

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
January 20, 2021

Youth Group will be meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

Our season of **Prayer and Fasting** will be ending on Monday morning. 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.

The Finance Commission will be meeting on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Caring Fund Offering will be received the weekend of January 30-31. As you give toward this special 5th Sunday offering, please clearly note "Caring Fund" on your contribution.

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

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 cancellations 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 21 – Day of Reflection; **January 22** – Mark 7-9, Psalm 18:25-50; **January 23** – Mark 10-12, Psalm 19; **January 24** – Mark 13-16, Psalm 20; **January 25** – Exodus 1-4, Psalm 21; **January 26** – Exodus 5-8, Psalm 22:1-11; **January 27** – Exodus 9-11, Psalm 22:12-31.

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

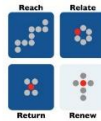
Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Bob & Mary Jane Bergey, Jessica Bergey, and Robert & Beth Bergey.**

Offering YTD: \$15,732.00

Budget YTD: \$16,587.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Deanna Olsen – January 20; Jordan Smith – January 23; Alex Mohler – January 25.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within