

Today

The word “church” is most commonly recognized as a noun referring to a building. Did you know that in the book of Acts, the word “church” refers not to a building, but to the people gathering together in a particular location? Drawing from the Acts definition, we would be SCMC in any place we would gather, not just in this sanctuary. We are the church!

In today’s message, Pastor David will speak on “The State of the Church”. The Scripture text is Matthew 16:18.

Following our morning worship, we will convene our quarterly Congregational Business Meeting. Please enjoy a brief time of fellowship and then quickly assemble for the Business Meeting.

6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel

This week

January 19-24

TUESDAY

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council, Chapel

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Evening of Prayer, Chapel

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Cactus Blue

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

This Week’s ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

January 25 Psalm 24, Gen. 23, 1 Chr. 28, Luke 16:1-17:10
January 26 Ps. 25, Gen. 24, 1 Chr. 29:1-22a, Luke 17:11-37
January 27 Ps. 26, Gen. 25:1-18, 1 Chr. 29:22b-30, Luke 18:1-30
January 28 Ps. 27, Gen. 25:19-34, 2 Chr. 1, Luke 18:31-19:27
January 29 Psalm 28, Genesis 26, 2 Chr. 2, Luke 19:28-46
January 30 Ps. 29, Gen. 27:1-40, 2 Chr. 3, Luke 19:47-20:44
January 31 Ps. 30, Gen. 27:41-28:9, 2 Chr. 4, Luke 20:45-21:38

Announcements

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 **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.

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time. Also, please use the card to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting. This quarter, we will be having three adult Sunday School classes. The Uniform Lesson will meet in the Chapel; a class for women studying the book of Mark will meet in the Lower Level room off the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall; and a class for men will meet in the Sanctuary for a video series.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Our **Evening of Prayer** is this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Our **January Lunch Bunch** is this Thursday at 12 noon. We will meet at Cactus Blue on Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided.

Our next **Ladies Event** is on Thursday evening, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. We will be fellowshiping around a **Chocolate Fountain! Admission** to this event is 1 adult-size toothbrush; 1 bar bath soap; 1 good-quality fingernail clippers; and 1 dark-colored hand towel! (NEW items in original packaging)! We will be putting together **Hygiene Kits**, which Mennonite Central Committee distributes. MCC distributed 45,167 hygiene kits last year to various countries. We will put the kits together that evening. (If you would like to purchase items for these kits, but do not wish to attend on Thursday evening, you are welcome to bring those items in and place them on the platform in the Chapel.) We will also be putting together little Valentine goodie bags that night for the Sunday School teachers to hand out that Sunday to the children from the youngest to Grade 4.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Dave Kempf will be having the Children’s Message next Sunday and will be giving the children and adults the opportunity to **Present their Coins for Penny Power** through Mennonite Central Committee!! Remind your children to bring their coins!

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. Annually, 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, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly 16, which is held in Harrisburg, PA, July 21-26, already has over 2,000 registrants representing 65 nations of the world. Full-time registrations are being accepted online at mwc-cmm.org. Part-time registrations will be available on April 1, 2015.

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Feb. 1)</u>
Nursery	Lisa Walters Darlene Hein T’yanna Ruiz	Naphtali Walters Denise Ibach Alyssa Richards
Greeters	Mark & Alma Geosits	Gary & Lois Halsel
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Sandy Faust
Ushers	Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra Nick Mace Aaron Kochsmeier Bobby Kempf	Lee Walters John Cressman Randy Willard Scott Richards Neal Kempf
Children’s Message	Rachel Feenstra	Dave Kempf

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON JANUARY 18: \$2,230

ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 18: 110

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Alex Mohler – January 25 Bertha Lehman – January 29
Daniel Kochsmeier – Jan. 27 Alyssa Richards – January 29
Sandy Funk – January 27 Brycin Cela
Val Reppert – January 28

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Danette Walters
Helper, Tiffany Faust
Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Naphtali Walters
Helper, Toni Cressman
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Helper, Bev Kochsmeier
Room LL1

GRADES 2-4

Led by Rose Szabo
Helper, Val Newcomer
Room LL2

GRADES 5-8

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Sandy Faust
and Jen Matcke
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Joel Mohler & Dave Kempf
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – Women

The Gospel of Mark
Led by Lydia Mohler
Room LL3

ADULT CLASS - Men

“Stepping Up” Video Series,
by Denis Rainey
Sanctuary



“The State of the Church”

Matthew 16:18
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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