**Steel City Mennonite Church Family** Retreat **Spruce Lake Retreat October 18-20, 2013** 

"Building Bridges"



Friday: 8:00 p.m.	Welcome to the Weekend – Pastor David Introduction of Bob Plank, Speaker Fellowship/Snacks/Games	
10-11 p.m.	Gym Open for Volleyball/Basketball	
11:00 p.m.	Quiet Time	
<b>Saturday:</b> 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship - Danette Session 1 - Bob Plank Short Break Session 2 - Bob Plank	
12:00 noon	Lunch	
Afternoon	Free Time	
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	
7:00 p.m.	Evening Praise – Danette Session 3 - Bob Plank Group Processing Fellowship/Snacks/Games	B
9-10 p.m.	Gym Open for Volleyball/Basketball	
11:00 p.m.	Quiet Time	OPERATION: OUTWARD AWARENESS
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	"Give me Your eyes for just one second Give me Your eyes so I can see Everything that I keep missing
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Session 4 - Bob Plank	Give me Your love for humanity Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted The ones that are far beyond my reach
12:15 p.m.	Dinner	Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten Give me Your eyes so I can see"

-Brandon Heath

**MY DREAM FOR THE LEHIGH VALLEY** - There are large newsprint sheets for you on which to write your dream for the Lehigh Valley. Write down those things that you would like to see happen or life to be like. Nothing is out of bounds!

There is **No Sunday Evening Bible Study** this weekend.

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

The Young Adult Bible Study meets at Bobby and Britney Kempf's home this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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

We have our **Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal** this week at 5:45 p.m. Larry will be serving spaghetti and meatballs and tossed salad. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the room. **Good News Club and Youth Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m.

This Wednesday in the Chapel, **Financial Peace University** will meet at 6:45 p.m. The **Men's Bible Study** will meet at 8 p.m.

We are having our **Quarterly Business Meeting** next Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Fellowship Commission will be having a **Baby Shower** for Victoria Young next Sunday following our Business meeting. A light lunch will be served followed by the shower. Victoria is registered at Target. All ladies are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting next Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. for those youth who are interested in participating in the **Mission's Trip to Guatemala** and their parents. This trip is open to all current senior high youth and those who will be in senior high next year. This is an informational meeting highlighting the trip itself and fundraising events that are involved. At least one parent must attend with their youth.

Our next **Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, October 30, at 12 noon. We will be going to the Red Robin on Airport Road. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

Lydia Mohler is in need **25 Styrofoam egg cartons** for Good News Club. Please place them on the platform in the Chapel.

**HUGE THANK YOU for all the food that was donated to date!** The turnout has been awesome, and the Evangelism Committee is so happy to have a congregation that is willing and active to the needs presented. Food has already been delivered to both Allentown and Bethlehem New Bethany Ministries. <u>We will be collecting the whole month of October, so keep the food blessings coming!</u>

Once again, you have the opportunity to participate in **Operation Christmas Child!** The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. There will be shoeboxes available for you this Sunday to take home and fill with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love. The filled shoeboxes are due back to the Church no later than Sunday, November 17. Take as many boxes as you wish to fill and be a blessing to a child this Christmas!! If you have any questions, please talk to Bill or Pam Tynan.

**The Youth are Selling Poinsettias for Christmas!** There are two sizes, 6 and 7-inch pots with 4-6 blossoms and 7-10 blossoms, respectively. The cost is \$8 and \$12.50. The poinsettias that you purchase will be used to decorate the church for our Christmas Service. Following the December 22 service, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you. If you have any questions, please speak to Chip Shimko. <u>The order form is in the back of the room.</u> Thank you!

**Please remember to complete the Wagner-Houts Spiritual Gifts Assessment** to discover your spiritual gifts. These assessments were handed out last Sunday. If you did not get one, there are copies available in the foyer.

**This Week's Chronological Bible Reading Plan Schedule:** October 20, Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27; October 21, Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28-62; October 22, Matthew 18; October 23, John 7-8; October 24, John 9:1-10:21; October 25, Luke 10-11, John 10:22-42; October 26, Luke 12-13.

Next Week: Nursery Staff, Becky Bergey & Samantha Feenstra; Greeter, Fred Brunstetter; Worship Team Leader, Robert Bergey; Ushers, Lee Walters, John Cressman, Randy Willard; Children's Story, Tara Willard.