

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**November 5, 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 "Basics of the Faith"** will focus on the Great Commission spoken by Jesus in Matthew 28.

**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 receiver, 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.

**This Sunday is the last Sunday to order your poinsettias!** There are two sizes, 6 and 7-inch pots with 4-6 blossoms and 7-10 blossoms, respectively. The cost is \$8 and \$12.50. Poinsettias sold to individuals outside of the church family may be picked up on December 12. The other poinsettias that you purchase will be used to decorate the church for our Christmas Service. Following the December 21 service, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you. If you have any questions, please speak to Chip Shimko. The order form is in foyer. Thank you!

We have a **Fellowship Meal** this Sunday following Sunday School. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and fellowship together with your church family.

There will be **Play Practice** for the narrator, actor and actresses on November 9, 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!

On Tuesday, November 11, **Joe Showalter, President of Rosedale Mennonite Missions, and Andrew Miller, Rosedale International Center Director**, will be traveling through our area. They would like to have lunch with as many persons as possible. Pizza lunch will be provided here at the church at 12:30 p.m. Please inform the church office of your attendance.

**Next Wednesday's Evening of Prayer** will focus on "Personal Revival". There is nothing more important than gathering together for prayer, especially with this focus. Won't you invest one hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m.?

**Attentions Ladies!** Next Thursday evening, November 13, we are having a **Holiday Craft Night** at the Church, and we will be making a Pinecone Centerpiece/Wreath. Alma Geosits will be helping us make this craft; she will show us how to change our centerpiece/wreath theme from one of Thanksgiving to that of Christmas. The cost is \$4 to cover materials. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to participate so that we know how many supplies to purchase (and how many pinecones to collect!). These will be a relaxed and fun time of fellowship together!

Once again, you have the opportunity to participate in **Operation Christmas Child!** The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are shoeboxes available for you to take home and fill with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love. The filled shoeboxes are due back at the Church no later than Sunday, November 16. Take as many boxes as you wish to fill and be a blessing to a child this Christmas!! If you have any questions, please talk to Lisa Walters.

**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](http://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](http://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.

We are in need of **Staff for our Nursery** on Sunday mornings during our Morning Worship Service. The Education Commission met and it was decided that due to the increased use of our Nursery, a second adult will be needed each Sunday. Is He calling you to serve Him in this way? There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. It lists those who are currently serving in the Nursery and there is space for you to sign up; if you are currently serving in the nursery and wish the current term of service through the end of November to be your last, please cross off your name. We are so thankful for those who have helped in this way. It is such a blessing to the parents and grandparents of these children who are in the nursery! We staff the nursery each Sunday with one adult and one youth 12 and older. So, young people, we need you, too! The total number of volunteer we have will determine how often you are scheduled in the nursery. It usually ends of being one Sunday every two to three months.

**Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** November 9, Luke 7-9, Ezekiel 16-17, Psalm 108, Proverbs 18; November 10, Luke 10-12, Ezekiel 18-19, Psalm 109; November 11, Luke 13-15, Ezekiel 20-21, Psalm 110; November 12, Luke 16-18, Ezekiel 22-23; November 13, Luke 19-21, Ezekiel 24-25, Psalm 111; November 14, Luke 22-24, Ezekiel 26-27, Psalm 112, Proverbs 19; November 15, Romans 1-3, Ezekiel 28-30, Psalm 113.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Lisa Walters, Jen Matcke and Jasmyne Cox; **Greeters**, Ron & Becky Bergey; **Worship Team Leader**, Dave Kempf; **Ushers**, Greg Feenstra, Nick Mace, Aaron Kochsmeier, Bobby Kempf and Scott Richards; **Children's Message**, Val Newcomer.

**AM Offering, Year-to Date:** \$225,859.74 **Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D:** \$257,720.76 **Under Budget:** \$31,861.02

**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; **Mark & Alma Geosits**, as they care for their mothers--Mark's mom continues to become weaker, Alma's mom is resistant to accepting that she has dementia and needs care; **Jason & Jaime Lesser**; **Jeremy & Lydia Lesser**; and **Shirley Liedig**.