

December 11, 2016
Worship 9:30AM

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

Ushers: Gene Musselman, Ella Roth, Isaiah Zercher, Ben Fasick & Julia Rioux
Prelude & Offertory Joshua Dean
Worship & Song Leader Valerie Weaver-Zercher
Nursery Ministry **Worship Hour** ~ Brad & Rindy Lamb
Sunday School ~ Gary & Cindy Musselman

**** THIS WEEK ****

Today **Potluck Luncheon & Congregational Meeting** ~ Noon
Wed. **Christmas Caroling at New Hope Ministries, Mech.** ~ 11:00AM
Wednesday Night Out:
Meal ~ 5:45 - 6:30
NO club activities or nursery
Christmas Caroling ~ 6:45
Fri. **Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study** ~ 9:30AM
Christmas Caroling at New Hope Ministries, Dillsburg ~ Noon

**** UPCOMING EVENTS ****

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve program and dinner** ~ 6:00PM
Jan. 15 **Worship Workshop**
Jan. 22 **Discernment Meeting and luncheon**
Feb. 12 **Discernment Meeting and luncheon**
Feb. 25 **Spring Fling** for persons with special needs and their friends

~ SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE ~

~ Adult Classes ~

International Sunday School Class

Leaders: Lamarr Widmer, Randy Barr & Myrna Eshleman
Room 114

American Christianity: Past, Present, Future, taught by David Weaver-Zercher. This class explores a variety of topics, some historical and some contemporary, that together shed light on our context as 21st-century American Christians. Today's topic: *Understanding the "Nones."* Everyone is welcome – come ready to talk!

Room 115

College & Career Class ~ Video Series on Ephesians

Leader: Holly & Roger Myers, Ulli Klemm
Room 111

Young Adult Class (20's & 30's, etc.) ~ This interactive class will discuss issues and topics relevant to young adults, including work-life balance, managing priorities, exploring meanings of success, and deepening relationship with Christ. Young adult life can be challenging and stressful, joyful and full of potential. We are here to support one another.

Leaders: Ben & Jen Fredrick, Lynn & Dawn Shertzer
Conference Room

VIP Class (3rd Sunday of month) ~ For persons with special needs and their friends.

Leader: Ulli Klemm
Room 111

~ Children's Classes ~

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

Leaders: Lori Manivong with Chris Hawley, Rachael Zimmerman & Julie Zook

Room 106

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Leaders: Amanda Musselman & Liz Shertzer

Middler (Grades 3-5)

Leaders: Alli & Uriah Parker with Rhoda Hershey & Amanda Rider

Room 109

Jr. MYF (Grades 6-8)

Leaders: Johnny Zook with Chris Zimmerman
Room 105

MYF (Grades 9-12)

Leaders: Jeff & Trang Rioux with Mark Preston
Annex building



Prelude

Hymn #174 ~ Bless'd be the God of Israel

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Henry Zercher & Ruth Ann Croft

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn #184 ~ Hark, the Glad Sound!

Hymn ~ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Nativity Pageant

Benediction

Closing Hymn #318 ~ Joy to the World, vs. 4

Fellowship Time ~ 10:45

Sunday School ~ 11:00

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Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday ~ 9:00 - 4:30

Friday by appointment

Lynn Shertzer, Pastor (lynn_shertzer@verizon.net)

Joy Fasick, Associate Pastor of Community Life

Fran Leiter, Administrative Assistant

Welcome to Slate Hill Mennonite Church, where we strive to live our faith in Jesus Christ. We are delighted to have you worship with us and hope you will find our service inviting and uplifting. After worship, please stop by the **Welcome Center** (under the "Welcome" sign in the foyer) for a **free gift**. Also, join us for **refreshments** in the fellowship hall annex so that we can become acquainted.

Some helpful information:

- So that we may know of your visit, you're invited to complete a **Welcome Card** (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the service.
- **Information about Slate Hill Mennonite** and Mennonites in general is available at the Welcome Center.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located at the end of the hallway toward the left as you leave the sanctuary. A **family restroom** is located off the conference room. All restrooms are equipped with **changing tables**.
- A **nursery**, staffed by volunteers during worship and Sunday school, can be accessed through the fellowship hall annex, and is available at any time for infants through children 2 years old. A microwave is available in the kitchen to heat formula.
- A **cry area**, where parents with a fussy child can listen to the service, is available in the conference room to your left as you leave the sanctuary.
- Children 3 years of age through Grade 3 are dismissed prior to the sermon for **Children's Church** held downstairs each Sunday. Children will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.
- Children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.
- **Hearing magnifiers** are available at the sound booth for hearing impaired individuals.

Blood Pressure checks will be available again today in Joy's office between the services.

Congregational Meeting ~ Please plan to stay today for the potluck luncheon followed by a congregational meeting to discuss the proposed 2017 budget and other items of interest to our body.

College Students ~ A "survival bag" of treats awaits you in the College and Career classroom this morning to help you study and get through finals. Enjoy! From your Slate Hill family.

Thanks to everyone whom participated in the **New Hope Missions Christmas Express** project. Gifts will be delivered this week in time for clients to do their shopping for a brighter and hope-filled Christmas.



Please invite your family and friends to come to the **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** at 6:00 and the dinner afterward. Ham and potato dishes will be provided; bring a side dish to share. **Volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up after dinner are needed; please sign up at the bulletin board. Thanks!**

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year. Please note the worship service will be from **10:00 - 11:00** those two dates and there will be NO Sunday School so you can enjoy family and friends this holy season.

Parents, if your child would like to play during the prelude on Christmas Eve, please let Pastor Lynn know. Performing during the opening of the Christmas Eve Service is a wonderful opportunity for the children to use their developing gifts.

Looking for a unique and meaningful gift for someone? Nostalgic Slate Hill memories are available in the form of *Harvest on the Hill*, the historical book written by Joe Hess in 1991, and in the cookbook, *Sharing Our Best, Volume 2*. See Bob Saline or Paul Nisly for the historical book (\$10) or Cindy Musselman or Fran Leiter for the cookbook (\$12).

Offering Report

The General Fund offering including net online contributions on Sunday, December 4, 2016 was \$10,366.92. So far this year, we have received \$366,666.31 in contributions and have paid \$398,184.53 in expenses leaving a shortfall of \$31,518.22.

We will need an average offering of at least **\$15,500 each Sunday in December** to meet projected expenses by the end of the year.

The amount given toward the mortgage matching fund thus far is \$13,204.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Health and Personal Concerns

- † **Vera Schmucker**, mother of Stacy Stoltzfus
- † **Mary Lou Good**, mother of Dawn Shertzer
- † **Bruce**, friend of the Krugs
- † **Bill White**
- † **Sing Saengdy**
- † **Elizabeth Rockwell**, goddaughter of Kirrk & Lorraine Kobold
- † **William Weder** and family, friends of the Leiters
- † **Thelma Schafer** and family, sister of Fran Leiter
- † **Nancy and Calvin Walter**

Outreach & Missions

- † Brethren Housing Association
- † Bridge of Hope
- † Camp Hebron
- † Coalition for Christian Outreach

Grief

- † For the extended **Caleb Miller family** in the loss of his father, David L. Miller
- † For **Marie and family**, friends of Kendra Clark, in the loss of Marie's mother.

Children's Church has an opportunity for someone to lead either January 15th and/or February 19th. Curriculum is available for lesson plans. Contact Sue Weigel ASAP at 737-6046 or suweigel@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

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