

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

Ushers	Gene Musselman, Ella Roth, Sam Zercher, Matt Fasick and Julia Rioux
Prelude & Offertory	Tom Miller & Jason Long
Song Leader	Rod Petersheim
Worship Leader	Valerie Weaver Zercher
Children's Church	Trang Rioux and Bonnie Lehman
Nursery Ministry	Worship Hour ~ Dan & Lynley Lapp Sunday School ~ Stacy Petersheim & Bonnie Lehman

**** THIS WEEK ****

Tues.	Hilltop News Deadline for new articles
Wed.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ 6:00 p.m. followed by ham dinner for all
Fri.	Sing-Along at Life Time Adult Center
Sun.	NO Sunday School next week
**** <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> ****	
Jan. 8	Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Jan. 11	Penny Power Collection
Jan. 14	Wednesday Night Out resumes
Jan. 18	Licensing for Joy Fasick during worship service
Jan. 24	CPR/First Aid classes
Feb. 21	Gardening Workshop with George Weigel

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

Lynn Shertzer, Pastor
Joy Fasick, Associate Pastor of Community Life
Fran Leiter, Administrative Assistant

~ Sunday School Schedule ~

~Adults~

International Sunday School Class ~ Adult class discussions explore human response to the awesomeness of God. When Christians keep Jesus as the center of all we do, we worship.

**Leaders: Lamarr Widmer, Caleb Miller, and Ben Fredrick
Room 114**

Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians ~ Lederach uses stories as peacemaking strategies Christians can put into practice in families and churches.

**Leader: John Eby
Room 115**

“Discuss the Sermon” ~ Participants will be invited to share thoughts that came to them through the sermon.

**Leaders: Dave Bauman and Ron Hershey
Room 113**

College and Career ~ Join post-high school, college, and career young adults in an informal atmosphere to explore a series on the Sermon on the Mount.

**Leaders: Roger & Holly Myers; Daniel & Lynley Lapp;
Lynn Shertzer
Room 111**

~Children~

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5) ~ A child's relationship with God flourishes through Bible stories told in simple language, joyful singing, and creative sensory activities.

**Leaders: Lori Manivong, Debbie Weaver, and Darlene Fasick
Room 106**

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 2) ~ This class will identify people of God through stories in which the child can envision him/herself in real and creative ways.

**Leaders: Jen Fredrick and Amanda Musselman
Room 110**

Middler (Grades 3-5) ~ Children are presented opportunities to explore authentic ways to put their personal faith into action.

**Rhoda Hershey and Sharon Doll
Room 109**

Junior MYF (Grades 6-8; Room 105) and MYF (Grades 9-12; annex building) classes will focus on topics that meet their unique interests and needs.



December 21, 2014
Worship 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements

Hymn #212 ~ O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Middler Children

Hymn #195 ~ It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Congregational Prayer

Offering

(You may place your Cumberland Vista offerings under the tree at this time.)

Special Music ~ Carl Lehman, Jeremy White, Wayne Bechtold, and Chris Zimmerman
*Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Morn
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Children's Story

Hymn #194 ~ Away In A Manger

(Children ages 3-Grade 3 are dismissed for Children's Church; children 2 and under are always welcome in the nursery)

Scripture ~ Luke 2:1-7 (Page # 1043 in the pew Bible)

Sermon ~ **Nativity
The Manger**
~ Lynn Shertzer ~

Response Hymn #318 ~ Joy To The World

*Fellowship Time ~ 10:45
Sunday School ~ 11:00 a.m.*



PRAYER REQUESTS

Health and Personal Concerns

- **Aimee Klinger** (difficult pregnancy with triplets) and family, friend of the Krugs
- **Lois Beck**
- **Gene Musselman**
- **Richard and Sharon Boyer**
- **Billie and John Diller**, friends of Rachael and Chris Zimmerman
- **Sue**, friend of Lucy and Gene McAloose
- **Renee**, a young mother diagnosed with aggressive bone cancer; friend of Lisa Preston
- **Tricia Coniglio**, a young mother and cousin of Jen Musselman, for reoccurring cancer

Outreach & Missions

- Brethren Housing Association (BHA)
- Bridge of Hope
- Camp Hebron
- Coalition for Christian Outreach
- Cumberland Vista Group Home

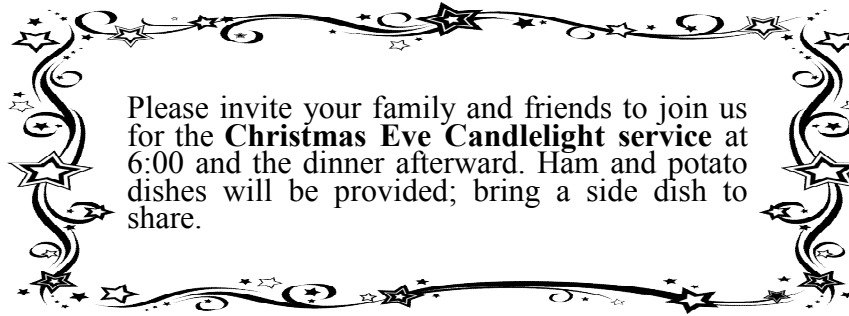
Grief

- For family and friends of **Randy Lehman**, son of Robert Lehman
- For family and friends of **Mark Zook**, uncle of Johnny Zook
- For family and friends of **Dorothy**, Lucy McAloose's aunt

Praise

- **Pat White** for healing
- **Celest Miller**, friend of Elaine Baumbach for healing

Planning your summer vacation? Note that Hilltop Fun Fest 2015 will be held Saturday, June 13. Plan now to be part of the fun!



Please invite your family and friends to join us for 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.

Please sign up at the bulletin board to donate some of your time to help with the **Christmas Eve dinner**. Several people are needed to help prepare and serve the dinner but more are needed to clean up afterward so that everyone has a chance to spend time with family and/or friends at this special time of the year. Thank you!

There are some **cookbooks available** if you would like to purchase any as gifts. They are \$12.00 each. Contact Cindy or Amanda Musselman or Fran Leiter in the office to purchase one.

Many thanks with love and appreciation for the poinsettia and the wonderful music by the carolers which brought a lot of joy to me and my neighbors at Messiah. Blessings to all from Florence Detweiler.

The January men's event will be ping pong on Thursday, January 15 beginning at 6:00 PM here at church. Bring your friends for this evening of fun and fellowship. Snacks will be provided. Sign up appreciated but not required. Visit the bulletin board or contact Dave Bauman at ddbauman2@gmail.com for more information.

Offering Report

The general fund offering and net online contributions for December 14, 2014 were \$9,911.52. In addition, \$6,003.88 has been contributed toward the \$25,000 mortgage challenge match.

As of the third week in December expenses for the year were \$423,400 and contributions \$378,696 for a shortfall of \$44,704. Because we started the year with a balance and expenses will likely be below budget, we need about \$39,000 to finish the year in the black. Strong year end contributions for a number of years have allowed us to do that. The church board encourages you to give generously so we do not need to draw on reserve funds.

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 that 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 about 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 for infants through children 2 years old. A microwave is available in the kitchen to heat formula.
- A **cry area**, where parents can listen to the service with a fussy child, is available in the conference room to your left as you leave the sanctuary.
- Children 3 years of age thorough Grade 3 are dismissed downstairs for **Children's Church each Sunday** during the sermon. Children will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.
- **Hearing magnifiers** are available at the sound booth for hearing impaired individuals.

Attention All Children and Youth - If you would like to participate in the prelude to the Christmas Eve service by singing or playing an instrument, please contact Pastor Lynn.

If you did not receive a **box of offering envelopes** for 2015 in your church mailbox and would like to have one, please contact Ben Myers at benandrainmyers@verizon.net or 817-5577.

Thanks to all who participated in the **New Hope Ministry Christmas Express** event. Contributions amounted to over 210 pounds in gifts to the delight of New Hope staffers. Your donation will bring Christmas joy to many of their guests.

At this time of year, we receive many cards of thanks and appreciation from missions we support. Your contributions are highly esteemed and make a great difference in their ability to do God's work.