WELCOME TO

STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 1, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M

Theme: Parables of Peace: A Mustard Seed

Worship Leader: Curt Lichenfels
Music: Stahl Musicians

Opening Music: "I Will Give You Rest" The Soil and the Seed, Matthew

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

God of truth and justice
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace,
and all who yearn for justice.
(light Peace Lamp and pause for reflection)
Help us, to work for a better tomorrow;
and as we honor the past,
may we put our faith in your future. Amen.
~ posted on the Third Space website.

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship:

Called to be branches in Christ's body,
we yearn to be connected to the vine.
Called to be mustard bushes
offering shade to God's creatures,
we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.
Called to be growing with God
in the midst of this world's painful questions,
we seek God's nurturing presence.
— written by Katherine Hawker

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Prayer

Singing

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32

Pondering the Text:

When has something small in your life had a big impact?
How can a small church make a big difference in the world?

Message: "No Small Thing" – Jayne

Response: Lighting Candles of Remembrance

"Mustard Seeds" by Brandon Lake Style
"All Hallows Blessing" by Jan Richardson

Sending Song

Sending Words

*** If you would like to have a prayer request included in this Prayer, Prayer Cards are available at the ends of your pews. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the Gathering Songs. There will also be opportunity to share using the mic.*

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Bulletin Editor for November: Shana Lichtenfels – 814-242-2097

Church Sign for November: Joy Cotchen

Front Table for November: Donna Steitz

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

Offering: 10/25/2026 – $4,463.70 – General Fund
325.00 – Nepal Response
$4,788.70 = TOTAL

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

November Mission Offering: Keystone Family Alliance
Sun., Nov. 1, 6:30 pm: Peace Prayer Vigil
Wed., Nov. 4, 4:30-6:30 pm: Soup Night
Wed., Nov. 4, 6:30 pm: Church Council
Sun., Nov. 15, 9:00 am: Congregational Discussion
Tue., Dec 1, 4:30: Lay Leaders

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

Wish the following a **Happy Birthday** today or by sending them a card this week: Thursday, Nov. 5 – Adeline Cotchen and Michael Mock

Jayne will be in Cleveland Wed-Sun helping her son who will be having nasal surgery. She is still available via phone or email. If you would like to meet with her or contact her, then or any other time, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com**.**

Our November Mission Offering will be for Keystone Family Alliance which aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children. They work to bridge the gap between the desperate needs in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. By engineering wraparound Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger.

Soup night has resumed every Wednesday evening through December 9 (excluding Thanksgiving week). Supper will be served from 4:30-6:30 pm in the church basement. If you plan on making soup, please let Joy know by **Monday** of each week.

We will have a Peace Prayer Vigil open to the community this evening, Sun, Nov 1 at 6:30. This will be an opportunity to gather and share concerns for the unrest and violence in the world and here in our nation.

We would like to encourage our youngest attenders to feel free to participate in worship through sharing time or if you would like to read scripture, please let Jayne know.

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Hearing assistance headphones and a large print hymnal are available at the back of the sanctuary.

This November, Allegheny Miscellany will publish its 100th edition. To celebrate we invite you to submit 100 words or fewer answering the question: What does Allegheny Mennonite Conference mean to you? We hope to feature reflections from across the conference, highlighting the many ways AMC has nurtured faith, fostered relationships, and connected our congregations. Please send your response by Wednesday, October 28, 2026, to office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org

Don't forget about the **Activity Table located in the back of the sanctuary, just under the nursery windows.** Perhaps you could create something to represent the scripture for the day. There are supplies there for children as well as other creative folks to use to help engage the morning worship with paper, color, or other art supplies. Anyone of any age is welcome to see what is there to enhance your worship. Please return any unused supplies to the table after worship ends.

We are now into fall and the last months of our budget. We hope to end this year in the black. Your contributions are needed to make this happen. **Thank you for the generous giving that continues to keep the congregation strong.** As always, you can give in the offering plate in the back or mail in your offering to the church address. Electronic giving has proven to be a helpful way to continue regular offerings, even if you are unable to be here in person. This gives you the opportunity to make your gift recurring. See our website, Stahlmennonite.org to get started if you haven't used this yet. (Remember that you can cover the cost of processing the donation as well.)

Summer is winding down and fall weather is upon us. Flu, Covid and other viruses will soon flourish in the closed spaces of fall and winter. Because these are unpredictable viruses, if you feel more comfortable masking to avoid possible exposure or to avoid sharing any virus, please feel free to do so. We can all support one another in our efforts to remain healthy.

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

Ruby Barrett-Ross	Rhonda Baldwin	Sarah Barrett
Amanda Steitz	Paul (Michelle Novak's son)	Pat Cotchen
Shannon Hathaway	Cameron Marshall	Dan Gates
Ruth Thomas	Carol McKool	Carrie Walbeck
Libby (Pat's friend)	Heather Vitko	Ellen Lehman

Raine's sister – Moving back to New Jersey