

## Today

**Welcome to our first worship service of the New Year!** 2019 will prove to be our best year of ministry yet as we place our trust in God alone. May the very core of our being live out the words of Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

When we look at our calendars, we begin to realize that our time is packed with so many things. Often those things are good things and important things. As our calendars get filled, we look for time to fit more things in. We all do it. But what happens when the church gets sidelined because of being overextended? Today, Pastor David will address this in the message: "**What Happens When the Church Gets Sidelined**". The sermon text is Hebrews 10:24-25.

Also, today, you will be asked to affirm the slate of nominees who have willingly consented to serve the ministry of SCMC. Our people who give of themselves to bless others through SCMC are fantastic!

**12:00 p.m.** Baby Shower for Becca Loar  
**6:30 p.m.** SOAP Bible Study

## This Week

January 7 - 12

### TUESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

**7:30 p.m.** Worship Team Practice

### FRIDAY

Fasting Begins

### SATURDAY

**3:00 p.m.** Youth Group Mall Scavenger Hunt

## This Week's Bible Reading Plan

### Week 2

- Genesis 16-18; Mark 6
- Genesis 19-20; Psalm 1; Mark 7
- Genesis 21-23; Psalm 107; Mark 8
- Genesis 24-25; Psalm 4; Mark 9
- Genesis 26-27; Mark 10

## 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.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be having a **Baby Shower for Becca Loar today following Sunday School**. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. All ladies are invited to attend.

**Tonight: SOAP at 6:30 p.m.** Come prepared to encounter the scriptures in a powerful way. The Holy Spirit is our teacher.

**2019 Leadership Nominees:** The following individuals have been asked to serve SCMC through various leadership and commission positions. Prayerfully consider affirming these nominees presented. The affirmation process will take place today.

**Board of Elders** – Joel Mohler, Randy Willard; **Church Council** – Bobby Kempf, Danette Walters; **Fellowship Commission** – Jim Brunstetter, Shirley Ferreri, Doris Meehan, Rose Szabo; **Finance Commission** – Robert Bergey, Naphtali Walters (Treasurer); **Outreach Commission** – Wayne Matthews, Lydia Mohler, Kelly Schoch; **Technology Commission** – Marc Newcomer; **Trustee Commission** – Tom Reppert; **Worship Commission** – Becky Thatcher. We are grateful to each one who has consented to serve the congregation in these ways.

The **Youth Group** will be doing a **Mall Scavenger Hunt** this Saturday, January 12, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Let Tara know if you are attending and plan to meet at the church. Bring money for dinner.

**Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message** next **Sunday, January 13**, 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!

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held next **Sunday, January 13**. The theme will be vegetarian foods due to the fasting in January. Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert.

**SCMC January Prayer Guide:** On the table in the foyer are copies of the SCMC January Prayer Guide. Please pick one up and use it in your daily prayer time.

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

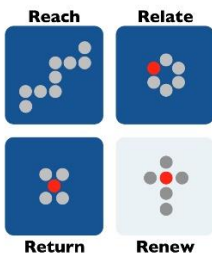
It is that time of year where weather related cancelations or delays may be necessary to communicate. Any cancelations or delays will be announced no later than 1 hour prior to the event. For example, any changes to our Sunday morning service will be announced not later than 7:30 a.m. since the worship team meets at 8:30 a.m. **Cancelations and delays will be shared via email, the SCMC app and on WFMZ TV69.**

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

**This Friday, January 11**, many of our SCMC family will answer the call to participate in **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. Prayer, fasting and giving are each an assumption Jesus made about His followers. (Matthew 6) The most common fast is the Daniel fast. The Daniel fast is limiting one's food intake to fruits, vegetables and fruit juices. Some further include in that list legumes and nuts. One of the best presentations of fasting guidelines comes from the International House of Prayer - Kansas City. There are copies of these guidelines in the foyer. Before you begin your fast, it is good to have a written prayer and fasting focus. In other words, why are you fasting? You may need a miracle. You may be healing of a relationship. You may need a financial breakthrough. Your focus may be completely different. Write these down. Look for God to work. Write those down as promises of a future fulfillment. It would be good to keep a prayer and fasting journal. **Great things are going to happen!**

**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 do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. 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:

Mary Jane Bergey – January 8  
Braden Rohn – January 8  
Joel Mohler – January 9  
Danette Walters – January 10

## Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 30: \$4,001.76

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: 0.00

YTD OFFERING: \$273,372.68

YTD BUDGET: \$301,288.00

ATTENDANCE ON DECEMBER 30: 116

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Jan 13)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Becky Brooks Autumn Willard	Rose Szabo Kylie Schmidt
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Sandy Faust	Victor Sabatino
<b>Children's Message</b>	Tara Willard	Dave Kempf



## Information

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## Sunday School Information

### 2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

Led by Aleta DeToma  
Helper, Denise Ibach  
Room B6

### KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt  
Helper, Nancy Walters  
Room LL1

### GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Becky Lesser  
Room LL 2

### GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Marc Newcomer  
Room LL 4

### JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard  
Room LL 3

### SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Becky Brooks  
Youth Room

### ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler  
Chapel



## “What Happens When the Church Gets Sidelined”

Hebrews 10:24-25  
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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January 6, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.