

**March 23, 2014  
9:30 AM**

*Welcome to our service of worship this morning!*

*God is delighted that you have responded to His invitation to meet together.*

*One of the most fascinating experiences is taking off in an airplane when the skies are dark and dreary. As the plane ascends through the clouds, it isn't long before the sun fills the cabin. Back on earth, the clouds block the sun. Our brain tells us the sun is there, but our experience tells a different story. It is hard to know the sun is there because we don't see it. Today, from the text of I Peter 1, our guest speaker, Joel Mohler, will share with us on "From Suffering to Hope".*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is our **Last Penny Power Sunday!!** Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message and will be giving the children and adults their final opportunity to **Present their Coins for Penny Power** through Mennonite Central Committee!! So, save up those coins (and bills) this week and don't forget to bring them to church!!

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.

**For those of you who have children in the Nursery**, please update or fill out for the first time the **Nursery Information Card** for your child or children, listing allergies or special needs they may have. Thank you!

**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 check the back of the bulletin to see where your class meets.

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.

**ALPHA** meets tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

The **Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Meeting** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and be blessed.

The **Men's Bible Study** meets in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The **Youth have an event at Cosmic Bounce U** this Friday evening from 7-9:15 p.m. The cost is \$11. Please sign up today if you would like to participate.

All married couples are invited to a **Couples Sweets and Treats** night out this Saturday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. Come out and enjoy an evening of treats and games with your sweetie!! Free childcare is provided by the youth. The cost is \$15 per couple. If you would like to participate, please sign up by March 26. This is a fundraiser for the Youth.

There is a **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** next Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. for those who have taught Sunday School this past quarter. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way!

There will be a brief **Softball Meeting** for all those interested in playing on the Church League Softball Team next Sunday following the Morning Worship Service.

The **Men's Retreat at Sugar Hollow** is coming up April 4-6. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with other men from the church in a relaxed setting in the mountains of Pennsylvania. The cost is \$50. Please see Kevin Olsen for details.

There is a pamphlet on the table in the foyer titled **"Why Easter?"** by Nicky Gumbel. Among the questions addressed are: What's so important about Easter? Why is there so much interest in a person born 2,000 years ago? Why are so many people excited about Jesus? Why do we need him? Why did he come? Why did he die? Why should anyone bother to find out? This is an excellent resource! Please help yourself to them for yourself or a friend who may be looking for answers to these questions.

**The Hoagie Sales Continue!** Next pickup date is April 16; orders and money are due Sunday, April 6. The cost is \$5. Thank you for your support of the Youth Missions Trip!!

**Youth Work Days!!** Sign up in the foyer if you would like to "hire" some youth to benefit their Missions trip to Guatemala.

**Lehigh Valley Christian High School is beginning to accept applications for the 2014-15 school year.** There are plenty of spaces in grade 9, and a few spaces left in grades 10 & 11. Applications are available online at [www.lvchs.org](http://www.lvchs.org), or by calling 610-403-1000. School tours and/or student shadowing can be arranged as well. LVCHS offers a quality academic and extra-curricular program with a biblical foundation. Busing is available to 13 PA school districts and from NJ. Financial aid is available upon request. LVCHS seeks to equip students to think biblically and function purposefully in society.

**Just a Reminder...** We have a **"Blessings Food Pantry"** which is located in the office area. The items are there for you to use as needed!!

### Upcoming Fundraising Events for the Youth's Missions Trip

#### **Dan Schantz Greenhouse Benefit Coupons**

These are on the table in the foyer.

#### **Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars**

If you have an opportunity at work or play and would like to take a box of candy bars to sell to help out the youth, please see Tara Willard.

#### **Hoagie Sales**

Orders and money are due two Sundays before the delivery date. If you have friends that you think would like to purchase hoagies, please contact them. Every little bit will help the youth get them a little bit closer to their fundraising goal of \$9,000. Pickup dates are Wednesday, April 16 and May 14.

#### **Yard Sale** in the church parking lot

Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine.

#### **Car Wash** at the Steel City Fire Company on Riverside Drive

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan:** March 23, 1 John 1-3, Deuteronomy 9-10, Psalm 70, Proverbs 22; March 24, 1 John 4-5, Deuteronomy 11-12, Psalm 71; March 25, 2 John 1, 3 John 1, Deuteronomy 13-14, Psalm 72; March 26, Revelation 1-3, Deuteronomy 15-16; March 27, Revelation 4-6, Deuteronomy 17-18, Psalm 73; March 28, Revelation 7-9, Deuteronomy 19-20, Psalm 74, Proverbs 23; March 29, Revelation 10-12, Deuteronomy 21-22, Psalm 75.

**THIS WEEK AT SCMC**

**Sunday:** ALPHA, 6:30 PM  
**Tuesday:** Koffee & Konversation, 8:00 AM  
 Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM  
**Wednesday:** Men's Bible Study, 7:00 PM  
**Thursday:** Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM  
**Friday:** Cosmic Bounce U, 7-9:15 PM  
**Saturday:** Couples Sweets & Treats, 6:30-8:00 PM  
**Sunday:** Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 AM  
 Softball Meeting, following Morning Worship  
 ALPHA, 6:30 PM

**THIS WEEK:**

**Nursery:** Lisa Walters  
 Alicia Smith  
**Greeters:** Neal Kempf  
**Worship Team:** Robert Bergey  
**Ushers:** Lee Walters  
 John Cressman  
 Randy Willard  
**Children's Story:** Tara Willard

**NEXT WEEK: (March 30)**

Rose Szabo  
 Nick Mace  
 Mary Eleanor Kochsmeier  
 Victor Sabatino  
 Neal Kempf  
 Harold Lehman  
 Tim Walters  
 Dave Kempf

**OFFERING ON MARCH 16:** \$5,942.65

**ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 16:** 163

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Baylen Lesser – March 25  
 Victoria Young – March 25  
 Jim Titus – March 27  
 Pastor David – March 27  
 Lora Weiss – March 28  
 Sandra Fontanez – March 29

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

Char & Mim Brunstetter – March 26

**SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**2-YEAR OLDS**

Led by Mary Jane  
 Upstairs Nursery

**3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS**

Led by Toni Cressman  
 Helper, Rebekah Mace  
 Room B6

**KINDERGARTEN**

Led by Katrina Schmidt  
 Helper, Bev Kochsmeier  
 Room LL1

**GRADES 1 & 2**

Led by Nancy Walters  
 Room LL2

**GRADES 3 & 4**

Led by Larry Korpics  
 Helper, Scott Richards  
 Room LL3

**GRADES 5-8**

Led by Greg Feenstra  
 Room LL4

**SENIOR YOUTH**

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust  
 Youth Room

**ADULT CLASS**

David Cook Uniform Lesson  
 Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler  
 Chapel

**ADULT CLASS**

"Your Kingdom Come" by Becca Greenwood  
 Led by Pastor David  
 Sanctuary

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 & Christian Education

Church Secretary: Bev Kochsmeier

Board of Elders: Ron Faust (610-428-1904), Kevin  
 Olsen (610-554-5851), Mark Walters (610-691-5324),  
 and Bob Walters (610-865-3316), as Pastor Emeritus

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