Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection August 5, 2015

If you would like to donate any items for the **Mennonite Central Committee School Kits**, now is a good time to go shopping as most stores are selling back to school supplies. Here is the list of items requested by MCC. New items only please: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \frac{1}{2}$ and 70 sheets); 8 unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, with both 30 cm and 12 in); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large pencil eraser. Purchased items can be placed on the platform in the Chapel.

We are attempting to locate the **Church's DVDs of the Marriage and Respect Series** we used in Sunday School last Fall. If you borrowed them, please return them to Pastor David as soon as possible. If you don't think you borrowed them but can't remember, please search your house high and low!! © Thank you!

Attention Ladies!! Our **August Ladies Day Out** is tomorrow (Thursday). Meet at the church at 11 a.m. and we will go to downtown Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Farmers' Market from there. If you didn't sign up and would like to come, please call or text Bev at 610-730-8007.

There will be **No Worship Team Practice** this week. Please be prepared to begin practice on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m.

There is an Elder's Meeting on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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!

On Wednesday, August 12, the **Junior High are invited to a Bowling Night** at Town and Country Lanes. The cost is \$7 for two and a half hours of glow bowling and shoes. Bring extra money for snack bar. Meet at church at 6:15 p.m. or at Town and Country on Stefko Blvd at 6:30 p.m. The event ends at 9:00 p.m. This is open to anyone entering 6 to 8th grades. Bring friends!

Friday and Saturday, August 28 and 29 is a **Back-to-School Lock-In** at church from 5:00 p.m. on Friday to 11 a.m. on Saturday. This is open to anyone entering 6th to 12th grades.

On Sunday, August 30, there is a Youth Group Parent Meeting immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

SCMC Fall Community Day will be held Saturday, September 12, from 11a.m. - 3 p.m. Invite friends and neighbors! We will highlight our Christian Education programming which begins on Sunday, September 13.

Steve and Phyllis Swartz will be in our area on Thursday evening, September 17. Steve is the Conference Pastor for **Conservative Mennonite Conference.** They would like to meet with the congregation that evening to share the vision for Conservative Mennonite Conference. The congregational meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Steve and Phyllis will be meeting with the leadership over supper that evening prior to the congregational meeting.

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! 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.

Next Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan: August 9, Psalm 7, Judges 19, Jeremiah 35, Mark 4:35-5:43; August 10, Psalm 8, Judges 20, Jeremiah 36, Mark 6; August 11, Psalm 9, Judges 21, Jeremiah 37, Mark 7:1-8:26; August 12, Psalm 10, Ruth 1, Jeremiah 38, Mark 8:27-9:50; August 13, Psalm 11, Ruth 2, Jeremiah 39, Mark 10; August 14, Psalm 12, Ruth 3, Jeremiah 40-41, Mark 11; August 15, Psalm 13, Ruth 4, Jeremiah 42-43, Mark 12.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Wendy Rush-Spinosa, Alexandra Columbo, Val Newcomer; Greeters, Victor & Lori Sabatino; Worship Team Leader, Robert Bergey; Ushers, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman.

Please Pray For . . . Phillip & Betsy Rhodes Fisher, preparing to leave shortly to serve through Rosedale Mennonite Missions in Morocco; Bart & Jessica Tossenou, and their work in China; Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad, serving in Lebanon; Marc & Val Newcomer; Kevin & Deanna Olsen; and Philip Olsen.