

Today

From the scenic vistas interspersed along mountain trails, one can view the magnificent beauty of the valley below. The breath-taking scene seems to roll on for as far as the eye can see. At that vantage point, our being rejoices and our soul exclaims, “It cannot be any better!”

From the shadowy seclusion of the valley forest, one can only see to the turn of the trail. It all looks the same. No grandeur. No breath-taking view. Only concern that we find our way out.

Life is like this. From the pinnacle of great accomplishment our soul rejoices. From the dark valley of despair our soul sulks. Often the journey from the high to the low can be traveled quickly.

Today, Ron Faust will speak from I Kings 19. The title of his message is “Rx for the Soul”. May God speak to you through him! Joel Mohler will be our Worship Leader.

This week

August 25-30

- TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
- THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

Serving Others

TODAY	NEXT WEEK: (Aug. 31)	
Nursery	Becky Mace Nick Mace	Rose Szabo Jasmyne Cox
Greeters	Chip & Mary Lou Shimko	Amy Smith
Worship Team	Sandy Faust	Robert Bergey
Ushers	Scott Richards Lee Walters John Cressman Randy Willard Neal Kempf	Harold Lehman Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach
Children’s Message	Sue Reed	

Announcements

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.

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.

Pastor David and Bev are on vacation this week. In their absence, if you are in need of pastoral care, contact one of the Elders (Ron Faust, Kevin Olsen, Mark Walters or Bob Walters). If you have a prayer concern, contact Sheryl Richards.

All Ladies are invited to participate in the **Beth Moore Study** that will begin on Monday evening, September 8. If you wish to participate, please sign up as soon as possible so that books can be ordered and received by the first session. Thank you!

Attention Ladies! We will be going to **Echo Hill Country Store in Fleetwood, PA** on September 11 and will stopping for lunch on the way back. If you would like to participate in this excursion, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

On Sunday evening, September 14, at 6:00 p.m., we are having a **Talent Show at SCMC!** If you would like to share your talent, sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner on Saturday evening, October 4, at 6 p.m.?! Sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer to indicate that you are wishing to participate and whether you would like to be a Host or Guest.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) will hold its Assembly 2015 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA on July 21-26, 2015. The theme is “Walking With God”. This will be a gathering of Anabaptist/Mennonites from literally around the world. Our brothers and sisters from Africa, Asia, India, Europe and the Americas will join us from the U.S. for an exciting time of worship. They are estimating between 9,000 and 11,000 will attend. **This IS a ONCE IN A LIFETIME opportunity, as it comes to the United States every 30-35 years.** Online registration (<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/article/pennsylvania-2015>) for this event opens on August 20, 2014. You may also want to consider volunteering for a day or two.

Ministry Opportunities and Events

Sunday School Teachers are needed for this fall. Please see Tara Willard if you would like to teach.

Women of Faith 2014 is coming to Philadelphia September 5 and 6. The theme is *From Survival to Revival*, transform your soul, awaken your spirit and revive your faith! There are packets of information on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions, please talk to Amy Frace.

The **Fall Men’s Retreat** is September 26-28. It will be held at Bergey’s cabin in Tunkhannock. The speaker will be Dan Krug from Spruce Lake Retreat Center. The topic is “Vital Signs.” The cost will be \$50 for the weekend; \$35 for those who want to just come up for Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

On September 21, SCMC will participate in the **National Back-to-Church Sunday**. Why the need for such an event? Some people have taken advantage of the summer school schedule and warmer weather: they need to get back into the routine of worshipping together on Sundays. Some people have left the church over different preferences or styles of worship: they need to be welcomed back to a healing community of faith. Some people have discounted a church experience as only a place for weddings and funerals: they need to be invited back for a better look at church life. Still others want nothing to do with church: they simply need to be invited to “Come and See”. Pray now for whom you will invite.

Pastor David has again responded to a call to minister in India, February 2015. He would be like to take a small group of individuals to help minister to and be blessed by the widows and orphans. Speak to Pastor David for more information.

This Week’s Four Streams Bible Reading Plan

August 24	1 Cor. 10-12, Job 40-42, Psalm 45, Proverbs 30
August 25	1 Corinthians 13-14, Ecclesiastes 1-2, Psalm 46
August 26	1 Corinthians 15-16, Ecclesiastes 3-4
August 27	2 Corinthians 1-3, Ecclesiastes 5-6
August 28	2 Corinthians 4-6, Ecclesiastes 7-8, Psalm 47
August 29	2 Cor. 7-9, Eccl. 9-10, Psalm 48, Proverbs 31
August 30	2 Cor. 10-11, Ecclesiastes 11-12, Psalm 49

Attendance and Giving

<u>OFFERING ON AUGUST 17</u>	\$2,927.00
<u>OFFERING YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	\$164,575.40
<u>BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	\$193,291.00; deficit, \$28,715.60
<u>ATTENDANCE ON AUGUST 17</u>	99

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Britney Kempf – August 24	Riannan Simpson – August 28
Tim Faust – August 25	Danielle Heft – August 28
Randy Willard – August 25	Domenic Spinosa – August 29
Tim Troxell – August 25	

Information

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Sermon Notes

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1 Kings 19

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