

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**October 23, 2019**

**Recently, Pastor David heard a podcast that gave some sobering statistics.** In the year 2000, a survey was done of self-professing Christians who attended weekly worship services, the average was people attended worship services 3.6 Sundays or weekends a month. In 2018, the survey was repeated again by self-professing Christians, who by their own admission state that they attend worship services on a weekend. This time, the findings revealed that people are attending worship services 1.6 times a month on average. This decline is attributed to people having more demands on their schedule and/or their children involved in weekend activities. Think about the priority of gathered worship for you and your family. Is gathering for worship a priority? Why or why not?

**Church Council** will be meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday Night Alive** gathers every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. for one hour of worship and teaching from scripture.

The next **Congregational Business Meeting** will be held this coming Sunday, immediately after the worship service. This is an opportunity to hear what is happening at SCMC, review the financials and ask questions about the workings of SCMC.

**Discovery Bible Study** will be meeting this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the **Hellertown Diner**.

The **Outreach Commission** will be meeting on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

**The Good News Club and Youth Group Dinner** on Wednesday, October 30 will be spaghetti. Please RSVP through the SCMC App or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Good News Club and Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are in the Chapel. **Operation Christmas Child** is a project of Samaritan's Purse, their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year our goal is to fill 50 boxes by November 17. This makes a great family project! For more information on how to pack a shoe box, please visit their website at [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) Please note a change this year - toothpaste and candy are no longer allowed due to change in customs.

**Good News Club** is looking for donations to create a supply of prizes that will be used for our end of the year store in which children redeem points for prizes. As you go shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11, up to a \$15 value. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

Every winter our **Youth Group** enjoys the opportunity to go up to **Spruce Lake** for their **Winter Blast Retreat**. The cost has gone up in recent years and several youth need help raising the funds to go. Therefore, the youth will be having work days to help defray the cost of the retreat. Sign up in the foyer for a job you need done and how many youth you can use to do it. It could be raking leaves, cleaning, babysitting, shoveling snow, etc. We will assign a youth to that job and the two of you will coordinate it between yourselves as to when it will occur. You would then complete a form with a donation to that youth and return to Tara Willard. This will be running from October through the end of January.

**Lehigh Valley Christian High School** is having a bus trip to NYC fundraiser on December 2. The trip will include a show at Radio City Music Hall along with free time for sight-seeing and shopping. The cost is \$90.00 per person if purchased before November 8. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Deb Faust at [d.faust@lvchs.org](mailto:d.faust@lvchs.org) for more information.

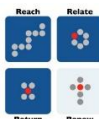
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

**Next Week's Bible Reading Plan:** Week 44: - Ezekiel 16-18; John 6; - Ezekiel 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7; - Ezekiel 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8; - Ezekiel 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9; - Ezekiel 28-30; John 10.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Sue Reed, Emily McSloy; **Worship Team Leader**, Sandy Faust; **Children's Message**, None.

**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; **Rolando & Andrea Zelaya** serving in Spain; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Becky Thatcher**, **Mary Ann Transue**, and **Jim & Cathy Troxell**.

**REACH** those far from God  
**RELATE** to those near to God



**RETURN** blessing as blessed  
**RENEW** a right spirit within