

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**December 15, 2021**

**Due to COVID, the funeral services for Mike Heft** have been changed from what was previously announced. There will be a “drive in” viewing/visitation at Heintzelman Funeral Home (326 Main Street, Hellertown) from 10:00 am to 11:00 am Thursday, December 16. A graveside service will be held at Union Cemetery of Hellertown at 11:00 am. You are encouraged to dress for an extended period outdoors.

**In an effort to mitigate illnesses that are affecting our families, the following will be canceled:**

Tonight's Sr./Jr. High Youth Groups  
Tonight's Awana Clubs in person (see link below for Zoom Meeting tonight)  
Sunday School (will not meet on December 19 or 26)  
Christmas Caroling for December 19  
Prayer Gatherings on Tuesday evenings

**Awana will have a zoom session tonight Wednesday, December 15, from 6:30-7:15pm.**

Below is the link to have your children join on for a Christmas story and game.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84921393106?pwd=NjU2QXRJc2szNTF2QytQaFFGTE5aQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 2139 3106

Passcode: 9xa8kx

**Saturday Evening Worship Service** will not be meeting on December 25 or January 1.

It is time to get prepared for our **21-day season of Prayer and Fasting**. Our focus for 2022 is “**One Thing**” and will begin on January 10, concluding on January 31.

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.

The **Youth Group Christmas Party** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 29, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5-\$10 for our gift exchange. Regular Youth Group and Awana will resume on Wednesday January 5 and continue biweekly.

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 \$11,500 (The original amount was \$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 16** – Malachi 3-4, Isaiah 55; **December 17** – Revelation 1-2, Isaiah 56; **December 18** – Revelation 3-4, Isaiah 57; **December 19** – Revelation 5-6, Isaiah 58; **December 20**– Revelation 7-8, Isaiah 59; **December 21** – Day of Reflection; **December 22** – Revelation 9-10, Isaiah 60.

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

**Please Pray For . . .** Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Vaughn Miller, Joel & Lydia Mohler, and Ed & Nancy Morber.**

**Offering YTD:** \$273,572.62

**Budget YTD:** \$276,450.00

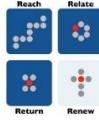
**Debt Done in '21:** \$4,200.00

**Debt Done in '21 YTD:** \$13,997.00

**Happy Birthday Wishes To:** Vaughn Miller – December 17; Josh Richards – December 19; Joren Lesser – December 21; Connor Mangione – December 21.

**Happy Anniversary Wishes To:** Denis & Meghan Cela – December 17.

**REACH** those far from God  
**RELATE** to those near to God



**RETURN** blessing as blessed  
**RENEW** a right spirit within