

# Welcome to Worship!

**December 8. 2013** 

9:30 AM

Hymns of the Season	Worship Team
Invitation to Worship	
Children's Message	Deanna Olsen
Bridge Builder Moment	
Tithes and Offerings Received	
Preparing Us for the Encounter	Worship Team
Message: "Encountering the Presence"	Pastor David
Vocal Response	Worship Team
Affirmation of Nominees	

Benediction

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** today following Sunday School. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Our **Sunday Evening Bible Study** will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

The **Beth Moore Study Group** will meet tomorrow evening. Remember, **hot soups** will be ready at 6:15 p.m. on this last gathering before the New Year 2014. The lesson will begin 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 **Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Meeting** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and be blessed.

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

The **Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal** is next Saturday from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

There is a **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** next Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. for those who have taught Sunday School this past quarter. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way! You are invited to **Steel City Mennonite Church's production of** *"An Out of the Box Christmas"* next Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Plan to come and be blessed, as well as being a blessing to those who have worked so hard to bring the meaning of Christmas to us in a whole new way. Invite your neighbors and friends. A **Cookie Social** will follow! (If you are willing and able to bring a plate of Christmas cookies for this evening, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. Thank you!)

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.

Youth Work Days!! The youth going on the Missions Trip to Guatemala will be having work days to fundraise for their trip. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer with your name, what type of work you need done around your house, and how many youth you need. Tara will coordinate with you and the youth to find a day/time that works for all of your schedules. These can be done anytime throughout the next few months. Once the youth completes the job, please give a donation to Tara Willard for our Guatemala trip.

**It's Coming!** Christmas? Yes, but that's not exactly the "it" to which we are referring. There is a **Spirit of Revival** that is beginning to sweep across the United States. Noted evangelists are increasing their ministry in the U.S. Foreign missionaries are coming to the U.S. in numbers never witnessed before. All are indicating that the climate is right for a wave of revival. You will have the opportunity to catch the wave here in our Lehigh Valley! **It's Coming...Alpha Course.** Watch for it!

**Events to put on your schedule:** December 15 – Christmas Play; December 24 - Christmas Eve Service; January 16-17, 2014 - Men's Retreat at Spruce Lake; January 24-25 - CMC Worship Leaders Retreat (Belleville); January 31-Feb 1 - SCMC Leadership Event; March 6-8 - SCMC Marriage Retreat.

This Week's Chronological Bible Reading Plan Schedule: December 8, Romans 4-7; December 9, Romans 8-10; December 10, Romans 11-13; December 11, Romans 14-16; December 12, Acts 20:4-23:35; December 13, Acts 24-26; December 14, Acts 27-28. Please use the **Communication Card** included in this worship folder to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life. **Visiting friends are encouraged to complete this card** so that we can get better acquainted. Please place your completed card in the offering basket this morning.

THIS WEEK AT SCMC Fellowship Meal, 12:15 PM Sunday: **Christmas Play Practice** Bible Study, 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study Group, 6:15 PM Monday: Koffee & Konversation. 8:00 AM Tuesday: Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, 8:00PM Wednesday: Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM Thursday: Dress Rehearsal, 10:00 AM-12 NOON Saturday: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 PM Sunday: Men's Fellowship, 8:45 AM "An Out of the Box Christmas". 6:30 PM THIS WEEK: NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 15) Nursery: Denise Ibach Becky Mace Nick Mace Maya Washington Jackie Eike Greeters: Kathleen Dresher Worship Team: Victor Sabatino Dan Reed **Ushers:** Lee Walters Neal Kempf Harold Lehman John Cressman Randy Willard Tim Walters Children's Story: Deanna Olsen Tara Willard OFFERING ON DECEMBER 1: \$5,874.75 ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 1: 181 HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO: Jessica Vaughn – December 13 Scott Richards – December 8

> Elizabeth Korpics – December 13 Bob Walters – December 14

Amy Smith – December 9 Jacob Newcomer – December 10 Bobby Kempf – December 11

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Mike & Janet Heft – December 11 Randy & Tara Willard – December 14 Ron & Sandy Funk – December 14

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

2-YEAR OLDS Led by Mary Jane Upstairs Nursery

## KINDERGARTEN

Led by Rachel Feenstra Helper, Sheryl Richards Room LL1

#### GRADES 3 & 4 Led by Larry Korpics Helper, Scott Richards

Room LL3

Youth Room

SENIOR YOUTH Led by Ron & Sandy Faust

## ADULT CLASS

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

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## **Connections Christian Counseling Center**

Kristen Poppa, MAMFT P.O. Box 3272, Easton, PA 18043 Phone: 484-895-5993 connectionsccc@hotmail.com, www.connectionsccc.com "Helping people make the right connections."

## 3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Becky Hutchinson Helper, Lucy Litke Room B6

#### GRADES 1 & 2 Led by Lydia Mohler Room LL2

GRADES 5-8 Led by Chip Shimko Room LL4

ADULT CLASS David Cook Uniform Lesson

Led by Sue Reed Chapel