

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
October 15, 2014

Bob and I want to thank all the members of our church family who called, sent cards and provided many helpful meals while I've been recovering from my fall. We are so grateful to each one of you. Sincerely, Bob and Emily.

Join other for an **Evening of Prayer** tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our prayer focus will be our children. If there has ever been a time that our children need prayer warriors to stand in the gap for them, it is now!

Date Night is this Saturday evening, beginning with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a movie at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting is provided.

There will be a **short meeting this Sunday** at 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for any child and parent in Grades 2 to 8 that would like to be in a **Christmas Program Skit**. A detailed email to those families with children in this age group will be coming out later today with more details.

Earlier this week, the eastern coast of India was hit by Cyclone Hudhud. Major damage has occurred in the city of Visakhapatnam and the province of Andhra Pradesh. The Visakhapatnam airport is closed due to the destruction. (Ron Faust and Pastor David traveled to that airport) Pastor David talked with Pastor John Prasad this morning. Much of the area is flooded, roads washed out and electric lines are down. The orphanage is flooded and sustained damage to the roof. Pastor John's house was also severely damaged. His scooter was destroyed. Food is also in short supply. Pray for the presence of God to bless these people.

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 to the Church no later than Sunday, November 16. Take as many boxes as you wish to fill and be a blessing to a child this Christmas!! If you have any questions, please talk to Lisa Walters.

The Church is Selling Poinsettias for Christmas! There are two sizes, 6 and 7-inch pots with 4-6 blossoms and 7-10 blossoms, respectively. The cost is \$8 and \$12.50. Poinsettias sold to individuals outside of the church family may be picked up on December 12. The other poinsettias that you purchase will be used to decorate the church for our Christmas Service. Following the December 21 service, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you. If you have any questions, please speak to Chip Shimko. The order form is in foyer. Thank you!

The **Cleansing Stream Seminar** continues on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. with "Session 5: Entering the Cleansing Stream".

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 **October Lunch Bunch** will be at Billy's Diner in downtown Bethlehem next Wednesday at 12 noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Attentions Ladies! On Thursday evening, November 13, we are having a **Holiday Craft Night** at the Church, and we will be making a Pinecone Centerpiece/Wreath. Alma Geosits will be helping us make this craft; she will show us how to change our centerpiece/wreath theme from one of Thanksgiving to that of Christmas. The cost is \$4 to cover materials. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to participate so that we know how many supplies to purchase (and how many pinecones to collect!!). These will be a relaxed and fun time of fellowship together!

Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: October 19, Acts 22-24, Jeremiah 28-29, Psalm 91, Proverbs 13; October 20, Acts 25-26, Jeremiah 30-31, Psalm 92; October 21, Acts 27-28, Jeremiah 32-33, Psalm 93; October 22, 1 Peter 1-3, Jeremiah 34-35; October 23, 1 Peter 4-5, Jeremiah 36-37, Psalm 94; October 24, 2 Peter 1-3, Jeremiah 38-39, Psalm 95, Proverbs 14; October 25, Mark 1-3, Jeremiah 40-41, Psalm 96.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Denise Ibach and Becky Bergey; **Greeters**, Tim & Lisa 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; **Autumn Willard**, for her oral surgery this morning and her recovery; **Neal Kempf**; **Daniel Kochsmeier**; and **Mary Eleanor Kochsmeier**.