Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection January 2, 2019

There will be a **Pizza Dinner for Good News Club and Youth Group** families tonight (Wednesday) at 5:45 p.m. **Good News Club and Youth Group** will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Looking forward to Sunday morning: There are many things that pull us physically away from times of gathered worship. Often those things are good things. But what happens when the church gets sidelined due to packed schedules? Lord willing, Pastor David will be speaking on this topic this Sunday.

2019 Leadership Nominees: The following individuals have been asked to serve SCMC through various leadership and commission positions. Prayerfully consider affirming these nominees presented. The affirmation process will take place this Sunday, January 6.

Board of Elders – Joel Mohler, Randy Willard; Church Council – Bobby Kempf, Danette Walters; Fellowship Commission – Jim Brunstetter, Shirley Ferreri, Doris Meehan, Rose Szabo; Finance Commission – Robert Bergey, Naphtali Walters (Treasurer); Outreach Commission – Wayne Matthews, Lydia Mohler, Kelly Schoch; Technology Commission – Marc Newcomer; Trustee Commission – Tom Reppert; Worship Commission – Becky Thatcher. We are grateful to each one who has consented to serve the congregation in these ways.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower** for **Becca Loar** this **Sunday**, **January 6**, following Sunday School. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. Please bless Becca with diapers or books (she already has Dr. Seuss), and she is registered at Amazon. All ladies are invited to attend.

New Bible Reading Guide - For 2019, we are going to use the "**5 Day Bible Reading Program**" to read through the Bible together. This year's plan will have you read passages of scripture for 5 days each week. This way, you have two days to catch up if needed or go back and look deeper at a passage which spoke to you. The weekly schedule will be included in the weekly bulletin as well as the Wednesday Mid-Week Connection.

SOAP Bible Study will meet this Sunday evening, January 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 13, and will be giving the children and adults the opportunity to Present their Coins for Penny Power through Mennonite Central Committee. Remember to bring your coins!

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held **Sunday**, **January 13**. The theme will be vegetarian foods due to the fasting in January. Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert.

January 11 - 31: Our season of Prayer and Fasting. Prayerfully ask God how you should participate in this year's call to prayer and fasting. You may need to break a bondage. You may need a spiritual revival. You may need a breakthrough. You may need a miracle. All these are byproducts of prayer and fasting.

It is that time of year where weather related cancelations or delays may be necessary to communicate. Any cancelations or delays will be announced no later than 1 hour prior to the event. The first person to respond to this e-mail will receive a five-dollar Wawa gift card. For example, any changes to our Sunday morning service will be announced not later than 7:30 a.m. since the worship team meets at 8:30 a.m. Cancelations and delays will be shared via email, the SCMC app and on WFMZ TV69.

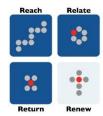
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 2: - Genesis 16-18; Mark 6; - Genesis 19-20; Psalm 1; Mark 7; - Genesis 21-23; Psalm 107; Mark 8; - Genesis 24-25; Psalm 4; Mark 9; - Genesis 26-27; Mark 10.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Becky Brooks, Autumn Willard: Worship Team Leader, Sandy Faust; Children's Message, Tara Willard.

Please Pray For... Phillip & Betsy Rhodes Fisher, as they serve in Morocco; Bart & Jessica Tossenou, and their work in China; Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad, serving in Lebanon; Rolando & Andrea Zelaya serving in Spain, Jessica Bergey serving in India; Those in authority over us (government leaders); Samantha Feenstra, Tom & Shirley Ferreri, and Juan & Jenny Forero.

REACH those far from God **RELATE** to those near to God



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