## Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection October 30, 2019

"Thank you" does not nearly convey the gratefulness Bev and I have for the ways you have blessed us with Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Your generosity was overwhelming! It is with much joy that we serve as your pastoral couple. It is extremely rewarding to see God at work in your lives. Thank you again for being such a blessing! - Pastor David and Bev

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday. Make sure you set your clocks back one hour.

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner for **Good News Club and Youth Group** families <u>tonight</u> (Wednesday) at 5:45 p.m. **Good News Club and Youth Group** will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The **Worship Team** will <u>not</u> be having practice on Thursday evening. Please plan to meet for practice on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m.

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

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

**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. <u>This year our goal is to fill 50 boxes by November 17.</u> This makes a great family project! For more information on how to pack a shoe box, please visit their website at <a href="https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child">www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child</a> 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.

**Voice of the Martyrs Advance Conference** will be held at Greater Shiloh Church in Easton on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Speakers from around the world will share personal testimonies about God's faithfulness in the midst of persecution. For more information visit www.VOMAdvance.com or see the flyer in the chapel.

**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@lychs.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 45: - Ezekiel 31-33; John 11; - Ezekiel 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12; - Ezekiel 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13; - Ezekiel 40-42; John 14; - Ezekiel 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Rose Szabo, Jaylen Lesser; Worship Team Leader, Robert Bergey; 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); David & Yen Truong, Bob & Emily Walters, and Lee & Danette Walters.

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



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