

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**June 3, 2020**

**SCMC will be having two worship gatherings this Sunday at 10:00.** One service will be in the sanctuary and the other will be at SCMC North (hosted by Jon and Katrina). We are limiting the number of individuals in the main sanctuary to 60 people and 25 people at SCMC North.

To reserve your seat at either venue, please use Eventbrite. Using this free service enables us to plan accordingly for a responsible restart on in-person worship. Please do not put off reserving your place since it helps in planning!

**Here are the links for both places:**

**SCMC:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/steel-city-mennonite-church-sunday-worship-june-7-2020-tickets-107702791950>

**SCMC North:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/steel-city-mennonite-church-north-tickets-107703602374>

If you cannot access this website, please reserve your seat(s) by calling Sheryl Richards, SCMC Secretary at 610-865-4899.

Due to the coronavirus, **Vacation Bible School is canceled for this year.** This was decided for the health and well-being of all involved.

The next **ZOOM Small Group Book Study** will be using the book “**The Art of Neighboring**” by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. You can order this book or eBook at Amazon. This will be a 5-week study, starting June 4 and concluding on July 2.

At **SCMC**, we are **ZOOM** connected.

**SCMC Parent Prayer Meeting** - Wednesdays at 7:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88637541688?pwd=a1JSMjVrUkRDdkFwUTIVUmxxQno2UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 3754 1688

Password: 007241

**Youth Group** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86814857296?pwd=ZnJqQTBWeFVQczhJSWlqWFNrYlcyZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 1485 7296

Password: 867199

**SCMC Art of Neighboring Small Group** - Thursdays at 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87669982126?pwd=TXIUTG5yOEY3UXRhWjg2K3kvazY5UT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6998 2126

Password: 168836

**SCMC Prayer Gathering** - Fridays at Noon (Join when you can, leave when you need to)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/201426236?pwd=NWR0bkl5TGJ3Y0VvazFMdmJybGl3UT09>

Meeting ID: 201 426 236

Password: 412169

**SCMC Kids Club Zoom Meeting** - Sundays at 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166967310?pwd=aC94VXBzd0NJZ1pzVENab1VMKzEyZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6696 7310

Password: 151983

**Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 24:** - 2 Kings 17-18; 2 Kings 19-21; 2 Kings 22-23; Jeremiah 1-3:5; Jeremiah 25, 29.

**Memory Verses:** Proverbs 29:18; Jeremiah 1:15.

**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); **Ryan & Naphtali Walters**, **Ali Wasatonic**, and **Randy & Tara Willard**.

**Caring Fund:** \$2,335.00

**Offering YTD:** \$123,211.12

**Budget YTD:** \$120,560.00

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:** Tom Reppert – June 5; John Cunningham – June 8.

**Happy Anniversary Wishes To:** Dave & Susie Kempf – June 3; Jeremy & Lydia Lesser – June 7; Stu & Kim Shank – June 7.

### **These days, in India, reading the newspaper is hard.**

Migrant workers who have lost their jobs are now losing their lives on treacherous journeys back home. Walking through heat, hitching rides on delivery trucks, and avoiding any law-abiding cops who are trying to enforce this lock-down. There won't be work for them in their home states either, but at least there will be family... and hopefully more food.

Every day there are more fatalities of those journeying home. And among those who have safely returned, some seem to conclude that there is still no hope. Many have intentionally decided to join the masses of those who have passed away during this crisis.

For the most part, my little city of Shillong has been spared by the physical effects of COVID19; the number of cases in most of the Northeast has been minimal. Fear, however, has left emotional damage. The first positive case to be detected in Meghalaya (my state) happened to be found in one of the most well-known and well-respected doctors of our city. Despite his beloved reputation, initial reactions showed blame rather than empathy, and accusations rather than support.

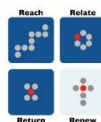
Dr. Silo passed away, and this caused more fear and more offense. However, voices of warmth and unity also spoke up, and these voices reminded me of the true Khasi culture I have come to love.

From what I can tell, India's middle class is managing, but the less-privileged are not; the needs seem overwhelming, and relief seems too far away. How many more mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters will be lost before this crisis ends?

Personally, I am fine. The family I live with is safe, and we are fortunate to be managing well. But many people are not. Please pray for your neighbors around the world who are suffering. And if you are able, please show interest by keeping up with India's current events in the news.

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



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