Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection March 11, 2020

Concerning Coronavirus: SCMC is committed to taking a balanced approached to the Coronavirus by doing what we can to mitigate its spread. For example, disinfecting nursery area, providing hand sanitizer and promoting other common-sense approaches to illness. If it becomes necessary to take more dramatic steps, those will be put in place. In light of the Coronavirus "outbreak", **you are encouraged to pray** as follows: Opportunities to instill faith rather than fear.

Remember third-world countries whose people will be more severely affected by an outbreak.

Protection from the virus especially for the elderly.

YouVersion Bible App - You are encouraged to download and use the YouVersion Bible app on your smartphone or tablet. There are many wonderful features that aid your prayer and devotional life.

Saturday Night Alive gathers every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. for one hour of worship and teaching from scripture.

Discovery Bible Study meets Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet room of the Hellertown Diner.

Our Sister Church Line Lexington, is having a Hymn Sing on Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

The **Good News Club and Youth Group Dinner** on Wednesday, March 18, will be Chicken Noodle Soup. Please RSVP through the SCMC App or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Good News Club and Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

The **March Lunch Bunch** will be held on March 25 at <u>11:00 a.m.</u> (note the earlier time) at **The Hampton Winds Restaurant**. The Hampton Winds Restaurant is the training ground for Northampton Community College's highly-regarded Culinary Arts program. The restaurant is located at Northampton Community College, 3835 Greenpond Rd., Bethlehem. <u>Please sign up on the SCMC app or in the foyer by **March 15**.</u>

Whether you are the hostess with the mostess, or the best guest, SCMC has an opportunity for you! **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** is coming Sunday March 29, at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to host (along with the number you can host), or be a guest (along with the number attending) and you will be matched up for a fun night of dinner and conversation! The guests will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert. SSSHHH....it will be a surprise who will be attending. <u>Please sign up no later than March 22.</u>

The **Youth Group** is having a **Hoagie Fundraiser** for their missions trip this summer. Hoagies will be available for pick up at the church on Wednesday, April 1, starting at 11:00 a.m. They must be picked up by 8:00 p.m. Hoagies cost \$5.00 each. <u>Please place your order and pay by</u> <u>Sunday, March 22</u>. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Holy Week Services - Maundy Thursday Service, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday Night Alive Easter Celebration, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.; Sunrise Service, April 12 at 7:00 a.m. and Resurrection Service, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. Please put these dates in your personal calendar and plan on attending.

Bethlehem Christian School will be having their annual **Auction & Gala** on Friday, April 17, 2020, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at Lehigh Valley Hotel/Best Western in Bethlehem, PA. Don't miss out on this special evening with featured speaker, Darryl Strawberry. The evening includes a silent and live auction, hors d'oeuvres and dinner, and a VIP meet and greet for event sponsors. You can purchase tickets at <u>www.bethlehemchristianschool.org</u>.

Attention Ladies: All women are invited to sign up in the church foyer for the **Women's Retreat at Sugar Hollow** in Tunkhannock, PA on April 24-26. The cabin is approximately 1 hr. 45 minutes from the church. The suggested donation is \$40 per person. Looking forward to seeing you there! If you have questions you can call Becky Bergey at 215-872-8080.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held on <u>Sunday July 12 – Thursday July 16</u> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (The date has changed this year from our normal June week to July).

Our next **SCMC** "**Silver Saint**" **Trip** is scheduled for October 12-17, 2020. We are planning on going to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The plans may include the Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair, Music/Comedy Dinner shows and other site seeing in the area. Exact cost will be determined as the itinerary is finalized. Please indicate your interest in this trip through the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

There are still slots available to serve at **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** in March. Please visit the link below to sign up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem

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 12: - Deuteronomy 8-9; Deuteronomy 30-31; Deuteronomy 32:48-52, 34; Joshua 1-2; Joshua 3-4. Memory Verses: Joshua 1:8-9; Psalm 1:1-2.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Becky Brooks, Alyssa Richards; Worship Team Leader, Sandy Faust.

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); Wes & Becca Loar, Nick Mace-Carver, and Roger & Sandy Malitzki.

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



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