

**WELCOME TO  
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**September 30, 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:** Sharon Shetler

**Song Leader:** Rachel Allen

**Core Value #2: Community is the center of our life**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

**Offering**

**Sharing our joys and concerns:** *“God of Love, Hear our Prayer”*

**Singing**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:44-47 (Bernie Lehman)

**Message:** “Community is the Center of Our Life” – Jayne

**Congregational Commitment to Community: *(read in unison)***

May the God who is community  
be with us as we seek to be a community

May God bless our dreams  
and may God shatter our dreams

May God help us to be real  
and to find depth in weakness and brokenness

May God help us to face and grow through conflict  
rather than pretend by being nice

May we look at each other through soft eyes  
and truly respect each other as human beings

May God help us let go of control  
and the need to fix one another

May God help us discover we are needy in our own souls  
and give attention to our own hearts

May God grant us the gift of an extraordinary love  
that flows from the heart of God.

**Song of response**

**Sending song**

**Benediction** – HWB 774

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**Greeters for October:** Neil & Ellen Lehman

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

**Front Table Arrangement for October:** Shana Lichtenfels

**Church Sign for October:** Rod & Cindy Lehman

**Offering Holders for October:** Neil & Ellen Lehman

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

**Offering:** 09/23/2018 - \$646.00



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

**Monday, Oct 1, 6:30-7:30:** Kid's Connection begins

**Wednesday, Oct 3, 7:00** – Church Council

**Sunday, Oct 7:** World Communion Sunday

**Wednesday, Oct 10, 5-7:** Soup Night

**Wednesday, Oct 10, 7:15:** Spiritual Growth Group

**Sunday, Oct 14:** Scottdale Mennonite Church joining us for worship and potluck meal

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Mon. Oct. 1 – Cole Telenko

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Mon., Oct. 1 –Dale & Donna Steitz; Fri. Oct. 5 – Floyd & Chris Lehman

The **flowers** on the front table are shared by the family of Chris and Floyd Lehman in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, October 5.

Yay, **Soup Night** will be returning on Oct 10! Let Joy know if you will be preparing soup to share.

Next Sunday, October 7, is **World Communion Sunday**. We will have opportunity to share in communion and foot washing as part of our service.

On October 14 **Scottdale Mennonite Church** will join us for a worship of music and singing. We will have a potluck meal after. Please bring a main dish and a dessert or salad. (Remember to bring extra for our guests!)



# STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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.

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