

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 9, 2020

The question has been asked, "Due to Covid, can we still put Christmas cards in the church mailboxes?" **Yes**, you may do that. Please maintain a healthy distance when at the church mailboxes in the Chapel.

You, as a congregation, have been very generous with your 2020 giving! You have exceeded budgeted projections for 2020. The Finance Commission recommended to Church Council that the amount given over budgeted amount for offerings be divided into thirds. One-third going to **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**; One-third given to help our **Nicaraguan brothers and sisters**, who have lost most everything through the hurricanes Eta and Iota; the last one-third being earmarked to **assist individuals/ministries** hardest hit by pandemic stresses. As you continue to give throughout the end of the month, may you be a blessing to these needs.

The **Outreach Commission** will be meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, homeless people still need shelter and food during the cold months of winter. Therefore, the **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** will be again providing shelter and meals to people out of Christ UCC Church, 75 E. Market St. Bethlehem. **As we have partnered with them in the past, we have chosen 4 dates this winter (Dec. 30, Jan. 27, Feb. 17, and March 31)** to provide dinner and a light breakfast that you can take with you that staff can serve the next morning. They are only allowing 5 ADULTS in the kitchen at one time and no one under 18 is allowed.

Our Church does NOT have a coordinator this year so we will be providing very simple meals possibly catered from outside sources - like pizza, hoagies, etc.

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30 for one group of residents and 6:30-7:30 for the other half for a total of 40 people maximum.

For December 30th, we plan to serve pizza from Al Forno's and salad. **If anyone would like to contribute money to help in the purchasing of the meals, please put in offering and mark it BES Dinners or you can contribute online through Pushpay.**

Please see the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up for an available slot. If you cannot attend the full time, please write in the comments the hours you can attend.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem1>

Any questions, please ask Tara Willard

Our devotional booklets, "**The Upper Room**" and "**Our Daily Bread**," are available upon request. Due to COVID-19 precautions, they cannot be placed out for self-pick-up.

Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 51: - 1 Peter 3-4; 1 Peter 5, 2 Peter 1; 2 Peter 2-3; 1 John 1-3; 1 John 4-5. **Memory Verses:** 1 Peter 2:11; 1 John 4:10-11.

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

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Victor & Lori Sabatino, Jon & Katrina Schmidt, and Eric & Kelly Schoch.**

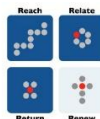
Offering YTD: \$283,380.73

Budget YTD: \$268,520.00

Happy Birthday Wishes To: 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