

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
April 15, 2015

This Sunday we kick off our long awaited and much anticipated Revival Meetings.

Pray with purpose these remaining days:

Wednesday's (today) Prayer Focus: Personal revival is largely a spiritual battle. Pray for those who are living in defeat today. Ask God to give them the victory.

Thursday's Prayer Focus: The Worship Team as they prepare to lead us into God's presence and make our hearts receptive to the word of God.

Friday's Prayer Focus: The Holy Spirit's guidance as Phil puts it all together for their time with SCMC.

Saturday's Prayer Focus: Traveling mercies for Phil and Elsie Stutzman as they drive in from Berlin, Ohio.

Sunday's Prayer Focus: Victory over the power of darkness and spiritual depression.

Good News Club and Youth Group meet tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

There will be **No Prayer Meeting** at the church tonight. See the above Prayer Focus's for each day.

Ladies, tomorrow is our day to make the church shine!! Please be at the church at 9:30 a.m. We will work until 12 noon and then go to Roseanna's in Bethlehem for lunch.

We are in urgent need of Child Care Volunteers during our evening revival meetings! We currently have one volunteer lined up per night. Depending how many people respond to the following announcement, this probably will not be enough help.

Please call or text Bev at 610-730-8007 if you plan to have your **children up through age 3 in the nursery** during our renewal meetings. This will give us a better idea of how to staff the nursery. Thank you.

Brielle Willard will be dedicated in our Morning Worship service this Sunday. Congratulations, Randy and Tara, on yesterday's adoption of Brielle.

The **Adult Sunday School** begins a new format. A women's class will meet in the Chapel and a men's class will meet in the Sanctuary. There will not be a Standardized Lesson class taught this quarter. **Men's Sunday School topic** for this week: "What it means to get naked."

A **Fellowship Meal** will follow Sunday School this Sunday. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. There may be a number of guests joining us so consider bringing a little extra food.

The **Youth Group Trip to Knoebels Amusement Park** is July 17-19. This is open to anyone in 6th to 12th grades. A \$20 deposit is due to Tara by this Sunday in order to make reservations.

There are **Five Prayer Pal** cards left. If you are willing to pray for an additional child, please contact Tara Willard.

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!

Our **April Lunch Bunch** is next Wednesday at 12 noon, during the week of our renewal meetings. We will be meeting in the back room of the Hellertown Diner. Everyone is invited to fellowship over lunch with Phil & Elsie Stutzman. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Men's Deep Sea Fishing Trip: Our fishing trip for men 12 or older will be on Saturday, April 25. We will meet at the church at 4:45 a.m. to carpool together. The total cost will be \$70, which includes the fishing trip, a rod to use, tips for the mates on the boat, and all the food you want. We are fishing off the coast of New Jersey, leaving from Atlantic Highlands. We still have plenty of room for others, so sign up today and bring your friends! If you have questions, please see Kevin Olsen or Mark Walters.

Lehigh Valley Christian High School, a fully accredited 9th-12th grade program, is accepting applications for the 2015-16 school year. Applications are available online at www.lvchs.org/admissions/application or by calling 610-403-1000. Leading the way in Christian education for the 21st century, LVCHS seeks to equip students to think biblically and function purposefully in society.

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.

Sign up for SCMC Text Messaging Program to receive prayer concerns, cancellations or other church family items in a more timely manner. You will need to opt-in to this program. You opt-in by texting the keyword SCMC to 313131 from your cell phone. FYI, you may receive a text in response when you go to set this up saying that there is a charge for these texts. This means, like any other text you receive, if you have unlimited texting, there is no additional charge, but if you pay by the text, you will be charged for these texts also.

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.

Next Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan: April 19, Psalm 109, Leviticus 15, Isaiah 19-20, Galatians 1:1-10; April 20, Psalm 110, Leviticus 16, Isaiah 21, Galatians 1:11-24; April 21, Psalm 111, Leviticus 17, Isaiah 22, Galatians 2; April 22, Psalm 112, Leviticus 18, Isaiah 23, Galatians 3; April 23, Psalm 113, Leviticus 19, Isaiah 24, Galatians 4; April 24, Psalm 114, Leviticus 20, Isaiah 25, Galatians 5; April 25, Psalm 115, Leviticus 21:1-22:16, Isaiah 26-27, Galatians 6.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Kim Matthews, Val Newcomer and Rose Szabo; **Greeter,** Bill & Lucy Litke; **Worship Team Leader,** Sandy Faust; **Ushers,** Bobby Kempf, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard; **Children's Message,** Anita McSloy.

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; **Bob and Emily Walters,** as they leave on a cruise today; **Ron and Jessica Bergey,** as they hike the Appalachian trail; **Tiffany Faust; Tim Faust;** and **Greg & Rachel Feenstra.**