

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**December 17, 2014**

**Thank you** to all those who contributed items for the **MCC School Kits!** We were able to assemble and send 60 school kits! Sixty children will be blessed because of your contribution!!

**Attention Youth!!** Tonight (Wednesday) is our **Youth Group Christmas Party** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5 for our white elephant gift exchange. This is always a fun time and a tradition we have had for a number of years. Even if you haven't been involved much this year, please come out for this fun night. **Also, this Sunday**, immediately after Sunday School, we will be going to visit the people at Woodlyn Terrace Nursing Home. Please pack a lunch as we will eat lunch and then leave. We need to know how many people we have coming with us by Thursday.

**Good News Club** meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. The **Basics of the Faith** will not meet tonight.

Our **Christmas Caroling** was rescheduled to tomorrow (Thursday) evening due to the rain last night. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. If you planned to go last night and cannot go tomorrow night, please let Lydia Lesser know; her number is 610-625-3856. Also, if last night did not suit, but you can go Thursday night and would like to join us, please let Lydia know that, as well.

Tara Willard is looking for individuals who are willing to have the **Children's Message** from time to time. If we have four additional new people, everyone will be in the rotation once every two months. If this is a way in which you would like to serve, please talk to Tara.

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!

We are having a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** on Wednesday evening, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a special time of celebration you will not want to miss! Plan now to attend.

Our **December Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, December 31, at 12 noon at Feasta Pizza at 1826 Leithsville Rd in Hellertown. Déjà vu all over again, right?!! Maybe we can make it happen this time!! Please sign up on the sheet provided if you would like to attend.

**Attention Ladies!** Thursday night, January 15, at 7:00 p.m., is **PJ's, Popcorn and Movie Night!!** We will be watching a video with comedian Anita Renfroe, *"I'm Not High Maintenance, Just Low Tolerance."* "Does your spouse kid you about spending too much time in front of the mirror? Are "manis" and "pedis" the high point of your week? Mixing hilarious standup comedy with her trademark song parodies, Renfroe explains the differences between men and women---and they aren't what you think! Laugh out loud at "The Packing Vector," "Clean," and more." It should be a fun and relaxing evening after our busy holiday season! We hope to see a lot of you ladies there! Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. (And, don't let the PJ's theme stop you from coming; if that's not your thing, come in other comfy clothes!!)

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325.

**Mennonites World Conference Event Needs Intercessors!** This summer six to ten thousand Mennonites from all over the world are expected to gather in Harrisburg, PA for an assembly known as a reunion of the world-wide Anabaptist-Mennonite family. The week will include multicultural worship, teaching, discussions, workshops, and service opportunities, for all ages. The prayer network team is looking for persons to join them in praying for the event. Interested persons can register at <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/prayer-network>. Through your prayers you can be a part of bringing God glory at this family reunion.

**CLEAN OUT YOUR QUILT CLOSETS FOR MCC** (Mennonite Central Committee—the same organization who sponsors Penny Power that Dave Kempf shares with the children each year.)! Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale would like quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board in the Chapel. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop on W. Main in New Holland, PA. Please clearly mark items: Quilter's Attic.

**Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** December 21, John 16-18, Habakkuk 1-3, Psalm 142, Proverbs 29; December 22, John 19-21, Zephaniah 1-3, Psalm 143; December 23, 1 John 1-3, Haggai 1-2, Psalm 144; December 24, 1 John 4-5, Zechariah 1-2; December 25, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Zechariah 3-4, Psalm 145; December 26, Revelation 1-3, Zechariah 5-6, Psalm 146, Proverbs 30; December 27, Revelation 4-6, Zechariah 7-8, Psalm 147.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Denis and Meghan Cela and Nick Mace; **Greeters**, Dave & Debbie Faust; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Ushers**, Aaron Kochsmeier, Bobby Kempf, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman; **Children's Message**, Tim & Lisa Walters.

**AM Offering, Year-to Date:** \$261,609.87 **Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D:** \$292,864.50 **Deficient:** \$31,254.63

**Please Pray For . . .** **Jessica Vaughn**, and her work in China; **Deane & Krystal Weaver**, serving in Chile; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; **New Bethany Ministries**, in Bethlehem; **Dan & Sue Reed**; **Greg Reed**; and **Tom & Val Reppert**.