

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**July 1, 2015**

**Christmas In July!!!** The Everlasting Life Food Bank shelves are bare. Even barer than they were at Christmas. Summertime is a very difficult time for families, as the school is no longer there to provide lunch and, in most cases, breakfast to the children. This means that families who are already struggling have an even greater need. For this reason, the Evangelism Commission is calling on you. Steel City Mennonite Church will be celebrating Christmas In July. **Please bring in your non perishable, non expired food items and place in the Christmas wrapped box in the foyer.** The food bank is always in need of peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned vegetables and soup. The blessings that we provide will be delivered to Everlasting Life Ministries and will coincide with the Youth Group Service Project at the end of the month, when they will be preparing and serving meals.

We will not be having **Prayer Meeting** at the church tonight (Wednesday).

There is a **Church League Softball Game** tomorrow evening (Thursday) at South Mountain at 6:30 p.m. Come out and support the team!!

**Reminder:** Sunday School and Sunday Evening gatherings will not meet during July and August.

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!

All Ladies are invited to a **Swim Party/Picnic** at Sandy Faust's home next Thursday evening, July 9, at 4 p.m., beginning with swimming, if you wish, and then having our meal at 5:30 p.m. We will be having taco salad together. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend; if you can bring an item, sign up for the one item you are willing to bring. Once all the food items are signed up for, sign up on one of the other lines and just bring yourself!! **Come as your schedule permits—for the whole evening or just for a short time!!** We hope to see many women in attendance!

**Mennonite World Conference Global Gathering 2015** will be held in Harrisburg, PA July 21-25. Join approximately 6,500 other Anabaptists from around the world for worship and encouragement. Full and part-time registrations are available online. Evening passes will be available at the door for \$35 for adults, \$15 for children. Availability will change each day based on daily registration numbers and will be updated at [mwc-cmm.org](http://mwc-cmm.org).

The **Women's Monday Night Bible Study** will be starting up on September 21 at 6:45 p.m. We will be studying "**The Best Yes**" by Lysa TerKeurst. This is six-session video-based Bible Study which will meet every other Monday evening. Each video is 18-20 minutes in length. *"Let Lysa TerKeurst help you discern the option that shapes all your other choices. Having trouble deciding which situations deserve a "yay" and which a "nay?" Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an underwhelmed soul? Offering Scripture-laced insights on effective decision-making, she encourages you to be honest, imaginative, focused, trusting, and humble as you discover the role God most wants you to play."* Alma Geosits has once again consented to lead our study. We would like to encourage ALL ladies to be involved in this study! **Moms, talk to your husbands** and see if they would be willing to watch your little ones for an hour and a half so that you can attend this study. We would love to see you join our study. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you would like to participate in this study. We will need to be ordering books by the end of August. The cost for the study material is \$12.

**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.

**Next Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan:** July 5, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Joshua 3, Zephaniah 3:1-8, Matthew 14; July 6, Ecclesiastes 3:9-22, Joshua 4, Zephaniah 3:9-20, Matthew 15; July 7, Ecclesiastes 4, Joshua 5, Jeremiah 1:1-10, Matthew 16; July 8, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7, Joshua 6, Jeremiah 1:11-19, Matthew 17; July 9, Ecclesiastes 5:8-17, Joshua 7, Jeremiah 2:1-3:5, Matthew 18; July 10, Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, Joshua 8, Jeremiah 3:6-4:4, Matthew 19:1-20:16; July 11, Ecclesiastes 6, Joshua 9, Jeremiah 4:5-31, Matthew 20:17-21:11.

**This Week: Nursery Staff,** Darlene Hein, Lydia Mohler, T'yanna Ruiz; **Greeters,** Phillip Olsen; **Worship Team Leader,** Kelly Schoch; **Ushers,** Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman.

**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; **Trevor Faust and Josh Kochsmeier,** as they continue their hiking and camping excursion around Iceland; **Rachel Lesser; Shirley Liedig; and Bill & Lucy Litke.**