

Today

What is the most differentiating characteristic of being a Jesus follower? Is it faith? Is it hope? Is it love?

Today, Pastor David will speak on the “The Greatest of These” using the scripture text of I Corinthians 13:13 and John 13:34-35.

As a congregation, we also have the privilege of dedicating Abigail Young.

This week

August 24-29

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Mama Nina Focacheria

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m. Back-to-School Lock-In, Church

This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

August 23 Psalm 21, 1 Samuel 9:1-10:16, Lamentations 1, 1 Peter 2:11-3:12
August 24 Psalm 22, 1 Samuel 10:17-11:15, Lamentations 2, 1 Peter 3:13-4:19
August 25 Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 12, Lamentations 3, 1 Peter 5
August 26 Psalm 24, 1 Samuel 13, Lamentations 4, 2 Peter 1:1-11
August 27 Psalm 25, 1 Samuel 14, Lamentations 5, 2 Peter 1:12-21
August 28 Psalm 26, 1 Samuel 15, Habakkuk 1:1-11, 2 Peter 2
August 29 Psalm 27, 1 Samuel 16, Habakkuk 1:12-2:20, 2 Peter 3

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** 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.

Our **August Lunch Bunch** is this Wednesday at 12 noon. We will be meeting at Mama Nina Focacheria at 546 Main Street in Bethlehem. If you would like to join others for fellowship over lunch, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

Pastor David would like to invite our “Silver Saints” to a 3-day trip to Ohio. The mid-October plans include spending a night in Columbus at the Rosedale International Center (hotel-style rooms). The RIC is home to Rosedale Mennonite Missions. Then, we will travel to Holmes County, Ohio, which boasts the largest Amish community in the U.S. Stops will include the Heini's Cheese Chalet, Schrock's Amish Farm and Village and Coblentz's Chocolate. The Schrock's Amish Farm and Village is home to the Berlin Craft Mall, Antique Mall, Berlin Leather Shop, Grandma Fannie's Quilt Barn, Tis the Season Christmas Shop, Quail Hollow Candle Factory and the Olde World Bakery and Cafe (amishfarmvillage.com). We would then spend a night at the Inn at the Amish Door. On the way home, we will stop at the world famous Lehman's Hardware store. The cost (based on 12 participants) is \$350/couple and \$275/single. This cost will vary minimally based on more or less participants. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up immediately. These plans must be finalized by this Thursday.

This Friday and Saturday is a **Back-to-School Lock-In** at church from 5:00 p.m. on Friday to 11 a.m. on Saturday. This is open to anyone entering 6th to 12th grades.

Next Sunday, there is a **Youth Group Parent Meeting** immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

Steve and Phyllis Swartz will be in our area on Thursday evening, September 17. Steve is the Conference Pastor for **Conservative Mennonite Conference**. They would like to meet with the congregation that evening to share the vision for Conservative Mennonite Conference. The congregational meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Steve and Phyllis will be meeting with the leadership over supper that evening prior to the congregational meeting.

The **Women's Monday Night Bible Study** will be starting up on September 21. We will be studying “**The Best Yes**” by Lysa TerKeurst. This is six-session video-based Bible Study which will meet every other Monday evening. Each video is 18-20 minutes in length. Alma Geosits will be leading our study. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you would like to participate in this study. The cost for the study material is \$12.

All Ladies are invited on a Day Trip to Lancaster on Thursday, September 24. We will meet at the Park 'n Ride in Hellertown at 9 a.m. and head to Shady Maple for some shopping at their Farm Market and lunch at their Smorgasbord. Following that, we will go to the Flower and Home Marketplace in Blue Ball. Sign up and plan to join in the fun!!

The **Men of the Congregation** are invited on a trip to Harrisburg to the **National Civil War Museum** on Saturday, September 26, with a stop at the **Bass Pro Shop** on the way home. The suggested donation is \$15 plus your cost of meals. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. You will be leaving from the Park 'n Ride in Hellertown at 8:00 a.m.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Sunday School Needs:

2-year olds - Teacher and Helper

3-year olds - Teacher only

Pre K/Kindergarten - Helper Only

1st/2nd Grades - Teacher and Helper

SCMC Fall Community Day will be held Saturday, September 12, from 11a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be free food and many activities for the children. We will highlight our Christian Education programming which begins on Sunday, September 13. Invite friends and neighbors!

If you would like to donate any items for the **Mennonite Central Committee School Kits**, now is a good time to go shopping as most stores are selling back to school supplies. Here is the list of items requested by MCC. New items only please: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ and 70 sheets); 8 unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, with both 30 cm and 12 in); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large pencil eraser. Purchased items can be placed on the platform in the Chapel.

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Aug. 30)</u>
Nursery	Val Newcomer Lisa Walters Nick Mace	Becky Bergey Denise Ibach Alyssa Richards
Greeters	Eric & Kelly Schoch	Chip & Mary Lou Shimko
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Dave Kempf
Ushers	Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer	Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra Nick Mace
Children's Message	Kelly Schoch	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Britney Kempf – August 24
Randy Willard – August 25
Tim Faust – August 25
Tim Troxel – August 25
Danielle Heft – August 28

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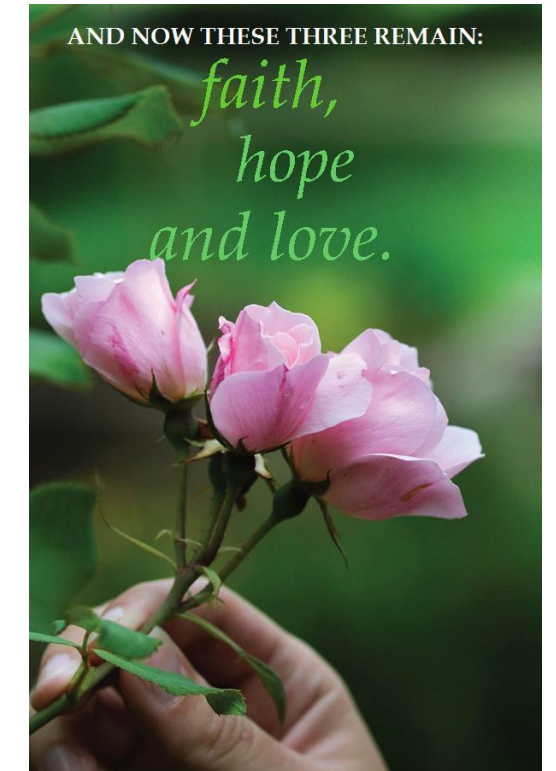
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