

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
August 20, 2014

On September 21, SCMC will participate in the **National Back-to-Church Sunday**. Why the need for such an event? Some people have taken advantage of the summer school schedule and warmer weather: they need to get back into the routine of worshipping together on Sundays. Some people have left the church over different preferences or styles of worship: they need to be welcomed back to a healing community of faith. Some people have discounted a church experience as only a place for weddings and funerals: they need to be invited back for a better look at church life. Still others want nothing to do with church: they simply need to be invited to "Come and See". Pray now for whom you will invite.

There will be **No Mid-week Connection** next week.

Pastor David and Bev leave for vacation tomorrow (Thursday). In their absence, if you are in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the Elders (Ron Faust, Kevin Olsen, Mark Walters or Bob Walters). If you have a prayer concern, contact Sheryl Richards.

This Sunday, Ron Faust will be sharing from the Word of God. Pray for God's anointing upon Ron as he prepares. Joel Mohler will be the worship leader.

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. This Sunday, we will have a special "**backpack blessing**" during the Children's Message. Please have your children bring their school backpacks with them!

Pastor David has again responded to a call to minister in India, February 2015. He would be like to take a small group of individuals to help minister to and be blessed by the widows and orphans. Speak to Pastor David for more information.

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!

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.

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.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) will hold its Assembly 2015 at the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA on July 21-26, 2015. The theme is "Walking With God". This will be a gathering of Anabaptist/Mennonites from literally around the world. Our brothers and sisters from Africa, Asia, India, Europe and the Americas will join us from the U.S. for an exciting time of worship. They are estimating between 9,000 and 11,000 will attend. **This IS a ONCE IN A LIFETIME opportunity, as it comes to the United States every 30-35 years.** Online registration (<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/pennsylvania-2015>) for this event opens on August 20, 2014. You may also want to consider volunteering for a day or two.

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, 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 24, 1 Corinthians 10-12, Job 40-42, Psalm 45, Proverbs 30; August 25, 1 Corinthians 13-14, Ecclesiastes 1-2, Psalm 46; August 26, 1 Corinthians 15-16, Ecclesiastes 3-4; August 27, 2 Corinthians 1-3, Ecclesiastes 5-6; August 28, 2 Corinthians 4-6, Ecclesiastes 7-8, Psalm 47; August 29, 2 Corinthians 7-9, Ecclesiastes 9-10, Psalm 48, Proverbs 31; August 30, 2 Corinthians 10-11, Ecclesiastes 11-12, Psalm 49.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Becky Mace and Nick Mace; **Greeters**, Chip & Mary Lou Shimko; **Worship Team Leader**, Sandy Faust; **Ushers**, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard and Neal 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; **Ron & Sandy Faust**; **Tiffany Faust**; and **Tim Faust**.