

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
November 28, 2018

This Saturday, December 1, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. is our **Holiday Babysitting Night**. Please contact Tara today if you would like to participate but haven't yet signed up.

All first quarter **Sunday School Teachers and Helpers** are invited to an **Appreciation Breakfast this Sunday, December 2**, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Please RSVP to Tara by today.**

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of the **Advent Season**. Advent is a time of building anticipation to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. After 400 years of prophetic silence, the long-awaited hope of the Messiah was fulfilled. Life, as it was known, would never be the same. This Advent Season, Pastor David will be drawing on each of the four women listed in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1). The sermon series is titled, **"I'm Not Who You Say I Am"**.

Practice for the **Christmas Program** will be held this Sunday from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

The **Worship Commission** will be meeting this **Sunday, December 2**, during the Sunday School hour.

There will be a **Pizza Dinner** for **Good News Club and Youth Group families** on Wednesday, December 5, at 5:45 p.m. GNC and Youth Group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

On **Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m.**, the Youth group will be having a **Christmas Party**. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5-10. If it is not unisex then label it for a girl/boy.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held Sunday, December 9. The theme will be favorite holiday foods and Christmas themed desserts. Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert.

Dress Rehearsal for those participating in the **Christmas Program** will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be meeting Sunday, December 16, during the Sunday School hour.

Join us on **Sunday, December 16**, at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas Musical, **"Chris-myth Busters"** where you will discover the truth about Christmas. This will be a wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event. (Snow date will be Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.)

Christmas Carolers needed Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.! Please meet at the church for an evening of Christmas Caroling. We will be caroling at pre-determined homes in the Steel City Community. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to us. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight! The **Good News Club children and families** will be participating in this event instead of the normal meeting on the 19th.

It's time to be thinking about another **SCMC Cruise**. Our next **SCMC Cruise will be May 25, 2019** (Saturday) leaving from Cape Liberty, NJ heading to New England and Canada. It is a six-night Royal Caribbean cruise on Adventure of the Seas. Ports of call include Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We return to Cape Liberty on Friday, May 31, 2019. Passports are required. This would be a great cruise to consider if you aren't sure cruising is for you! More information along with an "Interested" sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Please speak to either Bev or Pastor David if you have questions.

Good News Club is looking for donations to create a supply of prizes that will be used for our end of the year store in which children redeem points for prizes. As you do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted throughout the school year until the end of March.

Every winter our **Youth Group** enjoys the opportunity to go up to **Spruce Lake** for their **Winter Blast Retreat**. The cost has gone up in recent years and several youth need help raising the funds to go. Therefore, the youth will be having work days to help defray the cost of the retreat. Sign up in the foyer for a job you need done and how many youth you can use to do it. It could be raking leaves, cleaning, babysitting, shoveling snow, etc. The first person to respond to this e-mail will receive a five-dollar Wawa gift card. We will assign a youth to that job and the two of you will coordinate it between yourselves as to when it will occur. You would then complete a form with a donation to that youth and return to Tara Willard. This will be running through the end of January.

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 Bible Reading Plan: December 2, John 1; December 3, John 2; December 4, John 3; December 5, John 4; December 6, John 5; December 7, John 6; December 8, John 7.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Rose Szabo, Rachael Litke; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Children's Message**, Kelly Schoch.

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; **Rolando & Andrea Zelaya** serving in Spain, **Jessica Bergey** serving in India; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Barb Cressman, Jeff Cressman, and John & Toni Cressman**.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God
RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within

