## Steel City Mennonite Church Mid-Week Connection December 2, 2014

**Mennonites World Conference Event Needs Intercessors!** This summer six to ten thousand Mennonites from all over the world are expected to gather in Harrisburg, PA for an assembly known as a reunion of the world-wide Anabaptist-Mennonite family. The week will include multicultural worship, teaching, discussions, workshops, and service opportunities, for all ages. The prayer network team is looking for persons to join them in praying for the event. Interested persons can register at <a href="https://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/prayer-network">https://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/prayer-network</a>. Through your prayers you can be a part of bringing God glory at this family reunion.

"Dear Church Family, Bob and I thank you again and afresh for your continuing care. Most every day we enjoy the food and the assurance of your love and concern." --Bob and Emily Walters

**Good News Club and Youth Group** meet tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 6:30 p.m., as well as **Basics of Faith** for the adults at the same time.

There is **No Worship Team Practice** this Thursday evening. Please be ready to begin practicing on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m.

**Attention Ladies!** We are having our **Advent Tea** this Saturday 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, and didn't sign up, please call or text Bev at 610-730-8007.

Celebrate Christmas with international recording artist, Carolyn Arends, this Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Arends will debut her Christmas album titled "Celebrating Christmas". Call or text Bev at 610-730-8007 if you have not yet purchased your tickets and would like to attend. Invite your neighbors and friends; this will be an awesome evening! Tickets will also be available at the door.

There is a **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. for all who are currently teaching Sunday School. Please RSVP to Tara by tomorrow.

The **Evangelism Commission** will meet this Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Practice for ALL Christmas program participants will take place this Sunday 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!

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.

You are invited to go **Christmas Caroling** on Tuesday evening, December 16, at 6 p.m. We will be caroling around the community of Steel City. Fill someone else's heart with cheer this Christmas season as well as your own by making some special Christmas memories with your own family!

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 this Sunday. This is a great opportunity to get to know them a bit better prior to our retreat.

This is a partial list of Individuals Being Presented by the Nominating Commission for Congregational Affirmation on Sunday, December 14. Please prayerfully consider affirming these people for the leadership roles within SCMC. Unless otherwise stated, these are three-year terms. The 2015 Nominations for Commissions are as follows: Kevin Olsen, Board of Elders; Lydia Mohler and Ryan Walters, Church Council; Sue Kempf, Education Commission; Bob Kemmerer for a one-year term, Meghan Cela, Ron Faust and Kelly Schoch, Evangelism Commission; Betty Kemmerer for a one-year term, Becky Bergey and Bertha Lehman, Fellowship Commission; Joel Mohler and Kevin Olsen, Finance Commission; Tom Reppert and Eric Schoch, Trustee Committee; Rachel Feenstra and Dave Kempf, Worship Commission.

**Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** December 7, Colossians 1-4, Hosea 13-14, Psalm 130, Proverbs 25; December 8, 1 Thessalonians 1-3, Joel 1-3, Psalm 131; December 9, 1 Thessalonians 4-5, Amos 1-2, Psalm 132; December 10, 2 Thessalonians 1-3, Amos 3-4; December 11, 1 Timothy 1-3, Amos 5-6, Psalm 133; December 12, 1 Timothy 4-6, Amos 7-8, Psalm 134, Proverbs 26; December 13, 2 Timothy 1-2, Amos 9, Obadiah 1, Psalm 135.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Mary Jane Bergey, Darlene Hein and T'yanna Ruiz; Greeters, Denis & Meghan Cela; Worship Team Leader, Dan Reed; Ushers, John Cressman, Randy Willard, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman, Tim Walters; Children's Message, Danette Walters.

AM Offering, Year-to Date: \$246,861.26 Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D: \$281,149.92 Deficient: \$34,288.66

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; Walt & Joan Murphy; Marc & Val Newcomer; and Gail Nolf.