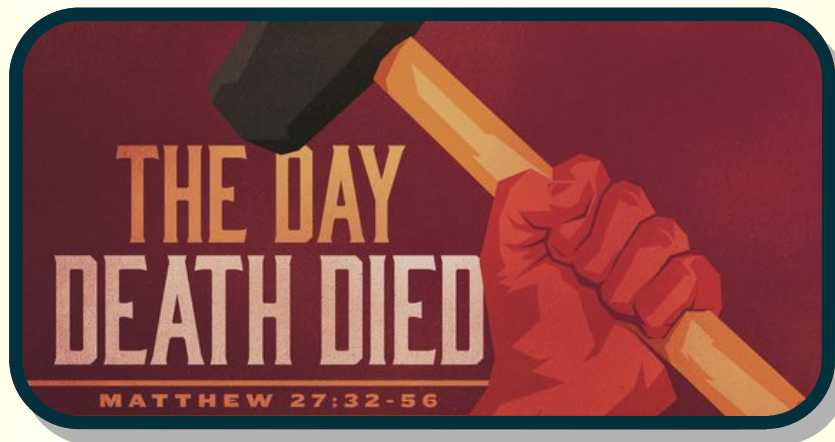


HILLTOP NEWS



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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)*

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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

- Apr. 7** Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
- Apr. 8** Service Workday at Camp Hebron ~ 8:00-1:00PM
Salmon Dinner Fundraiser for CCO, Jeremy Stoltzfus ~
5:30PM
- Apr. 14** Good Friday Tenebrae Service ~ 7:30PM
- April 16** Sunrise Service ~ 6:30AM
- Apr. 21** Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
- Apr. 22** Chicken BBQ ~ 11:00AM
- Apr. 23** Baby Shower for Mary & Kyle Hey at noon
- Apr. 25** Book Discussion Group ~ 7:00PM
- May 5** Ladies Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30AM
- May 19-21** Church Retreat at Camp Hebron
- Jun. 3** Hilltop Fun Fest 2017
- Jun. 17** Re-entry Breakfast for Soon-to-be-Released Inmates

Last Chance to Sign Up!

If you wish to attend, please sign up
at the bulletin board no later than
this Sunday, April 2nd!



Mark your calendars for Saturday
April 8th. We're planning a delicious
meal of wild Alaskan salmon and
Smoked chicken for
CCO/Jeremy Stoltzfus!
at Slate Hill Mennonite Church
Appetizers served at 5:30
Meal served at 6:00

Casting Crowns



Stacy and Rod Petersheim are
unable to attend the **Casting
Crowns** concert in Hershey. If
you are interested in purchasing
their tickets for the Friday, April
28th, 7:00 performance at the
Giant Center, please TEXT Stacy
at [717-802-1756](tel:717-802-1756).

The tickets were purchased for
\$25.50 each.

Congratulations!



SEITZ, Gene & Dottie	04/14
GISH, Dwayne & Lucinda	04/20
FLEISCHER, Ed & Patricia	04/23
WHITE, William & Patricia	04/29

You're invited!

Baby Shower

for

Mary & Kyle Hey

Sunday, April 23

Noon

Church Fellowship Hall

Mary & Kyle are
registered at Target and
expecting a baby girl in
early June.



Pancakes and Pollinators



Raised \$1,000.00 for tech4Tanzania

Have you heard of the legendary urban philosophy valuing the importance of the smallest things for their impact in the grand scheme of creation? Maybe not. It goes something like this, “The energy of a butterfly moving its wings in flight in Africa is transmitted across the seas to become a hurricane across the North American continent.” Lesson: Pay attention to the small things - they sometimes have huge consequences.

Slate Hill's Wellness Committee was planning another spring program with our own George Weigel, renowned “Garden Guru” for a Saturday in March. At the same time in the home of Randy Barr and Anne-Rose Reeves, the tech4Tanzania board was wondering how to pay for another shipment of requested materials to Christian friends in Tanzania.

It costs about \$14,000 for each shipment (there have been three thus far) for equipment repairs, storage, and intercontinental transportation. Our current growing collection for shipping includes new study Bibles and other supplies for the Churches; computers for the Church-related schools; hospital equipment and nursing books for the medical teams; and treadle sewing machines for a women's sewing cooperative. The tech4Tanzania board agreed God is calling them to move forward in this endeavor and funds must be raised to deliver the goods.

A love of pancakes set the stage for the next fund raising activity. “Who, when, and where,” were the words dominating the conversation. We wondered if it might be possible to piggy-back on George's garden talk at Slate Hill in March. Prayer, planning, and permissions led to *Pancakes and Pollinators*, a tasty breakfast followed by an informative and entertaining presentation by George suggesting ways to increase the population of pollinators for a positive impact upon our gardens, orchards, and field crops.

By the grace of God and the generosity of breakfast patrons, tech4Tanzania raised \$1,000, had lots of fun, brought people to hear George, and worked side-by-side with people of different Christian communities. The place was a buzz with joy and thanksgiving!

Submitted by Randy Barr

CHICKEN BBQ!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017



On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Slate Hill will host its next Chicken BBQ. This event draws many folks 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) Welcome customers; give out numbers and information sheets.
- ◆ **RUNNERS** (3 volunteers needed) Take orders, receive payment, give change
- ◆ **MANAGER** (4 volunteers needed) Receive order from designated Runner, follow order through assembly line, and deliver 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, and beverages; place dinners in bags.
- ◆ **BANKER** (1 volunteer needed) Supplies runners with change and greeter with numbers.
- ◆ **POWER WASH GRILLS** (2 volunteers needed)
- ◆ **CLEAN UP** (8 volunteers needed) Start at noon. Take down all signs and tables; wash and sanitize chicken boxes; 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](tel:7174585133).

Friends of Shirati: Catching God's Vision of Human Flourishing



Children whose family members are Shirati Hospital patients, or who are patients themselves, enjoy the swings funded by a group of Slate Hill members.

banquet and out of gratitude for their conceit. Rather, in humility value others each of you to the interests of the others.” The almost \$50,000 raised in conjunction with the banquet will go the medical and educational work of the hospital.

Slate Hill members have supported Friends of Shirati in a variety of ways, including attending the banquet. Another recent example is the generous donation of a small group of members via a Christmas giving project in the winter of 2014-15. Their donation helped to fund the construction of a play area outside of a new pediatric ward (see photographs). The Christmas giving project also helped to fund the pediatric ward expansion, which enables each child to have her or his own bed rather than sharing with another child, as well as the general children's assistance fund, which pays the hospital bills for families that can't afford to pay.

Dale Ressler, the volunteer executive director of Friends of Shirati who attends Slate Hill, says he is inspired by the generosity of those who support the work of the hospital. “It's almost as if we can hear God say, ‘When I was sick, you provided me with reasonable medical facilities, a bed to recover in, and medicines to make me well. Well done, you good and faithful servants.’” For more information about the work of Friends of Shirati, talk to Dale Ressler or Valerie Weaver-Zercher.

Submitted by Valerie Weaver-Zercher

What does God's vision of human flourishing look like? At the annual Friends of Shirati banquet, held on March 11, 165 people caught a glimpse of the healing work of the staff of the Shirati Hospital. A nonprofit that supports the work of Shirati Hospital, Friends of Shirati is committed to helping the people of the North Mara region of Tanzania flourish through educational, medical, and sustainable development assistance. At the banquet, held at The Gathering Place in Mount Joy, Dr. Bwire Chirangi, medical officer in charge of the Shirati Hospital, and his wife, Violeth Chirangi, who directs the leprosy program, gave presentations about their work and the efforts of their colleagues. Dr. Chirangi shared how the recent installation of a solar-powered water pump, which enables the hospital to have running water all the time, and a solar electricity project, which makes the hospital energy independent, have transformed their work. He also shared several goals for the hospital, including establishing a neonatal unit, installing dental and eye clinics, and removing asbestos roofing. Chirangi shared Philippians 2:3-4 as an encouragement to those at the

generosity: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” The almost \$50,000 raised in conjunction with the banquet will go the medical and educational work of the hospital.



A seesaw, funded by donations from Slate Hill members, provides fun for children at Shirati Hospital.



BIRTHDAYS

FASICK, Darlene	04/01
SPRINGER, Roger	04/01
MALAY, Lucia	04/02
SACHS, Austin	04/02
STOLTZFUS, Nathan	04/02
KLEMM, Theda	04/04
MUSSELMAN, Gene	04/04
BURKHOLDER, James	04/06
REEVES, Anne	04/09
HAWLEY, Chris	04/10
MYERS, Duane	04/10
SOLLENBERGER, Erma	04/11
BEATES, Kennedy	04/12
MILLER, Sterling	04/16
VIRAYA, Keomani	04/16
ZOOK, Leland	04/18
DILLER, John	04/21
LAMB, Isaac	04/21
PETERSHEIM, Elise	04/21
WEAVER, Debbie	04/21
WHITE, Nick	04/21
EBY, John	04/23
WERNER, Veronica	04/25
ESHLEMAN, Myrna	04/26
NISLY, Paul	04/27
WIDMER, Lamarr	04/27
REXROTH, Tequala	04/28
SIMCOX, Jane	04/30



Camp Hebron's Boots and Blue Jeans 5th Annual Auction

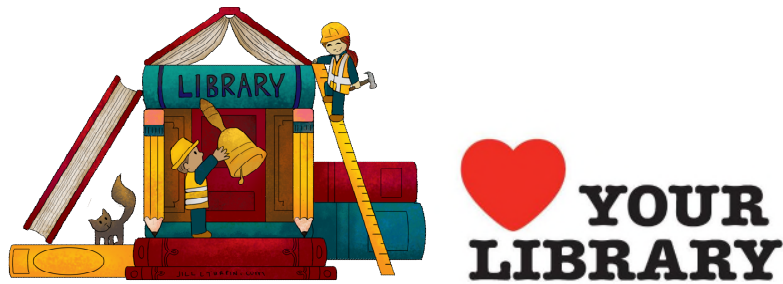
Thursday, April 20th, 5:30-9:00PM

Come out for a fun night of food, fellowship, a silent auction, and bidding "wars" at the live auction! Barn tours of the new horse facility will also be available; see what God is doing through the horsemanship program. Childcare with fun activities will be available too so adults can enjoy the auction.

There will be 100+ silent auction items available at 5:30 you can browse and bid on while enjoying picnic-style hors d'oeuvres. The live auction will begin at 7:00 and will include multiple cruise opportunities and get-aways such as Cape Cod; a Maine hide away; a trip to Boston; Disney World; and several more! There will be items for the home, pet care, sports and entertainment, art, jewelry, crafts, clothing, food, toys, spa and beauty packages, memorabilia, services, and a host of other things. You can preview and even bid online by going to: [https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?](https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?auctionId=265226635&grouping=ALL)

[auctionId=265226635&grouping=ALL](https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/item/browse.action?auctionId=265226635&grouping=ALL) Check out the many items supporters have donated or those solicited from commercial establishments having a heart for supporting the horsemanship program which has been such a blessing to so many. In fact, if you wish to donate anything for the auction, please contact Patti Forker at the camp for more information and deadlines; pat-timforker@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, you can do that online also.

This lively event is something you should experience at least once! See you there?



The following article from your church Librarians is meant to familiarize anyone who hasn't yet explored our Library with its location and function. It is our hope after reading this you will visit the Library.

"If he shall not lose his reward who gives a cup of cold water to his thirsty neighbor, what will not be the reward of those who by putting good books into the hands of those neighbors, open to them the fountains of eternal life?" Thomas A. Kempis

Good books... fountains of eternal life! Who of us wouldn't love to bestow on our friends and neighbors, or experience for ourselves, "fountains of eternal life"? How often have you finished a good book and felt like you didn't want to turn the last page; feeling your soul refreshed, but thirsting for more? If you've experienced this, you can find enjoyment like it again; if this is a new thought to you, you are missing a huge opportunity right under your nose - or we might say "under your feet", when on the main floor of Slate Hill Church! In case you don't know, our Library is located on the lower level to the left of the elevator.

INVITATION:

YOU ARE INVITED to come and experience our church Library where more than 2,000 treasures await you! No matter what your age or interests, be assured, there will be something to peak your curiosity.

SECTIONS:

Browsers are more than welcome, but if, for instance, your particular interest is in stories of great Christians, former presidents, sports figures, missionaries, or other believers, check out the BIOGRAPHY or AUTO-BIOGRAPHY section.

The FICTION section holds many good works by great fiction writers, such as Michael Phillips, Karen Kingsbury, Richard Paul Evans, Ervin Stutzman, and Lorie Wick. If you are into continuing stories, you'll enjoy the great series collections found in this section.

By far, the largest and most broadly defined section is NON-FICTION, where books of almost any genre can be found shelved according to the Dewey decimal system. Bibles and other Biblical resources can be found in the 220 numbers with the vast majority of non-fiction works in the 248's or Christian Living category.

Two other sections, smaller but just as significant, are our EASY and JUVENILE sections. Easy books are for children ages three to seven and are located on shelves under the island in the Library. Juvenile section books would be for readers ages eight through adolescence. A number of

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good series books are included here, and we're always looking for new material for this age group. You might consider donating a book or DVD to either of these age groups as a birthday gift that keeps on giving.

MAGAZINES and PERIODICALS, such as Mennonite World Review and The Mennonite, published by our church press, as well as others, such as Christianity Today, Sojourners, National Geographic Children's magazine, etc., are also available for your enjoyment on the shelves to the left as you enter the Library.

A fine comprehensive REFERENCE section awaits your perusal while in the Library. These items may be checked out for a week.

COMPUTERIZING:

Your Library team is busy working on computerizing all the resources of the Library and it is a huge, time-consuming undertaking. We are blessed with fine computer equipment and a user-friendly software program for which we are grateful. However, there are many other tasks besides data entry that get sidestepped and consequently, create a backlog. For this reason, we are requesting you hold books and other materials you want to donate until further notice; the exception—if you have recently published materials, contact a member of the Library Team. We do rely on donations for most of our resources and appreciate them tremendously.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

In the interest of saving time for Librarians, there are some items we prefer NOT to receive:

- Books that have been marked or written in
- Books with faded covers or dirty, brittle pages
- Inappropriate subject matter
- Daily devotional books
- Large coffee-table books
- Bible study booklets
- Leaflets
- Puzzle books
- Fill in the blanks books
- VHS videos
- Cassette tapes

If you have resources you're uncertain of, please feel free to ask the team before presenting them to the Library.

SHELF ARRANGEMENT:

An issue we've faced occasionally is the arrangement of books on the shelves. It seems some people feel the books look best when pushed to the back of the shelf. We kindly request this not be done as it interferes with good visibility of the books and takes extra time for the Librarians to pull books evenly towards the outer edges of shelves so they can be seen easily.

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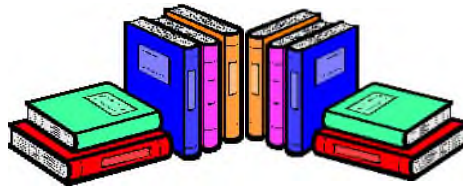
PROMOTIONALS:

Finally, we are planning some promotional activities for the Library - you will be made aware of them when you visit the Library to check out some books!

Another way we try to promote the Library is to display books and materials on the island that reflect certain holidays and times of the year. So, do check out the displays and feel free to take along anything on the display; they are there for your reading and/or listening pleasure.

We welcome your presence and input concerning the Library, for it truly is YOUR Library!

The Library Team,
Dottie Seitz, Kathy Krug, Lucinda Gish



GOOD FRIDAY

BREAKFAST OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to come to a Good Friday breakfast on April 14th at 6:45 at the First Church of God Community Center at 201 E Green Street in Mechanicsburg. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-8; there is no cost for younger children. Randy Barr will be speaking at the service and Shami Beni will be playing his saxophone. Tickets may be purchased from either Lorraine or Ben Myers.





Hilltop Fun Fest is a free community event that provides guests with an opportunity to connect, relax and have fun. This night out includes food, music, games, kids' activities and more, all with absolutely no cost to attendees.

Goals:

Our hope is that Hilltop Fun Fest:

- Builds and strengthen relationships – within families, within the community and between partner organizations
- Allows us to practice hospitality – providing all guests with a sense of welcome and hospitality regardless of their religious beliefs or church affiliation.
- Demonstrates Christ's love – Hilltop Fun Fest is one way we can freely give to others the way God has freely given to us. It's an amazing opportunity to tangibly show Christ's love to our community.

EVERYONE is welcome at Hilltop Fun Fest, though we place an emphasis on inviting and attracting families and individuals who may benefit from a free night out (due to limited economic resources or other circumstances) or who do not currently have a home church.

Event Details:

The event will be held on **Saturday, June 3 from 5-8:30pm** at Slate Hill Mennonite Church in Camp Hill.

Entertainment includes children's crafts and games, a bounce house, a petting zoo, train rides, face painting, interactive displays from local service organizations, a fire truck, a cornhole tournament, café, live music and a sky lantern launch.

Food includes a full chicken barbecue dinner; carnival food and snacks such as hot dogs, snowcones, popcorn, and fresh fruit; and an ice cream truck with various novelties.

All guests also receive prizes that encourage creativity, activity, and togetherness.

Join the HFF Team:

Hilltop Fun Fest is staffed by volunteers who sign up via a website. Each volunteer chooses his or her own time slots and service activities and can serve in as many areas as they choose. **If you have interest in volunteering at this event, please register here <https://goo.gl/forms/EZUmsa7Dq5mUTM2F2>.** For any additional questions, please contact us at hilltop-funfest@gmail.com.

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)

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Ken Eshleman, Chair ('18)
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Lucinda Gish ('17)
David Weaver-Zercher ('19)
Jim Mitchell ('18)
Debbie Ehrhart ('18)

Trustees

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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)

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Diana Zimmerman, Fin. Sec't. ('19)

Food & Fellowship

Cindy Musselman, Chair ('19)
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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)
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Isaac Shertzer ('18)
Ed White ('19)

Wellness Committee

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

Gifts Discernment Committee

Stacy Petersheim, Chair ('19)
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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)