

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
August 12, 2015

Sunday School Needs:

2-year olds - Teacher and Helper

3-year olds - Teacher only

Pre K/Kindergarten - Helper Only

1st/2nd Grades - Teacher and Helper

3rd/4th Grades - Helper only

5th - 7th Grades - Teacher only

Adult Chapel Elective – Teacher, Conservative Mennonite Conference Curriculum

Please talk to Tara Willard if you would like to teach Sunday School. You can contact her at twillard1214@hotmail.com or 610-866-3078. Thank you!!

Congratulations to Ryan and Naphtali Walters on the birth of Moriah Rachel, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, 19.5 inches. Everyone is doing great!!

This evening (Wednesday), 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!

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 ½ x 10 ½ 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.

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!

Our **August Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, August 26, at 12 noon. We will be meeting at Mama Nina Foccheria at 546 Main Street in Bethlehem. If you would like to join others for fellowship over lunch, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Pastor David would like to invite our "Silver Saints" to a 3-day trip to Ohio. The mid-October plans include spending a night in Columbus at the Rosedale International Center (hotel-style rooms). The RIC is home to Rosedale Mennonite Missions. Then, we will travel to Holmes County, Ohio, which boasts the largest Amish community in the U.S. Stops will include the Heini's Cheese Chalet, Schrock's Amish Farm and Village and Coblentz's Chocolate. The Schrock's Amish Farm and Village is home to the Berlin Craft Mall, Antique Mall, Berlin Leather Shop, Grandma Fannie's Quilt Barn, Tis the Season Christmas Shop, Quail Hollow Candle Factory and the Olde World Bakery and Cafe (amishfarmvillage.com). We would then spend a night at the Inn at the Amish Door. On the way home, we will stop at the world famous Lehman's Hardware store. The cost (based on 12 participants) is \$350/couple and \$275/single. This cost will vary minimally based on more or less participants. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up immediately. These plans must be finalized by August 27.

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. There will be free food and many activities for the children, including face painting, inflatable bounce equipment and the Lower Saucon K-9 unit will be giving a demonstration. We will highlight our Christian Education programming which begins on Sunday, September 13. Invite friends and neighbors!

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.

All Ladies are invited on a Day Trip to Lancaster on Thursday, September 24. We will meet at the Park 'n Ride in Hellertown at 9 a.m. and head to Shady Maple for some shopping at their Farm Market and lunch at their Smorgasbord. Following that, we will go to the Flower and Home Marketplace in Blue Ball. Sign up and plan to join in the fun!!

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 16, Psalm 14, 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11, Jeremiah 44-45, Mark 13; August 17, Psalm 15, 1 Samuel 2:12-36, Jeremiah 46-47, Mark 14; August 18, Psalm 16, 1 Samuel 3, Jeremiah 48, Mark 15; August 19, Psalm 17, 1 Samuel 4, Jeremiah 49, Mark 16; August 20, Psalm 18, 1 Samuel 5:1-7:2, Jeremiah 50, 1 Peter 1:1-12; August 21, Psalm 19, 1 Samuel 7:3-17, Jeremiah 51, 1 Peter 1:13-2:3; August 22, Psalm 20, 1 Samuel 8, Jeremiah 52, 1 Peter 2:4-10.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Rose Szabo, Darlene Hein, T'yanna Ruiz; **Greeters,** Jon & Katrina Schmidt; **Worship Team Leader,** Dan Reed; **Ushers,** Randy Willard, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman.

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; **Becca Olsen; Dan & Sue Reed; and Greg Reed.**