

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
January 13, 2021

We are at the midpoint of this year's **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. Fasting focuses our attention on our relationship with God and off of the temporal satisfactions of the world. As a follower of Jesus, we want to have an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. Don't give up! You are so close to seeing your breakthrough and blessing.

We are in need of a **Sunday School Teacher for the Senior High class**. Please contact Tara if you can serve in this way.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m.

The **Congregational Business Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, during the Sunday School hour.

Sunday Evening Bible Study returns Sunday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the SCMC Chapel. (Our format will be the same as it was when we met at the Hellertown Diner.)

Small Group Book Study begins on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. The book we will be studying is "The Spirit of Python" by Jentzen Franklin.

For both the **Sunday Evening Bible Study and the Small Group Book Study**, you can join in-person or through a Zoom link that will be available to you at the end of January. When meeting in-person, please wear a face mask.

Book Study book information:

The Spirit of Python: Exposing Satan's Plan to Squeeze the Life Out of You by Jentzen Franklin

Break free from this subtle destroyer and reclaim a life of passion and purpose.

Pythons have an interesting way of killing their prey. They constrict it until it can no longer breathe, literally suffocating the life out of it. In the spirit realm Satan often works in the same way, slowly slithering his way into our lives, attempting to choke the very life out of us.

The python spirit can squeeze the joy out of your worship and prayers. It can pressure you to keep quiet when God wants you to speak up. And it can steal the peace of knowing that you belong to God. But there is a way to defeat him. You don't have to become his prey.

The Spirit of Python helps you understand the strategies of this subtle destroyer, how he works, how to detect him, and how to break his hold from your life. You can learn to:

Recognize the early warning signs that you are under attack
Find the ways you may have unknowingly given him access into your home
Bring God's deliverance and restoration into every area of your life

We are in the middle of an unseen spiritual war. God wants to break the coils of the serpent off of your life. He wants to help you breathe again.

Available from Amazon in both paper and electronic editions

From the Elders:

We are privileged to walk alongside you in Christian Fellowship at SCMC. Our local body is a special family in the bigger family of God. Our goal as an Elder group is to help each person grow in their walk with God and in their fellowship with others in the church. Together we are stronger!

One of the responsibilities of the Elder Board at our church is to care for the members of the church. To help us carry out our goal of staying in touch with each one in the church, we have assigned an Elder couple to everyone in the church. The assignment groups are posted in the Chapel.

We are looking for 3 people to serve hoagies on January 27 at Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (Christ UCC Church, 75 E. Market St. Bethlehem). **As we have partnered with them in the past, we have chosen dates this winter (Jan. 27, Feb. 17, and March 31)** to provide dinner and a light breakfast that you can take with you that staff can serve the next morning.

If anyone would like to contribute money to help in the purchasing of the meals, please put in offering and mark it BES Dinners or you can contribute online through Pushpay.

Please see the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up for an available slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem1>

Tara is looking for donations of Pop-Tarts (16 ct. boxes), orange juice or apple juice bottles, fruit cups, applesauce cups, granola bars etc. to assemble breakfast bags. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Tara Willard.

Any weather-related delays and/or cancelations affecting **SCMC worship services or events** will be posted on the SCMC Facebook page, WFMZ-channel 69 and emailed out. Decisions to delay or cancel will be made not later than one hour prior to gathering.

Our devotional booklets, "**The Upper Room**" and "**Our Daily Bread**," are available upon request. Due to COVID-19 precautions, they cannot be placed out for self-pick-up.

Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan: **January 14** – Day of Reflection; **January 15** – Genesis 37-39, Psalm 13; **January 16** – Genesis 40-42, Psalm 14; **January 17** – Genesis 43-46, Psalm 15; **January 18** – Genesis 47-50, Psalm 16; **January 19** – Mark 1-3, Psalm 17; **January 20** – Mark 4-6, Psalm 18:1-24.

Church Elders: Bill Litke, Joel Mohler, Scott Richards, Bob Walters, Randy Willard.

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Lauren Young, Carl & Carol Ziegler, and Carli Ziegler.**

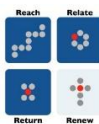
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Budget YTD: \$11,058.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Reuben Kochsmeier – January 13; Hunter Litke – January 13; Jenny Forero – January 16; Rachael Litke – January 16; Jared Rohn – January 17; Roger Malitzki – January 18; Rhonda McMahon – January 19.

Happy Anniversary Wishes To: Tom & Shirley Ferreri – January 13.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within