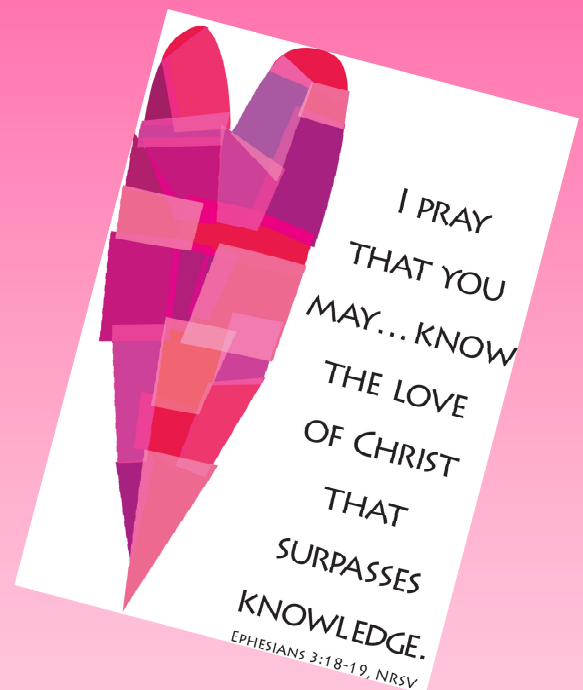


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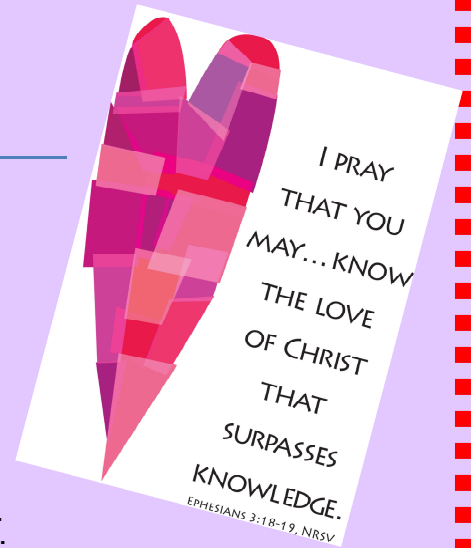
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## *Upcoming Events*

- Feb. 5** Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM  
Cumberland Vista Fellowship ~ 6:30PM
- Feb. 13** MYF Banquet & Auction ~ 5:30PM
- Feb. 15** MCC Day of Service ~ 8:00AM
- Feb. 19** Women's Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM  
Women's Retreat at Camp Hebron ~ 6:30PM
- Feb. 20** Prisoner Re-entry Breakfast ~ 9:00 AM
- Feb. 21** Chili Cook-off benefiting Bridge of Hope ~ Noon
- Feb. 23** Book Discussion Group Meets ~ 7:00PM
- Feb. 27** Spring Fling for Intellectually Disabled Neighbors ~ Noon
- Feb. 28** Safe Church Initiative meeting replaces Sunday School
- May 13-15** Church Retreat at Camp Hebron
- June 4** Hilltop Fun Fest 2016

# JESUS, Lover of my Soul



Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley, verses 1, 2, 4, 5

## Our commitment

**F** – forsaking

**A** – all

**I** – I

**T** – take

**H** – Him, the Lord Jesus Christ

## His Promise

**F** – fantastic

**A** – adventure

**I** – in

**T** – trusting

**H** – Him, the Lord Jesus Christ

**J** – Jesus:

**E** – every

**S** – sinner's =

**U** – unique

**S** – salvation

**J** – Jesus first

**O** – Others second

**Y** – yourself last

**To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

Ephesians 1:6

Submitted by Carol Moser



## 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.

## Mennonite Women Then and Now

Either on the world stage or serving at the local church level, Mennonite women continue to make their mark in service to God and their faith. We know about the roles of Ruth, Esther and Mary from favored Bible stories. But what about Mennonite women whose lives were disrupted in the Russian Revolution of 1927, civil wars, collectivization, famine or the displacements of World War II? What about women today who make the lives of others more enriched, safe, and secure?

Stop and browse the display in the Connections Cabinet in the church entry way. Learn a tad about some amazing and dedicated Mennonite women. The contents will change periodically as new photos and material regarding women's roles in our heritage and our future are added. Bab Saline and Chris Zimmerman are coordinating the series and welcome your suggestions for new inclusions - whether women from Slate Hill or the greater Mennonite community.

The Trustees' vision for the Connections Cabinet is to connect our Mennonite heritage, stories, and events with today and our future.



**Feb. 21st** following Sunday School  
**Benefits:** Bridge of Hope, Harrisburg

Please bring a pot or two of your favorite chili to this fund raising event. Cornbread and desserts are also needed. Chili may be beef, pork, chicken, vegetarian, gluten free or even chocolate if you wish. Maybe you'll even have the honor of taking first place! Sign up at the bulletin board to help us coordinate the event.

Your donations will definitely help raise funds for homeless mothers and their children. Bridge of Hope supplies them with permanent housing and financial stability through new employment. Mentors from local churches are needed to befriend these mothers which helps build their self-esteem. If you would like additional information, please contact Nancy Nisly. Bridge of Hope strives to exemplify Christ's love and to promote physical, emotional, social and spiritual wholeness to these women and their children.



## MISSION HAPPENINGS/NEEDS

### **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)**

The MCC and its partners are providing assistance to displaced people in areas of eastern Ukraine by helping with rent or shelter needs and distributing hygiene kits, comforters and food. They want to expand this year by offering comforter making activities to school groups. This will not only help meet immediate local needs, but provide a skill that students can carry with them for a lifetime. Such skills may prove useful in later life to get a job or to provide for needs of their families.

The MCC is in urgent need at this time of sewing kits. Such kits open doors to additional income that can help a family make ends meet. Kits are often distributed through MCC - supported programs teaching sewing or tailoring skills and they contain tools to make and mend clothing or to begin a business.

Kits should consist of NEW:

- 3 spools of white thread and 3 spools of black thread (spools should contain a minimum of 250 yards, be all-purpose, and a blend of - cotton/polyester or 100% polyester)
- 1 metric fabric tape measure
- 1 thimble, medium size
- 1 pair dressmaker's scissors - high quality
- 1 package/25 or more needles
- 1 package 100 or more of straight pins
- 12 matching shirt-style black or white buttons, (loose buttons should be placed in a resealable plastic bag)
- 1 package 20 - 25 sew-on snaps
- 10 assorted size safety pins

Individual supplies are welcome as well as complete kits. Please place items/kits in the designated box under the mailboxes.

### **New Hope Ministries**

**Volunteer positions** are available for the following needs: Appointment Receptionist, Bread/Marketplace Host, Weekend Food Pantry Hospitality Host, Warehouse, Stability Programs Volunteer, the Afterschool Program, and Job Fair Volunteer. Visit [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org) or stop by the center to apply.

**The food items most in need this month are:** peanut butter, canned meals and meat, canned fruit, soup, and ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. Please drop contributions in the wicker basket under the mailboxes.

**Save the Date!** Walk-with-Us will be held on Sunday, April 17 at the Hampden Park in Mechanicsburg. Make a team of family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers then enlist supporters and register at [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org) to help raise much-needed funds.



### **CROSS Ministries**

Most needed items: Gift cards - Target, Walmart, Sheetz; Good Used Mini Van; Dehumidifier; 10' Extension Ladder; Large Griddle; Fresh Fruit or Canned Fruit; Juice; Granola Bars; No-tears Shampoo, Dawn; Deodorant; Disposable Razors & Men's Shaving Cream; a Knife Set; Mouthwash; Clorox Wipes; Dessert Dishes/Juice Glasses; Olive Oil; Whole Wheat Pasta; Bagless Vacuum Cleaner; Tea Towels/Oven Mitts/Hot Pads; Bath Rugs/ Bath Towels/Wash cloths.



# 10 THINGS WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

By Mary Quinn, CEO of YWCA of Greater Harrisburg

In light of recent events internationally, nationally and locally, there is much fear and distrust of Muslim people. Unfortunately, instead of reaching out to learn and build relationships, many people have chosen to make hateful, ignorant statements directed at Muslim people, which is fueling Islamophobia across the country. And although it may not make the news, Islamophobia is present in our own community. This rhetoric has real consequences, as the New York Times recently reported [hate crimes against Muslim Americans in the U. S. have tripled](#).

There will always be those, regardless of religion or background, who are willing to use violence to further their agendas. We must be mindful of real threats and always take them seriously, but our response will be our community's most powerful recourse. Anti-Muslim sentiment is the kindling used to fuel further hateful behavior - and seemingly benign things, like stares or whispers, can easily escalate into harassment or threats.

As an organization dedicated to empowerment and the elimination of racism, the [YWCA Greater Harrisburg](#) stands in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors and friends. We believe that empowerment of marginalized individuals is a much more effective tool to defeat those who want to cause harm. By engaging with our Muslim neighbors we are effectively countering hate and intolerance - we create allies, - not enemies, - and inspire hope for a future of safety and acceptance of all people, all races and all religions.

We urge you to stand in solidarity with our local Muslim communities by taking these 10 practical steps:

- ◆ **Smile and be friendly.** Muslims experience daily stares, whispers, harsh words and distrust in public places, so a smile and a friendly word can go a long way to helping them feel safe and welcome.
- ◆ **Be an ally.** As a bystander, intervene if you see someone being mistreated. Stand up, speak up and offer support - and afterwards be sure to report it to the [PA Human Relations Commission](#) (PHRC).
- ◆ **Educate your family, co-workers and friends.** Don't let ignorant, hateful comments slide - even on social media! [Click Here to End Hate](#) provides guidance on counteracting anti-Muslim bigotry online.
- ◆ **Talk with your children** about the importance of standing up for Muslim classmates who are being bullied at school.
- ◆ **Write a letter/card of support to local mosques.** Have your children include "glad you're our neighbor" cards addressed to the Muslim children at the mosques.
- ◆ **Write an op-ed or letter to the editor.** We need many voices speaking out in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors and friends. PennLive's guidelines for submission are [here](#).
- ◆ **Visit a Masjid, a mosque,** to learn about Muslim faith and practice and build relationships. Explore opportunities to fellowship together or work together on a community project.



- ◆ **Show your support by hanging a banner or sign** at your home, workplace, community center or place of worship. "I (Heart) My Muslim Neighbor" yard signs will soon be available through Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) [here](#), with all proceeds going to the [Arab American Association of NY](#).
- ◆ **Volunteer to go shopping with Muslim women.** Women especially are being targeted in public places, so consider volunteering to accompany a Muslim woman to do her shopping.
- ◆ **Host an educational forum.** Getting accurate information to people is so important, so consider hosting an educational forum in your home, workplace, community center or place of worship.

The YWCA works closely with both the [Islamic Society of Greater Harrisburg](#) and the [Ahmadiyya Muslim Community](#) in Harrisburg. If you would like to reach out with your support, schedule a visit, learn more or partner with them, you may contact the following individuals who are members of each mosque:

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Phone: [\(717\) 732-3330](tel:(717)732-3330)

**Saima Mumtaz**

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An additional resource is the [Council on American Islamic Relations \(CAIR\)](#), the foremost civil rights organization for American Muslims, which has launched a campaign to counteract Islamophobia.

Submitted by Deb Saline and Tom Miller

## Time for Ministry Assignment Nominations

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

What is God calling you to do? What gifts do you see in others? Often the things that come naturally to us, bring us enjoyment, or fill us with passionate spirits point us to our gifts. Many gifts are needed for a healthy congregation.

Please prayerfully consider who God is calling and equipping for service here at Slate Hill in the coming year. Your input is important. Nomination forms are in your church mailbox and at the Welcome Center. **Please complete one with your suggestions then return to the Gifts Discernment mailbox by February 28.**

Gifts Discernment Committee: Stacy Petersheim, Lee Roland, Barb Springer, and Janet Zimmerman



## Resting the Books...

Several of you have asked recently about the progress of my studies, so here's a quick update.

In October I finished a course called Contemporary and Integrative Theories of Marriage and Family Counseling. (Read more about that in the October, 2015 Hilltop News.) The course ended with a massive project pulling together theory and technique from all of my classes so far. The project involved creating a large document that frames my counseling approach and keeps frequently used assessments and tools close at hand. I've already found myself referring to this document several times and know that it will be a helpful resource for years to come.

Following the conclusion of that class, I made the decision to take a break from school so that I could be more available to care for my mother-in-law during her medical treatments and more attuned to my family as we live as a three-generation household of six. During this time, I continue my work at Slate Hill, giving me many opportunities to use the learning that the Master's program has afforded me so far. I'm grateful to be able to reinforce this previous learning and utilize it to the benefit of our church and community. At the same time, of course, I'm gaining new perspectives about individual and family responses to challenging medical situations. No doubt these will enhance my future counseling work as well.

I'm not sure yet when I'll return to my graduate work, but when I do I'll have three classes left and then three semesters for practicum and internship. Thank you for your continued support of my education and especially for your support of our family during this journey.

### ***Book Discussion Group***



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at church.

The book, *All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg, will be discussed. You are invited to attend even if you have not read this comic mystery novel. Please contact either Dottie Seitz at [genedotseitz@yahoo.com](mailto:genedotseitz@yahoo.com) or Kathy Krug at [kefkast@comcast.net](mailto:kefkast@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



# Slate Hill Mennonite and Cumberland Vista 2016 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 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.

<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>Feb. 26</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>Feb. 27</b>	<b>12-4:00PM</b>	<b>SPRING FLING</b> at Slate Hill Mennonite
<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 The Meeting House (the former 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)

# Community Connections Breakfast



Community Connections Breakfasts are held monthly on Saturday mornings at local churches to help connect prisoners in work release/re-entry programs to community resources and local churches. The breakfasts are part of the ministry of Christian Churches United (CCU) of the Tri-County Area. CCU's oldest ministry, the Prison Action Committee (PAC), serves as a voice for those incarcerated and coordinates both staff and volunteer pastoral care for inmates at area prisons. For nearly ten years PAC has coordinated these monthly breakfasts at local churches. Each month a different church provides breakfast; an inspirational speaker will also share his/her journey through similar experiences and their how they are attempting to overcome the past through a faith journey.

Last July, the Slate Hill Men's Fellowship hosted a Saturday morning breakfast for men and women in the work release and prison transition programs. We will be hosting a breakfast again in 2016, but on February 20th instead of in July. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 although Slate Hill volunteers (men and women) need to arrive by 8:00 to help prepare for our guests.

Some stats from the last event:

- \* We served around 55 guests, plus 17 Slate Hill volunteers.
- \* 16 egg casseroles were donated for the event, although we quickly realized that we didn't prepare enough vegetarian and non-pork options.
- \* Fruit trays, breakfast pastries and fruit juices rounded out our meal. And COFFEE! We made lots of coffee!

We expect 60-70 men and women to attend this year and, once again, we will need lots of help! Look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board listing food needs as well as volunteers for preparing, serving and interacting with our guests, plus clean up afterward. Please be in touch with Ron Hershey, [rhershey@verizon.net](mailto:rhershey@verizon.net) or 717-991-0548, if you have any questions.

~ BAKE SALE OPPORTUNITY ~

We are exploring the idea of expanding the Chicken BBQ by including a bake sale. The BBQ draws hundreds of people to our hill top for a mouth-watering chicken dinner. If you would like to discuss the matter, or volunteer to head up the effort, please contact Ulli Klemm sooner than later. If we have leadership in place for a bake sale, the bake sale can be advertised along with the BBQ/Blood Drive. Ulli can be contacted at (724)464-8748 or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com).



## Anniversary Blessings

AROKO, Asaph & Eni ~ 02/14

If your birthday or anniversary information is missing, please email the office with your data so it can be added to the database. Thanks!



## Happy Birthday

EDWARDS, JD	02/02
CHUBB, Aneka	02/04
WALTER, Kalvin	02/05
TOTHERO, Evarae	02/06
BECK, Jeff	02/07
FLEISCHER, Patricia	02/07
ALEXANDER, Hope	02/08
AROKO, Pendo	02/10
BECK, Lois	02/10
HART, Sam	02/13
MANIVONG, Lathda	02/13
SOLLENBERGER, Paul	02/14
FREDRICK, Micah	02/15
SEITZ, Gene	02/16
BECK, Liliana	02/18
SALINE, Deborah	02/21
ZERCHER, Sam	02/21
LY, Tom	02/24
BOUNMA, Khanthaly	02/25
FASICK, Joy	02/25
MOYER, Denise	02/26
HARKER-ROTH, Kerry	02/27
MALAY, Bill	02/27
MCALOOSE, Lucy	02/28



## Junior Youth News

Hello, Slate Hill Family. The Junior Youth gang had a great time at Camp Hebron January 1-3. Camp Hebron's mission statement is to "Connect with God, Nature, and Each Other" and we surely made that happen on the unusually warm weekend that brought in the new year!

The theme for the JYF retreat this year was "Be the Fruit of the Spirit". There were readings and workshops based upon Galatians to explore what it means to be fruit of the Spirit.

Youth attending the retreat this year included: Ben, Isaiah, Will, Micah, Benji, McKenzie, Victoria, and Lilyannah. Other fun activities included the rock wall, dancing and singing with the band, climbing Peter's Mountain THREE times, and eating the delicious meals prepared by the camp staff. The Christian band, *Saline*, rocked the house!

Everyone enjoyed the fantastic and spiritual weekend!

Thanks again, Slate Hill, for your support.

Submitted by Rich and Jen Musselman

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Jeff and Joelle Beck and the family have moved! Please record this new information in your directory. (No change to phones or email.)

Jeff and Joelle Beck  
2318 Bumble Bee Hollow  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



# Hello From Dallas!

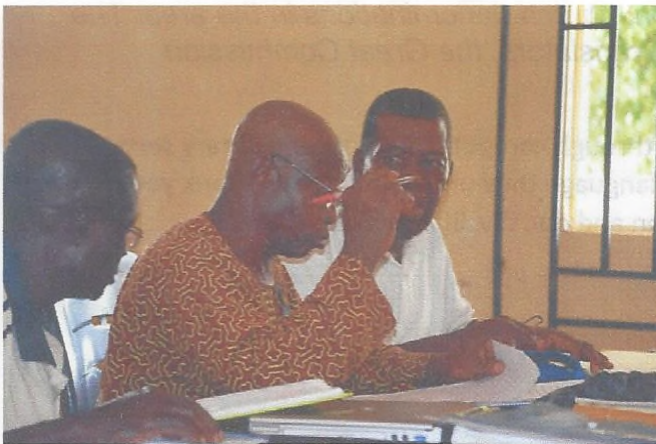
Greetings from Marty, Glenna and Paul Allen Sollenberger

January 2016

Happy New Year! As the Christmas season winds down (Ephiphany/Three Kings Day is January 6), we've been pondering the meaning of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## Does it matter which word we use? Bible translation and the meaning of Christmas

As the Mbe\* translation team in Nigeria was translating the Gospel of Luke, they came to chapter 2, verse 7: "She [Mary] gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them."



The translators took time to ponder how to translate some of the words, but not "manger." They immediately used the word "ókpáng."

"What's an ókpáng?" asked their consultant, John Watters. "Tell me what it looks like." One of the translators drew a picture. It was essentially a cradle hung by ropes so that the newborn could be laid in it and swung.

"Read the Translator's Notes again," John suggested. "What does it say about the manger?" ("Translator's Notes" is a series of commentaries that are especially helpful for Bible translators for whom English is a second language.)

The Mbe translators read the notes and saw that "manger" referred to an animal feeding trough. Even as the Mbe team read the notes, they objected. "We have always used the word ókpáng, and that's what we should use."

John pointed out to them that it wasn't just a matter of tradition. God expects us to find the words that express the original meaning as accurately as possible.

Furthermore, this word tells us something profound about God. "When He came to live among us and bring salvation to us, He came in the lowliest way possible. He did not come and sleep in a nice ókpáng like every Mbe mother wants for her newborn. Instead, He showed us his unbelievable humility," John told them. "So we need to find your best word for an animal feeding trough."

Suddenly the one who had argued most loudly for the traditional term offered, "We feed our animals out of an old worn-out basket that is not usable anymore except to feed the animals. We call it 'édzábrí.'"

"Then try that term," said John. "Put it in your rough draft and test it with Mbe speakers."



As the Mbe people listened to the draft with the word 'édzábri' for the manger, they were visibly moved. Picturing the newborn Baby lying in the animals' feeding basket, they recognized in a new way that Jesus was willing to do whatever it took to reach them. As an adult, He would humble Himself by washing the disciples' feet and then dying on the cross. And this humility started right from birth, when He was laid in an animal feeding trough.



No word in Scripture is too unimportant to translate carefully and accurately. And no language community is too unimportant to merit the Scriptures in the language they best understand. John says, "Translation in the heart language respects the people who speak it, and through the process it frees them to have a relationship with God in their own words and terms."

*\*Mbe is a translation project facilitated by The Seed Company and is a partnership with the Ogoja Language Commission, church denominations in the area, The JESUS Film Project, Lutheran Bible Translators, the Great Commission Movement, and the Luke Partnership.*

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

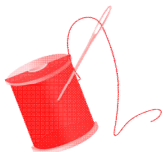
On Saturday, February 27th, 2016, Slate Hill will be buzzing with music, games, food and an overall party atmosphere. What is it? It's the 2016 Spring Fling for our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities!

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 other volunteers 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).



## ***DONATE YOUR SEWING ROOM SURPLUS TO 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!





## What Is Family?



You, my friend, are not a stranger or a neighbor, but part of my Slate Hill family! As a family member, like in blood families, we need to have open and loving communication with one another. I want to know what activities you are involved in, what challenges and fears you face, the joys and praises with which God has blessed you, and how I can support you in your Christian walk.

The Hilltop News is an avenue in which we can share Slate Hill family life with one another! Do you have intimate knowledge of activities and opportunities of various groups within our body - children, youth, singles, young families, out-of-the-nesters, and our senior citizens? If you don't have children in the home, do you know what they are learning and what activities they are involved in here at Slate Hill? The teen and pre-teen years can be particularly challenging for both teens and their parents. How are we, their extended family, supporting their challenges, spiritual growth, and celebrating life-accomplishments with them? Life for singles and families is not always easy either when trying to balance home, work schedules, finances, etc. The aging face a whole new set of challenges but let's not neglect this rich support source; their spiritual growth and wisdom have developed from experiences over a lifetime.

Extended families include grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc., and the various groups within our Slate Hill family need our love and support! But how can we do so without knowledge of activities, joys, needs, or sorrows? Increased knowledge facilitates intelligent prayer and loving interaction.

I challenge teachers, small-group leaders, youth leaders, special interest groups such as the Book Discussion group, Men's and Ladies' Fellowships, Missions, MCC Sewing group, musical groups, and even Commissions to keep the rest of the Slate Hill family informed of their activities, challenges, and joys by sharing in the Hilltop News. Let's band together and grow closer to one another as one big Christ-centered church family!

Articles for the Hilltop News need to be submitted to Fran in the office either via email or hard copy by the end of the third week of each month but early submissions are most welcome! Let's keep our sisters and brothers in Christ informed of group activities and accomplishments. If you are interested in becoming a reporter for the Hilltop News to keep our large family informed, please let Fran know that too. The newsletter can only be as good as YOU make it!

Submitted by Fran Leiter

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