

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 1, 2021

Awana and Youth Group will be meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. Due to an outbreak of Covid in the Lehigh Valley, masks are encouraged for all those attending tonight.

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

With the number of Covid cases on the rise in the Lehigh Valley as well as hospitalizations, we will return to every-other row seating in the sanctuary. Also, be mindful of social distancing considerations like offering fist bumps rather than shaking hands. We want to do what we can to slow the spread.

HIMpossible Prayers

Pray for those who are seeking employment or better jobs.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Pray for those who need physical healing and restoration, especially Aleta.

This Saturday, December 4, will be an **Awana Family Christmas Party** for all Awana children and their families at church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided and there will be activities, crafts, and fun for the whole family. Please RSVP to Tara by today.

Please turn in all the gift cards purchased for **Christmas Angel** by this coming Sunday, December 5. Thank you!

Mark it on your calendar! **Christmas Eve Service with Communion** is scheduled for December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Discovery Bible Study will meet Sunday evening at the Hellertown Diner. The text for our study is John 5:1-17.

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.

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 (12/12).** Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Youth Group Christmas Party** will be on Wednesday, December 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5 - \$10 for our gift exchange. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Christmas Carolers needed Sunday, December 19, at 5:30 p.m.! Please meet at the church for an evening of Christmas Caroling in the Steel City Community. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to us. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight!

Our **High School Youth Group** will be preparing and serving dinner at the **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** on Wednesday, December 22. If there are any adults available between 4:00-9:00 and would like to volunteer at the registration table, shower monitors, or dining room clean up, please let Tara Willard know. We are also looking for donations of breakfast items such as pop-tarts, cereal bars, juice bottles or boxes etc. for the breakfast bags.

For participating in various **Awana** activities, the children and youth will be earning "**Awana Bucks**" which they can spend in our AWANA store. As you are shopping this holiday season and see doorbuster deals, please pick something up for our Awana store. Anything that would be appropriate for a 5 - 10-year-old or and 11 - 18-year-old would be fine. Also, small amount gift cards are good too - \$5, \$10, \$15 to various stores, iTunes, Amazon, or restaurants are good too. Please give any donations to Tara Willard or put on the stage in chapel labeled Awana store. We will be collecting donations throughout the year and will have our store open in the end of January and the end of May.

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

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: December 2 – Nahum, Isaiah 43; **December 3** – 2 Peter, Isaiah 44; **December 4** – Habakkuk, Isaiah 45; **December 5** – Zephaniah, Isaiah 46; **December 6**– Jude, Isaiah 47; **December 7** – Day of Reflection; **December 8** – Haggai, Isaiah 48.

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

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Roger & Sandy Malitzki, Carl & Danielle Mangione, and Wayne Matthews.**

Offering YTD: \$263,160.62

Budget YTD: \$265,392.00

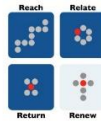
Debt Done in '21: \$200.00

Debt Done in '21 YTD: \$977.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Jim Brunstetter – December 7.

Happy Anniversary Wishes To: Carl & Danielle Mangione – December 3.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within