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Monday	No office hours
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	By Appointment



## *Upcoming Events*

- Jan. 1-3 Jr. High Retreat at Camp Hebron
- Jan. 8-10 MYF Retreat at Camp Hebron
- Jan. 9 Pizza and Movie Night at Cumberland Vista
- Jan. 13 Wednesday Night Out Resumes
- Jan. 14 Women's MCC Project Night
- Jan. 15 Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study
- Jan. 26 Book Discussion Group
- Jan. 31 NO Sunday School, enjoy the Hymn Sing
- Feb. 5 Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study
- Feb. 19-21 Women's Retreat at Camp Hebron



## Women's Retreat at Camp Hebron

Ladies, mark the calendar now to attend the women's retreat at Camp Hebron Fri., Feb. 19 at 6:30 through Sun., Feb. 21 at noon. The guest speaker will be Carol Cool. All ladies are welcome whether coming by yourself, with your family, or with a group of ladies from church.

You can expect great worship and messages, delicious food, comfortable lodging, plenty of time to enjoy activities and catch up with old friends or make new ones. More details can be found at the website: <http://www.camphebron.org/events/2015/2/womens-retreat> which also has a link to register for the event.



## Sara Mayes Boogies with Cumberland Vista Friends at Boogie Shoes Blowout!

It was an almost balmy Friday evening when friends and volunteers from CPARC (Cumberland Perry Association for Retarded Citizens) sponsored its December "Boogie Shoes Blowout". The Trindle Spring Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg generously donated its gym and kitchen for the affair. It was a time to dance, enjoy the music, color, and enjoy light refreshments and door prizes.

The dance for persons with special needs attracted folks as far away as Palmyra PA. Slate Hill's own Sara Mayes came with her aide, as did the residents of Cumberland Vista. Ulli Klemm helped secure the services of a DJ (a retired Department of Corrections employee whose first name is aptly, Melodi) and volunteered to help with refreshments and clean-up. Jeremy White and Ron Sachs brought and supervised their respective clients from two different group homes.

It was a fun evening, with no inhibitions on the part of any with special needs, to move and sway to the music. Sara Mayes and those from Cumberland Vista had a great time dancing and enjoyed being with their friends. A mother of three, who came all the way from Palmyra, voiced her wish for churches in her home county (Lebanon), to offer such events. "There are virtually no social events in our area for those with special needs." she lamented.

Without volunteers, such events don't happen! If you'd like to offer your help at an upcoming Special Needs dance/event, please let Ulli Klemm know. [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com) or (724) 464-8748.

## ~ Keeping Up With Our Youth ~

**Janaya Sachs** is heading to the Middle East with the EMU cross-cultural team. They will start in Egypt, stay in Palestine and Israel then travel to Greece and Rome. You can read student journals, view photos, and learn more about the group's experiences by visiting the website: [www.emu.edu/crosscultural/](http://www.emu.edu/crosscultural/).

Please keep Janaya and all team members in prayer as they travel and adjust to different surroundings, for safety, and that they make a Godly impact upon those with which they interact.

When Janaya returns home, don't miss an opportunity to visit with her about her experiences!



## Scholarship Awards

The Wildcat Foundation/Mechanicsburg Club has awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to each of two of our own members - Marc Hershey and Faith Onelangsy. Marc is attending Eastern University in St. Davids, PA majoring in Mathematics. Faith attends the University of Pittsburgh and is studying Pre-Med/Neuroscience.

Congratulations go out to **Christina Hershey also**, recipient of a \$750 Everence College Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year!

Congratulations Marc, Faith, and Christina!



## Reflections on Another Year of Life and Service

God has richly blessed this ministry in 2015. Together we leverage what God gives us into several creative and life-building relationships for service with God's people now and into the future.

Grace and tenacity have come together to:

- \* Host a Tanzanian medical team of four leaders who identified needed and available hospital equipment for repair and shipping
- \* Gather and send over 120 computer systems to several hospitals and Christian organizations for administrative work and education
- \* Gather and send approximately 1,000 textbooks for nursing, secondary schools, and colleges
- \* Meet with college, healthcare and computer technology leaders for partnership building and creative discussions for future development
- \* Support many of the health and welfare needs of a Tanzanian graduate student studying here
- \* Further explore mutually beneficial relationships in engineering through the Messiah College Collaboratory and the Duke University partnership with Engineering World Health summer residency programs
- \* Provide financial aid for two graduate students in Tanzania
- \* Ship clothing and supplies to an orphanage in the mountainous south of Tanzania
- \* Refurbish and send seven treadle sewing machine to women's cooperatives in Tanzania

This Grace has been empowered by:

- \* Many personal financial donations
- \* Two fund raising events (summer cookout - \$600 and Christmas Cookie Walk-\$2,220)
- \* Financial grants from partner congregations and Christian agencies (\$8,650)
- \* Construction assistance from the faculty and students of Dauphin Technical School
- \* Medical equipment from area hospitals, physicians and clinics

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- \* Warehouse space at Mission Central, Mechanicsburg
- \* Thousands of hours of volunteer time to gather, evaluate, repair, inventory, pack, and ship materials, in addition to countless hours of interpreting, reporting and encouraging through prayer and conversations

We are blessed and choose to share that blessing with everyone we meet. May our work together be pleasing to God and helpful to His people. Thanks for your care and support.

Randy Barr  
tech4tanzania 2015



## Book Discussion Group Resumes



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at church.

The following two books, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Go Set a Watchman*, both by Harper Lee, will be the topic of this month's discussion. You are invited to attend even if you have not read the books. Please contact either Dottie Seitz or Kathy Krug if you have any questions.



*Jimmy Redline flexes his muscle for Janet Zimmerman.*



*Joshua Dean (purple shirt) with Cumberland Vista residents (L to R) Lonie, Chris and Brian.*

## **Slate Hill Mennonite and Cumberland Vista 2015-16 Events**

Everyone at Slate Hill is invited to befriend the wonderfully grace-filled residents of Cumberland Vista. For those who may be unfamiliar with Cumberland Vista, it is a Christian group home in Dillsburg for eight intellectually disabled adults. A variety of special events are planned this year to strengthen the ties between Slate Hill and these neighbors. You are encouraged to choose an event that interests you, then come on out and get your feet wet experiencing some of God's grace.

### **2016**

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| <b>Jan. 3</b> | <b>9:30AM</b> | <b>Cum. Vista joins Slate Hill for worship</b> followed by a Special Needs Sunday School Class |
| <b>Jan. 9</b> | <b>6:30PM</b> | <b>Pizza and MOVIE NIGHT</b> at Cumberland Vista   |
| <b>Feb. 5</b> | <b>6:30PM</b> | <b>Skit, Songs, Snacks</b> at Cumberland Vista   |
| <b>Feb. 7</b> | <b>9:30AM</b> | <b>Cum. Vista joins Slate Hill for worship</b> followed by a Special Needs Sunday School Class |

<b>March 4</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Set up for Spring Fling</b> (SHMC volunteers only—we need your help!) A pizza supper will be provided for volunteers.
<b>March 5</b>	<b>12-4:00PM</b>	<b>SPRING FLING at Slate Hill Mennonite</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Cum. Vista joins Slate Hill for worship</b> followed by a Special Needs Sunday School Class
<b>April 1</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Skit, Songs, Snacks</b> at Cumberland Vista
<b>April 3</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Cum. Vista joins Slate Hill for worship</b> followed by a Special Needs Sunday School Class
<b>May 1</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Cum. Vista joins Slate Hill for worship</b> followed by a Special Needs Sunday School Class
<b>May 6</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Homemade Ice Cream, Skit, Songs, Snacks</b> at Cumberland Vista

**TO BE ANNOUNCED:**      HERSHEY BEARS Game (on a Sunday afternoon)  
    HARRISBURG SENATOR’S GAME (on a Sunday afternoon)

**CUMBELAND VISTA** is one of three Christian group homes for intellectually disabled adults operated by C.R.O.S.S. Inc. (Christian Residential Opportunities & Social Services). Cumberland Vista is located behind Cumberland Valley Brethren In Christ Church, at the top of the hill.

**Directions to Cumberland Vista from Rt. 15 and Lisburn Road**

Head west on Lisburn Road 1.3 miles.  
 At traffic light at Williams Grove Road make a LEFT (heading south) for 2.1 miles.  
 At the stop sign at 74 North (Carlisle Road/York Road) make a RIGHT. Go 0.5 miles.  
 Slow down as you approach the **Cumberland Valley Brethren In Christ Church** on your left.  
 Make a LEFT into the church parking lot and keep going straight up the driveway and up the hill.  
 The driveway will eventually turn to the right and then curve to the left up the hill.  
 Cumberland Vista is at the top of the hill.  
 Park either in the back lot (basement level) which you will come to first OR in the top parking lot (which is actually the front of the house but faces the back of the property).  
 We usually begin meeting in the basement. For special events (where we will be cooking/baking), we usually converge on the first floor which is the top entrance.

For more information, contact Ulli Klemm (724) 464-8748 or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com)



# New HOPE Ministries

Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

Serving the Mechanicsburg Community

5228 East Trindle Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

(717) 766-7333

[www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)

Your Local Manager: **Mary Wheeler**

## Thank you!

Thanks to all those who supported New Hope Ministries in 2015! We are truly blessed by the local churches and the community as a whole to help make our programs and services available to neighbors in need. Your gifts of food for our food pantry, of time as a volunteer, and financial support help us achieve our mission of sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs. ***We can't do this without you—thank you!***



## Need help?

If you or someone you know needs help with food, learning budgeting skills, finding a job, or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us at 766-7333.

### Wish List

Peanut Butter  
Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Pasta  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayonnaise

### Do you have a couple of hours to invest in the lives of others?

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

Appointment Receptionist  
Dollars & Sense Follow-up  
Food Pantry Hospitality  
Front Desk  
Afterschool Program

Volunteer applications can be obtained by visiting our website ([www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org)) or by stopping by the center.

Thank You  
~ Mary





## *Happy Anniversary!*

MITCHELL, James & Elaine Baumbach

01/20

PECHART, John & Sue

01/25

## *Happy Birthday*

MCALOOSE, Gene 01/02  
MUZA, Alexia 01/02  
MUZA, Xavier 01/02  
PECHART, Sue 01/02  
STAUFFER, Douglas 01/02  
CROFT, Victoria 01/05  
MAYES, Jonathan 01/07  
MOSER, Carol 01/08  
ZERCHER, Isaiah 01/08  
BECK, George 01/09  
BECK, Ouy 01/09  
ONELANGSY, Yoomie 01/09  
CROUSE, Sandy 01/10

REXROTH, Tojahlae 01/11  
FLEISCHER, Ed 01/12  
MYERS, Rebekah 01/12  
WATTS, Kaden 01/12  
HERSHEY, Rhoda 01/15  
MILLER, Tom 01/17  
SHERTZER, Noah 01/17  
HESS, Connor 01/18  
STAUFFER, Sandra 01/18  
RESSLER, Dale 01/19  
CLARK, Kendall 01/21  
SIMCOX, Kate 01/24  
MYERS, Ben 01/31



# *How Time Flies!*



## Mark the Date on your 2016 Calendars

Before you know it, the next Chicken BBQ and Blood Drive will be upon us - Saturday, April 16th, 2016! The spring BBQ attracts the most customers and they arrive during a very short period of time. Volunteers are needed prior to the event to plan, prepare, and purchase supplies for the BBQ. Lots of help is needed Friday night before the event through late Saturday afternoon. Many volunteers result in the line moving quickly, to our customers' satisfaction, in addition to creating a good reputation and making a positive impression of Slate Hill teamwork and comradery. Lastly, but *very importantly*, a dedicated crew is needed afterward to tear down, put away, and clean up to get ready for Sunday services. Mark the date on your calendars and get psyched to help create another successful BBQ!

### **Bake Sale at the BBQ?**

Additional funds could be raised for missions by holding a bake sale in conjunction with the BBQ. If you'd like to provide leadership and plan for this activity, contact Ulli Klemm sooner than later. The bake sale would be promoted as part of BBQ dinner. Ulli can be contacted at (724) 464-8748 or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com).

### **Giving the Money Away**

The BBQ Committee supports mission initiatives of groups or individuals within our congregation who have an active relationship within those missions. Projects can be within the church community, the nation, or the world. Projects should maintain "Living Our Faith" values of Slate Hill Mennonite Church. The group/individual seeking funding should be committed to applying all donations directly to identified persons or projects (not administrative overhead).

Projects funded by BBQ proceeds in recent years included: Fun Fest, Mennonite Central Committee, Slate Hillers doing Voluntary Service, Mennonite World Conference participants from developing countries, Cumberland Vista Ministry efforts, Tech4Tanzania, Friends of Shirati, New Hope Ministries, Messiah College student outreach, and Marty and Glenna Sollenberger (Wycliffe).

Recommendation of funding requests must be made in writing, or email, to a BBQ committee member or to the pastor. The request should include a concise definition of the project for which funds are being sought and list the Slate Hill individuals/group which is/are involved in the project. A dollar amount and the date for the initiative's needs must be included. Parties interested in receiving funds are invited and urged to assist with the BBQ.

The BBQ Committee will review funding requests *received by April 30, 2016* in May. Then recommendations will be given to the Church Board. The Church Board assumes the responsibility, and has the authority, to make final decisions. Estimated proceeds of \$6,000 (from the September 2015 and April, 2016 BBQ) will be awarded.

Contact Ulli Klemm as listed above for further information.

## Slate Hill's 2016 Spring Fling Celebrates Those With Intellectual Disabilities!

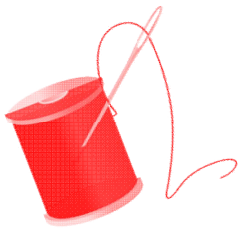
On Saturday, February 27th, 2016, Slate Hill will be buzzing with music, games, food and an overall party atmosphere. What is it? It's the 2016 Spring Fling for our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities!

For the fifth year in a row, Slate Hill will open its doors to welcome not only those from Cumberland Vista, but also a host of others in our community who have intellectual disabilities. The event will feature a pizza lunch, carnival and group games, live music, chair massages, a photo booth, refreshments, and prizes.

Volunteers are needed! Slate Hill youth and adults are needed to serve as buddies for each of the 50 or so guests who come while others are needed to run carnival and group games. Other needs include:

- ◇ Musicians to play lively upbeat music
- ◇ Persons to serve lunch and refreshments
- ◇ Persons to help with set-up Friday night, February 26th
- ◇ Persons to clean-up Saturday afternoon

For more information, contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8748 or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com).



### ***CLEAN OUT YOUR***

### ***SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!***

The Quilter's Attic of the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items and used/unused/unfinished things no longer wanted which are taking up valuable space in your sewing closet. Donations may be placed in the designated collection box under the church mailboxes, or, if you are going through New Holland, you may drop them off at the Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W. Main St. Please clearly mark your donations for the Quilter's Attic so they don't end up somewhere else. Thanks for supporting Quilter's Attic!

## Ministry Assignments for 2015-2016

### Elder Team

Lynn Shertzer  
Joy Fasick  
Dave Bauman ('17)  
Jen Fredrick ('16)  
Ron Hershey ('18)  
Caleb Miller ('17)

### Church Board

Lamarr Widmer, Chair ('16)  
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Lyndon Hess ('16)  
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Megan Myers ('17)  
Dawn Shertzer ('16)  
Debbie Weaver ('18)  
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### Pastoral Relations

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Ed White ('16)

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### Lancaster Conference Delegates

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