

Today

Welcome to our second Sunday of Advent 2017. Today, we light the candles of peace and hope.

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.” (Isaiah 40:1)

Reflect: It is a blessing to receive comfort during times of trouble. An encouraging word, a hug from a friend, a shared meal — each of these actions can sustain us during difficult times. Isaiah reminds us that the source of our peace and comfort is God’s love and care for us. Even in times of hardship, God holds us close.

Do: Think of ways you have received comfort. What experience stands out to you the most? This week, look for opportunities to comfort others. Check in with someone who is going through a difficult time. Plan a visit, make a phone call, send a text or write a note to someone.

Pray: Speak to us again your comforting words, O God, that we may know once more your deep peace. Use us as instruments of your peace so that we may comfort others in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen. (Advent Worship Litany from the Upper Room)

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal
2:00 p.m. Iglesia Evangelica Hispana Luz Y Verdad Service
6:30 p.m. Dessert Fellowship

This Week

December 11 - 16

TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. Good News Club, Sr. & Jr. Youth Group
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week’s Let’s Read the Bible Together Plan

December 10 Isaiah 1-3
December 11 Isaiah 4-6
December 12 Isaiah 7-9
December 13 Isaiah 10-12
December 14 Isaiah 13-15
December 15 Isaiah 16-18
December 16 Isaiah 19-21

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.

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

Today, **Jim Brunstetter and Bobby Kempf** will be received as members of the SCMC congregation. We welcome them warmly!

We have a **Fellowship Meal** today following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

4 Nights 4 Fellowship - Only two remain! (12/10 & 12/17) Don’t miss this opportunity to get in the holiday spirit as we fellowship together around some yummy treats. This is a wonderful time to make new friends. Children are most welcome to attend. Space is limited to 30 people each evening, so sign up quickly either through the SCMC app (registrations) or in the foyer.

Good News Club, Senior & Junior Youth Group will all meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Cut-Out Cookies Needed!! Lydia Lesser is looking for pre-cooked, but un-decorated Christmas cut-out cookies. The Good News Club children will be decorating them and then Lydia will deliver them to New Bethany. About 8-9 dozen cookies are needed (place in a Ziploc bag). Please drop off at the church by this Wednesday, December 13, by 6:30 p.m. Please let Lydia know if you are willing to donate cookies. Thank you!!

Christmas Carolers needed on Sunday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m.! Please meet at the church for an evening of Christmas Caroling. We will be caroling at pre-determined homes in the Steel City Community. This is a great opportunity for our neighbors to be introduced to us. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight! As part of our Christmas Caroling, the Evangelism Commission would like to bless each family with cookies. We can’t do this without you. Please bring in cookies (in a zip lock bag) on Sunday morning, December 17, and place in the kitchen. Thank You!

Put family worship on your holiday “To-do” list! There will be no awkward “office party” moment or tension-filled gathering, just **WORSHIP** focused on our Savior’s birth. Join us for the **Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service** at 6:00 p.m. (December 24).

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, December 27, at 12 noon. We will be going to Cactus Blue Mexican Restaurant in Bethlehem. The restaurant is located at 2915 Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer or on the SCMC App.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

The **Fellowship Commission** is responsible to have someone supply a meal for those in the congregation who may recently have come home from the hospital or may have other health issues that prevent them from easily preparing a meal for their family. Occasionally, they like to update their list of individuals who have indicated that they are willing to supply a meal in the event one is needed. If you would like to serve in this way and have not signed up previously, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Thank you.

For the next several months we will once again be leaving the chandelier light on in the foyer all day and night to **“let our light shine.”**

Lord willing, **Denise Ibach** will be released from Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center this week. She will need outpatient therapy several days a week for a while. Transportation (home to Good Shepherd and back home) is a need that they have. If you could assist in meeting this need, please contact the church office. More details will be made available as they are known.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Jacob Newcomer – December 10
Bobby Kempf – December 11
Jessica Tossenou – December 13
Elizabeth Korpics – December 13
Bob Walters – December 14
Tim Walters – December 15
Mary Lou Shimko – December 16

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Mike & Janet Heft – December 11
Randy & Tara Willard – December 14

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 3: \$5,467.07

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 3: 135

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec 17)</u>
Nursery	Lydia Mohler Alyssa Richards	Becky Brooks Kylie Schmidt
Greeters	Mark & Nancy Walters	Ryan & Naphtali Walters
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Sandy Faust
Ushers	John Cressman Randy Willard Harold Lehman	Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer
Children's Message	Sue Reed	Tara Willard

Information

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Sunday School Information

2 & 3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma
Upstairs Nursery

PRE – K

Led by Nancy Walters
Helper, Jenny Forero
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Marc Newcomer
Helper, Lois Halsel
Room LL 1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH

Led by Jess Bergey
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH

Led by Deanna Olsen
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel



“Choosing Peace”

John 14:27
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 10, 2017

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.