Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection June 20, 2018

Playground Need: Tomorrow (Thursday, June 21) a **BIG** load of playground mulch will be delivered to our playground. This is necessary for our children's safety during play. If you can help spread out the mulch sometime Thursday evening or sometime Friday, please contact the church office. We would like this job completed before VBS.

The **memorial service for Chuck Hittinger** is being planned for Saturday, June 30, at 11:00 a.m. here at SCMC. Burial will be at the Grand View Cemetery (Walbert Ave, Allentown). A luncheon will be served at SCMC following the committal service at the graveside.

If you haven't yet registered your child for Vacation Bible School, please do so by this Friday. Thank you!

This Saturday: **Museum of the Bible Field Trip to Washington, DC**. We will leave promptly at 6 a.m. and return home by 8 p.m. <u>THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SEATS STILL AVAILABLE</u>. If interested in going, please speak with Pastor David immediately.

SCMC's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will start this Sunday evening. Not only will we have the opportunity to share Jesus' love with children, but we will have the privilege of building relationships with parents and grandparents. Whether you are involved in VBS or not, you are encouraged to become nightly "**Friendship Ambassadors**" talking to the parents or grandparents that drop off and pick up their children. Wouldn't it be great to greet people in the parking lot as they walk in? This is "Our Church On Mission".

Sunday Past Recap: "Our Church On Mission" summer sermon series from the book of Acts focused our attention on the sharing of possessions of all the people to meet any needs that any person might have had. There were two examples of generosity examined. Ananias and Barnabas. One perverted their giving to their own demise. The other practiced pure generosity. Read Acts 4:32-5:11 for the whole story.

So far in the book of Acts, we have seen that the "Church On Mission" was characterized by 1) A saturation of prayer; 2) An infilling of the Holy Spirit; 3) A bold proclamation of Jesus in word and deed and 4) A desire to lavish love upon all people.

Looking forward to this Sunday: "Chance encounters". We have all experienced them. They are unscheduled, unplanned and unforeseen meetings that lead to something "bigger and/or better". This Sunday, we will examine a "chance encounter" that is God-ordained so that the message of Jesus would transform one life. Read Acts 8:26-40 in preparation for the message.

There will be a Softball Game tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at Saucon Valley High School.

The Outreach Commission will be meeting this coming Sunday, June 24, at 8:00 a.m. in the youth room.

There will be a short meeting for VBS Helpers this coming Sunday, June 24, in between Sunday School and Church.

There will be a <u>Mandatory Meeting</u> this coming Sunday, June 24, immediately following Sunday School for the **Dominican Group** as well as parents of the youth going on the trip.

Our **June Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, June 27, at 12 noon. We will be going to Buttonwood Grill at Peddler's Village. The restaurant is located at Route 202 & Street Road, Peddler's Village, in Lahaska, PA. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

We are having an **SCMC Family Night at the Iron Pigs Stadium** on Saturday, August 4! The tickets are \$11 each, which includes a \$2 ballpark voucher. All sign-ups and money are due by **Sunday, July 1**. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

SCMC Fall Trip Update: Plans for the SCMC trip to visit the **Creation Museum**, **the Ark Encounter and the Air Force Museum** have been finalized. In addition to those stops, we will enjoy a riverboat dinner cruise in Cincinnati, Ohio. We will leave October 8 and return October 12. The estimated cost is \$440/person, double occupancy. The final sign-up sheet is located in the foyer.

Vision Statement:

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone**, **everyday**, **everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement:

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.

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: June 24, John 18; June 25, John 19; June 26, John 20; June 27, John 21; June 28, Matthew 1; June 29, Matthew 2; June 30, Matthew 3.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Lydia Mohler, Kylie Schmidt; Worship Team Leader, Dan Reed; Children's Message, Kelly Schoch.

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); Tom & Shirley Ferreri, Juan & Jenny Forero and Tim & Amy Frace.