Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection January 4, 2017

Good News Club, Ignite and Connect will all meet tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

The Men's Bible Study will meet tomorrow evening (Thursday), at 8:30 p.m.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be this coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share

There will be an Elder's Meeting on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Church Council will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

UPDATE Call to Prayer and Fasting - Pastor David is calling upon the congregation to enter a 21 day season of prayer and fasting. We will begin fasting on January 9, 2017, and conclude with eating breakfast on January 30, 2017. The focus of our prayer and fasting will be spiritual revival and spiritual harvest. The preferred method of fasting will be the "Daniel Fast", which is primarily fruits and vegetables. However, if you can not restrict your diet due to medicines, pregnancies or other issues, consider fasting from something other than food. This could be television, social media, or something else you identify that hinders your prayer life. ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE FASTING. As you prayerfully consider fasting, ask God what the focus of your individual fast might be and how long God wants you to fast.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 15, 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 **Youth Group will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, January 21,** for their Missions Trip to the Appalachia area of Tennessee this summer. Starting this Sunday, tickets will be on sale in the foyer. There are three time slots available for your meal, 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 6-12; and children ages 5 and under are free.

We will be taking pictures for a new Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory on January 26, 27 & 28. As always, for participating, you get a free 8x10 portrait of your choice. If you decide to order additional portraits you will receive 20% off your order. Please check out the table in the foyer for more information and coupons. If you would like to schedule your appointment online please go to:

<u>https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/steelcitymennonitechurch/index.php?page=10</u> and follow the simple stepby-step instructions. We also have a sign-up sheet in the foyer, if you do not have access to a computer. (The online website will be disabled on Sundays to prevent double booking of a time slot.) We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

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 Let's Read the Bible Together Plan: January 8, Luke 15-16, Daniel 7-8; January 9, Luke 17-18, Daniel 9; January 10, Luke 19-20, Daniel 10; January 11, Luke 21-22, Daniel 11; January 12, Luke 23-24, Daniel 12, Genesis 1; January 13, Acts 1-2, Genesis 2-3; January 14, Acts 3-4, Genesis 4-5.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Lydia Mohler, Naphtali Walters (Alt.), Rachael Litke; Greeter, Anita McSloy; Worship Team Leader, Robert Bergey; Ushers, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman, Tim Walters; Children's Message, None.

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; Jess Bergey, as she serves with Youth With a Mission (YWAM); Bart & Jessica Tossenou, Mary Ann Transue and Jim & Cathy Troxell.