

Today

HARVEST OFFERING SUNDAY

Welcome to our worship service focused on celebrating God's bountiful provision among us. Our desire is to acknowledge God's blessing and affirm our calling to be a conduit of those blessings to others.

Today, we will be receiving two offerings. One will be our "tithes and offerings" that provides for the ongoing ministry of SCMC and the sharing of the gospel around the world. The second offering is our highly anticipated "Harvest Offering". This offering will bless the lives of others!

In preparation for the **Harvest Offering**, Pastor David will be speaking on making "**Lasting Investments**". The text for the morning is Luke 12:32-34.

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.

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

This Week

November 12 - 17

TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner
WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. SOAP Bible Study
THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

November 11 Luke 4
November 12 Luke 5
November 13 Luke 6
November 14 Luke 7
November 15 Luke 8
November 16 Luke 9
November 17 Luke 10

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.

We have a **Fellowship Meal** today following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Practice for the **Christmas Program** will be held today from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor David is traveling to Ohio this afternoon to attend the Rosedale Mennonite Mission board meeting on Monday. Lord willing, he and Bev will return home Tuesday. Pray for safe travels and a productive meeting of the RMM board.

Wednesday evening: SOAP Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. This is a great way to allow the Holy Spirit to direct your Bible study.

Church Council will be meeting on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Our **November Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, November 28, at 12 noon. We will be going to **The West End Restaurant** in Quakertown. The restaurant is located at 750 N. West End Blvd. in Quakertown. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

It's time to be thinking about another **SCMC Cruise**. Our next **SCMC Cruise will be May 25, 2019** (Saturday) leaving from Cape Liberty, NJ heading to New England and Canada. It is a six-night Royal Caribbean cruise on Adventure of the Seas. Ports of call include Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We return to Cape Liberty on Friday, May 31, 2019. Passports are required. This would be a great cruise to consider if you aren't sure cruising is for you! More information along with an "Interested" sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. Please speak to either Bev or Pastor David if you have questions.

Saturday, December 1, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. is our **Holiday Babysitting Night**. Go on a date with your spouse or do some holiday shopping. Drop your children (all ages up to 5th grade) off at the church while the youth group does a variety of Christmas activities with them. Feed your child dinner before they come and a snack will be provided. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 28.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Today, we will be receiving our Harvest Offering 2018. The goal is \$17,000 plus 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is an offering above the normal tithe. You have the option of giving through Pushpay under the Harvest Offering Fund. The offering will be distributed as follows:

- 1. Operation Christmas Child** – Besides blessing the shoebox recipient, giving shoeboxes allows our children a hands-on experience of giving to bless another person. [50 boxes]
- 2. Melissa Rizzuto** - On July 10, 2017, Melissa was admitted into the hospital for emergency surgery to repair a disc that was about to sever her spinal cord. She had lived with extreme nerve pain and numbness in her legs for about a year. The surgery removed the pressure on the spinal cord but due to complications, has left her paralyzed from the waist down. All four of the children attend the Southern Lehigh School district and Melissa was a very close-knit member of our community. She headed the PTA and assisted with numerous PTA events. Insurance is not covering physical therapy or transportation to/from therapy. [\$6,000]
- 3. Erin Tomino and Troy Hankerson** - The mini strokes she had in January have altered her personality and her physical and mental abilities. Erin is in constant danger of stroke or organ failure. They are applying for disability for Erin, but that procedure takes time. [\$6,000]
- 4. Bethlehem Emergency Shelter** - Churches throughout the Lehigh Valley assist in the operation of the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. They care for 75-100 homeless individuals during the winter months. We desire to bless these individuals with a "care package" of essentials and goodies this Christmas season. [\$3,000]
- 5. Jeremy and Becky Reinhard family** - Recently the Reinhard family accepted God's call to serve Him in Kenya with Africa Inland Missions. They are from the Lehigh Valley. They are fully supported but need to purchase a vehicle in Kenya. We will help them with that vehicle purchase. [\$2,000]

Good News Club is looking for donations to create a supply of prizes that will be used for our end of the year store in which children redeem points for prizes. As you do holiday shopping, we are looking for toys, books, games, puzzles, craft kits, etc. for ages 4-11. Donations will be accepted until the end of March.

Every winter our **Youth Group** enjoys the opportunity to go up to **Spruce Lake** for their **Winter Blast Retreat**. The cost has gone up in recent years and several youth need help raising the funds to go. Therefore, the youth will be having work days to help defray the cost of the retreat. Sign up in the foyer for a job you need done and how many youth you can use to do it. It could be raking leaves, cleaning, babysitting, shoveling snow, etc. We will assign a youth to that job and the two of you will coordinate it between yourselves as to when it will occur. You would then complete a form with a donation to that youth and return to Tara Willard. This will be running from October through the end of January.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Victor & Lori Sabatino – November 14
 Jim & Cathy Troxell – November 17

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 4: \$6,360.10

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00

DESIGNATED GIVING: 0.00

YTD OFFERING: \$226,222.02

YTD BUDGET: \$254,936.00

ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 4: 130

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Nov 18)</u>
Nursery	Lydia Mohler Rachael Litke	Sue Reed Kylie Schmidt
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Kelly Schoch
Children's Message	Rachel Feenstra	Tara Willard



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, Danielle Mangione
 Room LL1

GRADES 2 & 3

Led by Ryan Walters
 Room LL 2

GRADES 4 & 5

Led by Wayne Matthews
 Helper, Scott Richards
 Room LL 4

JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6-8)

Led by Randy Willard
 Room LL 3

SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)

Led by Lydia Mohler
 Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

Led by Joel Mohler
 Chapel



“Lasting Investments”

Luke 12:32-34
 Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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November 11, 2018

Everyone. Everyday. Everywhere.