outdoor worship beginning 10:30 a.m. at the Lehman Pavilion with a picnic potluck following (no Sunday school). Please bring a main dish and salad or dessert to share.



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Focus Statement: Faithful fasting makes room for God's kingdom to come.

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.

August's Mission efforts will go toward MCC School Kits. You can contribute in several ways. In the desk in the foyer are several completed bags. Feel free to grab a bag and fill it with the items needed for each kit and bring your filled bag back to the desk. There will be more empty bags each week to take and fill. A box will be available if you choose to buy items without filling a bag. An offering will be taken August 26 to contribute to MCC's cost of shipping the school kits.

Pittsburgh Mennonite Church will be having its fall retreat in September at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. It takes place Fri.-Sun., Sept. 7-9. They are looking for anyone willing to help with childcare during that time. They will need four adults (18 or over) with up-to-date clearances, and experience. There will be two groups: ages 2-4 and 5-7. The pay is \$12-14 per hour depending on age and experience. The times needed are: Sat, Sept. 8th, 9 a.m.-12:00 noon; 1-3:00 p.m.; and Sun., Sept. 9th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please let my Caren Swanson know if you are interested. Her email address is: carenlbswanson@gmail.com

Sunday, September 9th, 2–5:00 p.m. - Open House will be held at Stahl Mennonite Church celebrating Glenn & Martha Lehman's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Join us for hors d'oeuvres and desserts. No gifts please.

Spuds of Faith grows potatoes each year for local food pantries. Would you be able to help pick and bag them? The picking date is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the Laurel Vista Farm, [1665 Coxes Creek Rd., Somerset, PA](#). If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelle Mock at 814-242-5829 for more information.

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Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

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

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Riley Allen

Linda Gindlesperger
James (Devin's friend)

Ruby Barrett-Ross
Carol Horner

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Our Country	Beth (Deb's friend)	Deb & Dan Gates
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