

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
November 12, 2014

Dear Church Family, I would like to thank everyone for your commitment in giving to our church over the past year. As we discussed at our quarterly business meeting on Sunday, we currently have a total deficit of around \$22,000. Several payments to community ministries have been held off until we get the funds needed to pay those budgeted amounts. Please pray about your giving commitment for the last two months of this year. Your giving not only blesses our church community, but also blesses many people in local and international communities. We can be sure that through our giving, the Lord will do amazing things here at SCMC. --Sheryl Richards, Treasurer

Tonight's (Wednesday) Evening of Prayer will focus on "Personal Revival". There is nothing more important than gathering together for prayer, especially with this focus. See you at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Craft Night tomorrow night, Ladies!! Meet at 7 p.m. in the Lower Level. The cost is \$4. We will need at least some of you to bring the exact amount—otherwise, if there are no one dollar bills for change, your wreath may cost \$5! Thank you!

If you are willing to help in the Nursery, please sign up as soon as possible. The new schedule will be made up next week. Thank you!

The Evangelism Commission is hosting our Annual Food Drive. We will be collecting food in the foyer from now until November 23. This year, to add a personal touch that we believe will bless both the giver and the recipient, we strongly encourage that if you know an individual or a family that would be blessed by a bag or box of food and you are able, please buy the food and deliver it directly to them. For those who wish to bring their food to the church, we will organize the food into boxes. Then on November 24, if you know an individual or a family that would be blessed, we welcome you to pick up a box and deliver it personally. If you are not comfortable delivering the box, please use the communication card to give us the family or person's information and we will deliver the blessing. Lastly, if you are an individual or family that would be blessed to receive a box of food, please tell us directly or use the communication card between now and November 24. Thank you for your participation in our efforts to reach out!

Please be in prayer about being used as a Sunday School teacher or helper during the Winter Quarter--January, February and March. If you are interested, please talk to Tara Willard.

There will be **Play Practice** for the narrator, actor and actresses on November 23 and 30 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. Practice for ALL program participants will be on December 7 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bring a packed lunch.

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!

The filled **Operation Christmas Child Showboxes** must be returned to the church this Sunday. We still have 19 shoeboxes available for you to take home and fill with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love. If you have any questions, please talk to Lisa Walters.

Our **November Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, November 26, at Feasta Pizza at 1826 Leithsville Rd in Hellertown, not the one in Bethlehem, as per the Toilet Paper. Please sign up on the sheet provided if you would like to attend.

Attention Ladies! We are having an **Advent Tea** this year on Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Ladies (and Little Ladies) are invited! Join us for a celebration of the Christmas Season. There is no charge for this special occasion. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Celebrate Christmas with international recording artist, Carolyn Arends, on Saturday evening, December 6. Ms. Arends will debut her Christmas album titled "Celebrating Christmas". Our sanctuary is well-suited to host this event. Tickets will be \$10.

Join us on Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. for an **"UnFrozen Christmas Program--Do you want to Meet a Savior?"** Let us transform an old "once upon a time" story into an evening of joyful worship, playful presentation, and a fresh examination into the story of Jesus' birth. A wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly 16 will be held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA, July 21-26, 2015. This is an opportunity to witness the largest gathering of Anabaptist-Mennonites in the US in our lifetime. Full time registrations are being processed online at www.mwc-cmm.org. Part-time registrations will be offered in April 2015, if not sold out.

In our quarterly business meeting, we were introduced to **"Simple Give"**. "Simple Give" offers individuals the opportunity to tithe or make contributions online or through their credit card. This is especially helpful, as it is one less thing you have to remember on Sunday mornings or if you are going to be away, you can schedule your giving in advance. Check it out by visiting our website (scmc4.me) and clicking on the "Simple Give" icon.

Also in our business meeting, we were instructed concerning the use of **Incident/Accident Report Forms**. As a reminder, these forms are required to be completed when first aid is administered or in the case of visible injury (i.e.. red mark from falling). Forms are available in each classroom.

Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: November 16, Romans 4-6, Ezekiel 31-32, Psalm 114, Proverbs 20; November 17, Romans 7-9, Ezekiel 33-34, Psalm 115; November 18, Romans 10-12, Ezekiel 35-36, Psalm 116; November 19, Romans 13-14, Ezekiel 37-38; November 20, Romans 15-16, Ezekiel 39-40, Psalm 117; November 21, 1 Corinthians 1-3, Ezekiel 41-42, Psalm 118, Proverbs 21; November 22, 1 Corinthians 4-6, Ezekiel 43-44, Psalm 119.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Rose Szabo, Naphtali Walters and Nick Mace; **Greeters**, John & Toni Cressman; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Ushers**, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard, Neal Kempf and Harold Lehman; **Children's Message**, Tim & Lisa Walters.

AM Offering, Year-to Date: \$232,561.08 **Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D:** \$263,578.05 **Deficient:** \$31,016.97

Please Pray For . . . **Jessica Vaughn**, and her work in China; **Deane & Krystal Weaver**, serving in Chile; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; **New Bethany Ministries**, in Bethlehem; **Bill & Lucy Litke**; **Becky Mace**; and **Roger and Sandy Malitzki**.