

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
June 29, 2016

The **Youth Group** will be having a **Water Game Night** at Tara's house tonight (Wednesday evening) at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open to all youth entering 6th -12th grade. Join us for some fun, fellowship & snacks!

There will be a **Softball Game** tomorrow (Thursday evening) at 6:30 p.m. at Promised Land.

Save the date of **September 4, 2016** for "**Church in the Park**". We will be meeting for outdoor worship, music, food and fellowship at Louise Moore Park (153 Country Club Road, Easton). More details as the date gets closer.

The **Fall Women's Bible Study** will begin again in mid-September. We will be using the new Beth Moore Study on 2 Timothy called "Entrusted." There will be six sessions. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings this year, in hopes that more ladies will be able to be in attendance, from 6:45-8:15 p.m. If you would like to participate in this Bible Study, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Joel Mohler will be riding in the 2016 ride for missions raising money for **Rosedale Mennonite Missions**. The bicycle ride is approximately 350 miles winding a big loop around the Delmarva Peninsula starting in Harrington, DE on July 30, and ending on August 3 at Greenwood, DE, the site of the 2016 CMC Annual Conference. His goal is to raise \$5,000 for RMM. If you would like to donate, you can give at <http://rmmweb.org/wp/rfm/support/> and note Joel as the cyclist. Please pray for safety and a blessed time of fellowship on the ride.

Recently several people asked about the reporting of the **Starbucks Card Experiment**. Here is one report:

Last week I began praying about when to do this Starbucks experiment, and I was feeling like Saturday was a good day to go. As I prayed I felt that the Holy Spirit was saying to me 1:00 pretty clearly. So I said, OK, Saturday at 1:00! I kept praying that God would perfectly line up this divine appointment for me, but even though He continues to prove His faithfulness to me every day, I still was concerned that I would get there all excited and I would leave disappointed. But I reminded myself that this is HIS work, not mine. I'm simply going to make myself available to Him and if He chooses to put someone specific on my heart that is up to Him. If not, I would simply pray for those around me. (I appreciate that PD said you can't fail here.) So today I got there, ordered my Iced Chai Latte and took a seat with my journal. There were only a few people there, but one was a 16(?) year old who looked like she had also just arrived and was there studying by herself. As I began writing in my journal about her, she came up to me and sweetly asked if I had an extra pen or pencil because she realized that she forgot one. I only had the one I was using so I offered it to her but she told me not to worry about it and sat down in her corner again. So I took that as a green light from the Lord :) From there on I began just praying for her and asking God to show me how He feels about her. As more people began to come I got nervous that she might leave soon, so I asked the Holy Spirit if I should go talk to her now but I felt like He was saying "not yet." (And then I had to laugh at myself for forgetting that if He really wants me to talk to her He's not going to fail at telling me when to go.) I didn't feel like I got any specific words, but I knew that God sees her as so precious to Him. Initially I had planned to ask her if she had anything she wanted me to pray for, but I felt that God wanted me to take a simpler approach and less threatening approach. I finished my drink and soon after that she got up to get another. I felt that it was an appropriate time to go once she sat back down. When I got to her I handed her my pen since I was done with it and asked her what she was studying. Then I said, "This may seem a bit random, but I was praying for you as I was sitting over there and I want you to know that you are really precious to the Lord. And you have a beautiful smile!" She was super cute and seemed a bit surprised but appreciative. Then I said, "I don't know if you have a relationship with the Lord or not, but if you have any questions about Him or if you ever just want someone to pray for you I want you to text me." And I handed her a paper with my name and number. Again, she seemed surprised but grateful. So now I will just continue to pray for her! The prayer that has been on my heart for her is that God would reveal himself to her really clearly the next time that she is feeling alone. That He would use her loneliness to suddenly overwhelm her with His love in a very real way. Thank you for this challenge! I'm so grateful I was there on the Sunday that PD presented this. God, let the glory be given to you and you alone every time that we open our mouths to share about your love with others. Anytime I try to find the courage in myself, fear wins. But when I know that I don't have the courage and surrender to your plans anyways, the fear is gone. Let this be a lesson that you continue to teach all of us... especially as others participate in this experiment.

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 Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan: July 3, Catch up day; July 4, Luke 8:1-15, Colossians 2:8-15, Psalms 127, 1 Chronicles 7-9; July 5, Luke 8:16-25, Colossians 2:16-23, Psalms 128, 1 Chronicles 10-11; July 6, Luke 8:26-39, Colossians 3:1-14, Psalms 129, 1 Chronicles 12-14; July 7, Luke 8:40-56, Colossians 3:15-25, Psalms 130-131, 1 Chronicles 15-16; July 8, Luke 9:1-17, Colossians 4:1-9, Psalms 132, 1 Chronicles 17-19; July 9, Luke 9:18-27, Colossians 4:10-18, Psalms 133-134, 1 Chronicles 20-22.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Lois Halsel, Val Newcomer(Alt.), Alyssa Richards; **Greeter**, Anita McSloy; **Worship Team Leader**, Kelly Schoch; **Ushers**, Greg Feenstra, Nick Mace-Carver, Bobby Kempf; **Children's Message**, None.

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; **Jess Bergey**, as she serves with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in New York; **Nate Bergey, Robert & Beth Bergey** and **Ron & Becky Bergey**.