

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
November 1, 2017

Good News Club, Senior & Junior Youth Group will all meet tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.

Denise Ibach will be having surgery to repair her broken pelvis on Thursday. Rob will be traveling to be with her for the surgery. Please keep both Denise and Rob in prayer.

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning. We turn the clocks back one hour. Don't forget to fall back!

Poinsettia Sale!! The Youth Group is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for the youth missions trip. Orders and payments are due **this coming Sunday**. Please put your money in an envelope marked "poinsettias" and place in the offering.

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

The **Youth Group** is having a hoagie fundraiser. Hoagies will be available for pick up at the church on Wednesday, November 15 from 11:00-2:30 p.m. or 6:00-8:30 p.m. They must be picked up by 8:30 p.m. Hoagies cost \$5.00 each. Orders and payment are due **this coming Sunday**. Please place your order and put payment in an envelope marked "hoagies" in the offering on Sunday.

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.

Tara Willard is looking for **Sunday School teachers and helpers** for the winter quarter which runs December 10 - March 18, with no Sunday School on December 24 or 31. Please let Tara know if you are able to help out in this way.

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: November 5, Ezra 4-6; November 6, Ezra 7-9, Psalms 79; November 7, Ezra 10-12; November 8, Ezra 13-15; November 9, Ezra 16-18, Psalms 80; November 10, Ezra 19-21; November 11, Ezra 22-24.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Naphtali Walters, Rachael Litke; **Greeter**, Chip & Mary Lou Shimko; **Worship Team Leader**, Victor Sabatino; **Ushers**, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard; **Children's Message**, Sue Reed.

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); **Kathleen Dresher, Dave & Debbie Faust** and **Ron & Sandy Faust**.