

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
April 1, 2015

With summertime come weddings and being Bev and I are fully engaged in "wedding mode"! There are a couple of wedding etiquette details that I have found over the years which are beneficial to all attendees of a wedding.

Some do's and don'ts to remember:

Do honor the sanctity of marriage by being attentive and quietly reverent; no loud whistles or comments.

Don't show up as a "surprise" guest (whether as a date, with children or as an extra) to the ceremony or reception. Seating can be limited in sanctuaries and receptions. Unless a blanket invitation is printed in a worship folder or spoken publicly indicating that whoever would like to attend the ceremony is welcome, the wedding ceremony and/or reception is by invitation only.

Do show up if you have indicated via RSVP that you will attend. A headcount is usually required for receptions and the bride/groom and/or family will be charged accordingly. Obviously, emergencies do happen and when they do, communicate them to the bride and groom in a timely manner.

Do silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

Don't use your flash when taking photographs. Camera flashes cause the video recordings to momentarily go black.

Do arrive at least 15 minutes early. This will give you opportunity to attend to any bathroom needs prior to the ceremony and not during the ceremony.

Don't monopolize the bride and groom either in the receiving line or reception. The traditional greeting to the bride is "Best Wishes" and to the groom, "Congratulations".

Do remember this is their SPECIAL DAY! It is all about the bride and groom on this day.

Holy Week Services: **Friday**, Good Friday Service with Foot-washing and Communion, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m.; Galilean Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Easter Service, 9:30 a.m.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly Pennsylvania 2015 (Harrisburg, July 21-25) will be the largest gathering of global Anabaptists held in the United States for at least the next 24-30 years. For some, this will be a "once in a lifetime" event to attend. Daily registrations open today, April 1. The fee for each day is \$120, which includes two meals and parking. Another option available to us is to share a full time registration (\$595). This would mean sharing the "badge" from one day to the next. Please indicate your potential interest in attending by signing up on the sheet in the foyer.

There is an **Elder's Meeting** next Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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!

The **Women's Weekend at Sugar Hollow** is next weekend, April 10-12. Lydia Mohler will lead us in our discussion time. Each participant will be asked to work with several others to prepare one of the meals, and a donation of \$40 is requested (checks payable to SCMC). A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We hope that you can join us, and feel free to bring a friend!

The Ladies next event is on Thursday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. We will be doing some **Spring Cleaning at the church**. We will give the church building a little renewal before our spiritual renewal meetings! While we will officially start at 9:30 a.m., if you cannot come until later in the day, that can certainly happen. There will be a list of things that need to be done, along with the supplies needed to do them. We will plan to have a lunch together somewhere at 12-12:30 p.m. Please sign up if you plan to participate.

"Freshening Up in the Spirit" is the working title for our Renewal Meetings which will be held April 19-22. Phil Stutzman will be our speaker. After twenty years of serving as a pastor in two churches, Phil and his wife, Elsie, felt the time was right to launch a ministry of their own. In 2008, **Souls4Him Ministries** was established, enabling them to travel extensively ministering in churches, prisons, youth events, conferences and various outreaches, both in the United States and abroad. Phil's heart for evangelism is expressed through his passionate and authentic preaching style which ignites enthusiasm in his audience and propels people towards their role in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Childcare Volunteers are Needed! We will offer childcare during all services of our Revival Meetings. To accomplish this, we need volunteers for Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. Please contact Bev to indicate when you can help out.

One of the greatest criticisms of the church is that they always ask for money. To make sure this negative perception isn't perpetuated during our Revival Meetings, we will not be receiving an offering at the evening services. The estimated costs associated with this life-changing event are \$2,000.00. If you are able to additionally contribute toward these expenses, that would be awesome. Designate as such on your giving envelopes.

Attention Men: The SCMC men are planning a **Deep Sea Fishing trip** on Saturday, April 25. We have reserved an entire party boat for our group! The cost will depend on how many men sign up, but we are expecting it to be between \$60 and \$70. Men and boys age 12 and up are invited to come.

Next Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan: April 5, Psalm 95, Leviticus 1, Esther 8, 1 Corinthians 13; April 6, Psalm 96, Leviticus 2, Esther 9-10, 1 Corinthians 14; April 7, Psalm 97, Leviticus 3, Isaiah 1, 1 Corinthians 15; April 8, Psalm 98, Leviticus 4:1-5:13, Isaiah 2, 1 Corinthians 16; April 9, Psalm 99, Leviticus 5:14-6:7, Isaiah 3-4, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11; April 10, Psalm 100, Leviticus 6:8-7:38, Isaiah 5, 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11; April 11, Psalm 101, Leviticus 8, Isaiah 6, 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Meghan Cela, Lois Halsel, Nick Mace; **Greeter**, Mary Eleanor Kochsmeier; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed; **Ushers**, Randy Willard, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman, Tim Walters, Chip Shimko; **Children's Message**, Tara Willard.

Please Pray For . . . Phillip & Betsy Rhodes Fisher, preparing to leave this summer to serve through Rosedale Mennonite Missions in Morocco; **Bart & Jessica Tossenou**, and their work in China; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; **Gladys Clemens; Barbara Cressman**; and **John & Toni Cressman**.