

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**August 13, 2014**

**Tonight (Wednesday)**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., we will be having our last summer **Youth Group meeting**. Our regular youth group meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 10, and continue biweekly. Special activities for September include a Junior High Game Night on Wednesday, September 3, and Senior High Hiking on Saturday, September 13. More details to follow on those events.

We will **NOT** have Thursday night **Worship Team Practice** this week. Instead, we will meet at 8:15 a.m. Sunday morning. Thank you!

**Sunday School Teachers** are needed for this fall. Please see Tara Willard if you would like to teach.

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!

**Back to School is right around the corner!** School can be fun, scary, awesome and tough; we want to encourage and pray for our children for the new school year. On Sunday, August 24, we will have a special **"backpack blessing"** during the Children's Message. Please have your children bring their school backpacks with them Sunday, August 24!

**Women of Faith 2014** is coming to Philadelphia September 5 and 6. The theme is *From Survival to Revival*, transform your soul, awaken your spirit and revive your faith! One low price includes Premium Conference Seating, Friday full-course dinner, Saturday full-course hot and cold breakfast buffet, one night at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton (includes tip for maid), traveling by luxury Motorcoach (includes tip for drivers and conference parking fees) and many surprises along the way! The cost is \$205.50 to \$248.50, depending on two-, three- or four-person occupancy in your hotel room. Look for packets of information at the church on Sunday. If you have any questions, please talk to Amy Frace.

All Ladies are invited to participate in the **Beth Moore Study** that will begin on Monday evening, September 8. If you wish to participate and have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible so that books can be ordered and received by the first session. Thank you!

**Attention Ladies!** Our next event is a road trip! We will be going to **Echo Hill Country Store in Fleetwood, PA** on September 11. We will meet at the Park and Ride in Hellertown at 9:30 a.m. Echo Hill Country Store specializes in bulk, natural, and organic foods. They stock 100's of different food items including many things that are difficult to find. They have products for baking, gluten free foods, dried and frozen fruits, nuts, snack mixes, deli meats, and both dairy and non-dairy milks, cheeses, and yogurt. Naturally, on the way back, we will stop for lunch! If you would like to participate in this excursion, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. We will need several drivers, depending on our numbers, so if you would be willing to drive, please indicate that when you sign up.

On Sunday evening, September 14, at 6:00 p.m., we are having a **Talent Show at SCMC!** If you would like to share your talent (and we hope you are willing!), sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. This is always a fun time together.

**Tie this date around your mind: September 21.** This is the day that churches all across America will participate in **"National Back to Church Sunday 2014"**. This is more than the usual amnesty campaigns some churches have done. The NBCS 2014 calls all people to discover or rediscover the benefits, both individually and culturally, that connecting to a church body brings. A **Fellowship Meal** will be held that Sunday. More information will be coming as we get closer, but for now, start praying about who you would invite to this special day.

The **Fall Men's Retreat** is September 26-28. It will be held at Bergey's cabin in Tunkhannock. The speaker will be Dan Krug from Spruce Lake Retreat Center. The topic is "Vital Signs." The cost will be \$50 for the weekend; \$35 for those who want to just come up for Saturday. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** on Saturday evening, October 4, at 6 p.m.?! Everyone is encouraged to participate in this event and sign up to be either a Guest or Host for the evening. Hosts will provide the main meal for the Guests coming to their house, and Guests will be asked to bring either a salad or dessert to the home where they will be assigned. But shhh... it's a surprise! Don't tell others where you are going! Each Host will be told ahead of time how many Guests to expect but not who will be coming. Sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer to indicate that you are wishing to participate and whether you would like to be a Host or Guest.

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 (70 sheets); 8 unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, with both cm and in); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large pencil eraser. Purchased items can be placed on the platform in the Chapel.

**Lehigh Valley Christian High School is accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year.** There are plenty of spaces in grade 9, and a few spaces left in grades 10 & 11. Applications are available online at [www.lvchs.org](http://www.lvchs.org), or by calling 610-403-1000. School tours can be arranged as well. LVCHS offers a quality academic and extra-curricular program with a biblical foundation. Busing is available to 13 PA school districts and from NJ. Financial aid is available upon request. LVCHS seeks to equip students to think biblically and function purposefully in society.

**Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** August 17, Romans 7-9, Job 26-27, Psalm 39, Proverbs 28; August 18, Romans 10-12, Job 28-29, Psalm 40; August 19, Romans 13-14, Job 30-31, Psalm 41; August 20, Romans 15-16, Job 32-33; August 21, 1 Corinthians 1-3, Job 34-35, Psalm 42; August 22, 1 Corinthians 4-6, Job 36-37, Psalm 43, Proverbs 29; August 23, 1 Corinthians 7-9, Job 38-39, Psalm 44.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Becky Mace and Jess Bergey; **Greeters**, Jon & Katrina Schmidt; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed; **Ushers**, Greg Feenstra, Nick Mace, Aaron Kochsmeier, Ed Morber and Bobby Kempf.

**Please Pray For . . .** **Jessica Vaughn**, and her work in China; **Deane & Krystal Weaver**, serving in Chile; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; **New Bethany Ministries**, in Bethlehem; **Jeffrey Cressman**; **Dan Meehan**, as he rehabilitates after an ankle fusion surgery; **Bob Bergey**, as he heals and rehabilitates; **John & Toni Cressman**; **Kathleen Dresher**; and **Dave & Debbie Faust**.