

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 16, 2020

By now you have heard the forecast for major snow. **Please stay safe during this snow storm!** Check in on one another!

Any weather-related delays and/or cancelations affecting SCMC worship services or events will be posted on the SCMC Facebook page, WFMZ-channel 69 and emailed out. Decisions to delay or cancel will be made not later than one hour prior to gathering.

The **Outreach Commission** would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the congregation for supporting the Christmas Angel Project. The Outreach Commission was hoping to bless 3 families, we surely were reminded of God's bigger plans for us as your prayers, generosity, and obedience allowed us to generously bless 8 households this Christmas season! Thank you all, and to God be the Glory!

We are continuing to provide **Saturday evening (7:00 pm) and Sunday morning (10:00 am) worship services**. It would be helpful during this time if the attendance was more equal in both services. Remember, both gatherings are almost identical.

We will not have in-person Sunday School or other gatherings like the Pizza Dinners through January 3, 2021.

Remember to please wear your face mask and maintain a safe distance when socializing.

Sunday morning's worship service will continue to be presented on Facebook Live at 10 am.

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.

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

Richard Freed would like to thank everyone who sent birthday cards, he had a wonderful day!

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 52: - Revelation 1; Revelation 2-3; Revelation 4-5; Revelation 18-19; Revelation 20-22.

Memory Verses: Revelation 3:19; Revelation 21:3-4.

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

Please Pray For . . . Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Stu & Kim Shank, Rose Szabo, and Becky Thatcher.**

Offering YTD: \$289,688.73

Budget YTD: \$274,000.00

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