

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 8, 2021

Funeral services for Aleta DeToma will be held this Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. The visitation and service will be at SCMC. Continue to pray for her family during this time of loss.

This weekend, our **Overseer, Jeremy Miller and family** will be visiting with SCMC. Jeremy will be bringing the message at our weekend services.

With the number of Covid cases on the rise in the Lehigh Valley as well as hospitalizations, we have returned to every-other row seating in the sanctuary. Also, be mindful of social distancing considerations like offering fist bumps rather than shaking hands. If you are experiencing cold-like symptoms, please worship with us online rather than in person. We want to do what we can to slow the spread.

The **Tuesday morning breakfast gatherings** at the Hellertown Diner and the **Sunday evening "Discovery Bible Study" gatherings** will not meet until sometime after the new year.

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.

Make plans now to be a part of our **SCMC Christmas Eve Service**. We will enjoy the music of Christmas as well as immersing ourselves in the birth story of Jesus. Put in on your calendar for 7:00 p.m. on December 24.

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.

Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan: **December 9** – Zechariah 1-3, Isaiah 49; **December 10** – Zechariah 4-6, Isaiah 50; **December 11** – Zechariah 7-9, Isaiah 51; **December 12** – Zechariah 10-12, Isaiah 52; **December 13** – Zechariah 13-14, Isaiah 53; **December 14** – Day of Reflection; **December 15** – Malachi 1-2, Isaiah 54.

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

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Jim & Rhonda McMahon, Anita McSloy, and Dan & Doris Meehan.**

Offering YTD: \$269,891.62

Budget YTD: \$270,921.00

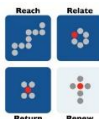
Debt Done in '21: \$8,820.00

Debt Done in '21 YTD: \$9,797.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: Scott Richards – December 8; Jacob Newcomer – December 10; Richard Freed – December 11; Bobby Kempf – December 11; Jessica Tossenou – December 13; Carol Ziegler – December 13; Bob Walters – December 14.

Happy Anniversary Wishes To: Mike & Janet Heft – December 11; Randy & Tara Willard – December 14.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within