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Friday:	By Appointment

**Eliezer Gwamaka Mwankenja
Has Arrived!**

Praise be to God, Eliezer arrived safely in Mechanicsburg New Year's Eve! It has been a long, arduous journey and not without tragedy, but we celebrate his arrival!

Eliezer left his home early Sunday morning our time and was in transit for four days! He was able to spend a couple of nights with friends along the way but the rest of the time he was flying or laying over in airports for a connecting flight. He was exhausted and hungry when he arrived at the Leiter household. It was his first flying experience too; it's a good thing he has youth on his side!

We still mourn the loss of his younger sister which occurred as the family traveled to make Eliezer's first flight plan. Our prayers are with his family as they adjust to life without Eunice and having Eliezer so very far away from home. Thank you to those who have inquired and given donations for the family— it was greatly appreciated.

Eliezer will be attending church with the Leiters; please welcome him into your hearts and homes. If you would like to introduce Eliezer to more of the American culture or activities, please check with the Leiters regarding his availability as he plans on staying with them for two years while attending HACC.



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A Benefit For New Hope Ministries

Save the Date and WALK with us on Sunday, April 19, 2015. Join us at Hampden Park in Mechanicsburg - bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Register your team today at www.nhm-pa.org!

- Wish List**
- Toilet paper
 - Paper towels
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Laundry detergent

Thank You!

Because of the support from our community, we were able to bless many families this past Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Thank you** for partnering with us to help our neighbors!

Thank you for blessing YOUR local ministry!

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8 Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30 –11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 11 Penny Power Collection
- Jan. 14 WNO Resumes
- Jan. 17 MCC Craft Day ~ 10:00 till 3:00ish
- Jan. 18 Licensing of Joy Fasick Celebration
- Jan. 21 Hilltop News Deadline
- Jan. 22 Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30 –11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 24 CPR/First Aid Training
- Jan. 27 Book Discussion Group Meets ~ 6:30
- Feb. 8 Penny Power Collection
- Feb. 21 Gardening Workshop with George Weigel
- Feb. 20-22 Women’s Retreat at Camp Hebron
- Mar. 7 Spring Fling for Developmentally Disabled Adults
- Mar. 8 Penny Power Collection
- April 11 Blood Drive & Chicken BBQ
- April 17-18 PA Relief Sale



Townhouses Update

Where once stood six blighted buildings, now a row of beautiful new townhouses is taking form. After watching the foundation be laid, the frame go up, the roof go on...we were intrigued in the weeks leading to Christmas to watch the brick layers do their work. This is what the building looks like now!



Thanks to [PinnacleHealth System](#), our key partner in this project, many area contractors and funders are rallying along with dedicated BHA supporters to make this project a reality. We've raised almost 80% of the funds needed, but still have about \$150,000 yet to raise to cover the construction portion of the project.

Want to invest in Hummel Street? Join the transformation! Mark your gift for the "Hummel Street Townhouses."

There would be no Hilltop News without your contributions! Please submit articles for the

**February Hilltop News
before Wednesday, January 21, 2015.**

Early submissions are
GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Mechanicsburg CROP Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 19, the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren hosted the Mechanicsburg CROP Walk. Participants from local churches, including 17 from Slate Hill, struck out on their preferred course of either two or four miles in order to fulfill pledges made by supporting donors. Slate Hillers earned \$529.00 of the total \$8724.83 raised from the Mechanicsburg walk. Meals on Wheels and New Hope Ministries were the recipients of funds designated for the local area (25% of total). The remainder will be used throughout the US and across the globe to help relieve hunger.

Many thanks to all who walked, to those making pledges, and to Carl Lehman for organizing Slate Hillers to participate. Watch for the 2015 walk and determine how you can become involved!

Thank You to
Children's
Church!!



Thrivng Villages International would like to thank all the children and teachers of the Children's Church who collected money for Haiti over the past couple of months! A total of \$100 was raised!!! We are so touched by your hearts of joy and compassion and enthusiasm.

The money will provide two households with ceramic water filters so the families can drink clean, safe water!!! We estimate that these gifts will purify water for about 12 people, lasting at least five years!!



MCC Fundraiser

Interested in a fun night out while supporting the MCC? You are invited to experience the **Voices of Hope** event at the Fulton Opera in Lancaster Saturday, January 10. If you are interested in going, and would like to join fellow Slate Hillers who may be going, please let Fran in the office know so car pools or dinner out together prior to the show can be arranged. Since ticket prices vary according to seating, it would probably be best for each person to purchase their own tickets; see below.

This will be the 7th annual [Voices of Hope](#) event. It is an Opera Gala performed at the historic Fulton Theater! All ticket sales benefit Mennonite Central Committee's [Global Family](#) education program, which provides community-based education to children and young adults around the globe.

You'll experience music performed by stars from the New York Metropolitan Opera as well as the Lancaster Bible College Chamber Singers, young actors from the Popovsky Performing Arts School, the hilarious and charming Timothy Long and Lancaster's own Madeline Bender.

Slate Hill Sponsors Study Break

College finals can be brutal. There are always the last minute activities of cramming, typing papers well into the night, and rereading chapters professors have warned will be on the test. Stress on college campuses across the country increases when every semester draws to a close. It is no different at Messiah College.

Students can lose their perspective at the end of each semester and need to come up for air and to de-stress. Therefore, for the past several years, Slate Hill has sponsored a Study Break for Messiah Students attending Slate Hill. Delicious hot chocolate and warm soft pretzels



were given to about ten Messiah Students who stopped by the back patio of the home of Lois and George Beck on Saturday, December 13th. There was a chill in the air but Christmas music warmed hearts, and the students took a much-needed break from their studies. Each was given a gift bag containing two packets of hot chocolate mix, some homemade Christmas cookies, some Reese's peanut butter cups and a granola bar.

This random act of kindness was funded with proceeds from past Chicken BBQs. Thanks, Slate Hill, for coming alongside students who call Slate Hill their home church while attending Messiah.

Chicken BBQ Date Set: April 11, 2015

In conjunction with the next Blood Drive, Slate Hill's BBQ Committee has set the date for the next famous Chicken BBQ for Saturday, April 11, 2015. The committee will soon begin preparing for the event. *If you have an interest in serving on the committee, please contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8749 or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.* Many hands on deck are needed to keep the BBQ the quality event it has become. Stay posted for details.

SPRING FLING 2015 JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7, 2015. That's when over 30 neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities will converge at Slate Hill for an afternoon of fun, games, music and smiles!

There will be carnival games, prizes, balloon volleyball, live music, the limbo, refreshments, stress removers (AKA chair massages) and more. Many helpers are needed to set up the Fellowship Hall Friday night, March 6th and to buddy up with each of the guests on Saturday.

To offer your assistance, contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8749 (Cell) or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.

Unique to this year's event is the [silent auction](#) of a stunning Liz Hess original painting, created especially for the 7th Annual Voices of Hope concert!

Start your new year off with a bang! Experience an unforgettable performance, bid on a beautiful piece of art and support MCC just by buying a [ticket!](#) Proceeds support MCC's Global Family education program.

Saturday January 10, 2015 ~ 7:00 pm
Fulton Opera House
12 North Prince Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

For additional information and to order tickets, please visit voicesofhopeopera.org or call 717-397-7425.



Attention Sewers/Quilters!

CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING CLOSETS FOR MCC

The PA Relief Sale will be here before you know it and the Quilter's Attic is collecting items now to prepare their booth. Dig out those used/unused/unfinished sewing projects or quilt-related items that are no longer needed or wanted.

For a detailed list of wanted items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board by the Nursery. Items can be dropped off at the Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W. Main in New Holland.

Many thanks to Rose Haury who oversaw the project in past years; we do miss her so!



Carolers Warm Hearts at New Hope Ministries



Thanks for walking together...

Members and friends from Tree of Life Lutheran Church and folks from St. Paul Lutheran, Enola, joined us here at Slate Hill to provide about 5,000 homemade cookies as a fun fund-raiser for tech4Tanzania.

The cookies "ran out the doors" as donors gave \$1,400 for the food and homemade crafts at the event. Together we are "Changing the world for good."

Randy Barr, tech4Tanzania.org

When most think of preparing for Christmas, they think of shopping until they drop, wrapping gifts with bows and ribbons, sending out Christmas cards and eating one too many cookies at yet another holiday party. But the best Christmas experience some Slate Hillers enjoyed was taking the time to spend a couple hours with some economically disadvantaged senior citizens at New Hope Ministries. For the sixth year in a row, New Hope Ministries in Dillsburg and Mechanicsburg selected Slate Hill from the hundreds of churches in the area to be the entertainment at their respective Senior Citizen Christmas Parties.

Held in the early afternoon, these parties provide a little extra touch of kindness to seniors who often live on the edge with absolutely no disposable income. At the Dillsburg event, Lorraine Myers and Ulli Klemm serenaded the guests with carols at their tables, like strolling minstrels, until Myrna Eshleman and John Mwaipopo could join them. Later the four Slate Hill volunteers led the group in some carols.

At the Mechanicsburg site, Paul Nisley, Pam Epp, Ken and Myrna Eshleman and Ulli Klemm sang carols as the senior citizens went through the buffet line. After a spirited game of Christmas bingo (where everyone was a winner), more Christmas carols were enjoyed.

The New Hope staff at both centers expressed their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Slate Hill for making room in their busy lives and even taking off work to bring some Christmas cheer into the lives of some of the least of these. Thanks for extending Christmas cheer; may God's blessings abound!

Going to the



Farm Show?

For many at Slate Hill, enjoying a fresh Farm Show milk shake or a baked potato is the first memory of the New Year. It something they don't think twice about. However, for many of the residents of Cumberland Vista, with no parent or sibling to take them, Farm Shows remain a distant dream.

Might you be willing to take a resident from Cumberland Vista with you when you visit the Farm Show sometime between January 10-17, 2015? Last year, a Slate Hiller and two Messiah students teamed up to take four of the residents to the fun event. Residents all can go to the bathroom by themselves and are given spending money.

If interested in "adopting a resident for a day" so they too can enjoy the Farm Show, contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8748 (cell) or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP HEBRON

Friday, February 20, 2015 from 7:00 p.m.
to Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Are you in need of a time away with God, a time of drawing closer to your Savior?

Attend Camp Hebron's Women's Retreat featuring national speaker, author, leadership trainer, and founder of *More of Him Ministries* - Jessie Seneca. She has a passion to help women experience God's Word for themselves as she encourages moving into a "wholehearted" lifestyle, one devoted fully to God. Slow down and center your life on Jesus rather than living a life of "The Hurried Woman Syndrome."

There will be challenging sessions, small group discussions, praise and worship, fellowship and free time, delicious meals, and comfortable lodging!

Mark your calendar now for a renewing weekend away from the "hurry" of your normal routine. Take time to be still and really get to know God!



Have a few hours free on Saturday, January 17? Grab your sewing machine, sewing supplies, white thread and a long extension cord to turn out for a fun day of fellowship and sewing tee shirt patches to make long neck scarves for the Mennonite World Conference coming to Harrisburg this July.

Make a day of it starting at 10:00 a.m. or come and go as your schedule allows until mid-afternoon. Bring a packed lunch or consider ordering out if you like. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Stoltzfus at 795-1090 or jsfoos@msn.com.



Connie O'Neill and Jimmy Redline are all smiles as they unload Slate Hill donations.

Slate Hillers who would like to experience this grace firsthand are welcome to attend any of the upcoming events:

- Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, 5:00-8:00PM – Pizza, Movie and Popcorn Night
- Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, 2PM - Hershey Bears Ice Hockey Game
- Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, 6:30-8:00PM - Singing, Skit, and Snack night
- Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 1:00-4:00PM - 2015 Spring Fling at Slate Hill



Cash for Causes

Thank You! The numbers are in ... the Cash for Causes sales for 2015 amounted to \$69,900 which means 5% of that figure (\$3,495) goes into paying down the mortgage! We didn't quite meet the challenging goal that Gene Musselman issued, but nearly \$3500 is a welcome sum to put toward the mortgage. Thanks to all who participate in the Cash for Causes purchasing program. Remember to come armed with your checkbook each Sunday so you can purchase the cards for your groceries and gas, or trade them in for gift cards to other stores.

Advent Collection Nets

400 Items for Cumberland Vista

Generous hearts at Slate Hill brought smiles to the residents of Cumberland Vista this past Christmas. The Evangelism, Peace and Service Commission suggested a collection opportunity benefiting the residents of the Cumberland Vista group home be made available through the Advent season.

During those three weeks of December, Slate Hillers placed the following items under the Christmas tree adorning the sanctuary:

272	Fruit cups
55	Tubes of toothpaste
21	Disinfectant Wipe containers
20	Hand Soap dispensers
14	Large Hand Soap refills
3	Aerosol cans of disinfectant
1	Dollar bill

“Wow, this is a lot of stuff,” commented resident Brian as he helped unload the items from the back of Ulli Klemm’s van. “Can I help?” asked Connie, another resident, who wore her elf hat to celebrate the gifts.

Five residents at home during the time of the delivery lent a helping hand. Jimmy “Muscles” Redline, offered to take the heaviest box, filled with the weightier hand soap refills. “I got it,” said Jimmy.

The blessing that Slate Hill has been to Cumberland Vista continues, as does the blessing the residents and staff of Cumberland Vista have been to Slate Hill. “We have so much to learn from those with intellectual and developmental disabilities,” commented Ulli Klemm. “They have taught me about God’s grace and love more than any sermon I have heard.”

More Hosts for Mennonite World Conference Assembly Registrants are Needed!

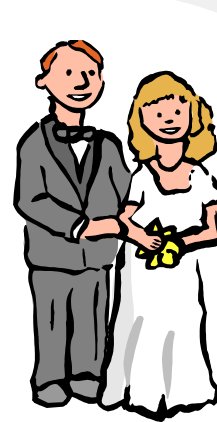
The MWC Private Guestroom Committee is still looking for hosts who live within an hour’s drive of the Farm Show Complex. Hosts will offer a bed and breakfast and take their guests to a specified shuttle bus location. We currently have space for approximately 1000 Assembly registrants, but due to a healthy demand, we would like to have space for up to 1200. It’s easy to sign up. Just go to the MWC Pennsylvania 2015 page (www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015) and click on “Offer Home Stays” to see more information and to fill out the application form. Questions may also be directed to Lyndell Thiessen at mwchomestays@gmail.com.

Register now for PA 2015, the Mennonite World Conference Assembly to be held July 21-16, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 persons have registered already, including 150 from Zimbabwe! What about you? Make plans now. Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015 to visit the Assembly web page, then select “Register Now”. You can also check out ways to volunteer.

Consider joining MWC’s Assembly Prayer Network. Prayer is essential in planning and hosting a global Assembly. Join a network of over 60 people from 20 countries to pray for Assembly – its staff, volunteers, leaders, and participants. When you join the Prayer Network, you will receive monthly communications with scriptural meditations, stories, information surrounding Pennsylvania 2015, and items to pray about. See more at: <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015prayernetwork>.



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BECK, George	01/09
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ONELANGSY, Yoomie	01/09
CROUSE, Sandy	01/10
REXROTH, Tojahlae	01/11
FLEISCHER, Ed	01/12
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If your information is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please contact the office to have the database updated with your information.