

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

Ushers: Gene Musselman, Ella Roth, Isaiah Zercher, Ben Fasick & Julia Rioux

Prelude & Offertory Lee Roland

Worship Leader Ron Hershey

Song Leader Rhoda Hershey

Men's Quartet Carl Lehman, Paul Zimmerman, Wayne Bechtold, and Chris Zimmerman

Children's Church Ulli Klemm & Megan Myers

Nursery Ministry **Worship Hour** ~ Chris & Danielle Hawley
Sunday School ~ Dale & Debbie Weaver
WNO ~ Barb Springer & Rhoda Hershey

**** THIS WEEK ****

Wed. **Wednesday Night Out:**
Meal ~ 5:45 - 6:30
Club Activities & Adult Study
(Consider Current Events/Faith Response) ~ 7:00 - 8:00

Thurs. **MCC Sewing Group** ~ 6:30PM

Sun. **South East Asian Fellowship Program and Luncheon** ~ The full Slate Hill congregation is welcome.

**** UPCOMING EVENTS ****

Dec. 11 **Children's Christmas Pageant**
Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon ~ noon

Dec. 14 **Christmas Caroling at New Hope, Mech.** ~ 11:00AM
WNO & Christmas Caroling ~ 5:45PM

Dec. 16 **Christmas Caroling at New Hope, Dillsburg** ~ noon
Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study ~ 9:30AM

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve program and dinner** ~ 6:00PM

Jan. 22 **Discernment Meeting and luncheon**

Feb. 12 **Discernment Meeting and luncheon**

~ SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE ~

~ Adult Classes ~

International Sunday School Class

Leaders: Lamarr Widmer, Randy Barr & Myrna Eshleman
Room 114

American Christianity: Past, Present, Future This class will explore a variety of topics, some historical and some contemporary, that together shed light on our context as 21st-century American Christians. The topic for December 4 will be: *Slicing Up America's Religious Pie*. Everyone is welcome – come ready to talk!

Leader: David Weaver Zercher
Room 115

College & Career Class ~ Video Series on Ephesians

Leader: Holly & Roger Myers, Ulli Klemm
Room 111

Young Adult Class (20's & 30's, etc.) ~ This interactive class will discuss issues and topics relevant to young adults, including work-life balance, managing priorities, exploring meanings of success, and deepening relationship with Christ. Young adult life can be challenging and stressful, joyful and full of potential. We are here to support one another.

Leaders: Ben & Jen Fredrick, Lynn & Dawn Shertzer
Conference Room

VIP Class (3rd Sunday of month) ~ For persons with special needs and their friends.

Leader: Ulli Klemm
Room 111

~ Children's Classes ~

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

Leaders: Lori Manivong with Chris Hawley, Rachael Zimmerman & Julie Zook

Room 106

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Leaders: Amanda Musselman & Liz Shertzer

Middler (Grades 3-5)

Leaders: Alli & Uriah Parker with Rhoda Hershey & Amanda Rider

Room 109

Jr. MYF (Grades 6-8)

Leaders: Johnny Zook with Chris Zimmerman

Room 105

MYF (Grades 9-12)

Leaders: Jeff & Trang Rioux with Mark Preston
Annex building



Prelude

Hymn #183 ~ On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Advent Candle Lighting

Men's Quartet ~ The Star and Wiseman, O Beautiful Star, Wonderful Birth

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn #136 ~ From the Depths of Sin

Hymn #176 ~ Comfort, Comfort, O My People

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 are dismissed for Children's Church)

Scripture ~ Matthew 3:1-16 (page #983 in the pew Bible)

Sermon ~ John's Christmas Story

~ Lynn Shertzer ~

Song of Response

Benediction

Closing Hymn ~ Praise God from Whom

Fellowship Time ~ 10:45

Sunday School ~ 11:00

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Fran Leiter, Administrative Assistant

Welcome to Slate Hill Mennonite Church, where we strive to live our faith in Jesus Christ. We are delighted to have you worship with us and hope you will find our service inviting and uplifting. After worship, please stop by the **Welcome Center** (under the "Welcome" sign in the foyer) for a **free gift**. Also, join us for **refreshments** in the fellowship hall annex so that we can become acquainted.

Some helpful information:

- So that we may know of your visit, you're invited to complete a **Welcome Card** (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the service.
- **Information about Slate Hill Mennonite** and Mennonites in general is available at the Welcome Center.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located at the end of the hallway toward the left as you leave the sanctuary. A **family restroom** is located off the conference room. All restrooms are equipped with **changing tables**.
- A **nursery**, staffed by volunteers during worship and Sunday school, can be accessed through the fellowship hall annex, and is available at any time for infants through children 2 years old. A microwave is available in the kitchen to heat formula.
- A **cry area**, where parents with a fussy child can listen to the service, is available in the conference room to your left as you leave the sanctuary.
- Children 3 years of age through Grade 3 are dismissed prior to the sermon for **Children's Church** held downstairs each Sunday. Children will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.
- Children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.
- **Hearing magnifiers** are available at the sound booth for hearing impaired individuals.

Congregational Meeting ~ next week there will be a potluck luncheon followed by a congregational meeting. Please bring one each of a large hot and cold dish to share. Plan to stay for the meeting to discuss the proposed 2017 budget and other items of interest to our body.

Christmas Pageant rehearsal TODAY during the Sunday School hour for children pre-k through grade 5. Children should report to their classrooms as usual and will come to the sanctuary as a class. The actual pageant will be next Sunday, December 11 during the morning worship service. All children should report to Fellowship Hall at the start of the 9:30 service to get in costume.

If you wish to participate in the **New Hope Missions Christmas Express** project, choose a paper "ornament" on the table outside the sanctuary today identifying gift needs. Please return all gift donations UNWRAPPED next Sunday, December 11. Thank You!



Please invite your family and friends to come to the **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** at 6:00 and the dinner afterward. Ham and potato dishes will be provided; bring a side dish to share. **Volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up after dinner are needed; please sign up at the bulletin board. Thanks!**

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year. Please note the worship service will be from **10:00 - 11:00** those two dates and there will be NO Sunday School so you can enjoy family and friends this holy season.

Parents, if your child would like to play during the prelude on Christmas Eve, please let Pastor Lynn know. Performing during the opening of the Christmas Eve Service is a wonderful opportunity for the children to use their developing gifts.

Looking for a unique and meaningful gift for someone? Nostalgic Slate Hill memories are available in the form of *Harvest on the Hill*, the historical book written by Joe Hess in 1991, and in the cookbook, *Sharing Our Best, Volume 2*. See Bob Saline or Paul Nisly for the historical book (\$10) or Cindy Musselman or Fran Leiter for the cookbook (\$12).

Offering Report

The General Fund offering including net online contributions on Sunday, November 27, 2016 was \$4,087.10. So far this year, we have received \$346,298 in contributions and have paid \$381,653 in expenses leaving a shortfall of \$35,355.

We will need an average offering of at least **\$15,500 each Sunday in December** to meet projected expenses by the end of the year. Please make your year-end contributions as soon as you can so we can determine where we are financially; it also makes bookkeeping much easier. The amount given toward the mortgage matching fund thus far is \$11,884.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Health and Personal Concerns

- † **Mary Lou Good**, mother of Dawn Shertzer
- † **Bruce**, friend of the Krugs
- † **Bill White**
- † **Sing Saengdy**
- † **Lisa**, friend of Kathy Krug
- † **Elizabeth Rockwell**, goddaughter of Kirrk & Lorraine Kobold
- † **William Weder** and family, friends of the Leiters
- † **Thelma Schafer** and family, sister of Fran Leiter
- † **Nancy and Calvin Walter**

Outreach & Missions

- † Cumberland Vista Group Home
- † Friends of Shirati
- † InterVarsity, Dickinson
- † New Hope Ministry
- † The Second Tunic/Rachael Hoover

Grief

- † For the extended **Caleb Miller family** in the loss of his father, David L. Miller
- † For **Marie and family**, friends of Kendra Clark, in the loss of Marie's mother.

Sing and Ann Saengdy are most grateful and appreciative of your love, prayers, and support during this time of Sing's medical trials. They are delighted with your interest and response to their fundraising effort each Sunday as they make Asian treats available. They plan to offer them through the month of December for your enjoyment.

Children's Church has an opportunity for someone to lead one or all three of these Sundays - January 15th and 22nd and/or February 19th. Curriculum is available for lesson plans. Contact Sue Weigel at sueweigel@gmail.com or 737-6046 ASAP, if you are interested or have questions.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked or bought cookies for the tech4Tanzania Cookie Walk yesterday. Your loving support means more than you probably know!