## **Today**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! Psalm 33:12 (ESV)

Welcome to our time of worship!

This weekend, the USA celebrates its independence from foreign rule. As old oppressions were severed, new life, new hope was springing forth.

Every time the body of Christ, the Church, gathers, we celebrate our personal independence from foreign rule. Not a foreign rule as in kings and rulers, but from the chief enemy of our soul, Satan. Gathered worship enables us to reaffirm a newness of life and a newness of hope that springs forth from the victory of Christ Jesus.

Today, Pastor David will preach concerning the role of the local church in a message titled, "Today's Church". The scripture text is Ephesians 3:10.

## **This Week**

**July 3 - 8** 

## **TUESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY** 

July 8

**7:30 p.m.** Worship Team Practice **8:30 p.m.** Men's Bible Study

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

July 2	2 Samuel 4-6
July 3	2 Samuel 7-9
July 4	2 Samuel 10, Psalms 20-21
July 5	2 Samuel 11-12, Psalms 51
July 6	2 Samuel 13-15
July 7	2 Samuel 16-17, Psalms 55

Psalms 43, 62, 70-71

### **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.

The Befriend Book Study will not meet tonight.

"Thank You" to all the volunteers who made this VBS week extra special! It is absolutely amazing to witness what God does through willing hands.

The **Men's Bible Study** will be meeting on Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Lord willing, Pastor David will be leading the observance of **Holy Communion** next Sunday morning, July 9. Plan on attending this special service remembering Jesus' sacrifice for our redemption.

Pastor David will be hosting **Baptism and Church Membership Classes** beginning next Sunday, July 9, immediately following morning worship. There are two sessions to this class. Session 1 will be held on July 9; Session 2 will be held on July 16. A makeup session will be held on August 6. Baptism is the public declaration of your decision to make Jesus Lord of your life.

The **Congregational Business Meeting** will be held on July 23 after the morning service.

For the youth going on the **Missions Trip**, there will be a **Mandatory Parent Meeting** for all youth <u>and</u> a parent/s on Sunday, July 23rd at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

The Conservative Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly will be held Thursday evening, July 27 through Sunday noon, July 30, 2017, in Kidron, Ohio (Kidron is 6.5 hours from Bethlehem). This year's theme is "Lead: Make the Most of Every Opportunity". If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please speak with Pastor David.

**FYI -** We are in the process of replacing various components of our audio/visual system. Please be patient as we work to improve your worship experience.

# **Ministry Opportunities & Events**

#### Vision Statement:

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone**, **everyday**, **everywhere** to journey together in developing a lifechanging relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Travis Faust – July 3 Josh Kochsmeier – July 3 Debbie Faust – July 7

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

Bob & Betty Kemmerer – July 6

## **Attendance and Giving**

OFFERING ON JUNE 25: \$4448.77 ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 25: 158

# **Serving Others**

	TODAY	<b>NEXT WEEK: (Jul 9)</b>
Nursery	Naphtali Walters Rachael Litke	Lois Halsel Jaylen Lesser
Greeters	Bill & Lucy Litke	Shirley Liedig
Worship Ldr.	Kelly Schoch	Sandy Faust
Ushers	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach	Greg Feenstra Bobby Kempf Scott Richards
Children's Message None		Kelly Schoch

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# "Today's Church"

Ephesians 3:10 Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



July 2, 2017

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.