

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 18, 2019

There will be an **Elder's/Spouses Meeting** tomorrow evening (Thursday), at 7:00 p.m.

The Worship Team will not be having practice on Thursday evening. Please plan to meet for practice on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m.

This weekend, the **sacrament of Communion** will be served in both services. The bread and the cup represent God's great love for us. Prayerfully, consider your response to this gift.

This year's **Christmas Caroling** will be this coming Sunday, December 22. We will meet at SCMC at 4:00 p.m. and will carpool to Phoebe Ministries at 19th and Turner in Allentown to carol for their residents. Our goal is to get to Phoebe by 4:30 p.m.

The **Discovery Bible Study** will not be meeting on December 22 and 29.

The **Candlelight Christmas Eve Gathering** will begin at 6:30 p.m., December 24, with a time of hot chocolate fellowship. The service (7:00 pm) will feature singing of Christmas hymns, the Christmas story and a meditation of adoration. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Several weeks ago, Robert Bergey shared our **financial position** on behalf of the Finance Commission. Thanks to your generous and faith-expressing giving, the projected shortfall has been significantly reduced. SCMC is currently running about **\$6,000 expenses over income**. Remember, one of our congregational focuses is to RETURN blessing as we are blessed.

The **Caring Fund Offering** will be received on December 29. This quarter, SCMC has met over \$2,500.00 in congregational needs.

We are still in need of 2 volunteers (both female) to serve at Bethlehem Emergency Shelter on Monday, December 23.

1) Registration 4:30-7:15pm NEED ONE FEMALE

2) Overnight Chaperone 9pm - 7:30am NEED ONE FEMALE

Please click on the link below to sign up.

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

Our **Bible Reading Plan for 2020** (starting the week of December 29) will be the **F-260 Bible Plan**. The F-260 plan is a two hundred and sixty day reading plan that highlights the foundational passages of Scripture that every disciple should know. The F-260 plan also includes weekly memorization for those who want to commit God's word to memory. This plan is also available on the YouVersion Bible Reading App.

Due to the fact that there won't a Midweek Connection the following two weeks, the reading and memorization for **Week 1** is: - Genesis 1-2; Genesis 3- 4; Genesis 6-7; Genesis 8-9; Job 1-2. **Memory Verses:** Genesis 1:27; Hebrews 11:7.

Coming Soon!! SCMC will be using **Instant Church Directory** for 2020. This includes an **online version** and an **app** so you will be able to access information from anywhere (Printable copies will be available for those who request them). Look for an e-mail in the coming week requesting your family picture for the directory. If you do not have a current picture and would like one taken at church, please e-mail Sheryl. Once the directory is ready, instructions will be sent out with how to access the app or online version. Please make sure you have updated your personal information as well. Thank you!

Fasting to Feast 2020. Plan now for SCMC's 21-day spiritual fast. The call for us is to fast from food (or social media, television, etc.) to feast on the presence of God. The dates are January 4 through January 24.

Local churches around the Lehigh Valley maintain the **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** providing a warm place to sleep and food during the coldest months of the year for needy adults. Our church has agreed to partner with our local bodies of Christ in serving this winter. We have chosen one date a month - December, January, February, and March to serve the shelter from 4:00pm - 7:30am. Please view the link below for sign up details and explanations of assignments. Please understand that NO CHILDREN under age 14 are permitted at the shelter due to safety. Teens age 14 to 18 need to be supervised by adults at all times. Every volunteer will need to complete a volunteer application and view an online training of procedures. Visit the link to sign-up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem>

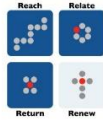
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

Next Week's Bible Reading Plan: Week 52: - Job 28-30; Revelation 18; - Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Revelation 19; - Job 34-36; Revelation 20; - Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Revelation 21; - Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Revelation 22.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Naphtali Walters, Elizabeth McSloy; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed.

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; **Rolando & Andrea Zelaya** serving in Spain; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Aleta DeToma**, **Kathleen Dresher** and **Dave & Debbie Faust**.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within