Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection November 25, 2014

The Mid-week Connection is coming out a day early, just in case we get the snow they are calling for tomorrow!!

Those who have signed up for **Lunch Bunch** for tomorrow, please check your email to see if we are still planning to have it before you leave for the restaurant. I will try to get something out to you by 10:30-11 a.m. If we plan to have it and you don't wish to come out in the weather, please call me at 610-730-8007 by 11 a.m. so that I can call in the right head count. Thank you!

We will also send out an email by 5 p.m. tomorrow if it seems questionable as to whether or not we will be having our **Wednesday Evening of Prayer** at 7 p.m.

Thank you to all who filled shoe boxes for operation Christmas child! The total was 71!

No Worship Team Practice on Thursday evening. Please be ready to begin practicing on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be **Play Practice** for the narrator, actor and actresses this Sunday 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!

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 are now available at \$10 per ticket.

There is a **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** on Sunday, December 7, at 8:30 a.m. for all who are currently teaching Sunday School. Please RSVP to Tara by Wednesday, December 3.

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.

On Wednesday evening, December 17, the **Youth Group is having their Christmas Party**, from 6:30-8 p.m. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift.

On Sunday, December 21, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., the **Youth Group will be going to a local Nursing Home as a Service Project**. Youth, please bring a lunch. There will be no Christmas Caroling!!

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325. Clayton and Marlene will be sharing in our Love and Respect Sunday School class on December 7. This is a great opportunity to get to know them a bit better prior to our retreat.

Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: November 30, 2 Corinthians 10-11, Daniel 11-12, Psalm 125; December 1, 2 Corinthians 12-13, Hosea 1-2, Psalm 126; December 2, Galatians 1-3, Hosea 3-4; December 3, Galatians 4-6, Hosea 5-6; December 4, Ephesians 1-3, Hosea 7-8, Psalm 127; December 5, Ephesians 4-6, Hosea 9-10, Psalm 128, Proverbs 24; December 6, Philippians 1-4, Hosea 11-12, Psalm 129.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Jenn Matcke, Becky Bergey and Jasmyne Cox; **Greeters**, Jim Brunstetter; **Worship Team Leader,** Sandy Faust; **Ushers,** Nick Mace, Aaron Kochsmeier, Bobby Kempf, Scott Richards and Lee Walters; **Children's Message,** Kelly Schoch.

AM Offering, Year-to Date: \$242,748.35 **Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D:** \$275,292.63 **Deficient:** \$32,544.28

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; Anita McSloy; Dan & Doris Meehan; and Joel & Lydia Mohler.