

Today

Welcome to our first Sunday of Advent 2017! Today, we light the candle of hope.

“But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64:8 (ESV)

Reflect: With great excitement, Isaiah, speaking on behalf of his people, anticipates the coming of the Lord. Along with anticipation comes a renewed awareness of sin — that which separates the people from God. In an attitude of confession, Isaiah calls the people to remember who they are — the created, and who God is — the Creator.

Do: Confessing prepares us for Christ’s coming and opens us up to a holy Advent. What keeps you from fully celebrating Christ’s birth? What are your words of confession today?

Pray: Holy God, you prove your love for us time and time again. We are the work of your hand. Continue to shape us into your image. Together, we look for the coming Christ, our hope. Amen. (Advent Worship Litany from the Upper Room)

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.

2:00 p.m. Iglesia Evangelica Hispana Luz Y Verdad Service
5:00 p.m. Nick Mace-Carver and Holly McMMain Wedding

This Week

December 4 - 9

MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice
SATURDAY
5:00 p.m. Youth Holiday Babysitting Night

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

December 3 2 Peter 2-3, Psalms 53, 55
December 4 1 John 1-3
December 5 1 John 4-5, 2 John 1
December 6 3 John 1, Jude, Psalms 73-74
December 7 Micah 1-3
December 8 Micah 4-6
December 9 Micah 7, Psalms 60, 93-94

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 we begin the observance of **Advent**. Check out individual or family Advent devotionals at bible.com or on your YouVersion Bible App.

Tonight at 5:00 p.m., Nick Mace-Carver and Holly McMMain will be united in marriage. Everyone is invited to attend the wedding; the reception is by invitation only.

An **Intergenerational Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic** is being planned for June 30 – July 7, 2018. There are **3 spots left!** Please sign up by **today** if you are interested.

4 Nights 4 Fellowship - Join Pastor David Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm (11/26, (no fellowship on 12/3 due to Nick and Holly’s wedding), 12/10 and 12/17) for a dessert fellowship focused on the Holiday season. 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.

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

Lehigh Valley Christian High School will be having a Family Fun Night at Friendly’s this Monday December 4, from 5-8 p.m. The location is 1491 MacArthur Road, Allentown PA 18052. The seniors will be having a bake sale as well. Please come out and support LVCHS!

This Saturday, December 9, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. is our **Holiday Babysitting Night**. Go on a date with your spouse or do some holiday shopping. Drop your children (ages 1 yr. to 5th grade) off at the church while the youth group does a variety of Christmas activities with them. Feed your child dinner before they come and a snack will be provided. Please sign up by **this Wednesday**, December 6.

Baptism/Church Membership is scheduled for next Sunday, December 10. If you are interested in baptism or church membership, please speak to Pastor David.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday, December 10. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

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!

Join us this **Christmas Eve** for a “family-friendly” service. Since this year December 24 falls on a Sunday, we will begin our Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.

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.**”

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:

Jim Brunstetter – December 7
Scott Richards – December 8
Amy Smith – December 9

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Carl & Danielle Mangione – December 3

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 26: \$5,225.21

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 26: 145

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Dec 10)</u>
Nursery	Sue Reed Lindsey Richards	Lydia Mohler Alyssa Richards
Greeters	Lee & Danette Walters	Mark & Nancy Walters
Worship Ldr.	Kelly Schoch	Dan Reed
Ushers	Bobby Kempf Scott Richards Lee Walters	John Cressman Randy Willard Harold Lehman
Children's Message	Lisa Walters	Sue Reed

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 Becky Thatcher
Helper, Lydia Mohler
Room LL 1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Anita McSloy
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH

Led by Ron & Sandy F.
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH

Led by Deanna Olsen
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel



“Choosing Hope”

Romans 15:12-13
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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December 3, 2017

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.