

**Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 19, 2018**

A special “Thank you” to the cast of “Chris-myth Busters”, the Christmas play performed last Sunday. They did an excellent job! Anita McSloy and Aleta DeToma did a fantastic job at molding the children’s talent. Thank you, Anita, and Aleta for giving of yourselves in the way. Randy Willard also did a tremendous job controlling sound and lights. Thank you, Randy. And lastly, thank you to the parents who sacrificed personal and family time to have their children participate.

Christmas Caroling will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part. The **Good News Club** will be going as well, so dress your children for outside weather. There will be refreshments following our caroling.

Why would I want to worship on **Christmas Eve**? Worshipping together on Christmas Eve serves as a “pause” in the hectic pace to remind us of the reason for Christmas. In worshipping together, we acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior**. As we worship together, we will celebrate Christ’s birth through the singing of familiar carols, Communion and candlelight invading the darkness. See you at 7 p.m. and bring friends and family.

2019 Leadership Nominees: The following individuals have been asked to serve SCMC through various leadership and commission positions. Prayerfully consider affirming these nominees presented. The affirmation process will take place on Sunday, January 6.

Board of Elders – Joel Mohler, Randy Willard; **Church Council** – Bobby Kempf, Danette Walters; **Fellowship Commission** – Jim Brunstetter, Shirley Ferreri, Doris Meehan, Rose Szabo; **Finance Commission** – Robert Bergey, Naphtali Walters (Treasurer); **Outreach Commission** – Wayne Matthews, Lydia Mohler, Kelly Schoch; **Technology Commission** – Marc Newcomer; **Trustee Commission** – Tom Reppert; **Worship Commission** – Becky Thatcher. We are grateful to each one who has consented to serve the congregation in these ways.

There will **not** be a **Mid-Week** on December 26.

There will be an **information meeting** on Thursday evening, **December 27, at 7:00 p.m.**, for those planning on or having an interest in **cruising with the SCMC group, May 25, 2019.**

December’s Lunch Bunch is going to **Shady Maple Smorgasbord** in Lancaster County on **Friday, December 28**. Shady Maple’s Lunch buffet includes 46 salad bar items, 3 soups, 8 homemade breads and rolls, 4 cheeses, 8 meats, 14 vegetables, 10 cold desserts, 3 hot desserts, 8 pies, 6 cakes, sundae bar and beverages. The cost is \$14.49 plus tax. Please sign up in the foyer or through the SCMC app. If you have interest in splitting the cost of a 15-passenger van and riding together, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

Good News Club/Youth Group dinner will be served on January 2 at 5:45 p.m. Pizza and chips seem to be a great hit, so that’s what will be on the menu. Please sign up in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower** for **Becca Loar** on **Sunday, January 6**, following Sunday School. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. Please bless Becca with diapers or books (she already has Dr. Seuss), and she is registered at Amazon. All ladies are invited to attend.

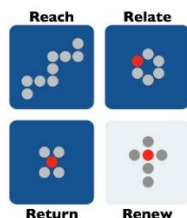
Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. The first person to respond to this e-mail will receive a five-dollar Wawa gift card. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

Next Week’s Bible Reading Plan: December 23, Matthew 1; December 24, Matthew 2; December 25, Matthew 3; December 26, Matthew 4; December 27, Matthew 5; December 28, Matthew 6; December 29, Matthew 7.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Sue Reed, Jaylen Lesser; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed; **Children’s Message**, Aleta DeToma.

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, **Jessica Bergey** serving in India; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Trevor Faust, Greg & Rachel Feenstra**, and **Ben Feenstra**.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within