

HILLTOP NEWS



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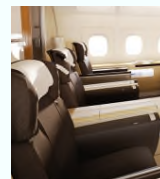
Upcoming Events

- Sept. 2** Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM
- Sept. 4** College Student Welcome Luncheon ~ 11:00AM
- Sept. 8** MCC Sewing Group ~ 6:30PM
- Sept. 10** Blood Drive ~ 10:00AM
Chicken BBQ ~ 11:00AM
- Sept. 14** Wednesday Night Out begins ~ 5:45PM
- Sept. 16** Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM
- Sept. 27** Book Discussion Group ~ 7:00PM
- Oct. 2** WPMG Christian Radio Hymn Sing & Update ~ 6:30PM
- Oct. 8, 9** Slate Hill Bicentennial Celebration Weekend

Top Five Reasons to Sit in the Front of the Sanctuary

Have you noticed that certain people tend to sit up front nearly every Sunday? Ever wondered why? It's because they've discovered a few secrets! Here's the inside scoop.

5. Plenty of open spaces – take your pick! Selection galore and elbow room to spare. Think of it as the spacious first class seats on an airplane.



4. Keep good company. Nobody likes a lonely preacher – or worship leader – or song leader. Keep those folks company; sit near the front.



3. Sitting up front opens up the back pews for visitors who prefer to hang toward the back. This isn't true for all visitors, of course, but some really do like to be able to slip in and out without much fanfare. Let's make sure there's space for them to do so comfortably.



2. Kids can focus more easily! A wise parent whispered this little tidbit to me when our kids were young. Believe it or not, it's actually easier for many children to focus and feel a part of the service when they're near the front. And remember, Slate Hill is a congregation that loves children, so even if your little one does make a joyful (or not-so-joyful) noise or get the wiggles in the front row, their presence will still be welcomed and valued.



1. MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!! This is probably the biggest reason to love being in the front of the church – the music sounds wonderful up there! Although our sanctuary has nice acoustics, you just cannot get the same effect from the back. Try one or two Sundays in the front quarter of the sanctuary and I think you'll be hooked!



“But what if I move up front and accidentally take someone else's regular seat?” you might ask. Please do. There are no assigned seats at Slate Hill – real or imagined – and we could all use the chance to break out of old routines. You'll be welcomed in any seat!

Submitted by Joy Fasick

Dear to who it may concern,

Thank you for letting me go to camp! It was so fun! I am looking forward to going next year. My favorite part about camp is getting closer to god and meeting new people. One time I tried to do a front flip off the diving board and I ended up doing a back flop; it really hurt.

Sincerely,

Ruthy Craft

P.S. The counsler was great and the food was great.

Dear camp hebron,

Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to come to your camp. My favorite activity was gold rush on the first day. Although I didnt get to do horse back riding it was a great week. The best was making new friends (I'm going to miss them). I still wish it didnt have to end. I'm so sad it wasnt longer. One word to describe my week awesome.

Love,

Victoria
Craft

IT WILL BE CHICKEN BBQ and BLOOD DRIVE TIME SOON!

Sat., September 10, 2016



It will soon be time for Slate Hill to host its next Chicken BBQ and Community Blood Drive. Our Chicken BBQ draws a huge number of community folk up the hill. **Help is needed** ... there are small jobs and bigger jobs; *each job is vital to the success* of our mission-oriented fund raiser! Please sign up to volunteer at the bulletin board.

Friday, September 9, 2016, 6:00-7:30/8:00PM

- Wrap Potatoes in foil wraps.
- Place one cookie in each Ziplock bag and place in boxes.
- Unpack applesauce and place on trays.
- Place garbage can by outside picnic tables for BBQ picnickers.
- Get two wooden horses from near back shed, attach Exit signs to each; and set horses out by the front of the church directing parking lot traffic to the Lisburn Road exit.
- Place "Thank you for coming" sign at bottom of the Lisburn Entrance.
- Place folding tables inside the church lobby.
- Place largest coolers in foyer lobby.
- Set up "Drive Thru ► / Parking ▲" sign at top of the Slate Hill driveway.
- Set up Traffic circle with METAL chairs and Caution tape so vehicles are directed around the back of the church.
- Set up traffic cones - by the Assembly Line, near where vehicles turn up the hill toward the canopy, and to direct drivers to Lisburn Road after they pick up their chicken.

Questions about the BBQ? Contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8748 or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.

Questions about the Blood Drive? Contact Joy Fasick at (717)323-0150 or jfasick@comcast.net

Saturday, September 10, 2016 (various times)

- GRILL CHICKEN (8 volunteers; start at 6:00AM for approximately 3-4 hours)
- BAKE POTATOES (2 volunteers; 1 to start at 8:00AM, second needed at 10:15)
- FLAG PERSON (1 volunteer to direct all traffic at the top of the hill)
- GREETER (1 volunteer to welcome customers; give out numbers as well as BBQ and Slate Hill information ahead of runners)
- RUNNERS (3 volunteers to take orders, receive payment, give change, and give order to the designated manager)
- MANAGER (4 volunteers to receive order from the designated runner, follow the order through the assembly line, and deliver it to the customer with a smile and a thank you)
- CHICKEN PACKERS (3 volunteers; 2 to bag chicken and one to record temperatures & close chicken bag)
- ASSEMBLY LINE WORKERS (12-16 volunteers to pack meal components in dinner tray then bag for managers to deliver)
- BANKER (1 volunteer to supply runners with change as needed and gives greeter numbers)
- POWER WASH GRILLS (2 volunteers)
- CLEAN UP (6 volunteers needed, start at noon - take down all signs, tables, clean/dry all coolers, put leftover supplies away, dump trash in dumpsters; and clean/sanitize chicken boxes)

Happy
Anniversary



BOUNMA, Boualay & Khaek	09/01
FREDRICK, Ben & Jen	09/05
ZOOK, Johnny & Julie	09/06
MANIVONG, Laythong & Lathda	09/18
EDWARDS, Josh & Addeline Alaniz-Edwards	09/21
ZIMMERMAN, Norm & Betty	09/24
QUICKEL, Bill & Julie	09/26
CLARK, Kendra & John	09/27
HOOVER, Joseph & Deborah	09/28

Happy
Birthday



ZIMMERMAN, Betty	09/01
HESS, Olivia	09/03
ROSS, Kyla	09/05
HOFF, Margie (CUMB VISTA)	09/06
SHERTZER, Lynn	09/08
BOUNMA, Roselyn	09/09
PARKER, Allison	09/09
MANIVONG, Lori	09/10
WALTER, Nancy	09/11
LEHMAN, Noreen	09/13
RIOUX, Jeff	09/13
MILLER, Caleb	09/14
WEAVER, Dale	09/16
BAUMAN, David	09/17
WILLIAMS, Brian (CUMB VISTA)	09/18
SHERTZER, Dawn	09/18
FREDRICK, Jen	09/19
HESS, Tara	09/21
GISH, Lucinda	09/24
STOLTZFUS, Lucas	09/25
FASICK, Ben	09/27
STATLER, Elouise	09/27
HORST, Bernie	09/28



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

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY



<u>SECTION</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
Children (Easy)	Hermie: God Listens When I Pray	Max Lucado
“	Hermie: God Forgives Me, and I Forgive You	Max Lucado
“	Sad Isn't Bad	Michaelene Mundy
“	Lifetimes: The beautiful way to explain death to children	Bryan Mellonie
“	Matzah Ball Soup	Joan Rothenberg
“	The House that's Your Home	Sally Lloyd -Jones
“	Papa's Pastries	Charles Toscano
“	Baby Wren and the Great Gift	Sally Lloyd-Jones
“	Always Remember – A sweet and poignant story for Families dealing with loss.	Cece Meng
Juvenile (JUV)		
Juv Fic deg	Wandering: The Promised Land	Anne de Graaf
Juv Fic bla	Series: The Knights of Arrethtrae	Chuck Black
	Bk. 1 - Sir Kendrick and the Castle of Bellione <i>A dangerous new order threatens the mission of the knights of Arrethtrae. Only loyalty to the King can bring victory!</i>	
	Bk. 2 – Sir Bentley and Holbrook Court <i>The people of Holbrook are suffering under the rule of the greedy Lord Kingsley. Can Sir Bentley discover the truth and help restore the kingdom?</i>	
	Bk. 3 – Sir Dalton and the Shadow Heart <i>The shadow of doubt can destroy the most noble of men. Can Sir Dalton rediscover his allegiance before it's too late?</i>	
	Bk. 4 – Lady Carliss and the Waters of Moorue <i>Lady Carliss faces the challenge of her life. Can she save the kingdom before it's too late?</i>	
	Bk. 5 – Sir Quinlan and the Swords of Valor <i>Two friends face the dark knight's deadliest scheme, but only one knight has the courage to overcome.</i>	
	Bk. 6 – Sir Rowan and the Camerlan Conquest <i>A knight left for dead, a country on the verge of ruin and an evil lord rising to conquer.</i>	
Non-fiction		
242 Win	Prayers for Children	Rebecca Winter – Helen Cann
220.5 Llo	The Jesus Storybook Bible	Sally Lloyd-Jones
220.9 Luc	The Story for Children: A Storybook Bible	Max Lucado, Randy Frazee, Karen Davis-Hill



Buried in the Ground

I always feel sorry for the man in Jesus' story
who buried his money and returned it intact to the master
only to be scorned for his trouble.
He is remembered forever as the man who didn't get it,
the man who missed the stewardship boat,
the man who was profoundly untalented.
What brought him to that in earthly choice?
What circumstances put a shovel in his hand,
And only preservation in his heart?
"I was afraid", he said.
Maybe it was a deathly fear of change,
He'd rather bury something than risk losing it,
(or risk it growing, a possibility he hardly considered).
I can relate to him;
I am (wonderfully and) fearfully made.
Some days I can hardly pry my hands off my
Money/bankcard/time/life,
Because it's mine, you see, that's the point.
If I let go, who knows how it will change.
I'm scared it won't be for the better.
Use these chains, this box, these blinders,
step right down here, close down, close in.
Roll that stone over, a few shovels more,
and nothing will be lost.
All of me, safe in the ground: a deep mine.
Imagine our surprise and shock when the voice of Jesus
breaks open our story like a tomb with the words, "Come out!"
We pause, in the dark, wondering for the first time
whether what we are is buried
or planted.

Barb Springer submitted this reading to
supplement Lynn's sermon, *Money*, one
sermon in his *Life Hacks* series.



One Good Hour

That's approximately how long it takes a long-time Pennsylvania resident to complete the paperwork necessary to become an approved adult for Slate Hill's children and youth ministries.

When you first look at the new Child Protection Policy, it can seem daunting! But people have found that the paper/electronic steps can actually be completed surprisingly quickly – in no more than one hour. Those who haven't lived in PA for the last ten years will have one other step to complete, but it, too, can be done easily.



We encourage ALL adults to become approved adults. Doing so increases the flexibility we have in our children and youth ministries and demonstrates a commitment to the safety of our children. In addition, some volunteers have already come back to me to say that they have used the clearances they got for Slate Hill in order to participate in other community events. Becoming an approved adult here at church may well streamline the steps you'll need to take for other organizations.

Following that one good hour, you'll also need to have mandated reporter training if you've not already received it. We'll offer this again at Slate Hill as well as provide information about online options. Many of you have already completed this for another organization and we're working on ways to make it easier for you to document that as completing Slate Hill's requirements as well.

So please, "do not be afraid" (Isaiah 10:24). "Banish anxiety from your heart" (Ecclesiastes 11:10) because once you get started you'll find that "you will have nothing to fear" (Isaiah 54:14). We're here to make this easier for you! Look for volunteers with laptops who are available to help you during Sunday School or contact any member of the Child Protection Committee for more information. Committee members are Danielle Hawley, Tara Hess, Debbie Bauman, Rindy Lamb, and Sue Weigel.



Submitted by Joy Fasick for the Child Protection Committee

~ MCC SCHOOL KITS ~

We are once again collecting the following items for each MCC School Kit. Our goal is to provide 100 kits!

4 spiral or perforated wide-ruled notebooks
(70-sheet, 8 1/2 X 10 1/2 inches)*

8 unsharpened pencils*

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, marked in both
30 cm and 12 inches)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

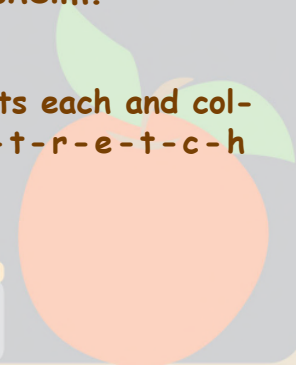
1 large pencil eraser

Please place your donations on the table in the narthex. The children will be assembling the school kits during our first WNO, (Wednesday Night Out) September 14, 2016.

Thank you for your generous contributions! If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Petersheim.

Many stores have been advertising notebooks at 17 cents each and colored pencil pkg/12 at 97 cents each! A great way to s-t-r-e-t-c-h your donation dollars!

* Items in greatest need at this time.





Fall 2016 Slate Hill Mennonite Events with Cumberland Vista

Persons attending Slate Hill Mennonite are invited to befriend the wonderfully grace-filled residents of the Cumberland Vista Group Home for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. Since March 2009, Slate Hill has orchestrated monthly events to strengthen the ties between Slate Hill and these neighbors. Browse the events below then pick one that interests you to join in on the fun!

Date	Time	Event
Fri., Sept. 2	6:30PM	Bon Fire with S'mores, Skit, Songs, Birthday Cake
Sun., Sept. 18	9:30AM	Cum. Vista residents join Slate Hill for worship & Special Needs Class
Thu., Sept. 29	6:00PM	C.R.O.S.S. Fundraising Banquet
Fri., Oct. 7	6:30PM	Pumpkin Painting and Snacks
Sun., Oct. 16	9:30AM	Cum. Vista residents join Slate Hill for worship & Special Needs Class
Wed., Nov. 2	6:00PM	Make Pumpkin Pies with residents for Fri. night, Nov. 4
Fri., Nov. 4	6:30PM	Skit, Songs & Pumpkin Pie
Sun., Nov. 20	9:30AM	Cum. Vista residents join Slate Hill for worship & Special Needs Class
Fri., Dec. 2	6:30PM	Christmas Cookie Decorating & Carols
Sun., Dec. 18	9:30AM	Cum. Vista residents join Slate Hill for worship & Special Needs Class

Cumberland 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). They also operate Grace Home in Shippensburg, PA and Griffith House in St. Thomas, PA.

Residents: **Jimmy, Margie, Brian, Lonie, Chris, Jason and Derek**

House Parent: **Dixie Hoffman**, assisted by a variety of staff persons

Slate Hill's "Regulars" joining Cumerland Vista: Cindy & Gary Mussleman, Richard Mininger, Jim Burkholder, Tara Mayes, Elaine Baumbach & Jim Mitchell, Matt Bergey, Sue Weigel, Ulli & Theda Klemm PLUS a host of students from Messiah College (Mandy Rempel, Victoria Jones, Melissa Class, Emily Doron and more!)

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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 stop sign at 74 North (Carlisle Road/York Road) make a RIGHT. Go 0.5 miles. Slow down as you approach The Meeting House (formerly called Cumberland Valley Brethren In Christ Church) which will be on your left. Make a LEFT into the church parking lot and keep going straight up the driveway on the hill. It will bear to the right then curve to the left at the top of the hill where you can either park in front of, or behind, the Cumberland Vista home. Meetings and events usually begin in the basement. For special events (cooking/baking, etc.) 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

Its Back ... WNO! (Wednesday Night Out)

A speech bubble graphic with a black outline and a white background, tilted slightly to the right. Inside the bubble, the text "Yeah! Let's Do this thing!" is written in a casual, handwritten font. The bubble has a small tail pointing towards the bottom right.

Block off Wednesday evenings, beginning September 14th, for our mid-week service. Come out for food and fellowship followed by club activities for children and an adult Bible Study. The meal is served from 5:45 - 6:30. The suggested meal donation is \$4.00 per adult; \$2.50 per child; or, \$12.00 per family

Activities begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00; a nursery is available for infants and toddlers.

Randy Barr will be leading the adult study ~ Explore and Share Your Faith: Consider Current Events.

Our study will come from "The Wired Word," a Biblical service that invites participants to reflect and act on their Christian faith as opportunities are presented in weekly events here in the USA and around the world. Teams of leaders will present information and guide conversations so participants can explore their own faith and understanding, as well as learn from others. Although the national election cycle will be exploding with news, reports and opinions, the election will not be discussed here!

Submitted by Randy Barr



Slate Hill's BBQ: It's About More Than Chicken!

It's no secret that Mennonites like to eat. Chicken corn soup, chow-chow, homemade breads, sticky buns, and whoopie pies are crowd favorites. Traditional (and not so traditional) Mennonites cook and bake some of the most delicious dishes around. In many Mennonite communities, veteran chefs use those same culinary skills to raise funds for Kingdom efforts. Slate Hill's Chicken BBQ follows in this tradition.

Oral history indicates the Slate Hill's Chicken BBQs started in the early 1990's. Parents of youth wishing to attend Mennonite Youth Conventions, hatched the idea to barbeque chicken as a fundraiser. Ed Fleischer, John Pechart and several others, familiar with the popularity of BBQs in the Lancaster area, orchestrated the first Chicken BBQ at Slate Hill.

About 300 chicken halves were barbequed in the early days. Dinners included baked potatoes, applesauce, a roll, beverage and cookies. Parents of convention-bound youth baked the potatoes as well as cookies at home. Applesauce, purchased in commercial-sized cans, was dished into smaller plastic containers. Customers could choose Turkey Hill iced tea, lemonade or water as their beverage. The cost of the dinners in the 1990s was around \$6.00

BBQs were not annual affairs yet; most of them were organized to meet a specific need. Two collapsible BBQ pits were used for many years. They were stored in the sheds behind the annex when not in use. Occasionally a rain storm coincided with a BBQ which necessitated quick action to place tarps over the pits. Sometimes the tarps worked well, other times they were less effective. On one or two occasions when monsoon-like conditions were forecast the day of the BBQ, a neighbor of Carl Lehman, Ralph Deitch, loaned us use of his barn to grill the chicken in exchange for some free chicken dinners. It did pour cats and dogs one day. Thankfully, the protection the barn provided from the elements saved the BBQ.



In the early days, not all dinners were sold every time. This placed a burden on the Food and Fellowship Committee, chaired at the time by Ruth Musselman. After a day on their feet, the need to take on this additional responsibility was taxing for committee members. However, they ensured left-over chicken and potatoes were properly cooled and stored in the refrigerators until Sunday morning when they were offered for sale at a slight discount. This policy was later changed; dinners were sold at the original price - after all, the BBQs were fundraisers.

The church BBQ was gaining the reputation of being the best Chicken BBQ on the West Shore. Therefore, some members advocated Slate Hill host two BBQs each year, one in the Spring, the other in the Fall. Others suggested the church increase the number of chicken halves grilled. Carl Lehman was one person who felt God was telling him "we can (sell) more" chickens and thus raise more funds for Kingdom work. While no one doubted the divine nudge Carl was sensing, this idea wasn't readily welcomed by those who were burdened with the task of handling unsold dinners. A deal of sorts was brokered between the chicken grillers and the Food and Fellowship Committee - if any chicken dinners were not sold, then folks other than committee members would have the task of properly handling unsold dinners.



To increase the odds of a sell-out on the day of a BBQ, Slate Hill member Ulli Klemm decided to, in the words of Florence Detweiler, “put Slate Hill’s BBQ on the map.” At the time, Slate Hill’s BBQ advertising was limited to just two signs in the shape of chickens and one sandwich-board sign. Ulli asked Carl Lehman and Bernie Horst to provide leftover plywood from various projects so he could make multiple sandwich-board signs advertising the BBQs. He increased the number of signs, painted and placed at key intersections surrounding the church, from two to fourteen. That investment paid off, as Slate Hill rarely failed afterward to sell out at any given BBQ.

Many of the funds raised by the occasional BBQs in the mid-2000’s went into the building fund for the new sanctuary and Sunday School classrooms. Several men led by “The Colonel,” (AKA Carl Lehman), grilled the chicken while the Food and Fellowship Committee handled the rest. The Farm Show quality potatoes, provided by courtesy of Slate Hill member, Roger Springer and his wife, Barb, are as notorious as the chicken! Roger is the General Manager of PA Co-operative Potato Growers, Inc.

As the BBQs became a regular tradition at Slate Hill, the funds raised by them increased due to the number of chicken dinners slowly growing and from several small price increases through the years from \$6.00 to the current \$9.00 per meal. A new ad-hoc BBQ committee was formed to oversee the BBQ and to suggest ways to invest the proceeds. Persons who initially demonstrated significant investment of time in the BBQs and attended periodic meetings included: Bob Saline, Cindy and Gary Musselman, Fran and Ray Leiter, Carl Lehman, Lamarr Widmer, Gene Seitz, Paul Zimmerman and Ulli Klemm. Committee members felt a growing need for the BBQ proceeds, raised by customers from the Slate Hill community, to be returned to the community. This inclination was echoed by members of the Evangelism, Peace and Service (EPS) Commission, which hoped BBQ proceeds would be invested into missions-related ministries.

The shift in focus of the BBQs from being used solely to raise funds for internal projects (e.g., building fund, kitchen fund, youth convention costs, etc.) began in 2009. In that year, proceeds from the BBQ helped a group of Slate Hill volunteers participate in building renovations at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in NE Philadelphia. Funds that year also supported the work of New Hope Ministries, a Christian social service agency serving neighbors in times of need, as well as a newer effort in Haiti started by Ben Frederick. In 2010, BBQ proceeds underwrote significant costs of Slate Hill’s mission trip to Huatabampo, Mexico.

By now, the number of BBQ dinners being sold were just over 500 and the BBQ’s outward mission focus continued. In 2011, the bulk of BBQ proceeds funded Slate Hill’s involvement in the Lancaster Mennonite Conference “Partnership for Missional Congregations”. This partnership involved an investment of time and funds on Slate Hill’s part to make our church more aware of its real purpose and mission - to be a church for others.

In 2012, the new Wellness Outreach Committee suggested Slate Hill experiment by hosting a Blood Drive with Central PA Blood Bank in conjunction with the BBQ. This partnership proved to be successful, with upwards of 15-20 pints of blood being collected. Donors were rewarded by receiving a discount coupon for up to two chicken dinners. This tradition continues to the present day.

In that same year, the number of chicken dinners climbed to 550, netting \$2,700 in proceeds. Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Voluntary Service, supporting Erin Hershey, benefitted from the funds. The pattern of using BBQ funds to support Slate Hill “missionaries” continued in 2013, when BBQ proceeds were given for Michelle Musselman’s participation in Mennonite Voluntary Service and again in 2014, when Marty and Glenna Sollenberger received funding for their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Increased sales by 2014 (700+ dinners) has increased available funds for expansion of mission work.

Occasionally, funds were needed to be reinvested in the infrastructure of the BBQ. In 2013 new grills were purchased and Rod Petersheim and Lyndon Hess were of incredible assistance in making a new permanent brick BBQ pit. Additionally, funds were invested to purchase durable insulated thermal boxes to maintain cooked chicken temperature at 140 degrees, or hotter, for several hours after coming off the grill. Pouring boiling hot water into the boxes prior to use, at Lyndon Hess’ suggestion, ensures the chicken is served at a safe temperature.

Although some funds are set aside to improve the overall operation of the BBQ, the focus has been to reinvest in our world, both near and far. Since records were kept, BBQ funds have made possible, sustained, and expanded the ministry efforts in our community as listed below.

C.R.O.S.S. (parent organization of Cumberland Vista)
Friends of Shirati (Tanzania)
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Mennonite Central Committee
Mennonite Voluntary Service
Mexico Missions Trip
New Hope Ministries
Oxford Circle Mennonite Church
Shining Lights Ministries – Support for Mandy Rempel
Slate Hill’s Hilltop Fun Fest
Slate Hill’s Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Sewing Circle
Slate Hill’s outreach efforts with Cumberland Vista
Slate Hill’s outreach efforts with Messiah College students
Spanish Mennonite Council
St. Barnabas Center (Harrisburg)
Tech for Tanzania
Thriving Villages (Haiti)
Wycliffe Bible Translators



Each year the congregation is solicited for mission funding requests; suggestions are also made by the ad-hoc BBQ Committee. The Church Board is responsible for the final approval of all mission expenditures. The break-down of specific disbursements following the April 2016 BBQ follows:

- \$ 2,500 Hilltop Fun Fest
- \$ 1,500 Mexico Mission Trip
- \$ 1,200 Cumberland Vista Partnership
- \$ 700 InterVarsity's Chapter Camp
- \$ 750 Slate Hill's MCC Sewing Group
- \$ 200 Shining Light Ministries – support for Mandy Rempel
- \$ 6,850 TOTAL**



So the next time you sign up to help with a Chicken BBQ and/or purchase a dinner or two to share with your neighbors, know that the BBQ is about WAY MORE than just chicken!

Did you know that...

- ...Slate Hill purchases its chicken from Bell & Evans / Farmers Pride Inc. in Fredericksburg PA and either Carl Lehman, Gene Seitz or Lyndon Hess drive 45 miles each way to pick up the chicken halves?
- ...Carl Lehman keeps his eyes open for Buy One, Get One Free sales of charcoal all year, and coordinates several members to purchase the charcoal at these reduced prices?
- ...One time one of the signs cut into the shape of a chicken was stolen, and since then a chain and locks are used to lock the chicken signs in place?
- ...Paul Zimmerman and more recently Rich Musselman take time to power-wash the grills after each use?
- ...Sometimes, one customer orders 50 or so chicken halves for a special family occasion, which Carl Lehman grills in addition to the number of chicken halves sold as part of dinners?
- ...for many years, Ray Leiter almost single-handedly did the messy job of sanitizing and washing the thermal boxes used to store the chicken halves both before and after each BBQ?
- ...Gene Musselman drives 45 miles each way to pick up 60 dozen chocolate chip cookies made by Old Order Mennonites at Weaver Market and Bakery in Port Treverton, PA?
- ...Slate Hill donates any leftover unbaked potatoes to New Hope Ministries?
- ...In 2012, Slate Hill experimented with using bi-degradable clam shelves (instead of Styrofoam clamshells) in which to place the dinner contents?
- ...Slate Hill orders dinner rolls from Terranettis Italian Bakery on West Trindle Road In Mechanicsburg?
- ...Cindy Musselman shops around for the least expensive options before purchasing the paper supplies and butter packets used for each BBQ?
- ...It takes four hours minimum to repaint the chicken signs, place them around in the community and pick them up after the BBQ?

Submitted by Ulli Klemm

Hittin' the Books!



By Joy Fasick

As many of you know, I am currently working toward a Master's in Counseling on the Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MCFC) Track at Messiah College. The church board has chosen to provide funding towards my graduate credits. Since YOU are part of that equation, I use Hilltop articles like this to keep you informed of my progress.

Part of the summer brings a time when only two courses are offered in the grad counseling program, both of which I've already taken. This came after an extended break for caregiving. Thank you for your support of our family during these last ten months. We give thanks to God for His abundant blessings!

After such a long time off, I confess that I had some trepidation about the prospect of returning to the demands of grad work! Once I started reading the text, meeting classmates, and working on assignments, I started to hit the groove. As you read this, I'm about two weeks into Assessment Techniques for Individuals, Couples, and Families. Assessment exists as a portion of effective counseling and includes multiple dimensions and methods to enhance a client's understanding of self and select appropriate treatments. This course addresses many aspects relating to assessments, including statistical concepts, selection, use with special populations, interpretation, ethical issues, and more.

Thank you for your support of my education and for your prayers for my family and me. Utilizing the skills I'm learning in support of our congregation and our community is truly a blessing. I am thankful that God continues to provide opportunities for all of us to grow in Him together.

Joy Fasick

The deadline for the October issue of the Hilltop News is Tuesday, Sept. 21 Please keep your news and items of interest coming - there would be no Hilltop News without them!

You Don't Have to be Solomon to be a Mentor



“Ooooh, that’s a big responsibility!” That was my first reaction when Pastor Joy asked me 5 years ago to be a mentor – that Slate Hill program that pairs an adult with a youth to build a one-on-one, church-based relationship outside the immediate family.

I felt totally unqualified. Who am I to give sage advice in this frenetic world? I don’t even know how Facebook works. Surely someone else would have smarter answers to spiritual questions.

Good thing I was wrong on the expectations. What I found is that mentoring isn’t about molding or Biblical philosophy or even having smart answers. It’s more about being a friend and just plain being there as a source of support and encouragement.

It’s not easy being a kid these days. Change happens by the day instead of the year. A mentoring program can help by having a “mentee” see a (hopefully) good role model in action and maybe glean a few bits of experience and knowledge to help navigate the wild world.

But the relationship works in the other direction, too. The mentor gets to see current challenges through young eyes and comes away realizing that growing up today isn’t a whole lot like growing up yesteryear. (That can help mitigate the old-fogey hazard of whining about how “things aren’t like they were in the good old days.”)

What especially works is when the mentor and mentee have some sort of common bond or interest. That’s a big part of the pairing-up process in the first place.

In my case, I’m an ex-baseball player with an interest in history, so it was a natural to hook up with baseball-playing, history-liking Sam Zercher, who was in fifth grade at the time.



We’ve done a lot of things together since then... leaf-raking, hockey games, bowling, a bunch of Harrisburg Senators games, a trip to the Go Wags batting cage, visits to the Civil War Museum and the Gettysburg Battlefield, and the baseball/history jackpot of seeing a “vintage baseball” tournament the way the game was played in the 1800s.



None of that was profound. I can’t claim any life-changing guidance, other than the wisdom that a wide stance reduces home-run power but makes you less vulnerable to striking out on a curveball.

Fortunately, Sam is a very “together” young fellow who hasn’t needed profound guidance. But he does know there’s one old fogey out there who cares. And I now know you don’t have to be Solomon to be a mentor. You just have to be a friend.

-- George Weigel



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