

Today

“Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!” Ps 149:1

“Praise the Lord!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!” Ps 147:1-7

Welcome to this special worship service of “Scripture and Song”.
You will be blessed as we worship the Lord together. Lydia Mohler
is our worship moderator for today.

11:00 a.m. Youth Group Parent Meeting

This Week

September 3 - 8

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

This Week's Bible Reading Plan

September 2 Luke 23
September 3 Luke 24
September 4 John 1
September 5 John 2
September 6 John 3
September 7 John 4
September 8 John 5

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.

Pastor David and Bev set sail yesterday (Saturday) from Amsterdam, Holland in route to Tampa, Florida. This week they will visit four ports in Ireland. Continue to pray for a rejuvenating time away. They will return home on September 17. For pastoral care during this time, please contact one of the Elders. Sheryl Richards will also be able to contact Pastor David and Bev in case of emergencies.

There will be a **Youth Group Parent Meeting** today, following the morning service.

Next Sunday, **Dave Kempf** will bring the morning message. Pray that God would lay upon his heart what God would have us to hear.

Also, next Sunday, our **Christian education** hour resumes. This fall, make the decision to be involved in growing your faith and your children's faith by fully participating in our Christian education ministry.

The next **Fellowship Meal** will be held next Sunday, September 9. The theme will be PA Dutch foods. Please bring a PA Dutch themed main dish and side dish or dessert.

Sunday, **September 16, Phil and Betsy Rhodes-Fisher and family** will be sharing about their mission work in Northern Africa. SCMC directly supports them through RMM. Also, remember they are one of two families that are experiencing difficulties securing VISA's to return to their field country.

The SCMC Community Day Carnival invites families, friends, and community to meet together on Saturday, September 22, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. A **FREE** one of a kind event for all ages full of fun, food, moon bounce, games, caricature artist, and special carnival performers throughout the event. An opportunity to see something old, something new, and something local red & blue. A special treat for your participation is Cotton Candy just for YOU.

Sunday evening, September 23, at 6:30 p.m., Pastor David will facilitate a book study of **“Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church”**.

Here is a bit about the book:
Sing! has grown from Keith and Kristyn Getty's passion for congregational singing; it's been formed by their traveling and playing and listening and discussing and learning and teaching all over the world.

And in writing it, they have five key aims:
• to discover why we sing and the overwhelming joy and holy privilege that comes with singing • to consider how singing impacts our hearts and minds and all of our lives • to cultivate a culture of family singing in our daily home life • to equip our churches for wholeheartedly singing to the Lord and one another as an expression of unity • to inspire us to see congregational singing as a radical witness to the world

They have also added a few “bonus tracks” at the end with some more practical suggestions for different groups who are more deeply involved with church singing.

God intends for this compelling vision of His people singing—a people joyfully joining together in song with brothers and sisters around the world and around his heavenly throne—to include you.

He wants you, he wants us, to sing.
Please sign up in the foyer by September 23, in order to obtain a copy of the book.

Good News Club and Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a kick-off pizza dinner at 5:45 p.m. that evening. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending the dinner.

Attention all Ladies! The Fellowship Commission would like to invite you to a **Bridal Shower for Kierstin Bauman**, on Sunday, October 7, following the Sunday School hour. A light lunch will be served. Kierstin is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

On Sunday evening, October 7, 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 sheet in the foyer. This is always a fun time together!

Bible Study Fellowship Invitation: Please join us as we journey with God through "People of the Promised Land, Pt. 1," learning and applying Truth in which God will transform our lives.

*Men's study meets Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at Cedar Crest
*Women's studies meet Wednesday, 9:10-10:45 AM and Thursday, 6:30-8:00 PM at First Presbyterian in Bethlehem. Also Thursday, 6:30-8:00 PM at Bethel BSF in Emmaus Please contact Britney Kempf for registration information. Classes begin in mid-September.

Bethlehem Christian School & Lehigh Valley Christian High School are having an exciting fundraiser on Saturday, September 15, for those men (and women!) out there who enjoy a little recreational shooting! They are having their **Fourth Joint Sporting Clays Fundraising Event!** Registration forms are on the table in the foyer. The fee includes a 17-station round of clays on one of the country's premiere courses, shells for the event, lunch and prizes!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

If you would like to donate any items for the **Mennonite Central Committee School Kits**, now is a great time to go shopping as most stores are selling back to school supplies. Here is the list of items requested by MCC. New items only please: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ and 70 sheets); 8 unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, with both 30 cm and 12 in); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); 1 large pencil eraser. If you would prefer to donate money, please designate *MCC School Kits* on your check and place in the offering basket. Purchased items can be placed on the platform in the Chapel.

Vision Statement:
*Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) will invite **everyone, everyday, everywhere** to journey together in developing a life-changing relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Mission Statement:
Steel City Mennonite Church (SCMC) is a Bible-believing community connected by a common need for a Savior with the passion of cultivating Christ-followers in the Lehigh Valley and to the ends of the earth.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:
 David & Bev Kochsmeier – September 3
 Wes & Becca Loar – September 4
 Mark & Nancy Walters – September 8
 Eric & Kelly Schoch – September 8

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON AUGUST 26: \$6,128.41
WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5,794.00
DESIGNATED GIVING: 0.00
YTD OFFERING: \$174,156.61
YTD BUDGET: \$196,996.00
ATTENDANCE ON AUGUST 26: 129

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Sep 9)</u>
Nursery	Val Newcomer Jaylen Lesser	Naphtali Walters Rachael Litke
Worship Ldr.	Dan Reed	Kelly Schoch
Children's Message	None	Tara Willard



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