

Steel City Mennonite Church
Mid-Week Connection
December 27, 2017

Dave Kempf will be having the **Children's Message** this coming Sunday, December 31, and will be giving the children and adults the opportunity to **Present their Coins for Penny Power** through Mennonite Central Committee. Remember to bring your coins!

This Sunday, as we gather to close out the old year of 2017 and prepare to greet the new year of 2018, we will observe the Lord's Supper. You are encouraged to assess your readiness to share in the elements of Communion. Is there unrepentant sin in your life? Is there discord between you and another person? Prepare yourself in these coming days through confession and/or seeking forgiveness.

Fasting 2018 - On January 7, we will answer the call to a 21-day church-wide Daniel fast. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating. A Daniel fast is where you limit your food intake to just fruits, vegetables, juices and lots of water. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that enables you to become more aware of God's presence and releases the power of God throughout the breakthroughs that are the focus of your fast.

India 2018 - February 4 - 16, 2018, Pastor David, Andrew Brooks and Bill Litke will be sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in Andhra Pradesh, India. Please begin praying NOW for God's Spirit to use them mightily in India. Pray also for all the details to come together in the next 5 weeks.

Vision Statement:

*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone, everyday, everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Mission Statement:

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.

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 Let's Read the Bible Together Plan: December 31, Isaiah 64-66.

Our 2018 Bible Reading Plan will focus solely on the Gospels. Rather than a "through the Bible in a year" plan, it will be a plan to intimately reacquaint us with Jesus. We need to fall in love with Jesus again! To fall in love with Jesus again, our daily Bible reading will only be Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. One year, only four gospels. The intent is to focus on one chapter a day. Reading, rereading, meditating, paying attention to details, putting yourself in the story.

This Week: **Nursery Staff**, Lisa Walters, Rachael Litke; **Greeter**, Bob & Mary Jane Bergey; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Ushers**, Scott Richards, Lee Walters, John Cressman; **Children's Message**, Dave Kempf.

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; Those in **authority over us** (government leaders); **Neal Kempf, David & Bev Kochsmeier, Josh Kochsmeier**.