

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
October 24, 2018

If you purchased **hoagies from the youth**, they will be delivered today (Wednesday) at 12:00 p.m. Please plan to pick up your hoagies between 12:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Good News Club and Youth Group will be meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. If anyone purchased hoagies from the hoagie sale, they are welcome to eat their hoagies at church at 5:45 p.m. before Good News Club and Youth Group. Chips and applesauce will be provided.

The **Elders, Council and Commission chairs** are meeting this Saturday for a Leadership Retreat. Please pray for wisdom as this group meets.

If you were not able to pick up an **Operation Christmas Child shoebox** this past Sunday, please feel free to use your own shoebox or purchase a plastic one at the Dollar Tree if you would like to participate.

The next **Quarterly Business Meeting** is scheduled for this Sunday, October 28. It will begin immediately following the Worship Service.

Practice for the **Christmas Program** will be held this Sunday from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

The **Outreach Commission** will be holding a **Trunk or Treat** event in the church parking lot this Sunday, October 28, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please provide your own candy. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

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.

Sunday morning, November 11, we will be receiving our Harvest Offering 2018. The goal is \$17,000 plus 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is an offering above the normal tithe. The offering will be distributed as follows:

- 1. Operation Christmas Child** – Besides blessing the shoebox recipient, giving shoeboxes allows our children a hands-on experience of giving to bless another person. [50 boxes]
- 2. Melissa Rizzuto** - On July 10, 2017, Melissa was admitted into the hospital for emergency surgery to repair a disc that was about to sever her spinal cord. She had lived with extreme nerve pain and numbness in her legs for about a year. The surgery removed the pressure on the spinal cord but due to complications, has left her paralyzed from the waist down. All four of the children attend the Southern Lehigh School district and Melissa was a very close-knit member of our community. She headed the PTA and assisted with numerous PTA events. Insurance is not covering physical therapy or transportation to/from therapy. [\$6,000]
- 3. Erin Tomino and Troy Hankerson** - The mini strokes she had in January have altered her personality and her physical and mental abilities. Erin is in constant danger of stroke or organ failure. They are applying for disability for Erin, but that procedure takes time. [\$6,000]
- 4. Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** - Churches throughout the Lehigh Valley assist in the operation of the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. They care for 75-100 homeless individuals during the winter months. We desire to bless these individuals with a "care package" of essentials and goodies this Christmas season. [\$3,000]
- 5. Jeremy and Becky Reinhard family** - Recently the Reinhard family accepted God's call to serve Him in Kenya with Africa Inland Missions. They are from the Lehigh Valley. They are fully supported but need to purchase a vehicle in Kenya. We will help them with that vehicle purchase. [\$2,000]

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: October 28, Mark 6; October 29, Mark 7; October 30, Mark 8; October 31, Mark 9; November 1, Mark 10; November 2, Mark 11; November 3, Mark 12.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Naphtali Walters, Jaylen Lesser; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Children's Message**, Aleta DeToma.

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, **Jessica Bergey** serving in India; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Jazmyn Cunningham, Bob & Emily Walters, Lee & Danette Walters, and Mark & Nancy Walters.**