

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
July 14, 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.

Conservative Mennonite Conference Annual Conference will be held this week in Hartville, Ohio, from Thursday evening through Sunday morning. This year's theme is "Step with the Spirit". Pastor David will be attending a Rosedale Mennonite Missions Board meeting on Thursday prior to the Conference. Please keep Pastor David and Bev in your prayers as they travel tomorrow (Wednesday).

There is a **Church League Softball Game** Thursday evening at Promised Land 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!

If you are planning on attending an evening session of the Mennonite World Conference next week, July 21-25, and would like Pastor David to purchase your tickets the day of your attending, please text him that morning. He will plan on purchasing as soon as possible that day for you. Cost is \$35 per adult and \$15 for children. Availability will change each day based on daily registration numbers and will be updated at mwc-cmm.org.

Lunch Bunch this month is at Wertz Café at 515 N 18th Street, Allentown on Wednesday, July 29, at 12 noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Attention Ladies!! Our **August Ladies Day Out** will be on Thursday, August 13. We will plan to meet at the church at 11 a.m. and go to downtown Bethlehem for lunch and a couple of hours at the Bethlehem Farmers' Market. Bethlehem Farmers' Market is located in Campus Square at Lehigh University and offers fresh produce, lunch items, baked goods, natural soaps, and more to Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley residents. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. We hope to see you there!

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.

The **New Address** for Darkens and Alicia (Smith) Carriotte is 18 Yancy Drive, Havelock, NC 28532. I'm sure the newlyweds, especially Alicia, living in a new location, would love to get some mail from home!!

Next Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan: July 19, Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8, Joshua 21, Jeremiah 13, Matthew 26:30-75; July 20, Ecclesiastes 12:9-14, Joshua 22, Jeremiah 14:1-15:9, Matthew 27:1-26; July 21, Song of Solomon 1:1-8, Joshua 23-24, Jeremiah 15:10-16:21, Matthew 27:27-66; July 22, Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7, Judges 1, Jeremiah 17, Matthew 28; July 23 Song of Solomon 2:8-17, Judges 2:1-3:6, Jeremiah 18, Hebrews 1; July 24, Song of Solomon 3, Judges 3:7-31, Jeremiah 19, Hebrews 2; July 25, Song of Solomon 4:1-8, Judges 4, Jeremiah 20, Hebrews 3:1-6.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Meghan Cela, Lois Halsel, Nick Mace; **Greeters**, Tom & Val Reppert; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed; **Ushers**, Nick Mace, Bobby Kempf, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman.

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; **Becky Mace; Roger & Sandy Malitzki; and Jen Matcke.**