

HILLTOP NEWS



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Upcoming Events

There will be NO Sunday School classes in July

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| July 1 | Wednesday Walk ~ Meet at the covered bridge at Messiah College ~ 6:45PM |
| July 8 | Wednesday Walk ~ Meet at the New Kingstown post office ~ 6:45PM |
| July 9 | Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30 AM
EPS Commission ~ 7:00 PM |
| July 11 | Men's Fellowship ~ Prisoner's Release Breakfast |
| July 14 | Christian Ed Commission ~ 7:00 PM |
| July 15 | Wednesday Walk ~ Meet at Barb & Roger Springer's house ~ 6:45PM |
| July 21- 26 | Mennonite World Conference |
| July 26 | Potluck Luncheon, MWC Celebration |
| July 22 | NO Wednesday Walk scheduled as of printing time |
| July 21 | Hilltop News Deadline |
| July 23 | Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30 AM |
| July 28 | Book Discussion Group ~ 7:00 PM |
| July 29 | Wednesday Walk ~ Meet at the Boiling Spring's Children's Lake ~ 6:45 PM |
| Aug. 15 | Church Picnic |
| Sept. 12 | Blood Drive/Chicken BBQ |

Summer Sunday School Schedule



JULY: *There will be NO Sunday School classes.*

AUGUST: *(first four Sundays)*

Children will meet for a combined session of fun-learning and music.

Adults have the opportunity to attend a class discussing Stewardship coordinated by the Slate Hill Stewardship Commission.

AUGUST 30: *(fifth Sunday)*

Hymn sing for all ages in Fellowship Hall and coordinated by Linda Mininger and Chris Zimmerman.

SEPTEMBER: Regular Sunday School Classes will resume.

Congratulations, Rachael Zimmerman!



On Thursday, June 11th, Rachael graduated at the top of her class from the Nursing Aide program at HACC. She will be working the second shift at the Messiah Village Lifeways Asper Unit as a Nursing Assistant starting August 29th.

Rachael plans on continuing her education in nursing in the future, but for now she looks forward to starting her new career at Messiah Village.

Rachael and Chris thank the congregation for their support, meals and prayers during her intense month of training at HACC.



MYF Youth Banquet and Auction Recap

The MYF hosted its annual Friendship Banquet and Auction near the end of February. This year the theme was based upon the popular board game, Clue, and many Slate Hill folks showed up for an evening of mystery!

Once guests arrived, the emcee for the evening (Noah Shertzer) welcomed everyone and introduced the youth servers, who each played a different character from the game Clue. He also gave a preview of some of the auction items for the night, including an original Austin Sachs painting. In the middle of his speech, there was a power outage; when the lights came back on, the famed Sachs painting was gone! The banquet guests became sleuths commissioned by the FBI to solve the crime. Youth servers answered personal questions as banquet guests tried to eliminate suspects based on a criminal profile they were given.

The fellowship hall was decorated according to the Clue board game, so each table was seated in a different "room": the study, the kitchen, the library, the dining room, etc. While the investigation went on, everyone enjoyed a lovely meal of stuffed pork, oven-roasted potatoes, and glazed carrots. Because Slate Hill has a very smart congregation, all tables solved the crime, and it wasn't long before Mr. Green, played by Lewis Mayes, was arrested for stealing the painting! The first table to figure out the guilty suspect was rewarded with the first helping of dessert—brownie sundaes.

After dinner, the auction ensued and many wonderful items were sold. Thanks to a generous congregation, there was no shortage of baked goods, handmade items & unique gifts to be auctioned. By the end of the night, the total profit exceeded \$5000, even after dinner expenses were deducted. MYF is grateful for the funds, which help with the cost of attending the Mennonite Youth Convention this summer in Kansas City.

MYF extends a big thank-you to John & Sue Pechart for planning & preparing the meal, Paul Nisly for serving as auctioneer, parents who helped with the meal, and the Slate Hill congregation for supporting them through attendance of the banquet and auction donations.



Dear Slate Hill family,

Greetings from the South! We made it to Charleston, SC. For those who aren't aware, Daniel has begun his pediatrics residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. It is a 3-year program and afterward he hopes to continue on to a fellowship in pediatric oncology. It will be another three-year training program which may, or may not, constitute another move. As I sit among boxes writing this message I prefer not to think about moving again just yet!

We couldn't have managed our move without the help of many at Slate Hill. Thank you to our truck loaders—Lynn Shertzer, Paul Nisly, Ben Simcox, and Dale Weaver. Our official baby snuggler for moving day was Debbie Weaver. Thanks to Joy Fasick for providing lunch for the moving crew. And thanks to Jen Fredrick for making cookies for lunch and for hosting our family's last night in PA.

So far we enjoy our new house and the city of Charleston. We have sampled delicious cuisine at the local restaurants and made it to the beach and historic downtown. Dan has begun residency orientation and is learning his way around the hospital. He begins clinical duties on July first. Lynley is at home slowly unpacking and setting up the house. Bronte decided she likes the beach and living in SC. She still talks about her friends in PA and asks about returning. Baby Rainier will be 2 months old on June 25 and is a happy growing boy.

We hope to check out some local churches soon, but we know we will be challenged to find a church as welcoming as Slate Hill. We are thankful for Slate Hill's support over the years and miss all ya'll. Keep in touch.

The Lapp Family

2946 Ashley River Rd.
Charleston, SC 29414

(Please update your directory with our new address!)

Congratulations to our 2015 High School Graduates!

Marc Hershey



Faith Onelangsy



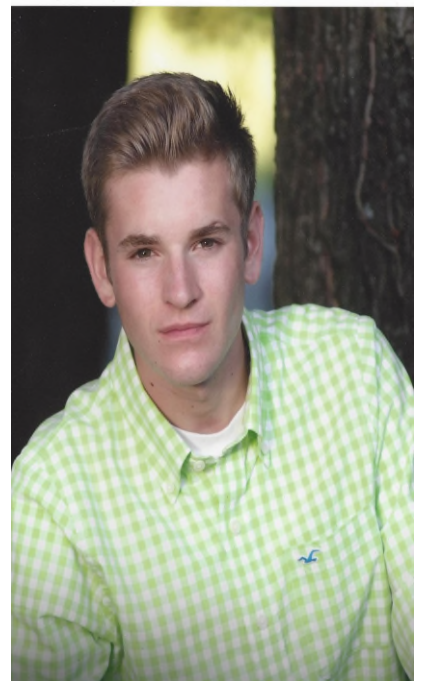
Elise Petersheim



Austin Sachs



Noah Shertzer






2015 Hilltop Fun Fest


An estimated 700 people rode up the hill to attend the 2015 Fun Fest! The weather was beautiful and we praise God for His goodness! Watch for more information next month.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Please note the following changes of address in your directory.

Daniel and Lynley Lapp
2946 Ashley River Rd.
Charleston, SC 29414



Mike and Denise Moyer
PO Box 331
APG, MD 21005-0331 (Yes it is correct!)

Cumberland Vista News

Sat., July 4, 5:00 PM; BBQ at the Klemm's home

22 Manor Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

All are welcome to join available Cumberland Vista residents, their house parent, and staff for a BBQ picnic at the Klemms. If you would like to contribute something (a pasta dish, a green or fruit salad, or dessert), please let the Klemm's know at (717) 458-5133 or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.

Sun., July 5, 2015, 9:30AM; Worship at Slate Hill

Cumberland Vista will join Slate Hill for worship; they will also receive pledges for the Walk for Love event (see next event).

Sat., July 18, 2015, "Walk For Love"

This fundraising event will be held at the indoor track at Messiah College. The residents and their friends will obtain sponsors and walk to raise needed funds for C.R.O.S.S., the parent organization of Cumberland Vista. Registration will be from 9:30-10:30AM and the walk will be held from 10:30-11:30AM. Tax-deductible pledges will help pay for the monthly costs C.R.O.S.S. Inc. (www.crossinc.com) incurs on behalf of each resident. If you wish to sponsor a resident for \$5, \$10, \$100 dollars, see Ulli Klemm or plan to seek sponsors yourself and walk for C.R.O.S.S. also. Thanks!



Tech4tanzania was asked to host four visitors from Tanzania when the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, brought them here to develop partnerships with medical, educational and communication resources. For eight days we ran the visitors ragged seeing doctors at Hershey and Pinnacle Health, educators and resource developers at Messiah College, leaders from Computer Ministry and Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, and two non-profit radio stations in the area.



Activities started with a welcome picnic and fundraising event on May 31st at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in New Kingstown. Eighty-five people attended and donated about \$1,200 toward the shipping cost of a container we will send to Konde later this year filled with college texts and reference works, science equipment, treadle sewing machines, Microsoft certified rebuilt computers and tens of thousands of dollars worth of hospital equipment and medical supplies.

Slate Hill members and friends attended the welcome picnic and the Slate Hill Board approved recommendations from the Chicken Bar B Q Committee to donate some of those funds to Tech4tanzania for the shipping costs and

care of local students. The ongoing shared work among people of various faith traditions calls to mind and heart our Lord's prayer that we might be one in service and witness and gives us a glimpse of the coming kingdom, now.

We praise God and thank Slate Hill for your support! Keep us in your prayers for faithful service. Call or write Randy Barr to learn more or to volunteer in this exciting mission (rw,barr@yahoo.com or 717-903-9698). There is plenty to do in this corner of God's garden!



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

HAWLEY, Chris & Danielle	07/05
ZIMMERMAN, Christopher & Rachael	07/07
FASICK, Mike & Joy	07/18
MILLER, Caleb & Kara	07/19
NISLY, Paul & Nancy	07/19
WATTS, Kerry & Michelle	07/22
MININGER, Richard & Linda	07/25

JULY Birthdays

HERSHEY, Erin	07/01
WIDMER, Margaret	07/01
MUSSELMAN, Gary	07/02
LY, Cassandra	07/05
DOLL, Sharon	07/08
ZIMMERMAN, Sarina	07/08
HARKER-VISNAKOV, Ellen	07/10
ONELANGSY, Somxay	07/11
FASICK, Mike	07/14
QUICKEL, Bill	07/14
CHUBB, Jeremy	07/15
NISLY, Nancy	07/16
HERSHEY, Ron	07/17
BECHTOLD, Wayne	07/18
LEITER, Ray	07/21
WATTS, Michelle	07/21
WALTER, Bethany	07/24
ZOOK, Milla	07/24
MILLER, Don	07/25
BOUNMA, Philip	07/26
BECHTOLD, Debbie	07/28
WERNER, Reagan	07/28
RIDER, Grant	07/29
HERTZLER, Agnes	07/30

Thank You and Goodbye from the Moyers

As we relocate to Maryland for Michael's new job, we'd just like to share how grateful we are for the friendships, inspiration, and growth in our faith that we have found at Slate Hill. We will miss worshipping with you and hope to visit regularly.

How Elders and Caregivers Can Take Advantage of Summer Weather

Lori Johnston

Enjoying a breezy spring day or the warm summer temperatures don't have to be a distant memory for elders and caregivers. After being cooped up in the house for possibly months at a time, senior adults can breathe in the fresh air, even if they are experiencing mobility problems. It takes some advance planning and choosing an activity that won't seem like a chore, but it's worth getting out of the house, for you and your elderly parent.

The benefits of getting outside

A main advantage of heading outdoors, even for a short period of time, is being able to soak up the sunlight, which generates Vitamin D – necessary for the brain, bones and muscle function, says Dr. Michael Raab, a geriatrician with Lee Memorial Health System in Fort Myers, Fla. Some doctors even prescribe sunlight as a source of Vitamin D, which research also finds can improve cognitive function.

Another key benefit is that being outside enables elders to socialize and interact with caregivers as well as other adults, children and animals.

Those activities can give people an extra spring in their step and rejuvenate them, says Christina Chartrand, vice president of training and staff development for Senior Helpers, an in-home senior care agency with offices in 40 states.

Raab adds: "Whatever you can do, it's going to be mentally uplifting."

Although caregivers may be aware of the benefits, sometimes it seems as if the obstacles, such as wheelchair access, bathroom access, frailty and fatigue, are too great to overcome the great outdoors.

Caregivers can start to prepare elders with mobility problems to take the steps to head outside. Your physician can suggest chair exercises to make them more stable and build their muscles, for example.

Even though the temperatures may be pleasant, Raab says it's also important to make sure an elderly family member stays well hydrated; if not, it can impact muscle function and blood pressure and lead to a dangerous situation.

Types of outdoor activities for caregivers and the elderly

Instead of being overwhelmed by the potential challenges, focus on activities and interests that you and the elderly person you're caring for enjoy.

Here are 10 suggestions:

- 1. Catch a sporting event.** The events could be watching a grandchild's soccer game, which are not all-day events, or attending a professional game, like baseball.
- 2. Fish for fun.** For folks who enjoy fishing, you can cast a rod from a pier or other location, even if someone is wheelchair bound.

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3. **Be a tourist.** If you live in a city, take an open-air bus or trolley tour to see the local sights. An other option could be a boat tour, depending on what type of equipment an elder needs to take with them. "It's outside, but you don't have to be walking," Chartrand says.
4. **Take a dip.** For some folks, it may just be putting a foot in the pool, while others may be able to handle low-impact water aerobics.
5. **Stroll around.** If a walk is possible, start slow. Raab suggests trying three or four minutes in one direction, turning around and coming back.
6. **Be a bird lover.** If you have a birdhouse, bird feeder or bird bath in your yard, checking on the those daily give elderly individuals a reason to go outside.
7. **Pedal around.** Rent a three-wheeled bicycle, which are easier to mount and ride, and also could offer back support.
8. **Go fly a kite.** Head to a park or beach and get a kite soaring. Let an elderly individual take control, which they can do while sitting down. If children are around, they can get involved by trying to keep the kite in the air.
9. **Picnic outdoors.** Picnics are another park or playground activity. Elderly individuals can watch children run around or enjoy the buzz of outdoor activity.
10. **Celebrate the holidays.** From Memorial Day concerts to Fourth of July fireworks, there are plenty of community events this spring and summer with opportunities for elders to get out and be part of the crowd.

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Submitted by Deb Saline

Sponsors Sought ~ Contact Ulli for forms to sponsor a Cumberland Vista resident, or to participate, in the "Walk for Love" fundraiser event to be held at Messiah College's indoor track on Saturday, July 18. Funds will go to C.R.O.S.S., the parent organization of Cumberland Vista, to help raise funds for Cumberland Vista and other group homes. (ulliklemm@yahoo.com)





Cocoa Kid

What can a little child do for the kingdom of God? Look no further than the example set by little 6-year old Isaac Martin of West Milton. “Cocoa Kid”, as he has become known by, has a heart for our Lord and deep compassion for those who suffer in this world. Last year when the “Penny Power” challenge was issued, he decided to set up a roadside stand near his home and sell hot cocoa and other items so he could donate money to the cause. He raised over \$700.00 for the 2014 Penny Power collection! He renewed his efforts for 2015, outdoing last year’s total by over \$200 to bring his contribution to over \$900.00! Isaac’s home church, Community Mennonite Fellowship, in West Milton contributed the highest amount of donations from individual churches totaling just over \$5,000 which means young Isaac raised nearly a fifth of that amount all by himself!

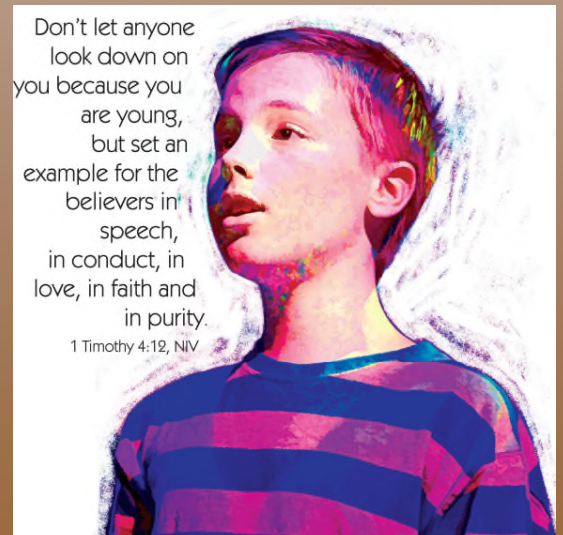
The total 2015 Penny Power collection tallied \$145,423.73 which includes the two matching grants for meeting established goals of the Stabler Foundation and the Harleysville churches. Our own contributions here at Slate Hill were down a bit from last year. Our contribution consisted of 2 dollar coins, 1 half-dollar coin, 1411 quarters, 1719 dimes, 1663 nickles, and 23,153 pennies for a total of \$1082.83. Thanks to all who gave to 2015 Penny Power to aid in global relief efforts.

Next year the Penny Power effort will have a new name - My Coins Count. Since Canada has phased out the use of the penny, MCC which operates in Canada and the US, has changed the name to more correctly reflect the cause.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Luke 18:16

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12, NIV



The Way of the Wolf: The Gospel in New Images

Martin Bell, 1970

I think God must be very old and very tired.... God's been on the march a long time, you know. And look at God's rag-tag little army! All he has for soldiers are you and me. Dumb little army.



Listen! The drum beat isn't even regular. Everyone is out of step. And there! You see? God keeps stopping along the way to pick up one of God's tinier soldiers who decided to wander off and play with a frog, or run in a field, or whose foot got tangled in the underbrush. God will never get anywhere that way. And yet, the march goes on. Do you see how the marchers have broken up into little groups? Look at that group up near the front. Now, there's a snappy outfit... –at least they're in step with each other. Only they're not wearing their shoes. They're carrying them in their hands. Silly little band. They won't get far before God will have to stop again.

Or how about that other group over there? They're all holding hands as they march. The only trouble with this is the people on each end of the line. Pretty soon they realize that one of their hands isn't holding onto anything—one hand is reaching, empty, alone. And so they hold hands with each other, and everybody marches around in circles. The more people holding hands, the bigger the circle. And, of course, a bigger circle is deceptive because as we march along it looks like we're going someplace, but we're not. And so God must stop again. You see what I mean? He'll never get anywhere that way!



If God were more sensible he'd take his little army and shape them up. Why, whoever heard of a soldier stopping to romp in a field? It's ridiculous. But even more absurd is a general who will stop the march of eternity to go and bring the soldier back. But that's God for you. His is no endless, empty marching. He is going somewhere. His steps are deliberate and purposive. He may be old, and he may be tired. But he knows where he's going. And he means to take every last one of his tiny soldiers with him. Only there aren't going to be any forced marches. And, after all, there are frogs and flowers, and thorns and underbrush along the way. And even though our foreheads have been signed with the sign of the cross, we are only human. And most of us are afraid and lonely and would like to hold hands or cry or run away. And we don't know where we are going, and we can't seem to trust God—especially when it's dark out and we can't see him! And he won't go on without us. And that's why it's taking so long.



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Submitted by Randy Barr

Immediate Job Opening

Cumberland Vista is looking for someone to supervise their residents the 7AM-2PM shift every other Saturday. At summer's end, they need to fill the Thursday evening 2PM-10PM shift also. While someone with a nursing background would be an extra bonus, this is not required. Training will be provided.

Contact House Parent Dixie Hoffman at dixiehoffmancv@gmail.com or (717) 432-2822.

Check out some of the 2015 Hilltop Fun Fest photos displayed in the cabinet as you come in the front doors. More to come thanks to photographers Sharon Doll, Gene Musselman, Bob Saline, Judy Walter, and others.

~ Fun with Hymns ~

What would be the favorite hymn of:

A golfer?	There Is A Green Hill Far Away
A politician?	Standing On The Promises
An IRS agent?	I Surrender All
A gossip?	Pass It On
An electrician?	Send Out Thy Light
A shopper?	Sweet By and By

More to come in the future; what others come to your mind? Share them with us!

Submitted by Kathy Krug

Church Commissions & Committees 2014-2015

Elder Team

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Ron Hershey (15)
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Dave Bauman (17)
Caleb Miller (17)

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