Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection April 17, 2019

During our **Good Friday Service**, **April 19 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will be sharing in the practice of foot washing. First off, this is completely voluntarily. You will not feel pressured to participate. (The Biblical basis for this practice is John 13). Foot washing is a very meaningful expression of unity and humility especially in remembrance of Jesus' last week. Foot washing can also be an unsettling experience if you have never participated in foot washing before. So, what can you expect? You will be invited to wash one another's feet (men with men and women with women). You will remove shoes and socks. Then in pairs, you will go to a basin. One will take the foot of the other, lift it over the basin, bring water over the foot, wipe with a towel. Take the other foot and do the same. Trade places and repeat the process.

SCMC will not be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this year. Instead, SCMC is working with Freemansburg Borough to support their Easter Egg Hunt. The Freemansburg Easter Egg Hunt is this coming Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 pm at the Freemansburg park.

Sunrise Service (Sunday, April 21) will be held outdoors at 7:00 am (weather permitting). If it is drizzling or raining, we will meet in the sanctuary. Breakfast cake and coffee will be served in the lower level after the service.

Easter Celebration will be both at Saturday Night Alive (7:00 pm) and Sunday morning worship (9:30 am). Your friends may join you for either gathering, if you invite them. Just a thought.

The Finance Commission will be meeting on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The **Good News Club and Youth Group Supper** will be served next Wednesday, April 24, from 5:45-6:15 pm. This week we will be serving pancakes. Sign up via the SCMC app or by emailing Sheryl Richards at <u>scmcsecretary@aol.com</u>. Good News Club and Youth Group will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28, during the Sunday School time.

Attention Ladies and Little Ladies! The Fellowship Commission is planning a Ladies and Little Ladies Tea for Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. In order to help with the planning, please sign up on the app, email Sheryl at scmcsecretary@aol.com or sign up in the foyer as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

The **2019 Softball Season** is approaching & anyone interested in playing for the Church Softball Team, whether regular or periodically as needed, or to keep stats at or for games, or to umpire, notify Guy (<u>skifit@ptd.net</u> 484-280-6632) & include your email & cell #. Also, anyone who has a Navy Blue SCMC Team Shirt & will definitely not be part of the Team please forward your shirt to Guy.

If you and your children like having **Children's Story Time** during our worship times, please consider joining our rotation to give a Children's Message. The more people we have, the less often everyone has to do it. Please see Tara Willard if interested.

Attention Ladies: There is still time to sign up for the Women's Retreat at Sugar Hollow in Tunkhannock, PA on April 26 - 28. If you would like to sign up, please call Becky Bergey at 215-872-8080.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday June 23 – Thursday June 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS is for children age 4 through those who completed 5th grade. Register online at <u>scmc4.me</u>. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be out after Easter. However, there are some leadership positions available for Imagination Station on Sunday and Monday night and for Games all five nights. If you would like to be the leader of one of these stations, please talk to Tara sometime before April 28th.

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 17: - 1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8; - 1 Samuel 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9; - 1 Samuel 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10; - 1 Samuel 15-16; 1 Chronicles 1; Psalm 39; Acts 11; - 1 Samuel 17; 1 Chronicles 2; Acts 12.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Becky Brooks, Jaylen Lesser; Worship Team Leader, Sandy Faust; Children's Message, Tara Willard.

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); Becky Thatcher, Mary Ann Transue, and Jim & Cathy Troxell.

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