

HILLTOP NEWS



He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

Matthew 8:26-27

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Including Children’s Church
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
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(Nursery also available)

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



Upcoming Events

- Mar. 4** Pancake Breakfast ~ 8:00AM
George Weigel Gardening Seminar ~ 10:00AM
- Mar. 11** Friends of Shirati Annual Banquet ~6:00; Mt. Joy
- Mar. 12** Daylight Savings Time Begins
Congregation-Wide Child Abuse Training (Sunday
School hour)
- Mar. 17** Ladies Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30 AM
- Mar. 17-18** Lancaster Conference ~ Celebration of Church Life
- Mar. 18** Voice of the Martyrs at Hershey Free Church ~ 9:00-
4:00 PM
- Mar. 19** LMHS Campus Choral (during Worship Service)
- Mar. 25** Book Discussion Group ~ 9:30AM
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1** PA MCC Relief Sale
- Apr. 8** Salmon Dinner Fundraiser for CCO, Jeremy Stoltzfus
- Apr. 22** Spring Chicken BBQ
- May 19-21** Church Retreat at Camp Hebron
- Jun. 3** Hilltop Fun Fest 2017

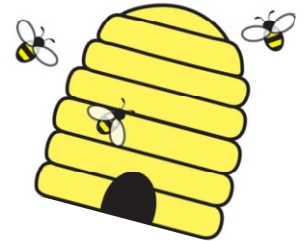


PANCAKES AND POLLINATORS!

Preceding George Weigel's Gardening Seminar on Saturday, March 4th, there will be a fundraising pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:00 - 9:30 to support tech4Tanzania. Funds will be used for their ongoing work providing medical, technological, and educational supplies to schools, colleges, and hospitals in Tanzania, Africa. You are welcome to attend either or both of these events.

Gardening Seminar

Back by popular demand, our resident gardening expert, George Weigel, will once again be hosting another free gardening seminar at Slate Hill Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 4 at 10:00AM in the fellowship hall. If you have attended any of his seminars in the past, you know you will not want to miss this opportunity. If you have not heard one of George's gardening seminars before, you will be in for a real treat! The Wellness Outreach Committee is sponsoring this event, with hopes that it can be both informative, as well as providing you with an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to an enjoyable event at Slate Hill.



This year's seminar is entitled "Neighbor-Friendly Ways to Create a Pollinator-Friendly Yard". Three-quarters of the world's plants need pollinator help in order to reproduce. That's never been of much concern until recently when populations of bees, butterflies and other pollinators have dropped enough to impact our food supply. For example, monarch butterfly populations are down 90% in last 20 years. Honeybees are half as numerous as they were in the 1940s. The dwindling pollinator numbers have been traced to factors such as habitat loss, pesticide spraying, diseases and parasites, erratic weather, and invasive plants choking out preferred native species.

Home gardeners can make a difference by adopting practices such as spraying less, planting more native plants, and providing plants especially attractive to bees and pollinators. But not everyone is keen on the idea of more bees in the neighborhood. So what's a nature-concerned gardener to do? Is it possible to help pollinators while keeping peace with the neighbors?

Come join us for this free event on Saturday, March 4 at 10:00AM in the Slate Hill Church fellowship hall where George will offer some ideas on this honey of a problem. Better yet, bring a friend or neighbor along with you!

Submitted by Roger Myers

Save the date!

 **Lancaster**
Mennonite Conference
Celebration of Church Life



Enjoy
God



Encourage
others



Equip
disciples



Engage the
world

Friday Evening, March 17, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Weaverland Mennonite Church
210 Weaverland Valley Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

To assist with logistical planning, please register for the meal and your seminars at surveymonkey.com/r/CCL-2017 or call 717-293-5246 ext. 100.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Food is being catered by Hess's Bar-B-Que

Overview of Celebration of Church Life

Friday Evening, March 17
7:00 p.m.

Gathering Worship

Dwelling in the Word

Plenary Session: **Chaotic Places**
J. Nelson Bechtold

Offering

Plenary Session: **Developing the
Next Generation of Preachers**
Conrad Kanagy and Frederick Zeiset

Worship song

Plenary Session: **Courageous Hospitality**
Karl and Nita Landis, and others

Ice Cream and Fellowship

Organization Displays

Saturday, March 18
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Gathering Worship

Scripture Reading

Plenary Session: **5 Networks, 30 Churches, 10 Years**
Video

Offering

Plenary Session: **Manicure As Mission**
Khon Tron

Receiving of New Congregations and Leaders

Plenary Session: **STEP In...Step Out**
Mark Wenger and others

(11:00) Seminars I

Lunch and Fellowship

(1:15) Seminars II

(2:40) State of the Conference Address
L. Keith Weaver, Moderator

Closing Worship



Hilltop Fun Fest is scheduled for Saturday, June 3 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM. This event has grown each year and as we approach this our fourth year we are busy planning to accommodate the increasing crowd. To help meet this need, the Hilltop Fun Fest (HFF) Core Leadership Team has reorganized as a subcommittee of the Wellness Outreach Committee and now includes several new members and a new organizational structure.


If you're new to Slate Hill – or you just need a refresher – Hilltop Fun Fest is community event offered as a gift to our neighbors. Our goals are to build and strengthen relationships, practice hospitality, and have fun living our faith. By connecting, serving, and having fun, we bring joy to hundreds of people in our community and grow closer as a church family, too! For purposes of planning and promotion, we define our target population as people for whom a free community event is particularly a blessing (due to limited economic resources or disconnection and loneliness) and those who do not currently have a church home. While those populations are especially on our minds, EVERYONE is welcome at Hilltop Fun Fest! The evening includes plenty of food, activities for all ages, live music, displays from local service organizations, and much more – all offered at no charge to our guests.

HFF is run by two groups of people. First, a large number of coordinators serve in each individual area. Examples of these include children's activities, carnival food, social media, and busing. Coordinators are the experts on their individual area and keep their part of HFF running smoothly. At the same time, the HFF Core Leadership Team works with the big picture view. Each core leadership team member serves as a liaison to several coordinators, bringing information about specific areas to the team meetings. This group takes care of the schedule, map, and the many logistics needed to pull off this massive event. Listed below are the names of Core Leadership Team members and the areas for which they'll serve as liaisons. Look for a full coordinator list in next month's Hilltop News. Meanwhile, if you'd like to learn how to get involved with Hilltop Fun Fest, please contact any of these team members.

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- Hope Alexander – Publicity** – Media Outlets; Flyers & Print Promotional Material; Social Media, Website – umakemylaugh@gmail.com
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- Josh Dean – Volunteer Coordination** – Volunteer Scheduling & Coordination; Volunteer Lanyards – Joshua.dean08@gmail.com
- Matt Fasick – Games** – Children’s Activities; GAGA; Arcade; Cornhole; Teen/Adult Games – 19fasickm@bubblers.us
- Roger Myers – Logistics** – Parking & Busing; Event Logistics; Canopies & Tables – rhmyers99@gmail.com
- Rod Petersheim – Food** – BBQ Chicken & Dinner; Carnival Food; Ice Cream Truck – rspetersheim@verizon.net
- Lee Roland – Spiritual/Relational** – Prayer Team; Service Village; Café – lroland@rolandbuilder.com
- Connie Werner – Activities** – Cemetery Tour; Train; Face Painting; Music; Fire Truck & Safety Display; Sky Lanterns; Petting Zoo; Bounce House; Photo Booth – tomandconw@verizon.net

Submitted by Joy Fasick (jfasick@comcast.net) for the HFF Core Leadership Team



Child Protection Policy Training

Do you know how to recognize signs of child abuse? Are you aware of the grooming process child sexual predators use to gain the trust of their victims and the victims’ parents? Can you identify strategies for keeping children in our church and community safe? These are among the topics that will be addressed at the Safe Church Congregational Refresher training on Sunday, March 12.

The training will be held in the sanctuary during Sunday school and special arrangements will be made for children’s classes so that all adults can attend. In addition to these important topics, you’ll also hear updates on the implementation of our new Child Protection Policy and learn about the Safe Church curriculum that will be used in children and youth Sunday school classes. Let’s continue to grow in our awareness of ways to provide safe nurture for the children God is placing in our lives.



You are Invited!

You are invited on March 5 at 12pm to a potluck luncheon follow by a presentation from Heap and Jennifer Him at 1:15pm.

The Hims have served as missionaries to Cambodia with *CRM/InnerCHANGE* for 14 years. During this time, they have mentored Cambodian pastors and young Christian leaders; directed a project for women and children struggling with AIDS; and are currently pioneering a new ministry for children with disabilities - Lina's Hope (formerly Therapy Training Loving Care).

Lina's Hope is a school and therapy center for children with disabilities, specifically brain injury, in Kampot, Cambodia. Lina's Hope has 14 staff serving over 20 children and young adults recovering from brain injury. Lina's Hope workers receive training from *Family Hope Center* in Norristown, PA, and *Empowering Potential*, Australia. The Hims will be flying back to Cambodia on March 6th.

Who is Lina?

Born in Cambodia to parents trapped by poverty and poor medical care, Lina's start in life was already difficult. But when she suffered severe injury to her brain as an infant, the culture said that she was a cursed child who must deserve her disability due to some evil deed done in a past life.

Lina suffered severe neglect, malnutrition and abuse, and she was left to die with little hope to live. But God did not abandon Lina. He brought a loving family to adopt Lina. This family worked hard to learn the therapy that Lina needed and to help Lina reach her greatest potential. They focused on Lina's abilities rather than her disabilities and gave her every opportunity to enjoy her life. Though she never learned to walk, she learned to read and communicate. She loved princesses and pink and Peppa Pig.



Her family introduced her to Jesus so that she could know the love of her Creator. They loved her. They valued her. They treated her as the princess that God made her to be. Meeting and knowing Lina and her family was what inspired Heap and Jennifer Him to also adopt children with disabilities and to learn the therapy their disabled children needed to reach their full potential and to enjoy their lives. Heap and Jennifer then began Therapy Training Loving Care (now Lina's Hope) in response to the needs of disabled children and families in their community.

In loving memory and deep gratitude to Lina, we pray that Lina's hope will achieve what would be Lina's hope for all disabled Cambodian children...to be valued, to be loved, to be introduced to Jesus, and to be given an opportunity to become all that they can be.

**Potluck luncheon this Sunday; please bring one each
of a large hot and a cold dish to share then stay
to learn about this mission helping
children to develop to their fullest
potential and enjoy life.**



Every year the Mennonite Central Committee has a campaign to collect coins and donations for a project of the year. This year funds will be used to find safe, clean water and to dig wells or build dams to accommodate the water needs of many people around the globe who do not have access to this life necessity. Please be in prayer for this project and give as you can to help bring life-sustaining water to quench thirst and to ease the burden of fetching water from afar for cleaning, laundry, and sanitation. We are richly blessed to have plentiful and safe water in our country which we all too often take for granted.

Start digging through your cars, sofa, drawers, etc., to find abandoned change which can be turned into a rich blessing. Set aside change you receive when making purchases to give from now until the PA Relief Sale on March 31 and April 1. If the Lord leads, you can even give paper money or write checks for greater amounts. Checks should be made payable to the PA Relief Sale and noted for the *My Coins Count* drive then placed into the church mailbox of Roger and Holly Myers.

Thanks for an Outstanding Chili Cook-Off

Slate Hillers, you did it again! You met the food shortage by donating 21 pots of chili and desserts, in addition to many corn breads. The joyful event raised \$1,895 for the ministry of Bridge of Hope, Harrisburg Area to assist single homeless women and their children. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Nancy Nisly

Did you go home with a “strange” crockpot lid? Myrna Eshleman is looking for hers; the one returned to her does not belong to her crockpot. Please check with her to make the switch so each of your pots work correctly.

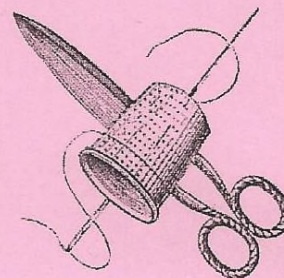
The church kitchen has also “inherited” a nice paring knife in recent weeks. If you left yours, please check with Cindy Musselman or Fran Leiter to retrieve it.



QUILTER'S ATTIC at the PA MCC RELIEF SALE

March 31 & April 1, 2017 Harrisburg, PA

QUILTER'S ATTIC at the PA Relief Sale is accepting donations of your no longer needed / unused quilt supplies and unfinished quilt projects.



DONATION SITE is the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop

Clearly mark items: QUILTER'S ATTIC

QUILTER'S ATTIC is collecting quilt-related items – the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room.

finished/unfinished quilt tops

fabric – cotton, flannel, wool, crazy quilt
(neckties, satin, velvet, etc)

finished/unfinished quilt blocks

quilt magazines

old and damaged quilts

quilt books

quilting supplies and tools

notions – buttons, wooden spools,
scissors, pin cushions, old trims,
thimbles, sewing baskets

linens – dresser scarves,
pillowcases, tablecloths,
chenille bedspreads,
doilies, potholders,
handkerchiefs, and aprons

quilt patterns – new or old,

cloth sacks – feed, flour, salt, sugar

Kansas City Star,
stencils (piecing & quilting)

**Place items in
designated box
under the mail-
boxes.
Thanks.**

DONATION SITE: Donations are being accepted for Quilter's Attic **ALL YEAR LONG** at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop located at 707 W. Main, New Holland, PA.
Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4:30pm, closed Sunday.

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED: QUILTER'S ATTIC

QUESTIONS??? For pick-up in the Harrisburg Area, call Cathy Irwin (717) 254-6855

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Wendy Witter (610) 285-2948

Thelma Olinger (610) 857-5167
Janice Horning (717) 445-5687

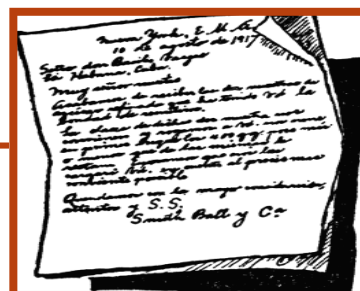
LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE



You won't want to miss the March 19th Worship Service! The Lancaster Mennonite High School Campus Chorale will be edifying us in song that morning. This large choir of accomplished singers has traveled the East Coast sharing in song and music. Check them out on You Tube!



This letter was received from Sara Wagner, a Messiah graduate, who was involved with Slate Hill's partnership with Cumberland Vista while she was in school.



"I am so glad that Slate Hill Mennonite elected to partner with the residents of Cumberland Vista almost a decade ago. It was a great opportunity for me to realize I loved working with intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. And it gave me great experience for the job I was offered today!! In March 2017, I was offered to be the Program Specialist for Typical Life Corporation, a residential and day program facility for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The day program is a place for the individuals to learn job and life skills and get individuals into the community to live lives just like anyone else. The position is going to be a lot of paperwork but also a good amount of interacting with the individuals and I'll finally be using my degree! I think it seems like a great opportunity and I'm very excited!

Thanks for everything, Slate Hill!"

Thank You!

In August 2016, our god-daughter Elizabeth Rockwell, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. This diagnosis came after nearly a year of testing, as her cancer did not present itself in known symptoms. The doctors did not know whether it was blood born or from her bone marrow, so it was decided to treat it as Stage 4.

With each step of the treatment process, Elizabeth encountered new challenges and complications, including blood clots, nausea and many other setbacks. Her spirits and hope were slowly sinking. But we - and you - all kept praying.

Prior to her last chemo treatment, a pet scan was scheduled to check the state of her cancer, and amazingly, there was no cancer apparent on the scan!

She completed her last chemo treatment on Dec. 16, the day before her 24th birthday. She rang the "I'm done with chemo bell" at the Hershey cancer center and prepared for her next step - radiation.

She finished radiation treatments on Feb. 9, and received permission from her doctor to go to work again. She is considered to be in remission.

We thoroughly believe this miracle came about because of everyone's prayers and thoughts. Not that we don't want more prayers, but we wanted to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for Elizabeth through the truly dark hours. We believe her remission is truly a testimony to God's power to answer our prayers.

Lorraine & Kirrk Kobold



WALTER, Calvin & Nancy	03/08
STOLTZFUS, Jeremy & Stacy	03/25
LEITER, Ray & Fran	03/26
ZIMMERMAN, Eric & Diana	03/28
WEIGEL, George & Susan	03/31



PETERSHEIM, Stacy	03/01
HOWER, Brantley	03/02
SHERTZER, Isaac	03/02
CROFT, RuthAnn	03/05
CHUBB, Amalia Johanna	03/06
ALANIZ, Sophie	03/09
CHRONISTER, Ira	03/11
GUTSHALL, Karen	03/11
MAYES, Sara	03/11
MYERS, Jared	03/12
CHRONISTER, Ivan	03/13
ISSOUFOU, Thomas	03/15
ZIMMERMAN, Rachael	03/17
BENI, Lameck	03/18
WITMER, Chris (Cumberland Vista)	03/18
FASICK, Ellie	03/20
MUSSELMAN, Richard	03/22
STATLER, Lisa	03/22
MYERS, Ben	03/24
ZIMMERMAN, Janet	03/24
SOLLENBERGER, Ira	03/25
MYERS, Megan	03/26
BECK, Bridgette	03/29
LY, Joshua	03/29
MARTINEZ, Jonathan	03/29
ONELANGSY, Faith	03/31

CHICKEN BBQ!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017



On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Slate Hill will host its next Chicken BBQ. This event draws many community folk up the hill. Many volunteers are needed to make it a success and leave a positive impression with our patrons. There are small jobs and bigger jobs, each being important and necessary. Ways you can help are listed below.

Friday, April 21, 2017, 6:00-7:30/8:00PM

- ◆ Wrap potatoes in foil, tally, and pack ovens.
- ◆ Place cookies in zip lock bags.
- ◆ Place applesauce on trays.
- ◆ Set up picnic area, place directional, exit and thank you signs.
- ◆ Place tables and coolers in church lobby.

Saturday, April 22, 2017 (various times)

- ◆ **GRILL CHICKEN** (8 volunteers needed) starting at 6:00AM.
- ◆ **BAKE POTATOES** (2 volunteers needed) one at 8:00AM, second one at 10:00AM.
- ◆ **FLAG "Person"** (1 volunteer needed) to direct all traffic.
- ◆ **GREETER** (1 volunteer needed) Welcomes customers; gives out numbers and BBQ and Slate Hill information.
- ◆ **RUNNERS** (3 volunteers needed) Take orders, receive payment, give change
- ◆ **MANAGER** (4)volunteers needed) Receives order from designated runner, follows order through assembly line, and delivers to customer with a smile and a thank you.
- ◆ **CHICKEN PACKERS** (3 volunteers needed) one to bag the chicken, two others record temperatures & close chicken bags.
- ◆ **ASSEMBLY LINE WORKERS** (12-16 volunteers needed) package potatoes, rolls & butter, applesauce, cookies, utensils, wipes, beverages, place dinners in bags.
- ◆ **BANKER** (1 volunteer needed) supplies runners with change as needed and gives the greeter numbers.
- ◆ **POWER WASH GRILLS** (2 volunteers needed)
- ◆ **CLEAN UP** (8 volunteers needed) Start at Noon. Take down all signs, tables, clean and dry all coolers, put leftover supplies away, dump trash in dumpsters.

*Please sign-up at the bulletin board to volunteer your love
and time to make this event a success.
Profits support mission efforts.*

Questions about the BBQ? Contact Ulli Klemm at ulliklemm@yahoo.com
or (717) 458-5133.

Do you *Dvu* ? A Divine Love Story

Lee Bramlett was working with the Hdi language of Cameroon. He noticed that verbs in Hdi had three forms. But when he came to the word for “love”, he could only find *dva* and *dvi*, but no *dvu*.

So Lee asked the Hdi translation committee about these words.

Dva – to love someone as because they treat you well

Dvi – used to love someone, but not anymore **Dvu** - ???

They laughed. “No one would *dvu*. If you *dvu*’d your wife, you’d have to love her even if she wouldn’t fetch water for you or cook your meals. Even if she committed adultery. It just doesn’t happen.”



Lee thought for a minute. How could they translate John 3:16 “For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only Son?”

Then Lee asked the men, “**Could God *dvu* people?**”

Silence for several minutes. Then tears started to trickle down the faces of these elderly men. Finally they responded, “Do you know what this means? This means that **God continued to love us, even though we kept on sinning against Him.**”

Through a single letter in the word *dvu*, God revealed to the Hdi of Cameroon just how much He loves them.

Not “I love you because of what you do and who you are,” but “**I love you no matter what.**”

From <https://blog.wycliffe.org/2012/08/02/god-so-dvu-d-the-world/>

When we joined Wycliffe in 1993, the Hdi people of Cameroon had no access to God’s Word in their language. Thankfully, the New Testament is now available in the Hdi language. This group of 29,000 people, mostly in Cameroon*, now have the privilege of reading and understanding John 3:16 in their own language.

*from the entry on Hdi in Lewis, M. Paul, Gary F. Simons, and Charles D. Fennig (eds.). 2016. *Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Nineteenth edition*. Dallas, Texas: SIL International. Online-version: <http://www.ethnologue.com>.

Checks should be made payable to “Wycliffe Bible Translators” at the corporate address. Please include a separate note stating: “Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Marty and Glenna Sollenberger” For online giving go to: www.wycliffe.org/partners/sollenbergers or go to: www.wycliffe.org,

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23 years of making a difference

When we joined Wycliffe in 1993, over 500 million people had no access to God's Word in their language. That number is now down to about 160 million. That's still too many, but real progress is being made in the world of Bible Translation. Just last year 26 New Testaments and Bibles were dedicated.

Wycliffe's goal is for **all** people to have access to Scripture in the language they understand best. It takes a team of national translators, translation consultants, administrators, and many other roles to complete a Bible translation. We are doing our part by providing computer support and training resources for Wycliffe Bible Translators and other cross-cultural workers.

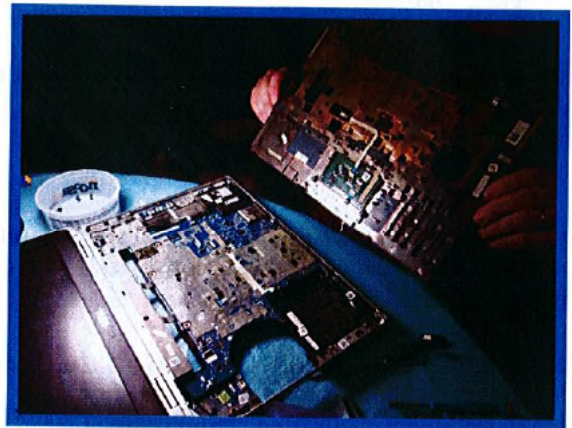
Family news

Our son **Paul turns 18 this month**. Big changes are coming as he finishes high school and prepares to go to college this fall. He has been accepted to Johnson University, where he plans to study Cross-cultural Communications Media.

Marty continues to struggle with **health issues**. We would appreciate prayer for his health, especially for sound sleep. Marty is under a doctor's care for **insomnia and sleep apnea**. Medication and a CPAP machine have helped. But getting enough sleep is still a real challenge for him.

Glenna has started working part-time at a company owned by a family at church, in addition to her assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She would appreciate prayers for **good time management**.

If you'd like to follow us on **Facebook**, find us at **Marty Sollenberger**: Wycliffe Bible Translators (there is more than one Marty Sollenberger on Facebook), and **Glenna Murray Sollenberger**.



Marty took this laptop apart to replace the speakers

Thank You!

As we look back over the past 23 years, we are excited to see what God has done. Whole communities are transformed when people can read and understand God's Word for themselves. And you are a part of it through your prayers and financial support. God is using you to make a difference in the lives of Bibleless people around the world. **Thank you for being a part of this life-changing ministry!**

Marty + Glenna



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.

Late February finds me wrapping up my final regular class, Research Design and Statistics. Much to my delight, this course actually had less to do with "statistics" than my early fall Assessment course. It did, of course, examine various research methods and design structures. This class didn't have a single major assignment but rather had eight "smaller" assignments which included examining ethical and multicultural issues in research, critiquing quantitative and qualitative research studies, writing a literature review, and evaluating the effectiveness of a specific program. For several of these, I chose to focus on the construct of forgiveness. Since my STEP training, I've been interested in both the misconceptions we have about forgiveness and the transformative power that true forgiveness can hold. Throughout this semester, I've particularly been studying factors within oneself, between people, in a community, and surrounding an event that facilitate or hinder the forgiveness process.

At the same time, I'm also engaged in my practicum. Practicum involves a minimum of 100 on-site hours as well as coursework and runs the full semester. My practicum site is Daybreak Church. This has been a beautiful fit as I'm involved in counseling and ministry systems that directly relate to my work here at Slate Hill. I counsel individuals, married couples, and premarital couples and am also working with a family for assessment needs for a child. Additional work includes leading some marriage enrichment sessions and attending various meetings. Wednesday is my main day/evening at Daybreak, which is why I've been unable to attend Wednesday Night Out right now.

This has been an extremely challenging time. Between counseling and supervision, practicum involves at least two extra evenings away from my family each week in addition to my evening work here. The demands of both my research course and my practicum work and coursework coupled with the increased needs of our congregation right now have filled my plate to overflowing. My family and I anxiously awaits the arrival of March 4, when I will be DONE with "regular classes" and return to a more reasonable academic load, and especially May 6, when practicum will end and I'll be home more evenings. I am grateful for those of you who have supported us with your prayers and encouragement.

Finally, I have some good news to share! The only remaining portion of my program is two internships, each of which include a minimum of 300 on-site hours. These will be completed during Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. After experiencing the challenge that has come from evening appointments this semester, I prayed for daytime work, a rare opportunity for counseling interns. God provided! Late in January, I was accepted as an intern for both semesters at Messiah College's Counseling Center. While this placement presents some logistical challenges for the specific supervision I need, those pieces, too, have fallen into place. I look forward to working with young adults in this stretching period of their lives and I know I will be stretched as well as I adjust to this more clinical setting. My family and I rejoice to know that I'll be more available to them in the evenings!

Joy Fasick

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

Lamaar Widmer, Chair ('19)
Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Lynn Shertzer
Debbie Bauman ('18)
Ray Leiter ('17)
Danielle Hawley ('19)
Lyndon Hess ('19)
Ken Eshleman ('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 & Service

Ken Eshleman, Chair ('18)
Sara Chubb ('17)
Lucinda Gish ('17)
David Weaver-Zercher ('19)
Jim Mitchell ('18)
Debbie Ehrhart ('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 ('18)
Lynn Shertzer
Chris Zimmerman ('19)
Dale Weaver ('17)
Valerie Weaver-Zercher ('18)

Stewardship

Ben Fredrick, Chair ('19)
Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Mike Fasick ('18)
Brad Lamb ('19)
Rosalie Roland ('19)
Diana Zimmerman, Fin. Sec't. ('19)

Food & Fellowship

Cindy Musselman, Chair ('19)
Matt Fasick ('18)
Sandy Crouse ('19)
Fran Leiter ('17)
Lucy McAloose ('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 ('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)