

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**September 24, 2014**

*"I was blessed with prostate cancer! Oh, how I thank you very much for all your prayers, visits and fasts for me and Mary Jane, a true companion. Over 70 years ago in Sunday School, I memorized Psalm 23, which took on a new meaning and comfort for me. The hymn, 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' became so sweet and reassuring as did 'My Shepherd Leads' the way. Enter Dr. Lennert and team, with the method of robotic surgery for the removal of my sick prostate. In the recovery room and a falling blood count (at 11-12 p.m.), it was necessary to do another very early morning (1-2 a.m.) surgery to find the source of the blood loss. 'God's Healing Hand.' Forty-nine staples later in the recovery room finds a better result, then to ICU on 5<sup>th</sup> floor of St. Luke's Hospital to begin a 10-day stay for recovery. 'God's Healing' and medical science administered by a very caring and professional staff sped the process. Visits by MJ, family and friends were appreciated. Thanks again for all your prayers and concern. May God be praised." --Bob Bergey*

**Good News Club and Youth Group** meet tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. In conjunction with that, Pastor David is leading a **Back to the Basics Bible Study** in the Chapel, also beginning at 6:30 p.m. **Next Wednesday**, everyone is invited to gather for an **Evening of Prayer**.

The **Cleansing Stream Seminar** continues with "Session Two: Walking in the Spirit" on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

The **Beth Moore Study Group** meets next Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. If you would like to get hot tea and a snack prior to the video, please come a little early so that we can start promptly at 6:45 p.m.

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!

**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. This is the last week to sign up so that the final planning can be done for our fun evening together.

**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 28, Revelations 10-12, Isaiah 51-52, Psalm 74; September 29, Revelations 13-15, Isaiah 53-54, Psalm 75; September 30, Revelations 16-18, Isaiah 55-56; October 1, Revelations 19-22, Isaiah 57-58; October 2, Matthew 1-3, Isaiah 59-60, Psalm 76; October 3, Matthew 4-6, Isaiah 61-62, Psalm 77, Proverbs 8; October 4, Matthew 7-9, Isaiah 63-64, Psalm 78.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Wendy Rush-Spinosa and Alexandra Columbo; **Greeters**, Lee & Danette Walters; **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; **Persecuted Christians around the world**; **Bob Bohning**, as he seeks treatment for his hip; the **Men who are attending Men's Retreat** this weekend; **Emily Walters**, who was hospitalized after a fall yesterday; **Danielle Heft**; **Debbie Heft**; and **Mike & Janet Heft**.