

Today

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to this Advent worship service. The Advent candles of Hope and Peace have previously been lit. On this third Sunday of Advent, the candle of Joy also burns brightly. The message of Advent is one of hope, peace, joy and love.

Today, Pastor David continues the sermon series, **“I’m Not Who You Say I Am”**, with the story of **Ruth**. Ruth has a fascinating story! All the while she was facing hardship, God was at work preparing another so that Ruth could be blessed. Her story is found in the Old Testament book, Ruth.

Guests, please let us know of your presence 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.

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m. Christmas Program

This Week

December 17 - 22

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling in Steel City
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week’s Bible Reading Plan

December 16 John 15
December 17 John 16
December 18 John 17
December 19 John 18
December 20 John 19
December 21 John 20
December 22 John 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.

There will be a **“Prayer Ministry”** following the morning worship service today. Pastor David will be anointing with oil and praying for anyone who desires. About a month ago, some of you received this type of personal ministry at the close of our worship service and have reported significant breakthroughs in those areas prayed for. This is another opportunity to see the power of God at work.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be meeting today during the Sunday School hour.

Join us tonight, at 6:00 p.m. for a **Christmas Musical, “Chris-myth Busters”** where you will discover the truth about Christmas. This will be a wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event. We will be having a time of refreshments after the program.

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

Christmas Carolers needed this Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 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! The **Good News Club children and families** will be participating in this event instead of the normal meeting on December 19.

Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. The holidays are all about traditions. The one tradition that is so special is the worshiping the night before Christmas. Singing carols together, hearing the Christmas story, sharing the light of Christ and elements of Communion will be a part of our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship. Come and make this a family tradition!

December’s Lunch Bunch is going to **Shady Maple Smorgasbord** in Lancaster County on **Friday, December 28**. Shady Maple’s Lunch buffet includes 46 salad bar items, 3 soups, 8 homemade breads and rolls, 4 cheeses, 8 meats, 14 vegetables, 10 cold desserts, 3 hot desserts, 8 pies, 6 cakes, sundae bar and beverages. The cost is \$14.49 plus tax. Please sign up in the foyer or through the SCMC app. If you have interest in splitting the cost of a 15-passenger van and riding together, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

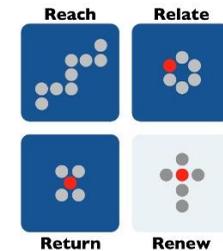
The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower** for **Becca Loar** on Sunday, January 6, following Sunday School. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. Please bless Becca with diapers or books (she already has Dr. Seuss), and she is registered at Amazon. All ladies are invited to attend.

There will be an **information meeting** on Thursday evening, **December 27, at 7:00 p.m.**, for those planning on or having an interest in **cruising with the SCMC group, May 25, 2019**.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Good News Club is looking for donations to create a supply of prizes that will be used for our end of the year store in which children redeem points for prizes. As you do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

REACH those far from God
RELATE to those near to God



RETURN blessing as blessed
RENEW a right spirit within

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Vaughn Miller – December 17
Josh Richards – December 19
Connor Mangione – December 21
Joren Lesser – December 21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Denis & Meghan Cella – December 17

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 9: \$3,971.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: 0.00

YTD OFFERING: \$255,518.77

YTD BUDGET: \$283,906.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 9: 134

Serving Others

TODAY

Nursery Naphtali Walters
Emily McSloy

Worship Ldr. Kelly Schoch

Children's Message Rachel Feenstra

NEXT WEEK: (Dec 23)

Sue Reed
Jaylen Lesser

Dan Reed

Aleta DeToma



Information

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Sunday School Information

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 Katrina Schmidt
Helper, Nancy Walters
Room LL1

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Marc Newcomer
Room LL 4

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Becky Brooks
Youth Room



"I'm Not Who You Say I Am"

Ruth
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



STEEL CITY
MENNONITE CHURCH
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December 16, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.