

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**September 9, 2020**

**Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)** will be meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

**Baptism/Church Membership** class will be held this evening (Wednesday) at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. The same material will be presented again on Monday evening, September 14 at 7:00 pm.

**This Sunday, the use of face masks are not required, but are encouraged to be worn.** SCMC is alternating Sunday face mask requirements so that the most people can meet together for worship throughout the month.

Recently, it has been noted that we, as a society, are in the **disillusionment stage of this pandemic**. People were quick to come together, demonstrating care and concern for one another. However, now people are experiencing emotional lows. The emotional reserves have been depleted. Little things become trigger events. We are dissatisfied with what is now compared to what was.

Recognizing this is where we are, **SCMC embarks this weekend** on a trajectory that incorporates much of what was to what is in a safe and practical way. **Backyard Bible Clubs** are the new Sunday School classes. **Youth Groups** will be meeting again with sanitary protocols in place. An **Adult Bible Study** will meet in person with social distancing procedures following Sunday's worship services.

The **Elders** will be meeting this Sunday at 11:15 am.

**Steve and Phyllis Swartz** will be in our area on Tuesday, September 15. They are requesting to meet with **SCMC Leadership** (Council & Elders) that evening.

**Baptism Sunday** is scheduled for September 27 at 10:00 am. We are planning on an outdoor service. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

After much prayer and consideration, the **Education Commission** has devised a plan for Fall activities at SCMC. Please understand that your family's health and safety is our number one priority as we begin our programs again.

**1 - Backyard Bible Clubs (aka Children's Sunday School)**

In order to utilize the warmer outdoor weather in September and October, we will be having a variety of Backyard Bible Clubs in the area. These clubs will run from on Sun. Sept. 13 - Oct. 25. All sites have a back-up plan for rain/inclement weather to be indoors.

**Group 1 - Forero's House**, 1223 Jackson St. Easton, PA (Jenny's number 484-714-1107) Teacher/Helpers - Jenny, Ruth, and Danielle Forero - Please RSVP if attending. Meeting from 11:30-12:30pm

1st - 5th grade - Samuel Forero, Camila Guzman-Murillo, Sabrina, Samuel, Shiloh Truong, Collin Cunningham, Peyton Abrams, and Hunter Litke.

**Group 2 - Kochsmeier's House**, 1775 Creek Rd. Bethlehem, PA - Teacher - Aleta DeToma (phone number 484-788-4111) Please RSVP if attending. Meeting from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Pre-K/Kind. - Keira DeToma, Eliza Kochsmeier, Ian and Ella Kempf, Ava Snyder, and Darien Serrano

**Group 3 - Bergey's/Walters House**, 2120 Mixsell Ave. Bethlehem, PA Teacher/Helpers - Katrina and Kylie Schmidt, Autumn Willard, Lindsey Richards. Meeting from 11:15-12:15pm. May break into smaller groups if attendance is above 10.

1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Moriah, Julia, and Charlotte Walters, Anya and Hunter Walters, Josiah and Brielle Willard, Andrew and Jacob Newcomer, Julian and Micah Mohler, Cyrus Matthews, Skylar and Uriah Lesser

**Group 4 - Steel City Playground OR outside on SCMC lawn** - Teacher/Helpers - Randy Willard, Alyssa Richards, Alex Mohler, Adam Newcomer. Meeting from 11:15 - 12:15pm

5th - 8th grade - Connor Mangione, Sophia Cressman, Joren and Jerik Lesser, Baylen Lesser, MaKayla Willard, Logan Matthews, Josh Newcomer, Josh Richards, Jordan Smith, Mikayla McSloy, Darren Mohler, Erika and Luke Schmidt.

**Adult Bible Study** - Lydia and Joel Mohler will be leading a study on Galatians in the Sanctuary on Sun. Sept. 13 to Oct. 25 from 11:15-12:15pm.

Before participation in the **Backyard Bible Club**, a permission form will need to be completed for each child. Forms will be available on Sun. Sept. 13th immediately before/after church.

**Social Distancing will be enforced**, cleaning of hands and materials used, masks required if social distancing is not possible. Please monitor your own child's health before sending them to the Backyard Bible Club. If they have any symptoms of fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, sore throat or any other contagious illness, please keep them home for the safety of others.

We will re-evaluate the Covid-19 situation and make a decision for Sunday School for the winter months, once it gets closer.

If you have any issue with the group that your child has been assigned to or are NOT planning to participate, please let Tara Willard know. You are invited to bring friends as well.

**2 - YOUTH GROUP (6th to 12th grade)**

Youth Group will resume in person meetings on Wed. Sept. 9th from 6:30-8:00pm and continue biweekly. Games will be held outside - weather permitting and then we will break into Junior High (6 - 8th grade) and Senior High (9-12th grade) for Bible Study. Diego Torres

and Rachel Myers will be leading the Senior High and Tara Willard and Bobby Kempf will be leading Junior High. Social distancing will be maintained and masks are required if that is not possible. High touch surfaces - door handles, railings, bathrooms will be disinfected before and after the evening meeting. Please keep your child home if they are sick as listed above.

### 3 - Good News Club (Age 4 to 5th Grade)

Good News Club will not be resuming in-person meetings at this time. However, your child is invited to a monthly activity listed below.

#### **Saturday, September 19 from 5:30-7:30pm - Camp Fire (Rain Date Sept. 26)**

Tara Willard's house, 308 Kromer Rd. Wind Gap, PA

Parents are welcome to stay or drop children off and pick-up later. Transportation will NOT be provided from the church.

Hot Dogs, Chips, S'mores, and Drinks will be provided. Please let me know if there are any food allergies.

Please put bug spray on before you come and bring a sweatshirt if needed.

RSVP to Tara 610-866-3078 by Wed. Sept. 16.

#### **Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Join us for **Heroes Unmasked** a fun fall festival put on by our own Youth Group.

Games, Craft, Snack, Bible Story and learning about famous Bible heroes.

Registration will be required by Sunday, October 18th. No walk-ins will be allowed. More details to come!

#### **November Service Project - TO BE DETERMINED**

#### **Christmas Party - Date to be determined**

Our devotional booklets, "**The Upper Room**" and "**Our Daily Bread**," are available upon request. Due to COVID-19 precautions, they cannot be placed out for self-pick-up.

**Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 38:** - Acts 2-3; Acts 4-5; Acts 6; Acts 7, Acts 8-9. **Memory Verses:** Acts 2:42; Acts 4:31.

**Please Pray For . . .** Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); a praise that **Brooke Brumbach** is doing better; **Sean & Kierstin Guro, Mike & Janet Heft**, and **Rob & Denise Ibach**.

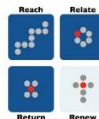
**Offering YTD:** \$204,719.87

**Budget YTD:** \$197,280.00

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:** Lee Walters – September 12; Betty Kemmerer – September 13.

**Happy Anniversary Wishes To:** Ron & Sandy Faust – September 9.

**REACH** those far from God  
**RELATE** to those near to God



**RETURN** blessing as blessed  
**RENEW** a right spirit within