

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**September 10, 2014**

**Good News Club and Youth Group** begin tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. In conjunction with that, Pastor David will be leading a **Back to the Basics Bible Study** in the Chapel, also beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tonight's topic will be "Who is Jesus Christ?" **Next Wednesday**, and on other non-Good News Club/Youth Group nights, everyone is invited to gather for an **Evening of Prayer**.

**Ladies, tomorrow is our Echo Hill Country Store Trip!** If you signed up, meet at the Park and Ride in Hellertown—the lower parking lot on the right—at 9:30 a.m. At this point it looks like we will need three drivers; we will look to Becky, Lisa, and Alma to be our chauffeurs and Lucy will be our backup plan! Thank you, ladies!!

There will be **No Worship Team Practice** tomorrow evening.

Just a reminder that our **Fellowship Meal** is pushed back one week this month to September 21, rather than our regular second week of the month, due to National Back-to-Church Sunday.

The **Senior High Youth** are invited to go to **Lake Nockamixon** this Saturday for a **picnic lunch and some hiking** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The youth will need to pack their lunch and bring enough water for that time frame. If it rains, the event will take place on Sunday, September 14, after church. If you would like to attend and didn't sign up, please call Britney Kempf and be prepared to have a permission slip signed before leaving the church.

Our **Talent Show** is this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.! We were able to get some additional participants, so the show will go on!! Come out and support the participants; we have a lot of young ones anxious to share their talent with you!

The second session of the **Beth Moore Study** is on Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. We have a great group of ladies meeting for this and an awesome leader! Please keep Alma and these ladies in your prayers as Beth Moore takes them through the study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

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 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.**

Our **September Lunch Bunch** will be on Wednesday, September 24, at 12 noon. We will be meeting at the 248 Diner and, as the name implies, it is on Route 248 off of Route 33. It is Bev's understanding that they have some great looking desserts at this diner!!

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.

**Attention Ladies!** Originally, our October outing was to be to Dan Schantz Greenhouses; however, Dan is reluctant to have tours any more due to liability issues and while we have an "in" there with him, we want to honor his concerns in that regard. That being said, we are going to take a trip to **Ott's Exotic Plants** in Schwenksville on Thursday, October 9! If you are interested in this event, please sign up on the sheet provided. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. and stop for lunch on the way home.

This year's **Church Retreat**, October 24-26, will be "A Praying Life: Learning to Pray in a Distracting World". The speaker will be Lyle Caswell. Many of us are quietly defeated in our private prayer lives. We've tried praying, but it just doesn't seem to work. So we feel a combination of frustration and guilt. In this retreat, we will learn step-by-step how to begin a private life of prayer in fellowship with our heavenly Father. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians who often find themselves defeated in the trenches. It deals with such practical questions as..."How do you stay focused when you are distracted with so much to do?", "How do you pray longer than five minutes?", "How do you pray when your own life is messed up?", "How do you ask when you've tried it before and it doesn't work?". Due to the fact that the speaker needs to fly home Saturday afternoon, his portion of the retreat will be Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please note that the Friday evening session will begin at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you plan to attend.

**Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** September 14, Titus 1-3, Isaiah 22-23, Psalm 62, Proverbs 4; September 15, John 1-3, Isaiah 24-25, Psalm 63; September 16, John 4-6, Isaiah 26-27, Psalm 64; September 17, John 7-9, Isaiah 28-29; September 18, John 10-12, Isaiah 30-31, Psalm 65; September 19, John 13-15, Isaiah 32-33, Psalm 66, Proverbs 5; September 20, John 16-18, Isaiah 34-35, Psalm 67.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Jenn Matcke and Jasmyne Cox; **Greeters**, Mary Ann Transue; **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; **Bob Bohning**, as he seeks treatment for his hip; **Tim & Amy Frace**; **Ron & Sandy Funk**; **Mark & Alma Geosits**; and **Darlene Hein**.