

Today

Welcome to Worship! We pray that your time here will draw your heart toward God.

This year our focus is twofold: First, to experience a personal renewal in our relationship with God. Secondly, to be intentional with sharing the Good News of salvation with those far from God. To begin that focus, Pastor David has called SCMC to a 21day season of Prayer and Fasting.

Today, using the text of Isaiah 58, Pastor David will share on "The Fasting God Requires".

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal

This Week

January 9-14

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

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

January 8	Luke 15-16, Daniel 7-8
January 9	Luke 17-18, Daniel 9
January 10	Luke 19-20, Daniel 10
January 11	Luke 21-22, Daniel 11
January 12	Luke 23-24, Daniel 12, Genesis 1
January 13	Acts 1-2, Genesis 2-3
January 14	Acts 3-4, Genesis 4-5

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.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** today following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be an **Elder's Meeting** on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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

Parents of Pre-teens and Teenagers - Please join us for a special viewing of Pam Stenzel's DVD, **Parents Matter - Raising Kids with Integrity**, on Sunday, January 15th from 6:30-8:00pm. We will meet again on Sunday, January 29th from 6:30-8:00pm to view the Question and Answer Session and have more time for discussion on this topic. Invite your friends! If you have any questions, please see Tara Willard.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message next **Sunday, January 15**, 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!

Our **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be Sunday, January 22, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

We will be taking pictures for a new **Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directory** on January 26, 27 & 28. As always, for participating, you get a free 8x10 portrait of your choice. If you decide to order additional portraits you will receive 20% off your order. If you would like to schedule your appointment online, go to <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/steeltownmennonitechurch/index.php?page=10> and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. We also have a sign-up sheet in the foyer, if you do not have access to a computer. (The online website will be disabled on Sundays to prevent double booking of a time slot.) We would like as many of the congregation in the directory as possible. This is so helpful for people when they first begin attending SCMC to learn to know us.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

UPDATE Call to Prayer and Fasting - Pastor David is calling upon the congregation to enter a 21 day season of prayer and fasting. We will begin fasting on January 9, 2017, and conclude with eating breakfast on January 30, 2017. The focus of our prayer and fasting will be spiritual revival and spiritual harvest. The preferred method of fasting will be the "Daniel Fast", which is primarily fruits and vegetables. However, if you can not restrict your diet due to medicines, pregnancies or other issues, consider fasting from something other than food. This could be television, social media, or something else you identify that hinders your prayer life. **ALWAYS CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN BEFORE FASTING.** As you prayerfully consider fasting, ask God what the focus of your individual fast might be and how long God wants you to fast.

The **Youth Group** will be having a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, January 21**, for their Missions Trip to the Appalachia area of Tennessee this summer. For those doing the Daniel Fast, there will be an all you can eat salad and fruit cup for \$7.00. Starting today, tickets will be on sale in the foyer. There are three time slots available for your meal, 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 6-12; and children ages 5 and under are free.

Your **2017 Prayer Pals** are in your church mailboxes. Please remember to regularly pray for this child. If you choose not to participate, please put the card back in Tara Willard's mailbox.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Mary Jane Bergey – January 8
Braden Rohn – January 8
Joel Mohler – January 9
Danette Walters – January 12

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON JANUARY 1: \$3409

ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 1: 112

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Jan. 15)</u>
Nursery	Lydia Mohler Naphtali Walters (Alt.) Rachael Litke	Val Newcomer Lisa Walters (Alt.) Alyssa Richards
Greeters	Anita McSloy	Jim Brunstetter
Worship Ldr.	Robert Bergey	Kelly Schoch
Ushers	Neal Kempf Harold Lehman Tim Walters	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach
Children's Message	None	Dave Kempf

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-3 YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft
Helper, Naphtali Walters
Upstairs Nursery

PRE-K

Led by Becky Lesser
Helper, Mary Lou Shimko
Aid, Danielle Mangione
Room B6

KIND. & GRADE 1

Led by Lydia Lesser
Helper, Doris Meehan
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Anita McSloy
Helper, Lucy Litke
Room LL2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Room LL3

GRADES 6-8

Led by Sandy Faust
Room LL4

GRADES 9-12

Led by Dan Reed
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Pastor David
Chapel



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Isaiah 58
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