

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
October 31, 2018

Please be in prayer for our **3rd - 5th graders** who will be serving with the **Philadelphia Project** this weekend. Skyla and Baylen Lesser, Erika Schmidt, Logan Matthews, Sophia Cressman, Makayla Willard, Jordan Smith, Josh Newcomer, Darren Mohler, and Chaperones - Lydia Lesser, Lydia Mohler, and Marc Newcomer.

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday morning. Remember we “fall” back to a new time. How are you going to use your “extra” hour? Why don’t you plan on getting to church early for coffee and donuts? They will be served from 8:30 to 9:20 this Sunday morning.

“Thank you” cannot begin to express our gratitude to each of you for the many expressions of love you lavished upon us for **Pastor Appreciation**. We are honored to have the sacred privilege of serving as your pastoral couple. Thank you again, Pastor David and Bev

“Trunk or Treat” 2018 is history! SCMC was a blessing to many children and adults. Thank you to those who participated and made this a wonderful event.

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

Sing! Book Study will be meeting on Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. Please read the postlude and bonus tracks for Sunday’s discussion.

The **Elders** will be meeting on Monday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a **Finance Commission Meeting** on Tuesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a **Hot Dogs & Chips Dinner** for Good News Club and Youth Group families on Wednesday, November 7, at 5:45 p.m. GNC and Youth Group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

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 do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted throughout the school year 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.

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: November 4, Mark 13; November 5, Mark 14; November 6, Mark 15; November 7, Mark 16; November 8, Luke 1; November 9, Luke 2; November 10, Luke 3.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Wendy Rush-Spinosa, Elizabeth McSloy; **Worship Team Leader**, Victor Sabatino; **Children's Message**, Danette Walters.

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); **Ryan & Naphtali Walters**, **Randy & Tara Willard**, and **Bob & Mary Jane Bergey**.