

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
April 1, 2020

Financial Hardships - Many are trying to figure out what it means to live with greatly reduced incomes. Be aware that most, if not all, lending institutions are delaying mortgage, car and student loans for up to 90 days. You need to connect your lending institution to request this. Also, SCMC may be able to help financially. Please reach out to Pastor David to discuss your need.

Daily Prayer Guides for the Month of April will be a little different. Each day of the week will have a different focus for your prayers. For example, every Thursday in April you will be praying for the same thing.

Wednesday: Pray for the people on the front lines combating COVID-19 - Medical personnel, researchers, first responders.

Thursday: Pray for those in authority over us at all levels. Ask God to enable them to make wise decisions for the good of all humanity and not for political gain.

Friday: Pray for people who are emotionally and physically exhausted during this strange season. Ask God to give us strength and compassion.

Saturday: Ask God to enable SCMC and each of us to bring glory to His name as we proclaim the love of God in creative ways.

Sunday: Let this day be a day of gratitude. Thank God for your blessings.

Monday: Pray for families. Many have been thrust into "homeschool" mode. Pray God would give each family member patience and grace.

Tuesday: Pray for those who are sick, ill and needing healing among us.

Holy Week Services - Obviously, we will not be able to meet for our previously scheduled services and celebrations. However, I will host a **Facebook Live Good Friday Service with Communion**. Make sure you have something available to use for the elements of Communion. This can be grape juice and bread; Kool-Aid and crackers or water and tortillas. Log in at 7:00 p.m. on April 10 for this service.

Our **Easter Celebration** will also be presented through **Facebook Live on Easter morning** at 10:00 a.m. It will also be posted on our YouTube channel.

Small Groups - Through Zoom, I will be leading three small groups each meeting once a week. Small Group 1 will be a book study of "God Space" by Doug Pollock. Small Group 2 will be a book study of "Dangerous Prayers" by Craig Groeschel. Small Group 3 will be a group focused on prayer. Books for the first two small groups can either be downloaded at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or purchased through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) as well. Small Group 1 begins meeting tonight at 7:30. Small Group 2 begins Thursday night at 7:30. Prayer Group will meet Friday at noon. If you need help getting set up with Zoom please ask Pastor David.

The **Women's Weekend at Sugar Hollow** has been canceled.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday July 12 – Thursday July 16 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.

Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 15: - 1 Samuel 1-2; 1 Samuel 3, 8; 1 Samuel 9-10; 1 Samuel 13-14; 1 Samuel 15-16.

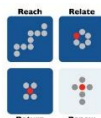
Memory Verses: 1 Samuel 15:22; 1 Samuel 16:7.

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); **Joel & Lydia Mohler**, **Ed & Nancy Morber**, and **Tim & Mary Moyer**.

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Aleta DeToma – April 1; Sandy Malitzki – April 2; Jason Lesser – April 2; Marc Newcomer – April 3; Lori Sabatino – April 6; Wayne Matthews – April 6; Sue Reed – April 7.

Happy Anniversary Wishes To: Harold & Bertha Lehman – April 7.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within