

December 15, 2013
9:30 AM

Welcome to Worship!

A Family Gathering

Hymns of the Season

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings Received

Preparing For the Way of the Lord

Message: "There was Man (Woman)"

Vocal Response

Announcements

Benediction



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wanted to give you an opportunity to help SCMC out financially, if you choose. Currently, we have a deficit for 2013 of approximately \$35,000. About \$19,000 of this amount is due to the septic system at the Hersh Property, which we are in the process of getting resolved. Consider giving of your resources in these last weeks of December to help cover this deficit. We truly feel that we are ministering to our congregation and supporting the missions that God would have us to at this time and trust Him to provide what is needed to do so. Thank you!

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time.

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

We have **Sunday School** classes for all ages. Please check the back of your bulletin to see where the classes meet.

You are invited to **Steel City Mennonite Church's production of "An Out of the Box Christmas"** tonight at 6:30 p.m. The children have been working very hard!! Plan to come and be blessed, as well as being a blessing! Invite your neighbors and friends. A **Cookie Social** will follow!

Church Council will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

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!

The **Young Adult Bible Study** will meet at Bobby and Britney Kempf's home this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The **Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Meeting** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and be blessed.

Good News Club and Youth Group meets this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We are having a **Fellowship Meal** before these events at 5:45 p.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend. The Youth Group will be having their **Christmas Party**. Remember to bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange!

Out of courtesy to others, it is important that distractions during the Worship Service be minimal. 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.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel on Wednesday night.

We are having a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7 p.m. This is always a very special time of worship. We hope you will all plan to attend.

The **Annual Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake** will be held on January 16-17, 2014. The speaker is Gordon MacDonald and he will speak from one of his many popular books, "When Men Think Private Thoughts," daring to contemplate such questions as, *Who am I? Who do I really know? Where is my life going? Where is God in my life?* The price includes one night of lodging and meals from Thursday dinner to Friday lunch, and the first session begins Thursday at 8 p.m. You can register for the event either by going online to sprucelake.org or by calling them at 570-595-7505. If you have any additional questions, please speak to Robert Bergey.

What is Alpha? The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured (that's probably why over 19 million people around the world have already done it!). Listen, learn, discuss, and discover. Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is off limits. **How Does It Work?** Each Alpha course session begins with food, followed by a short talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group. **Who is Alpha For?** Alpha is for everyone, especially those who have given up on church, those wanting to investigate Christianity, those who are new to the Christian faith, and those wanting to grow in understanding and faith. **Alpha will be starting** January 5, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

The youth are going on a **Missions Trip to Guatemala** and are having **work days** to fundraise for their trip. Please sign up on the sheet provided and indicate type of work you need done and how many youth you need, and Tara will coordinate schedules.

The **Finance Commission is bringing an opportunity to the congregation to assist Pastor David and Ron Faust with the costs of going to India** early next year. We will be collecting a love gift to go toward their costs for this mission trip over the next several weeks. If you are interested, please place it in the offering and put 'India Mission Trip' on the envelope. Please see one of the members of the finance commission if you have any questions. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$5,436.

This Week's Chronological Bible Reading Plan Schedule:

December 15, Colossians 1-4; Philemon 1; December 16, Ephesians 1-6; December 17, Philippians 1-4; December 18, 1 Timothy 1-6; December 19, Titus 1-3; December 20, 1 Peter 1-5; December 21, Hebrews 1-6.

THIS WEEK AT SCMC

Sunday: "An Out of the Box Christmas", 6:30 PM
Monday: Church Council, 7:00 PM
Tuesday: Koffee & Konversation, 8:00 AM
Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal, 5:45 PM
Good News Club, 6:30 PM
Youth Group Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
Men's Bible Study, 8:00PM
Thursday: Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM
Sunday: Men's Fellowship, 8:45 AM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK:

Nursery: Becky Mace
Maya Washington
Greeters: Jackie Eike
Worship Team: Dan Reed
Ushers: Neal Kempf
Harold Lehman
Tim Walters
Children's Story: Tara Willard

NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 22)

Wendy Rush-Spinosa
Mason Spinosa
Dave & Debbie Faust
Sandy Faust
Chip Shimko
Bob Kemmerer
Rob Ibach
Danette Walters

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 8: \$4,475.75

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 8: 170

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Tim Walters – December 15
Jen Matchke – December 16
Mary Lou Shimko – December 16
Joshua Richards – December 19
Eric Gustofson – December 20
Joren Lesser – December 21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Denis & Meghan Cela – December 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Mary Jane
Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN

Led by Rachel Feenstra
Helper, Sheryl Richards
Room LL1

GRADES 1 & 2

Led by Lydia Mohler
Room LL2

GRADES 3 & 4

Led by Larry Korpics
Helper, Scott Richards
Room LL3

GRADES 5-8

Led by Chip Shimko
Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Sue Reed
Chapel

ADULT CLASS

"What on Earth Am I Here For?" by Rick Warren
Led by Pastor David
Sanctuary

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