

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
September 17, 2014

Everyone is invited to **An Evening of Prayer** tonight (Wednesday) in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Jesus said, "My house shall be a house of prayer" and we want to be faithful in this regard. This week we will be interceding for our "Back-to-Church" Sunday.

This Sunday, SCMC is participating in **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". Invite those that God has laid upon your heart.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** this Sunday following Sunday School. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. Remember, we hope to have many visitors this week for our **National Back-to-Church Sunday**, so bring some extra food!

Cleansing Stream Seminar... Sunday evenings, beginning this Sunday, we will be working through the Cleansing Stream material. This is a wonderful seminar that equips you with the tools to become free from the bondage of sin, demonic oppression and generational bondage. There is still room at the table for you to participate in this life changing opportunity. Childcare will be provided.

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 **September Lunch Bunch** is next Wednesday, September 24, at 12 noon. We will be meeting at Diner 248 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!! 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! Our October event is 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. Everyone that went on our last excursion seemed to have an enjoyable time!! Join us!

Attention Couples!! The Marriage Retreat Committee has several events coming up that have been planned just for you! On Saturday, October 18, we will be having **Dinner and a Movie** at the church. The potluck supper will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the movie, "Mom's Night Out" at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Put the following items on your calendars: **Sweetheart Banquet**, February 14; **Marriage Retreat at Spruce Lake**, March 6-8.

This year's **Church Retreat at Spruce Lake Retreat Center**, October 24-26, will be "A Praying Life: Learning to Pray in a Distracting World". 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. If you did not previously reply to Becky Bergey's email and sign up for the retreat and you now wish to attend, please sign up in the foyer as soon as possible. If you indicated that you were going to attend and cannot do so, please cross your name off the list. The cost of the retreat to the church is \$382 per couple with no children or children who are 5 and under. If a family needs two rooms, the cost to the church is \$648. Meals for additional adults are \$58 per person and for children ages 6-11, it is \$29 per person. The church is only charging \$100 per adult (\$200 versus \$382) and \$30 per child 6-18. However, if you are able to pay the full amount that Spruce Lake charges the church, that would be very greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: September 21, John 19-21, Isaiah 36-37, Psalm 68, Proverbs 6; September 22, 1 John 1-3, Isaiah 38-39, Psalm 69; September 23, 1 John 4-6, Isaiah 40-41, Psalm 70; September 24, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Isaiah 42-44; September 25, Revelations 1-3, Isaiah 45-46, Psalm 71; September 26, Revelations 4-6, Isaiah 47-48, Psalm 72, Proverbs 7; September 27, Revelations 7-9, Isaiah 49-50, Psalm 73.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Jenn Matcke and Jasmyne Cox; **Greeters**, Bob & Emily Walters; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Ushers**, Harold Lehman, Tim Walters, Chip Shimko, Bob Kemmerer and Rob Ibach.

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; **Rachel Godshall**; **Lisa Gustofson**; and **Gary & Lois Halsel**.