

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
January 17, 2018

Fasting Encouragement - For those of you participating in the Daniel Fast, you are at the halfway point. Do not get discouraged! You can see this all the way to the end of the 21 days. Use your hunger pains as a reminder to pray for the things God puts on your heart. The 21-day Daniel Fast is taken from Daniel 10:2 and following rather than Daniel 1. You are encouraged to read Daniel 10 to see again the breakthrough that came to Daniel.

James Buniak will be at the church for Sound board training and to look at a few issues that need to be resolved. He will be there this Saturday, January 20, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anybody interested or think they're interested in learning sound can participate.

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 a Dominican Republic Missions Fundraiser following the fellowship meal this Sunday. A postcard is in everyone's mailbox. Please fill out and return to Tara Willard if you would be willing to provide a meal or activity either in your home or in the community. These items will then be auctioned off following the meal. The winning bidder will coordinate with the person offering the meal to arrange a date. This is a great way to raise money for our missions trip and fellowship with your church family!

2018 Leadership Nominees: The following individuals are presented to the congregation for affirmation on January 28: Board of Elders - Bill Litke; Church Council - Rachel Feenstra, Ryan Walters; Evangelism Commission - Andrew Brooks, Ron Faust, Lydia Lesser, Bill Litke; Fellowship Commission - Janet Heft; Finance Commission - Wes Loar; Eric Schoch; Trustee Commission - Jeremy Lesser, Lee Walters; Worship Commission - Toni Cressman, Rachel Feenstra. We are grateful to each one who has consented to serve the congregation in these ways.

The **Congregational Business Meeting** will be held during the Sunday School time on January 28. The agenda includes accepting the 2017 Financial Report, adopting the 2018 SCMC Budget, ratifying changes to our Constitution and By-laws and affirmation of the 2018 leadership nominees.

Proposed Changes to the SCMC Constitution and By-laws are presented for your consideration via an attachment to this email and will be brought for ratification on January 28 during the business meeting. There will be a few printed copies by the church mailboxes if you don't receive email or would prefer a paper copy. Changes are noted by strikethrough text followed by the replacement text in bold CAPS. If you have any questions about these proposed changes please speak with Rob Ibach, Council Chair or Pastor David.

Food Pantry - You may have noticed our food pantry shelves are looking a bit bare. If you have non-perishable food items that you would like to bring to restock, that would be much appreciated. Please be aware of expiration dates. Our food pantry shelves are there for anyone to use.

Our **January Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at the Golden Corral, 900 Lehigh Valley Mall Drive, in Whitehall. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or on the SCMC app if you would like to attend.

India 2018 - February 4 - 16, 2018, Pastor David, Andrew Brooks and Bill Litke will be sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in Andhra Pradesh, India. Please begin praying NOW for God's Spirit to use them mightily in India. Pray also for all the details to come together in the next weeks.

Vision Statement:

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone, everyday, everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Mission Statement:

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.

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: January 21, Matthew 21; January 22, Matthew 22; January 23, Matthew 23; January 24, Matthew 24; January 25, Matthew 25; January 26, Matthew 26; January 27, Matthew 27.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Lisa Walters, Kylie Schmidt; **Greeter**, Andrew & Becky Brooks; **Worship Team Leader**, Sandy Faust; **Ushers**, Greg Feenstra, Bobby Kempf, Scott Richards; **Children's Message**, Sue Reed.

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; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Bob Walters** who will be sharing the message this coming Sunday; **Jason & Jaime Lesser, Jeremy & Lydia Lesser and Rachel Lesser**.