

Today

Welcome to SCMC!

Looking back over the last ten years, we experienced the arrival of Amazon Alexa, Apple iPads, Fitbits and smartwatches, Pinterest, Airbnb, Slack, meal/grocery delivery, Instapots and Instagram. You can always count on things to change.

But here we are, ready to walk through the door of a new decade. In the next ten years, children will become adults, driverless cars will be the norm and Amazon will deliver our stuff before we even know we need it. You can always count on things to change.

To prepare us for the new year and decade, Pastor David will be sharing on “**Our Reason for Optimism**” from the text of **Philippians 4:4-7**.

On Sunday, the Caring Fund Offering will be received in addition to the regular offering.

Please check in 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.

This Week

December 29 – January 4

TUESDAY

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

SATURDAY Fast to Feast Begins

7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 1

- Genesis 1-2
- Genesis 3-4
- Genesis 6-7
- Genesis 8-9
- Job 1-2

Memory Verses:

- Genesis 1:27
- Hebrews 11:7

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 (Sundays only)** 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.

Sunday School **will not** be meeting today.

The **Discovery Bible Study** will not be meeting tonight.

This Saturday, January 4, our 21-day “**Fast to Feast 2020**” begins. Please pick up additional information in the foyer.

Our **Bible Reading Plan for 2020** (starting the week of December 29) will be the **F-260 Bible Plan**. The F-260 plan is a two hundred-and sixty-day reading plan that highlights the foundational passages of Scripture that every disciple should know. The F-260 plan also includes weekly memorization for those who want to commit God's word to memory. This plan is also available on the YouVersion Bible Reading App. There are also copies in the foyer.

The **Outreach Commission** will be meeting on Monday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m.

The **Good News Club and Youth Group Dinner** on Wednesday, January 8 will be Chicken Nuggets, French Fries & Salad. Please RSVP through the SCMC App or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Good News Club and Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Church Council will be meeting on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message on Sunday, January 12, and will be giving the children and adults the opportunity to **Present their Coins for Penny Power** through Mennonite Central Committee. Remember to bring your coins!

Coming Soon!! SCMC will be using **Instant Church Directory** for 2020. This includes an **online version** and an **app** so you will be able to access information from anywhere (Printable copies will be available for those who request them). Look for an e-mail in the coming week requesting your family picture for the directory. If you do not have a current picture and would like one taken at church, please e-mail Sheryl. Once the directory is ready, instructions will be sent out with how to access the app or online version. Please make sure you have updated your personal information as well. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are in your church mailboxes. If you received a box and do not need it, or would like a box and didn't receive one, please see Sheryl Richards.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

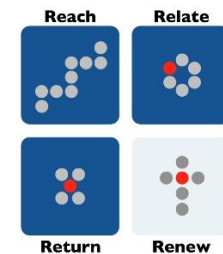
The **Caring Fund Offering** will be received today. This quarter, SCMC has met over \$2,500.00 in congregational needs.

Local churches around the Lehigh Valley maintain the **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** providing a warm place to sleep and food during the coldest months of the year for needy adults. Our church has agreed to partner with our local bodies of Christ in serving this winter. We have chosen one date a month - December, January, February, and March to serve the shelter from 4:00pm - 7:30am. Please view the link below for sign up details and explanations of assignments. Every volunteer will need to complete a volunteer application and view an online training of procedures. Visit the link below to sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AAEAC22AAF49-bethlehem>

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 go shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11, up to a \$15 value. 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:

Dan Reed – December 28
Ron Faust – December 29
Naphtali Walters – December 31
Ali Wasatonic – January 3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Lee & Danette Walters – January 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 21: \$209.00

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 22: \$8,374.00

CARING FUND: \$700.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

YTD OFFERING: \$276,579.11

YTD BUDGET: \$274,635.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 21: 28

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 22: 136

Serving Others

	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY:(Jan 5)</u>
Nursery	Becky Brooks Emily McSloy	Sue Reed Luke Schmidt
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Robert Bergey



Information

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Sunday School Information

PRE-K

Led by Aleta DeToma
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Jenny Forero
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Marc Newcomer
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – David Ramsey

Financial Peace University
Led by Robert & Beth Bergey
Sanctuary



“Our Reason for Optimism”

Philippians 4:4-7
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 29, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.