

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 24, 2014

On the first Sunday in January, Dave Kempf will once again be sharing during the **story time with the children** (and adults) about **Mennonite Central Committee and their Penny Power Program**. Penny Power raises money for Mennonite Central Committee projects of peace, relief and development around the world. Spare change can lead to global change. Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches have adopted Penny Power as a great intergenerational activity, collecting coins year-round. **Parents**, tell your children to start saving their coins for this special story time with Dave. **Adults**, you will also have an opportunity to contribute to Penny Power during the morning offering time.

We will be having a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** tonight (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. which will include the singing of Carols and the sharing of Communion. Let us gather together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

This Sunday, during the Worship Service, you will have the opportunity to share publicly the goodness of God upon your life and/or family throughout 2014. Think about what you would share as a blessing to all of us.

There will be **No Sunday School** this Sunday.

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!

Our **December Lunch Bunch** is next Wednesday at 12 noon at Feasta Pizza at 1826 Leithsville Rd in Hellertown. Please sign up on the sheet provided if you would like to attend.

Next Sunday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m., Tara will be having a short meeting for all Winter quarter teachers and helpers. Please mark your calendars.

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.

Next Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: December 28, Revelation 7-9, Zechariah 9-10, Psalm 148, Proverbs 29; December 29, Revelation 10-12, Zechariah 11-12, Psalm 149; December 30, Revelation 13-17, Zechariah 13-14; December 31, Revelation 18-22, Malachi 1-4, Psalm 150.

ESV Study Bible Reading Plan: January 1, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Genesis 1; 1 Chronicles 1; Luke 1:1-25; January 2, Psalm 1, Genesis 2, 1 Chronicles 2, Luke 1:25-56; January 3, Psalm 2, Genesis 3, 1 Chronicles 3, Luke 1:57-80.

This Week: Nursery Staff, Rose Szabo, Denise Ibach and Jasmyne Cox; **Greeters**, Ron & Sandy Faust; **Worship Team Leader**, Dan Reed; **Ushers**, Randy Willard, Neal Kempf, Harold Lehman, Tim Walters, Chip Shimko; **Children's Message**, None.

AM Offering, Year-to Date: \$268,254.12 **Budgeted AM Offering, Y-T-D:** \$298,721.79 **Deficient:** \$30,467.67

Please Pray For . . . Jessica Vaughn, and her work in China; **Deane & Krystal Weaver**, serving in Chile; **Nicolas & Jennifer Haddad**, serving in Lebanon; **Scott & Sheryl Richards**; **Victor & Lori Sabatino**; and **Jon & Katrina Schmidt**.