

Today

Welcome!

We are delighted you are here today. It wouldn't be the same without you!

There are times in our life that we feel God is so distant from us. We think that perhaps it was something we did to drive God away. Or we think somehow God is against us because of what we are experiencing in life. In our agony, we ask, "God, are you willing to show up for me?"

Pastor David invites you to connect with another such person. His story is briefly recorded in **Matthew 8:1-4**. Here is a man who was diagnosed with leprosy. In his day, leprosy was like the AIDS/HIV+ in our time. The treatment was worse than the disease! Then there was that one occasion, when he cried out to Jesus, "Are you willing to make me well?". His words reflect our cry, "**God, are you willing to show up for me?**". Together, let's see what happens next.

Please check in today by filling out a Communication Card which can be found in the foyer or through our smartphone app. You can also share prayer concerns through these two options.

This Week

April 7 - 13

SUNDAY

6:30 p.m. SOAP Bible Study

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group Dinner

6:30 p.m. Good News Club & Youth Group

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 15

- Judges 7-8; Luke 22
- Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23
- Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- Judges 19-21; Acts 2

Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery (Sundays only)** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School (Sundays only)** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

This month we are serving **Cafe Diego coffee (regular) from Hemisphere Coffee Roasters**. Diego Chaverria is a coffee grower in Nicaragua. He sells his coffee directly to Hemisphere Coffee Roasters. Diego uses the profits from his coffee plantation to support church planters in Nicaragua. He has or is currently supporting over 45 church planters.

SOAP Bible Study will meet Sunday evening, April 7, at 6:30 pm. Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer all under the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Good News Club and **Youth Group Supper** will be served April 10, from 5:45-6:20 p.m. This evening's supper will be **Hamburgers and Chips**. Sign up through the SCMC App or email the office.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held Sunday, April 14. The optional theme will be Easter favorites. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish & a side dish or dessert to share.

The **Lunch Bunch** gathering for April has been changed to **April 15 (Monday)**. We will be trying out the buffet at the **Paragon Room** located at the SeWyCo Fire Company (3621 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem PA). This "all-you-can eat" buffet is only \$7/person. Sign up in the foyer, through the SCMC App or email the office by Friday, April 12.

Good Friday Service, April 19 at 7:00 pm. In this service we will remember the death of Jesus Christ by reliving the event and sharing in Holy Communion.

SCMC will not be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt this year. Instead, SCMC is working with Freemansburg Borough to support their Easter Egg Hunt. The Freemansburg Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 pm at the Freemansburg park. We want to be in and bless the community around us. This is an opportunity to be where the people are. "**The Church has left the building.**"

Easter Celebration, April 20 at 7:00 pm and April 21 at 9:30 am. Two services celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is absolutely something to celebrate! Invite friends to worship with you!

Easter Sunday Sunrise, April 21 at 7:00 am. Bright and early, women went to the tomb of Jesus to finish preparing His body for burial. They found the tomb empty. We will gather outside for a brief worship service celebrating the empty tomb. Following the service, coffee and breakfast cakes will be served.

The **Congregational Business Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 28, during the Sunday School time.

The **2019 Softball Season** is approaching & anyone interested in playing for the Church Softball Team, whether regular or periodically as needed, or to keep stats at or for games, or to umpire, notify Guy (skifit@ptd.net 484-280-6632) & include your email & cell #. Also, anyone who has a Navy Blue SCMC Team Shirt & will definitely not be part of the Team please forward shirt to Guy.

Attention Ladies: There is still time to sign up for the **Women's Retreat at Sugar Hollow** in Tunkhannock, PA on April 26 - 28. If you wish to attend you can sign up on the sheet in the foyer. In a couple of weeks, we will contact each of you to let you know what food you can bring to contribute for one of the meals. We also would like to know if you are able/willing to drive and who you plan to take along (you can let us know if you have any space available in your car). If you need a ride you can let us know, along with letting us know when you are able to leave so that we can try to help everyone find a ride. The cabin is approximately 1 hr. 45 minutes from the church. Bring towel and linens (queen size sheet will work for any bed). Looking forward to seeing you there! If you have questions you can call Becky Bergey at 215-872-8080.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday June 23 – Thursday June 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS is for children age 4 through those who completed 5th grade. Register online at scmc4.me. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be out after Easter. However, there are some leadership positions available for Imagination Station on Sunday and Monday night and for Games all five nights. If you would like to be the leader of one of these stations, please talk to Tara sometime before April 28th. You will have plenty of helpers to help you out. There are **Vacation Bible School DVD's** available for \$15 and **CDs** available for \$7. If you want to get a jump start on learning the music for this year's VBS, please see Tara Willard.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Thank you to SCMC and the Steel City Community for donating **1005 pounds of food** to the **Everlasting Life Ministries Food Bank** to be distributed to the needy in Allentown. Thank you also for helping us to raise \$1871 for **World Vision** during the Youth Group's 30 Hour Famine.

If you and your children like having **Children's Story Time** during our worship times, please consider joining our rotation to give a Children's Message. The more people we have, the less often everyone has to do it. Please see Tara Willard if interested.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Lori Sabatino – April 6
Wayne Matthews – April 6
Sue Reed – April 7
Eric Schoch – April 9
Pat Kutzura – April 9
Mikayla McSloy – April 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Harold & Bertha Lehman – April 7

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON MARCH 31: \$4,849.52

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

CARING FUND: \$3,257.08

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$2,505.36

YTD OFFERING: \$69,323.94

YTD BUDGET: \$70,005.00

ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 31: 151

Serving Others

	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY:(Apr 14)</u>
Nursery	Naphtali Walters Rachael Litke	Lydia Mohler Kylie Schmidt
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Robert Bergey
Children's Message	Dave Kempf	None



Information

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Sunday School Information (Sundays Only)

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
Helper, Denise Ibach
Room B6

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Becky Lesser
Room LL 2

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Becky Thatcher
Helper, Jazmyn Cunningham
Room LL1

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Wayne Matthews
Room LL 4

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Jessica Bergey
Youth Room



“Willing”

Matthew 8:1-4
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.