

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**September 27, 2017**

**This Sunday, October 1**, we will observe “**World Communion Sunday**”. On the first Sunday of October, Christian communities of faith gather to remember the ordinance of Communion. We will join with many around the globe during our time of Communion.

**A word about the observance of Communion.** Jesus Himself instituted what we refer to as Communion at the Last Supper. In the upper room where Jesus and His disciples had gathered to observe the Passover, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and then gave to His disciples saying, “Take and eat, this is my body”. Likewise, He did the same with the wine, stating it was the blood of the new covenant. (Matthew 26:26-29)

Years later, the Apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian church to reflect on the seriousness of sharing in the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper (Communion). The Corinthians were making a mockery of the elements treating it more like a party buffet than a reminder of Jesus's death. Paul warns them about partaking the bread and cup in a manner unworthy or unfitting and in doing so one profanes the body of Jesus. Paul goes further as he states, partaking of the bread and cup without examining one's spiritual life calls judgement upon them. (I Corinthians 11:17f)

The partaking of Communion is a serious matter. In preparation for this Sunday's sharing of the bread and the cup, you are asked to examine your spiritual life. Do an accounting: Where have you grieved the heart of God? Is there something God is asking of you but you are refusing? Is Jesus truly your Lord?

If we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ, we ought to be at peace with each other. Yet in our humanness we can hold on to offenses (real or perceived). Is there someone you need to forgive? Do you need to reconcile with someone?

On Sunday, no one is going to ask you point blank about your peace with God and each other or even your readiness to share in Communion. This is between you and God. But I trust you will have reflected on the seriousness of Communion. With much love, PD.

**This past Monday evening, the Board of Elders met.** When I was thinking of offenses above, I was reminded about a personal concern Pastor Bob Walters shared. I share this with his permission. His eyesight is weakened to the point that people must be very close in proximity to him for Bob to recognize the person. Pastor Bob is so concerned that people will misunderstand his lack of eyesight for being slighted by him. It is this sensitive spirit which has endeared Bob to many of us. We can also help him by telling Bob who we are when we approach him. (PD)

**Lehigh Valley Christian High School** will be having a Fall Open House on October 2, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. An informational meeting will be held at 7:00 followed by a tour of the school. For more information, see the flyer in the chapel or contact Deb Faust.

**SCMC Cruisers** will be meeting Sunday evening, October 8, at 6:30pm. We will be going over last-minute details to make your sailing experience the best it can be.

**Jonathan McKee's Parenting the Smartphone Generation Seminar**, will be held on October 15, at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please sign up **by October 1**, on the sheet in the foyer or the SCMC app to indicate your attendance and need for childcare. This seminar does not only apply to parents of teenagers, but also parents of elementary age children.

There is a **sheet** in the foyer for any questions you may have for **Jonathan McKee** during his question and answer time during Sunday school on October 15. Please write down any questions on the sheet provided.

Once again, you have the opportunity to participate in **Operation Christmas Child!** The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are shoeboxes available for you to take home and fill with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love. The filled shoeboxes are due back at the Church **no later than Sunday, November 5**. Take as many boxes as you wish to fill and be a blessing to a child this Christmas!! (This will be part of our Harvest Offering).

**Vision Statement:**

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone, everyday, everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Mission Statement:**

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.*

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!

**Next Week's Let's Read the Bible Together Plan:** October 1, Ecclesiastes 1-3; October 2, Ecclesiastes 4-6; October 3, Ecclesiastes 7-9; October 4, Ecclesiastes 10-12; October 5, John 1-3; October 6, John 4-6; October 7, John 7-9.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Sue Reed, Elizabeth McSloy; **Greeter**, Scott & Sheryl Richards; **Worship Team Leader**, Kelly Schoch; **Ushers**, Chip Shimko, Bob Kemmerer, Rob Ibach; **Children's Message**, Kelly Schoch.

**Please Pray For . . . Phillip & Betsy Rhodes Fisher**, as they serve in Morocco; **Bart & Jessica Tossenou**, and their work in China; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); Pray for **Bertha Lehman** who is currently in the ER with diverticulitis; **Robert & Beth Bergey, Ron & Becky Bergey, and Tamara Bily**.