

Today

Welcome to Worship! May you encounter the presence of Jesus today!

One of the obstacles of living a God-pleasing life is the fact that evil influences surround us. We are bombarded by visions of the unholy; by cries for compromise and by an internal GPS that recalculates for the "road most taken". We may have a great resolve, aided by the presence of God's Spirit, and we will falter in our holy walk. Secretly, we may look longingly at generations past, especially those among the first generation (New Testament) church, thinking they had it much easier to be a Christ-follower.

Today, Pastor David, in a message titled, "Saints in Sin City" (Ephesians 1:1b), will address this tension of living God-pleasing lives when we are surrounded by evil.

This Week

March 6 - 11

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

March 5	Proverbs 5, Romans 9-10
March 6	Proverbs 6, Romans 11-12, Psalm 69
March 7	Proverbs 7, Romans 13-14, Psalm 24
March 8	Proverbs 8, Romans 15-16, Psalm 117
March 9	Proverbs 9, Numbers 1-2
March 10	Proverbs 10, Numbers 3-4
March 11	Proverbs 11, Numbers 5-6

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.

There will be a **Church Council Meeting** on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Kempf will be having the Children's Message next **Sunday, March 12**, 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!

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be next **Sunday, March 12**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

Ladies! Our next event is Thursday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. We will be going to the Country Grapevine, a country store in Bath that a lot of us enjoyed going to last year, and we will once again have lunch at Hampton Winds Restaurant. The Hampton Winds Restaurant is the training ground for Northampton Community College's highly-regarded Culinary Arts program. We will be meeting at the Hampton Winds Restaurant at 9:30 a.m. If you prefer to only go to the restaurant for lunch, you can plan to meet there at noon. Please make a note on the sign-up sheet if you will only be meeting for lunch.

On Sunday evening, March 26, at 6:00 p.m., we are having a **Talent Night at SCMC!** If you would like to share your talent (and we hope you are willing!), **sign up** on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. This is always a fun time together.

Bethlehem Christian School is hosting its annual **Ladies Day Out** on Saturday, March 18, at the Calvary Baptist Campus from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please contact Sheryl Richards or the school office at 610-868-6020 for more information.

SCMC 4-Night Bahamas Cruise (October 16 - 20, 2017) on Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas. We would fly from Philadelphia to Orlando on Monday morning, October 16 and fly back to Philadelphia on Friday afternoon, October 20. Ports of call would include Coco Cay, Bahamas and Nassau, Bahamas. The current costs are \$347.00/person (\$266.00/person/inside stateroom + \$81.00 taxes and port fees) plus \$54.00/person gratuities. Additional costs that cannot be projected at this time are the airfare and transfer fees from airport to cruise port and return. You would need a valid U.S. Passport that doesn't expire within 6 months of departure. If you have interest in this cruise, please express your interest by signing up in the foyer.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

FAITH IN ACTION: The Christian Church is in the season of Lent. Lent prepares Christ-followers for the joyous celebration of Easter. Lent gives us the wonderful opportunity to share Jesus with others. This week's assignment: Identify 3 people who don't know Jesus and commit to pray for them during this Lent-Easter season. Ask God to give you ways to show and share His love with them.

There are **Sunday School** teachers needed for the 2 and 3 year olds and for the Pre-K (4 and 5 year olds) classes for the spring quarter which begins on March 26 and goes through June 25. Please see Tara if interested.

The Education Commission is beginning to plan **Vacation Bible School** for June 26-30, 2017. The theme this year is **Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a Purpose**. As you know our VBS set has been quite elaborate the past few years. While creating an environment that is exciting for the children, we also want to be mindful of our volunteers' time and effort as well as our expenses. We are in need of someone who is creative, who would like to take charge of the VBS decorating this year understanding that it is okay if we scale it back. The VBS curriculum comes with clip art CD and a decorating DVD to help you. Please let Tara know as soon as possible if you are interested.

The **Youth Group** will be having a **Craft Show Fundraiser** to raise money for their Missions Trip to the Appalachia area of Tennessee this summer. The Craft Show will be held at SCMC on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LVCHS is launching a “sneaker campaign.” They are partnering with a foundation created to provide new or slightly used footwear to the people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There is an urgent need for footwear in that country and they hope to provide 1,000 pairs of shoes toward meeting that need. Your participation would be greatly appreciated as they seek to meet a need halfway across the globe. **There is a container in the foyer to put the rubber soled shoes in.** Please bring in your donation by the end of March.

There are still some **young adults or college age prayer pal cards** on the table in the foyer. Please take a card if you feel led.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Barb Cressman – March 10
MaKayla Willard – March 11

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON FEBRUARY 26: \$7299.50

ATTENDANCE ON FEBRUARY 26: 130

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Mar. 12)</u>
Nursery	Lois Halsel Alyssa Richards	Rose Szabo Kylie Schmidt
Greeters	Juan & Jenny Forero	Tim & Amy Frace
Worship Ldr.	Robert Bergey	Kelly Schoch
Ushers	Neal Kempf Harold Lehman Tim Walters	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach
Children’s Message	Sue Reed	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 6-10

Led by Sandy Faust
Room LL4

ADULT CLASS & 11th-12th GRADES

Led by Pastor David
Chapel



“Saints in Sin City”

Ephesians 1:1b
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