

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**December 13, 2017**

**Good News Club will meet** tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. **Senior High and Junior High Youth Group** will be combined tonight for their Christmas party and will meet from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. All those in youth group, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5-10.

**4 Nights 4 Fellowship** - Only one evening remains, this coming Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.! Don't miss this opportunity to get in the holiday spirit as we fellowship together around some yummy treats. This is a wonderful time to make new friends. Children are most welcome to attend.

**Christmas Carolers needed this Sunday, December 17, at 4:30 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! As part of our Christmas Caroling, the Evangelism Commission would like to bless each family with cookies. We can't do this without you. Please bring in cookies (in a Ziploc bag) on Sunday morning, December 17, and place in the kitchen. Thank You!

Put family worship on your holiday "To-do" list! There will be no awkward "office party" moment or tension-filled gathering, just WORSHIP focused on our Savior's birth. Join us for the **Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service** at 6:00 p.m. (December 24).

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, December 27, at 12 noon. We will be going to Cactus Blue Mexican Restaurant in Bethlehem. The restaurant is located at 2915 Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer or on the SCMC App.

**Fasting 2018** - With all the holiday goodies and plans for great meals, it is difficult to even entertain the idea of fasting. Over the last several years, the call of a 21-day congregational fast has been the source of tearing down strongholds, experiencing breakthroughs and seeing the presence of God with great clarity. Our next 21 day congregational fast will begin on Sunday, January 7, and conclude after nightfall January 27. The scripture focus for this upcoming fast is Joel 2:12-13a: "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments." (ESV)  
To be clear, this is a spiritual practice or discipline. One should begin now asking God if this is a discipline He is calling you to do. As you are seeking God's leading, ask also what the focus of your fast should be. More information about the different types of fasts will be shared in next week's Midweek Connection.

**Vision Statement:**

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone, everyday, everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Mission Statement:**

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.*

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 Let's Read the Bible Together Plan:** December 17, Isaiah 22-24; December 18, Isaiah 25-27; December 19, Isaiah 28-30; December 20, Isaiah 31-33; December 21, Isaiah 34-36; December 22, Isaiah 37-39; December 23, Isaiah 40-42.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Becky Brooks, Kylie Schmidt; **Greeter**, Ryan & Naphtali Walters; **Worship Team Leader**, Sandy Faust; **Ushers**, Tim Walters, Chip Shimko, Bob Kemmerer; **Children's Message**, Tara Willard.

**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; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Darlene Hein, Chuck Hittinger** and **Rob & Denise Ibach**.