Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection October 25, 2017

"Thank You" cannot begin to convey the gratitude Bev and I have for your generous love gift and words of appreciation shown to us this past Sunday. We can't forget the bountiful feast either. So good! We are humbly honored to serve the Lord Jesus as your pastoral couple! Thank you again. - Pastor David and Bev

For those wishing to send a card to **Denise Ibach and /or Stephen and Amanda Snyder**, please send to the following address: Denise Ibach C/O Stephen Snyder CMR 415 Box 6614 APO, AE 09114-0067

Parenting the Smartphone Generation is not an easy task. Jonathan McKee made that point exceedingly clear October 15. If you have not done so already, log on to his website at TheSource4Parents.com. There you will find all sorts of information regarding issues facing this young generation.

The **Evangelism Commission** will be holding a **Trunk or Treat** event in the church parking lot this Saturday, October 28 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It's not too late to participate!

There will be a meeting this Sunday, October 29 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for those attending the Philadelphia missions trip.

Our next **Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, November 1, at 12 noon. We will be going to Red, White & Que Smokehouse in Easton. The restaurant is located at 1800 Sullivan Trail in Easton. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Poinsettia Sale!! The Youth Group is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for the youth missions trip. Orders and payments must be in by Sunday, November 5. Please place your order on the sheet in the foyer, and make checks payable to SCMC.

Reminder! Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due back at the church by November 5. Thank you!

An **Intergenerational Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic** is being planned for June 30 – July 7, 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in participating. This is open to everyone in the congregation and there are 18 spots available. Please sign-up and pay a \$50 deposit by November 26.

Sunday morning, November 12, we will be receiving our Harvest Offering 2017. The goal is \$24,600 plus 100 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. [100 boxes]

2. **Jo Dunbar** - She served with Jessica Bergey in YWAM. Jo has CTEPH which is a form of pulmonary hypertension which means she has blood clotting issues (specifically on her lungs which makes it hard to breathe and she will sometimes pass out just from walking around). She's constantly in and out of the hospital and as a result has significant medical bills. Jo has used avenues of crowd funding to help offset her medical expenses. (\$7,000)

3. **Zelaya family** - Rolando and Andrea with their two sons are preparing to leave the US and become mission workers in Spain. Their probable move date is January 2018. While SCMC will assist them in our 2018 budget, we want to help cover transportation and relocation expenses. (\$5,000)

4. **Pastor John Prasad (India)** - During the New Year's Eve prayer meeting, Pastor John's Royal Engfield motorcycle was stolen. A motorcycle in India is an efficient and affordable means of transportation. His "gospel motorcycle" would enable Pastor John to get into remote villages to share the gospel. (\$4,600)

5. Bruce Rosenberg - As the result of an accident on Wassergass Road, Bruce was left severely injured. The Rosenberg family has significant expenses not covered by insurance. (\$2,000)

6. **Stephanie Modavis** - This Lower Saucon resident, needs a second kidney transplant due to complications of her battle with lupus. (\$2,000)

7. **Filippini Family** - On December 9, 2016, Hayley passed away at the age 18 after battling a rare malignant brain tumor called pineoblastoma. This disease was aggressive and Hayley faced many operations, including a stint placed in her head after a brain surgery. Near the end of her life, her body just began shutting down. Her parents are still trying to resolve her medical expenses. Recently, Hayley's parents moved from NJ to Florida. Their home was damaged in Hurricane Irma. (\$4,000)

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 29, Jeremiah 52, Lamentations 1-2; October 30, Lamentations 3-5; October 31, Psalms 38-39 & 49-50; November 1, Song of Solomon 1-3; November 2, Song of Solomon 4-6; November 3, Song of Solomon 7-8, Psalms 83 & 86; November 4, Ezra 1-3.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Lisa Walters, Lindsey Richards; Greeter, Eric & Kelly Schoch; Worship Team Leader, Sandy Faust; Ushers, Chip Shimko, Bob Kemmerer, Rob Ibach; Children's Message, Tara Willard.

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); Barbara Cressman, John & Toni Cressman and Aleta DeToma.