

Today

We are glad you are here today. It would not be the same without you.

Now that spring has sprung, our thoughts turn to more outdoorsy interests. We begin to notice the new life from the old dormant trees. We begin to plan our gardens. We begin to look forward to the growth that spring and summer brings.

Our life in Christ is designed to be a life of growth. Jesus says, **“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”**

In addition to reporting on the **RI Summit trip**, Pastor David will be preaching on **John 15:1-8** in his message, **“Stay”**.

Guests, please let us know of your presence today by filling out a Communication Card which can be found in the foyer or through our smartphone app. You can also share prayer concerns through these two options.

This Week

April 1 - 6

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. SCMC Cruise Meeting
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Alive

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

Week 14

- Joshua 14-17; Luke 17
- Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18
- Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19
- Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20
- Judges 4-6; Luke 21

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.

Today after Sunday school, there will be a **meeting in the sanctuary** for children in grades 2nd-8th who might be interested in playing hand bells. Singers are also needed. Please see Aleta DeToma for more information.

There will be an **SCMC Cruise Meeting** this Thursday evening, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The **Fellowship Commission** will be meeting this coming Saturday, April 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Why Saturday Night Alive (SNA)?

The **vision of SCMC is to give EVERYONE, EVERYDAY, EVERYWHERE** the opportunity of developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Working in partnership with other Christ-centered ministries, our long-term goal is **SATURATION** of the Lehigh Valley. To intentionally move in that direction, **SCMC is beginning “Saturday Night Alive” starting this coming Saturday April 6, at 7:00 p.m.** SCMC will be one church offering two different service times. Pray that God would use both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning gatherings to draw people into a life changing relationship.

Next Sunday, April 7, 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!

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Get your calendars out and write down the special **Holy Week services** that will be held at SCMC. **Good Friday Service (7 PM) April 19; Easter Celebration (SNA – 7 PM) April 20; Sunrise Service (7 AM) and Easter Celebration (9:30 AM) April 21.**

Attention Ladies! All women are invited to the SCMC annual Women's Weekend on April 26 - 28 at the Bergey cabin in Tunkhannock, PA. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday June 23 – Thursday June 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be out after Easter. However, there are some leadership positions available for Imagination Station on Sunday and Monday night and for Games all five nights. If you would like to be the leader of one of these stations, please talk to Tara sometime before April 28th. You will have plenty of helpers to help you out. There are **Vacation Bible School** DVD's available for \$15 and CDs available for \$7. If you want to get a jump start on learning the music for this year's VBS, please see Tara Willard.

Bethlehem Christian School will be having their **40th Anniversary Auction Fundraiser** on Friday, May 10, 2019, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Don't miss out on this special evening with featured speaker, David Akers (former NFL Placekicker for the Philadelphia Eagles). The evening includes a silent and live auction, hors d'oeuvres and dinner, and a VIP meet and greet for event sponsors. You can purchase tickets at <https://give.bethlehemchristianschool.org> or contact Kristin at 610-365-8176.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

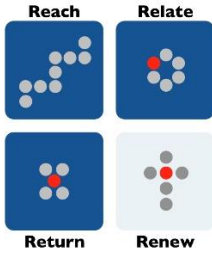
Today, we will be receiving a special offering designated for the **Caring Fund**. You may remember the Finance Commission with the blessing of Council reviewed the way we meet congregational and community needs. It was decided that every 5th Sunday in a month, we would have the opportunity to give directly to meeting the financial needs we were made aware of. So far this quarter we have helped meet a SCMC family's desperate need, blessed the family of Ahnelly Rivera, and the Steel City Fire Company and Dewey Fire & Ambulance with over \$2,700.00.

If you and your children like having **Children's Story Time** during our worship times, please consider joining our rotation to give a Children's Message. The more people we have, the less often everyone has to do it. Please see Tara Willard if interested.

Preparing meals for someone in need: As most of you probably know, the Fellowship Commission will occasionally schedule meals for someone in our church family when there is need. This is usually a situation where someone is hospitalized, or birth of a baby, etc. This is an important way that we as a church family can give and receive support from each other! Please sign up in the church foyer if you would like to help in this way.

The **SCMC Prayer Guides** for the month of April are on the table in the foyer. Please use this Prayer Guide as a part of your daily devotional routine.

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:

Jessica Bergey – March 31
Aleta DeToma – April 1
Jason Lesser – April 2
Sandy Malitzki – April 2
Marc Newcomer – April 3
Lori Sabatino – April 6
Wayne Matthews – April 6

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON MARCH 24: \$5,511.00

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,385.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: \$606.00

YTD OFFERING: \$64,474.42

YTD BUDGET: \$64,620.00

ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 24: 133

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Apr 7)</u>
Nursery	Rose Szabo Emily McSloy	Naphtali Walters Rachael Litke
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Dan Reed
Children's Message	Sue Reed	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 Becky Thatcher
Helper, Jazmyn Cunningham
Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Becky Lesser
Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Wayne Matthews
Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Jessica Bergey
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel



“Stay”

John 15:1-8
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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March 31, 2019

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.