

## Today

Imagine for a moment that you are about to play the most important athletic game of your life. You are waiting with your team to be introduced. The loud speaker crackles, nervous jitters causes your arms to fail a bit and the coach says, "Let's make this one count". You rush into the arena. The crowd goes wild with their cheers. It becomes ALL about winning - for you, for the team, for the coach and for the crowd! Feel the exhilaration and excitement?

The writer of Hebrews 12:1-2 uses imagery of an athletic competition to encourage his readers to live life ALL for the Lord Jesus Christ. Today, Pastor David will speak on this text in his message titled, "Victory in the Arena".

## This week

July 13-18

### MONDAY

8:00 p.m. Church League Softball Game, Forks

### TUESDAY

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

### THURS-SUN

All day CMC Annual Conference

### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### FRI-SUN

Knoebels, Youth Group

## This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

July 12	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14, Joshua 10, Jeremiah 5, Matthew 21:12-27
July 13	Ecclesiastes 7:15-29, Joshua 11-12, Jeremiah 6, Matthew 21:28-22:14
July 14	Ecclesiastes 8, Joshua 13-14, Jeremiah 7:1-8:3, Matthew 22:15-46
July 15	Ecclesiastes 9:1-10, Joshua 15, Jeremiah 8:4-9:22, Matthew 23
July 16	Ecclesiastes 9:11-18, Joshua 16-17, Jeremiah 9:23-10:25, Matthew 24
July 17	Ecclesiastes 10, Joshua 18-19, Jeremiah 11:1-17, Matthew 25
July 18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8, Joshua 20, Jeremiah 11:18-12:17, Matthew 26:1-29

## 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.

There will be **No Sunday School** during the months of July and August.

**If you are planning on attending an evening session of the Mennonite World Conference**, July 21-25, and would like Pastor David to purchase your tickets the day of your attending, please text him that morning. He will plan on purchasing as soon as possible that day for you. Cost is \$35 per adult and \$15 for children. Availability will change each day based on daily registration numbers and will be updated at [mwc-cmm.org](http://mwc-cmm.org).

**Conservative Mennonite Conference Annual Conference** will be held this week, July 15-19, in Hartville, Ohio. This year's theme is "Step with the Spirit". Pastor David and Bev will be attending.

**Lunch Bunch** this month is at Wertz Café at 515 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown on Wednesday, July 29, at 12 noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

The **New Address** for Darkens and Alicia (Smith) Carriotte is 18 Yancy Drive, Havelock, NC 28532. I'm sure the newlyweds, especially Alicia, living in a new location, would love to get some mail from home!!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Jared Frace – July 14  
Mark Geosits – July 15  
Erika Schmidt – July 16  
Rebecca Olsen – July 17

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Joel & Lydia Mohler – July 12  
Phil & Lena Lakjer – July 13  
Walt & Joan Murphy – July 18

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

**Christmas In July!!!** The Everlasting Life Food Bank shelves are bare. Even barer than they were at Christmas. Summertime is a very difficult time for families, as the school is no longer there to provide lunch and, in most cases, breakfast to the children. This means that families who are already struggling have an even greater need. For this reason, the Evangelism Commission is calling on you. Steel City Mennonite Church will be celebrating Christmas In July. **Please bring in your non perishable, non expired food items and place in the Christmas wrapped box in the foyer.** The food bank is always in need of peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned vegetables and soup. The blessings that we provide will be delivered to Everlasting Life Ministries and will coincide with the Youth Group Service Project at the end of the month, when they will be preparing and serving meals.

The **Women's Monday Night Bible Study** will be starting up on September 21. We will be studying "**The Best Yes**" by Lysa TerKeurst. This is six-session video-based Bible Study which will meet every other Monday evening. Each video is 18-20 minutes in length. "*Let Lysa TerKeurst help you discern the option that shapes all your other choices. Having trouble deciding which situations deserve a "yay" and which a "nay?" Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an overwhelmed soul? Offering Scripture-laced insights on effective decision-making, she encourages you to be honest, imaginative, focused, trusting, and humble as you discover the role God most wants you to play.*" Alma Geosits will be leading our study. **Moms, talk to your husbands** and see if they would be willing to watch your little ones for an hour and a half so that you can attend this study. We would love to see you join our study. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer if you would like to participate in this study. We will need to be ordering books by the end of August. The cost for the study material is \$12.

## Attendance and Giving

**OFFERING ON JULY 5:** \$4,116.06

**ATTENDANCE ON JULY 5:** 131

## Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (July 19)</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	Naphtali Walters Denise Ibach Alyssa Richards	Meghan Cela Lois Halsel Nick Mace
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan & Sue Reed	Tom & Val Reppert
<b>Worship Ldr.</b>	Robert Bergey	Dan Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra	Nick Mace Bobby Kempf Scott Richards Lee Walters John Cressman
<b>Children's Message</b>	Tara Willard	Kelly Schoch

## Information

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## *“Victory in the Arena”*

Hebrews 12:1-2  
Pastor David Kochsmeier