Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection January 30, 2019

All evening activities are canceled for tonight (Wednesday).

The **21 Day Call to Prayer and Fasting** is quickly coming to an end. It has been a time of pressing into the presence of God to develop a greater intimacy with Him. This Sunday morning, there will be an opportunity for you to share testimonies about God meeting you during this season. Your sharing publicly acknowledges God's favor, your gratitude and a desire to encourage each other. Consider writing a few notes to help keep your thoughts together.

Announcing SCMC Small Groups! Starting in mid-February, we will offer 3 different groups. Our Small Groups will help you renew a right spirit within and relate to each other in meaningful, caring ways. Our Small Groups will intentionally reserve a place for friends that would join you for a study, but find church overwhelming. Childcare will be a decision of the group. Consider these options and save your space by visiting "Registrations" on the SCMC app or by emailing Sheryl Richards at scmcsecretary@aol.com.

"Love Does" by Bob Goff - led by Greg and Rachel Feenstra (Friday evenings/bi-monthly starting February 15)

"Hinds Feet for High Places" by Hannah Hurnard - led by Lydia Mohler (women - Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings based on majority preference/bi-monthly). This book is a beautiful allegory dramatizing the yearning of God's children to be led to new heights of love, joy, and victory.

Bible character study of Joseph - led by Katrina and Jon Schmidt (Monday or Wednesday evening based on majority preference/bi-monthly)

SCMC held its first **Congregational Business Meeting** of 2019 this past Sunday. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this Midweek.

Pastor Gus Al-Khal from Everlasting Life Ministries has a need for a group of 6 people to prepare a lunch on a Thursday. These lunches serve low income and homeless people over age 50 in center city Allentown. He has openings on the 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month. You would bring the food and prepare in their kitchen. Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. for up to 100 people. And then you just need to clean up the kitchen when finished. Everlasting Life Ministries receives no government funding because they share the message of Jesus with the people whenever they give out food. If there is anyone interested in being a part of even one Thursday, please let Tara Willard know and she will put you in touch with the right people.

The **Outreach Commission** will be meeting this coming Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

This coming Sunday evening, February 3, the Super Bowl will be played in Atlanta, GA. Those of us not traveling to the live event will have the privilege of watching via television here at church. Let's make it a party! Join us for an evening of football, table games and food. Bring snack type food to share and if you want, table games to play. Plan on arriving at 6:15 p.m. as kick off is at 6:30 p.m.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held on Sunday, February 10. The theme will be soup, sandwiches and salad. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

Attention Ladies! All women are invited to the SCMC annual Women's Weekend on April 26 - 28 at the Bergey cabin in Tunkhannock, PA. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun and inspiring weekend! More information will be coming soon.

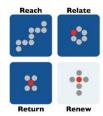
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 6: - Exodus 16-18; Ephesians 4; - Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5; - Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Ephesians 6; - Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1; - Exodus 28-31; Philippians 2.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Lydia Mohler, Alyssa Richards; Worship Team Leader, Sandy Faust; Children's Message, Kelly Schoch.

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; Those in authority over us (government leaders); Dave & Pat Kutzura, Phil & Lena Lakier, and Harold & Bertha Lehman.

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



RETURN blessing as blessed **RENEW** a right spirit within