

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**December 5, 2018**

There will be a **Pizza Dinner** for **Good News Club and Youth Group families** tonight (Wednesday) at 5:45 p.m. **Good News Club and Youth Group** will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tonight is the **Christmas Party** for Youth Group. Please bring your wrapped gift!

The **Advent season** is about preparing and anticipating. This coming Sunday, the **second Sunday of Advent**, Pastor David continues the series, **"I'm Not Who You Say I Am"**, by looking at the story of **Rahab**. Rahab is mentioned in Joshua, chapters 2 and 6. She is also mentioned in Hebrews 11:31 as a hero of the faith. You are encouraged to read these texts in preparation and anticipation of the ministry of the Word this weekend.

**Call to Prayer:** On November 25, Pastor David shared with the congregation the "fruit" of much intense labor by the SCMC leadership over an 18-month process. You can listen to that message through the SCMC app. The focus for SCMC to fulfill its God-given mission is four-fold: **REACH** people who are far from God; **RELATE** to those who near to God; **RETURN** blessings to bless others and **RENEW** a right spirit within. As we look at accomplishing this four-fold focus, small groups become an integral part of SCMC life. More information will be coming, but until then **please pray** for the following:

1. that God would raise up small group leaders
2. that we would be committed to participating in a small group community to grow in intimacy with God

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

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

You won't want to miss **The Emmaus Chorale Concert** held this Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus, and directed by Dan Reed. Victor Sabatino and Aleta DeToma are also participating in this concert.

**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. We will be having a time of refreshments after the program. Please respond to this e-mail if you can provide a plate of **Christmas Cookies**. Thank you! (Snow date will be Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.)

**Church Council** will be meeting on Monday, December 17, 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 first person to respond to this e-mail will receive a five-dollar Wawa gift card. The **Good News Club children and families** will be participating in this event instead of the normal meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Eve Communion Service** - Reserve **December 24** at 7:00 p.m. on your calendars. You will not want to miss this special worship service.

**December's Lunch Bunch** is going to **Shady Maple Smorgasbord** in Lancaster County on **Friday, December 28**. Shady Maple's Lunch buffet includes 46 salad bar items, 3 soups, 8 homemade breads and rolls, 4 cheeses, 8 meats, 14 vegetables, 10 cold desserts, 3 hot desserts, 8 pies, 6 cakes, sundae bar and beverages. The cost is \$14.49 plus tax. Please sign up in the foyer or through the SCMC app. If you have interest in splitting the cost of a 15-passenger van and riding together, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

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.

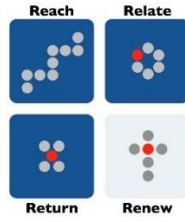
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

**Next Week's Bible Reading Plan:** December 9, John 8; December 10, John 9; December 11, John 10; December 12, John 11; December 13, John 12; December 14, John 13; December 15, John 14.

**This Week:** Nursery Staff, Val Newcomer, Lindsey Richards; **Worship Team Leader,** Victor Sabatino; **Children’s Message,** Danette Walters.

**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); **Aleta DeToma, Kathleen Dresher,** and **Dave & Debbie Faust.**

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