

Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Newborn babies cry! That is what they do. The cry of one newborn babe from the back streets of Bethlehem broke the silence of despair with a glorious message of hope. The prophecies of God's faithfulness now were fulfilled! Hope returned!!

Today, we celebrate that HOPE in music and ministry of the Word. Pastor David will bring the good news from Romans 15:13 in the sermon, "The Message of HOPE".

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

This Week

December 19-24

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

This Week's Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

December 18 Catch up day
December 19 John 19:17-27, Revelation 14, Job 36:16-33, Nahum 1-3
December 20 John 19:28-37, Revelation 15, Job 37, Habakkuk 1-3
December 21 John 19:38-42, Revelation 16, Job 38:1-21, Zephaniah 1-2
December 22 John 20:1-9, Revelation 17, Job 38:22-41, Zephaniah 3
December 23 John 20:10-18, Revelation 18, Job 39, Haggai 1-2
December 24 Catch up day

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.

Planning Ahead for Christmas – The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be this Saturday, December 24, at 8:00 p.m. Christmas Sunday Worship will be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School). The New Year's Day Worship will also be held at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School).

Our **December Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at the Golden Corral, 900 Lehigh Valley Mall, in Whitehall. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

We will be taking pictures for a new **Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory** on January 26, 27 & 28. As always, for participating, you get a free 8x10 portrait of your choice. If you decide to order additional portraits you will receive 20% off your order. Please check out the table in the foyer for more information and coupons. If you would like to schedule your appointment online, go to <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/steelcitymennonitechurch/index.php?page=10> and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. We also have a sign-up sheet in the foyer, if you do not have access to a computer. (The online website will be disabled on Sundays to prevent double booking of a time slot.) We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

In case of **inclement weather** affecting SCMC services or events, a delay or cancellation notice will be posted on WFMZ channel 69, the SCMC website and the SCMC Facebook page. These postings will be made at least one hour prior to the event.

If you have not already done so by e-mail, please check out the **directory** on the table in the foyer and make any changes if necessary, or initial if correct. Thank you!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Christmas Caroling tonight at 5:30 pm! 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!

This is a complete list of Individuals Being Presented by the Nominating Commission for Congregational Affirmation today during the morning worship service. Please prayerfully consider affirming these people for the leadership roles within SCMC. Unless otherwise stated, these are three-year terms. The **2017 Nominations for Commissions** are as follows: Ron Faust, Board of Elders; Jon Schmidt, Kelly Schoch and Marc Newcomer, Church Council; Sue Reed and Danette Walters, Education Commission; Lisa Walters and Lydia Lesser (1 year term), Evangelism Commission; Val Newcomer, Rebecca Loar and Bonnie Rohn, Fellowship Commission; Ryan Walters and Britney Kempf, Finance Commission; Greg Feenstra, Technology Commission; Dan Reed, Worship Commission.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Josh Richards – December 19
Joren Lesser – December 21
Connor Mangione – December 21
Shirley Liedig – December 24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Pat & Alberta Heft – December 22

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 11: \$5330.25

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 11: 145

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 25)</u>
Nursery	Naphtali Walters Lois Halsel (Alt.) Jaylen Lesser	Lisa Walters Becky Bergey (Alt.) Autumn Willard
Greeters	Bob & Mary Jane Bergey Robert & Beth Bergey	
Worship Ldr.	Kelly Schoch	Sandy Faust
Ushers	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach	Greg Feenstra Bobby Kempf Scott Richards
Children's Message	Tara Willard	None

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft
Helper, Naphtali Walters
Upstairs Nursery

KIND. & GRADE 1

Led by Lydia Lesser
Helper, Doris Meehan
Room LL1

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Room LL3

GRADES 9-12

Led by Dan Reed
Youth Room

PRE-K

Led by Becky Lesser
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko
Aid, Danielle Mangione
Room B6

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Anita McSloy
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room LL2

GRADES 6-8

Led by Sandy Faust
Room LL4

ADULT CLASS

Led by Pastor David
Chapel



“The Message of HOPE”

Romans 15:13
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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