

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
November 24, 2021

This weekend marks the start of Advent. Advent is a season of anticipation for the birth of the Christ-child. Just as we prepare our homes with festive decorations in anticipation of Christmas Day, we want to use the Advent season to prepare our hearts. Let us intentionally press into the birth story of Christ.

The **Outreach Commission** is committed to connecting to the community and meeting them where they are at. This coming Friday, November 26, from 5-9 pm, SCMC will be the Hot Chocolate and Cookie Sponsor at the "**Light Up Night**" event at Dimmick Park in Hellertown. We will be handing out information about our church as well as hand warmers. This event will not be successful without YOU! Please text/call Kelly Schoch at 484-538-1071 to volunteer. Even if you can give one hour of your time, it will be appreciated.

Prayer Focus:

Stop and tell God what you are thankful for; do this several times a day this week.

Ask God to continue blessing the business owners in our body. Remember local businesses are up against big box stores and online giants.

Bev's sister, Sandy, suffered a stroke last week. She is currently in rehab. Pray that God would restore any deficits caused by the stroke.

"Debt Done in 21". Our goal is to be debt free by the end of the year. As of today, we owe \$26,500. You can give toward this either online or by earmarking your check "Debt Done" and place in the offering.

Discovery Bible Study will meet Sunday evening at the Hellertown Diner. The text for our study is John 4:46-54.

Our **Tuesday Evening Prayer Gathering** is the place to connect with others to come before Almighty God with our praise and petition. If you have not attended yet, we will see you next Tuesday.

Spiritual Gifts Discernment - For those desiring to get more clarity or discernment on their spiritual gifts, Pastor David will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 pm to assist in the discovery of spiritual gifts. Please take the Wagner-Houts questionnaire prior to and bring it with you.

The **Outreach Commission** is once again planning to participate in **Christmas Angel**. We will be blessing families with grocery gift cards as well as gift cards for several other businesses. You can take a card which will be located on the cross at the rear of the sanctuary and purchase that card for the designated amount or you can take several of them. If you wish to take a card and place the appropriate amount of cash with the card, the Outreach Commission will take care of purchasing that card. The cards can then be placed in the offering basket or they can be dropped off with Sheryl during the week. You can also give online through Pushpay. We would like to complete this by December 5.

Our CMC Overseer, Jeremy Miller and family will be with us the weekend of December 11 and 12. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get to know Jeremy since this will be the first time most of you have had to meet him. There is a Fellowship Meal scheduled for that Sunday.

The **HLS Choir** was invited to sing Christmas Carols on the **Main Street Bethlehem Moravian steps** on December 18 at 5:30 p.m. Dan would love for anyone that would be interested to come – the more the merrier! Please let Toni or Dan know if you'd like to join us.

Any **weather-related delays and/or cancelations** affecting SCMC worship services or events will be posted on the SCMC Facebook page, WFMZ-channel 69 and emailed out. Decisions to delay or cancel will be made not later than one hour prior to gathering.

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!

Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan: **November 25** – Joel, Psalm 149; **November 26** – Micah 1-3, Psalm 150; **November 27** – Micah 4-5, Isaiah 40; **November 28** – Micah 6-7, Isaiah 41; **November 29**– Day of Reflection; **November 30** – Day of Reflection; **December 1** – 2 Thessalonians, Isaiah 42.

Church Elders: Bill Litke, Joel Mohler, Scott Richards, Bob Walters, Randy Willard.

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Bill & Lucy Litke, Wes & Becca Loar, and Nick Mace-Carver.**

Offering YTD: \$257,719.62

Budget YTD: \$259,863.00

Debt Done in '21: \$500.00

Debt Done in '21 YTD: \$777.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Bob Bergey – November 28; Micah Mohler – November 30.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within