

**Steel City Mennonite Church**  
**Mid-Week Connection**  
**December 28, 2016**

The **New Year's Day Worship** will be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School) this coming Sunday.

Please pray for the **Rosedale Mennonite Missions** workers in Turkey. A newly placed couple in Turkey is having some issues with the visa. On Monday, they meet with the immigration officials. Another worker in Turkey appears to be located in the midst of Turkey's volatile situations. Also, pray for a RMM office staff member who was involved in a single-car accident this morning traveling from Iowa back to Ohio. The car was literally split in half, but both travelers only minor-moderate injuries (A broken wrist and ankle).

**Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message** on Sunday, January 15, 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!

The **Youth Group will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, January 21**, for their Missions Trip to the Appalachia area of Tennessee this summer. Starting on Sunday, January 8, tickets will be on sale in the foyer. There are three time slots available for your meal, 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 6-12; and children ages 5 and under are free.

We will be taking pictures for a new **Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory** on January 26, 27 & 28. As always, for participating, you get a free 8x10 portrait of your choice. If you decide to order additional portraits you will receive 20% off your order. Please check out the table in the foyer for more information and coupons. If you would like to schedule your appointment online please go to:

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/steelcitymennonitechurch/index.php?page=10> and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. We also have a sign-up sheet in the foyer, if you do not have access to a computer. (The online website will be disabled on Sundays to prevent double booking of a time slot.) We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

Our **Bible Reading Program for 2017** will be called, Let's Read the Bible Together. January is part 1 of a 12-part series; this plan leads communities through the whole Bible together in 365 days. Each section includes Old and New Testament chapters, with Psalms scattered throughout. Part 1 features the books of Luke, Acts, Daniel, and Genesis. The plan can be followed either by reading the text listed in the worship folder or by using the Bible app, "You Version". Go to "Plans" and then, "Whole Bible" and find "Let's Read the Bible Together (January)". The "You Version" app is available for all tablets, smartphones and computers.

**Call to Prayer and Fasting** - This time of the Holiday season, fasting is probably the farthest thing from your mind (or maybe not). Pastor David is calling upon the congregation to enter a 21 day season of prayer and fasting. We will begin fasting on January 9, 2017 and conclude with eating breakfast on January 30, 2017. The focus of our prayer and fasting will be spiritual revival and spiritual harvest. More details to follow, but begin praying as to what God would have you to do.

As this year of **2016** draws to a close, it is a great time to review any reoccurring charges to your credit card. Things like magazine subscriptions, paid podcasts, apps for phone or tablet. You may be spending many dollars just because you didn't cancel.

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:** January 1, Luke 1-2, Daniel 1; January 2, Luke 3-4, Daniel 2; January 3, Luke 5-6, Daniel 3; January 4, Luke 7-8, Psalm 19; January 5, Luke 9-10, Daniel 4; January 6, Luke 11-12, Daniel 5; January 7, Luke 13-14, Daniel 6.

**This Week:** **Nursery Staff**, Yen Truong, Sue Reed (Alt.), Elizabeth McSloy; **Greeter**, Ron & Becky Bergey; **Worship Team Leader**, Robert Bergey; **Ushers**, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard; **Children's Message**, None.

**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; **Jess Bergey**, as she serves with Youth With a Mission (YWAM); **Wendy Spinosa, Rose Szabo and Becky Thatcher**.