

# ***HILLTOP NEWS***

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***Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Including Children's Church  
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.  
Classes available for all ages  
(Nursery also available)***

**Pastor:** Lynn Shertzer

**Associate Pastor of Community Life:** Joy Fasick

**Administrative Assistant:** Fran Leiter

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Ron Hershey

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**Church Office Hours:**

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

- Nov. 4 Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM
- Nov. 5 Mandated Reporter Training ~ 9:15 - Noon
- Nov. 6 Egg roll fund raiser (for take-out or eat in) after Sunday School
- Nov. 6 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! ~ Noon
- Nov. 10 MCC Sewing Group ~ 6:30PM
- Nov. 18 Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM
- Nov. 29 NO Book Discussion Group meeting this month
- Dec. 3 Cookie Walk ~ 9:00AM
- Dec. 4 South East Asia Program and Luncheon Open to the Entire Slate Hill Congregation
- Dec. 11 Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon
- Dec. 13 MCC Sewing Group ~ 6:30PM
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service and Dinner

# Matching Mortgage Challenge



To mark our upcoming Bicentennial celebration, two anonymous donors have pledged a total of \$32,000 to pay down our mortgage. They have challenged the rest of us to match that amount. Lamarr Widmer told them he is sure we can do that - let's prove him correct!

If the sum of \$64,000 is raised, we will be seven months closer to the retirement of our debt. A special offering was taken on October 9 to kick off this effort which will run through the end of January 2017.

You may give through any of the usual church channels. Be sure to **designate your gift for mortgage principal reduction**. If you have questions about this, please contact Lamarr at [widmer@messiah.edu](mailto:widmer@messiah.edu) or 766-3979.

Thus far \$5585.00 has been donated toward the matching challenge. Praise be to God!



## *What's a Mandated Reporter?*

Are you a mandated reporter? If you have clearances for any volunteer position involving contact with children - here or in the community - the answer is YES. Protect yourself and the children you serve by learning what this means. Mandated reporter training is being offered here at Slate Hill on Saturday, November 5, 9:00-11:30. Receiving this training is a required part of becoming an approved adult. Childcare will be provided. If you cannot attend for the entire time, please contact Joy Fasick for an online alternative to be completed by November 15.



## **14 Slate Hillers Join Christian Witness at 45<sup>th</sup> Mechanicsburg CROP Walk**

On a beautiful crisp fall day, Slate Hillers and family walked in solidarity with the hungry. Walking with over 150 other Christians from our local community, they prayed and walked to raise funds to end hunger. Well, they all didn't walk. Matt and Ben Fasick RAN the 3.1 mile (5K) course through the borough of Mechanicsburg. Matt had enough left in his energy tank to run the 5K course a second time!

Marking the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mechanicsburg CROP Walk, the October 23<sup>rd</sup> event featured representatives from over a dozen local churches including:

First United Methodist Church  
Hope United Methodist Church  
Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren  
Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church  
Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church  
Shepherdstown United Methodist Church  
St. John Lutheran Church  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Slate Hill Mennonite Church  
Trindle Springs Lutheran Church

Slate Hill walkers/runners numbered 14 in all. St. John Lutheran Church had about 25 walkers, the most from any participating congregation. Slate Hillers raised about \$500. 25% of those funds will go to New Hope Ministries to address emergency needs locally. 75% of those funds will go to alleviate hunger in areas of our world which New Hope isn't able to reach.

Slate Hill participants included:

Matt Fasick, Ben Fasick  
David Heibert  
Ron, Rhoda and Christina Hershey  
Ulli Klemm  
Bonnie, Dean and Noreen Lehman; plus Isaiah, Ruthann and Jacob Galina (cousins of Noreen Lehman)  
Carl Lehman

CROP Hunger Walks have been held since 1969. They are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups of churches to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Today there are over 1,100 walks nationwide with over 114,000 walkers.





SHERTZER, Lynn & Dawn	11/03
HOWER, Daniel & Jacquie	11/07
BECHTOLD, Wayne & Debbie	11/09
EHRHART, David & Debra	11/23
WEAVER, Dale & Debbie	11/26
MOYER, Michael & Denise	11/29
ZIMMERMAN, Paul & Janet	11/29

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



WHITE, William	11/01
BECK, Kathrine	11/04
MYERS, Ella	11/04
ONELANGSY, Daniel	11/04
MILLER, Brady	11/06
MILLER, Luisa	11/06
PARKER, Judah	11/06
KRUG, Jeff	11/08
JENKINS, Tyson	11/09
SALINE, Robert	11/10
PARKER-LESHER, Brittani	11/12
ROLAND, Lee	11/13
SEITZ, Dottie	11/13
ZOOK, Julie	11/17
RIDER, Eli	11/19
BOUNMA, Sifong	11/20
FASICK, Matt	11/20
STOLTZFUS, Jeremy	11/22
VIRAYA, Somphone	11/22
MININGER, Richard	11/24
MYERS, Roger	11/24
SACHS, Roseann	11/25
BOYLE, Daniel	11/26
HERSHEY, Marc	11/27
SACHS, Janaya	11/29
HART Jr., William	11/30



## **Slate Hill Mennonite Church Celebrates the Bicentennial of the First Meeting House on the Hill**

Good weather and wonderful attendance blessed Slate Hill Mennonite Church's Bicentennial celebrating the first meeting house and church structure on its grounds.

In the planning for approximately 6 months, the two-day festivities (Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9) started with two, two-hour bus tours in the surrounding region highlighting various homesteads of church founders, cemeteries and other notable sites. Tour details in 2016 were expanded by Caleb Miller and Christopher Zimmerman, both members of the church. Their expanded details were based on Joseph Hess's tour notes from similar previous tours. On this Saturday, seats were full and participants well-informed.

On Sunday, hundreds of invited guests such as previous bishops and pastors, family members and friends began to fill the sanctuary. Spread around the church and Fellowship Hall (itself a previous church) were numerous items from the church's archives and a Bicentennial quilt crafted by Betty Zimmerman, wife of former pastor Norman Zimmerman.

A centennial service was conducted by Paul Nisly, a former pastor of and previous Bishop to this congregation, concentrating on the church's solid foundation as a caring Mennonite community of believers. Following this service, while children made their way to Sunday School, David Weaver-Zercher provided details on why the founding families journeyed to Lancaster and then Cumberland County to establish the Martin's Meeting House in 1816.

2016 Bicentennial planning chair, Paul Nisly, "It was such a pleasure to see so many of our family and friends journey up the hill to join in the festivities, reunite, share stories and joy in fellowship".

Following a fellowship lunch, Lena Brown and Rathsamey Onelangsy reviewed the establishment of the Slate Hill South-East Asian Ministries outreach that continues as an active worship group today. Rathsamey "Rick" and Yoomie Onelangsy also shared their very deep love of God and their treasured church family.

As a continuing statement of the valued leadership of women at Slate Hill, a video interview with Florence Detweiler (who is approaching her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday) guided Bicentennial attendees through her personal and spiritual path of service to the church. This was followed by a dialogue between Mae Asper and Rosalie (Hess) Roland. Their reminiscing provided the attendees with a deep appreciation for the strength and inspired direction of women at Slate Hill.

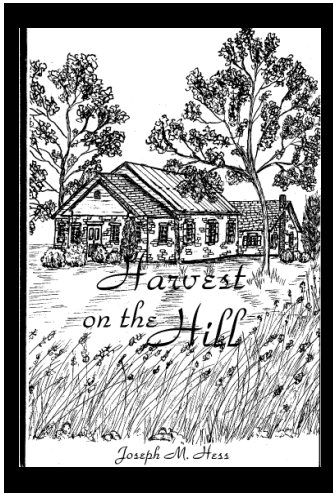
Following a closing prayer by Pastor Lynn Shertzer, attendees could attend an informative cemetery tour by Christopher Zimmerman.

Printable copies of the information provided during the bus tours by Chris Zimmerman and Caleb Miller and the presentations by David Weaver-Zercher (Plus David's PowerPoint Presentation) and Miller are available on the church website at <http://www.slatehillmennonite.org/>.

Submitted by Bob Saline







## Harvest on the Hill Reprints Available for the Holidays

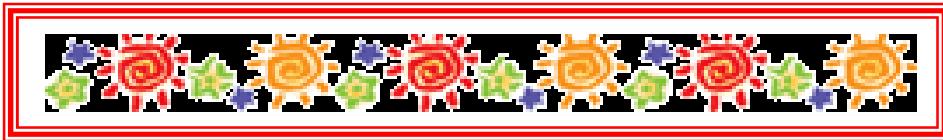
Want a meaningful gift for family or friends this Thanksgiving and Christmas season? Consider sending a bit of history of Slate Hill Mennonite Church in the form of a reprinted version of the book, *Harvest on the Hill*.

Previously published in 1991 by Joseph M. Hess, the book covers the history of Mennonite migration into the Cumberland County area pre-1790 and the establishment of our church up to the 1980's.

The newly printed books make a thoughtful gift and feature Joe's well researched writings.

Order one or several of the books and send the loving thoughts of our church community. Books are \$10 each. Proceeds from the reprints will be applied to the Church's mortgage reduction and Bicentennial costs.

Order by alerting Paul Nisly at [pnisly@messiah.edu](mailto:pnisly@messiah.edu) or Bob Saline at [bsaline@prworksinc.com](mailto:bsaline@prworksinc.com)



It's time to  
"Fall Back!"  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends Sunday at 2am  
Step of Progress

*November 6, 2016*



# Hittin' the Books!



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.

Early November finds me in the second week of my late fall class, Psychopathology and Diagnosis. This course thoroughly explores the DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) and combines the art and science of diagnosis. Marriage and Family Therapists and other Professional Counselors diagnose clients as a foundation for treatment planning and as part of communication with primary care physicians, psychiatrists, and insurance companies. According to the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 50 percent of adults in the United States will experience mental illness at some point during their lifetime. An accurate diagnosis can be an important step in the journey toward wellness.

Each week of the course involves writing mental status examinations, primary and secondary diagnoses, treatment plans, and other data for fictional clients. During this course, we'll also function as "clients" for each other, presenting with a secret diagnosis for peers to uncover. As I write I'm quite early into this course, but so far thoroughly enjoying the "puzzle" of diagnosis. With hundreds of disorders, many with specifiers and subtypes, and dozens of other areas that may be a focus of clinical attention, the DSM-5 certainly has plenty to puzzle over!

Last month I wrote about my search for a practicum placement. Thank you to those of you who joined in prayer for that process. I am delighted to share that God has provided a practicum site for Spring, 2017! Beginning in January, I'll be spending time each week at Daybreak Church in Mechanicsburg under the supervision of their Director of Relational Health. This site will provide opportunities for individual, couple, family, and group counseling in a church-based setting. I could not imagine a more ideal fit as I work to refine and enhance skills I use here at my work at Slate Hill.

Thank you for your support of my education. I continue to find that this learning enhances my ministry here at Slate Hill. Praise be to God for opportunities to support each other's physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness as we strive to be a community that is *Living Our Faith!*

Joy Fasick



## Third Annual Cookie Walk

Coming in December

*Calling all cookie bakers!*

tech4Tanzania will be sponsoring a fund-raising "Cookie Walk", again this year here at Slate Hill on Saturday, December 3rd. It will be advertised and open to the public and **we are in need of bakers to supply Christmas cookies.** Patrons will "buy" an empty box for a suggested donation of \$10 then walk around surveying and choosing all the beautiful and delicious cookies they want, carefully stuffing their box(es) for holiday entertaining. Pull out all your favorite cookie/candy recipes, browse cookbooks, magazines, and the internet for new ones, and start making plans now. If you wish to get an early start, some freezer space will be available here at the church. Please obtain "cookie tags" to identify your donations so we can track our success/future needs and alert purchasers to potential allergens.

We truly appreciate all you loving and willing bakers - our success depends upon YOU! Donations from one dozen to hundreds of cookies are welcome! Please sign at the bulletin board if you will help by baking cookies. If you would like to assist behind the scenes in any way, please contact: Randy Barr, Myrna or Ken Eshleman, or Fran Leiter. Help would be appreciated either Friday or Saturday morning to receive donations, set up, assist at the event, or teardown afterward, Thanks ever so much, and may God sweetly bless you!



Submitted by Fran Leiter



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

## 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!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
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!)

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](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com)

# MRC Day of Service

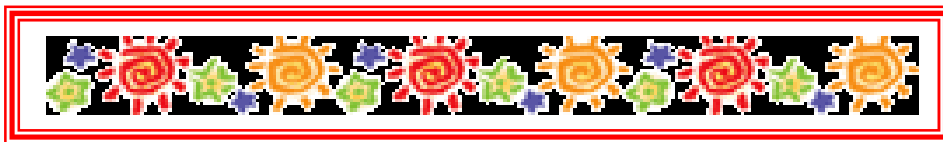


## IT WAS FUN, GRATIFYING WORK UNTO THE LORD!

Over 30 Slate Hill volunteers gathered on Columbus Day, to go to the Mennonite Central Committee Resource Center in Ephrata to assist with whatever tasks were needed to provide relief to suffering peoples of the world. There were young and old, and Josh Dean braved the trip with his wheelchair. The bus was full and several cars went, taking additional volunteers along. Some family members and friends living near the Ephrata area joined us for lunch and Mike Brown, a former Slate Hiller, came to help with God's work.

It was a fun day - just ask any of the young guys who made a game of packing canned goods as fast as they could! Then, of course, all the children look forward to the "candy stop" at Weaver's Nut and Candy Shop, although they did have some difficult decisions to make! It was entertaining to watch them as they shopped, studying all their options and calculating the best values to appease their taste buds but stay within their budget. What a good learning experience!

Submitted by Fran Leiter



## ~ Noteworthy ~

### Parents of Children Pre-school through Grade 5:

Mark your calendars! There will be a Christmas Nativity Pageant on Sunday, December 11 as part of the regular worship service. Details will be given out by Sunday School teachers in the next few weeks. There will be a "practice" for the pageant during the Sunday School hour on December 4. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Harker-Roth at: [kroth@messiah.edu](mailto:kroth@messiah.edu).

### Do you enjoy visiting with people one-on-one?

Do stories of yesteryear tickle your ear? If so, then please consider joining our visitation ministry. Your commitment can be as little as once a month - and you pick the day and time! You'll be richly rewarded by learning to know some of Slate Hill's most "experienced" members. Contact Joy at [jfasick@comcast.net](mailto:jfasick@comcast.net) or by calling the church office.

### Two anonymous donors have pledged \$32,000 toward our mortgage.

They have challenged the rest of us to match it for a grand total of \$64,000 which will pay seven months of our debt! The challenge runs through January 2017. You may give through any of our usual channels. Be sure to designate your gift for mortgage principal reduction. If you have questions about this, please see Lamarr Widmer.



# Ministry Assignments for 2016-2017

## Elder Team

Lynn Shertzer  
Joy Fasick  
Dave Bauman ('17)  
Jen Fredrick ('19)  
Ron Hershey ('18)  
Caleb Miller ('17)

## Church Board

Lamarr Widmer, Chair ('19)  
John Eby, Treasurer  
Lynn Shertzer  
Debbie Bauman ('18)  
Ray Leiter ('17)  
Danielle Hawley ('19)  
Lyndon Hess ('19)  
Tom Miller ('18)  
Lee Roland ('18)  
Ben Fredrick ('19)

## Christian Education

Danielle Hawley, Chair ('19)  
Joelle Beck ('17)  
Rhoda Hershey ('18)  
Lori Manivong ('17)  
Stacy Petersheim ('18)  
Julia Rioux ('17)  
Patricia Fleischer ('19)

## Evangelism, Peace and Service

Tom Miller, Chair ('18)  
Sara Chubb ('17)  
Ken Eshleman ('18)  
Lucinda Gish ('17)  
David Weaver Zercher ('19)  
Jim Mitchell ('18)

## Trustees

Lyndon Hess, Chair ('19)  
Jeff Beck ('17)  
Dwayne Gish ('19)  
Lionel Hess ('18)  
Gary Musselman ('19)  
Rich Musselman ('17)  
Eric Swartzentruber ('18)  
Paul Zimmerman ('17)

## Worship Commission

Lee Roland, Chair ('18)  
Lynn Shertzer  
Chris Zimmerman ('19)  
Dale Weaver ('17)  
Valerie Weaver Zercher ('18)

## Stewardship

Ben Fredrick, Chair ('19)  
John Eby, Treasurer  
Mike Fasick ('18)  
Brad Lamb ('19)  
Rosalie Roland ('19)  
Diana Zimmerman, Financial Sec't. ('19)

## Food and Fellowship

Cindy Musselman, Chair ('19)  
Matt Fasick ('18)  
Sandy Crouse ('19)  
Fran Leiter ('17)  
Lucy McAlouse ('18)  
Jen Musselman ('19)  
Megan Myers ('17)  
Debbie Hoover ('19)  
Debbie Weaver ('18)  
Janet Zimmerman ('18)

## Pastoral Relations

Judy Walter, Chair ('18)  
John Pechart ('17)  
Trang Rioux ('18)  
Deborah Saline ('20)  
Richard Mininger, Bishop

## Technology Committee

Tom Ly, Chair ('18)  
Chris Hawley ('18)  
Jeff Krug ('17)  
Isaac Shertzer ('18)  
Ed White ('19)

## Wellness Committee

Joy Fasick, Chair ('17)  
Hope Alexander ('18)  
Roger Myers ('17)  
Rod Petersheim ('19)  
Ben Simcox ('18)  
Connie Werner ('17)

## Gifts Discernment Committee

Stacy Petersheim, Chair ('19)  
Lee Roland ('19)  
Barb Springer ('18)  
Janet Zimmerman ('17)

## Lancaster Conference Delegates

Lynn Shertzer  
James Burkholder ('17)  
Carol Moser ('18)

## Church Retreat

Joelle Beck ('19)  
Amanda Musselman ('19)