

HILLTOP NEWS



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

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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

July 4-8	MCUSA Convention (Sr. High)
July 5	Wednesday Walking Club ~ See Schedule, page 4
July 12	Wednesday Walking Club
July 19	Wednesday Walking Club
July 26	Wednesday Walking Club
Aug. 2	Wednesday Walking Club
Aug. 9	Wednesday Walking Club
Aug. 16	Wednesday Walking Club
Sept. 9	Chicken BBQ ~ 11:00AM
Sept 13	Wednesday Night Out (WNO) Resumes
Sept. 17	Ordination Celebration for Joy Fasick
Oct. 22	CROP Walk

MCC Sewing Group Donates Lunches for New Hope Ministry's Children's Summer Program



New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg invited groups to provide one lunch (or more) for the summer children's program. Praise God, all dates were filled fairly rapidly so staff could concentrate on programming needs rather than on how to feed many little mouths!

Some of the MCC Sewing Group ladies are stepping away from their sewing tasks long enough to shop, make, and deliver lunches to New Hope for the summer program. Sandwich-making volunteers will gather early at the church on July 25th to make sandwiches and prepare a veggie snack; several others are donating luncheon items while many others are donating money toward expenses. The lunches will be delivered to the Mechanicsburg center by 9:00AM.

What a privilege to serve God while little ones are being exposed to the Gospel!

Submitted by Fran Leiter



Slate Hill Walking Club 2017



Break out your walking shoes to join the Slate Hill Wednesday evening Walking Club this summer. Print out and refer to the schedule on the next page then gather at the designated walk point by 6:45 to step off at 7:00PM. Walks each week will be hosted by folks from Slate Hill and will traverse local neighborhoods or community parks, most have playgrounds. Don't miss the fun! Enjoy the fellowship, fresh air and fitness boost by participating in the Walking Club as your weekly schedule permits. Contact Barb Springer at 717-691-0626 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Barb Springer

2017 Wednesday Walking Club Schedule

DATE	COMMUNITY	ADDRESS	TERRAIN	HOST
7-Jun	Lower Allen	3 Locust Rd Camp Hill	paved	Rich & Jen Musselman
14-Jun	Franklin Twp Park	128 Century Lane Dillsburg	.33 mile loop playground, creek	Joy Fasick
21-Jun	Upper Allen	104 Lavyndon Lane Mechanicsburg	side streets	Lee & Rosalie Roland- Swim afterward
28-Jun	Pleasant View Park	90 Pleasant View Dr. Mechanicsburg	paved playground	Stacy & Rod Petersheim
5-Jul	Upper Allen	909 Hawthorn Ave. Mechanicsburg	side streets	Ken and Myrna Eshleman
12-Jul	Winding Hills Development	837 Northern Spy Dr. Mechanicsburg	side streets & park path	Dale & Debbie Weaver
19-Jul	Silver Spring Near 81 & 114	5 Kelly Dr. Carlisle	side street, 2 miles	Roger & Barb Springer
26-Jul	West Shore E Free Church	1345 Williams Grove Rd., Mechanicsburg	rolling walking path	Eric & Diana Zimmerman
Aug. 2	West Shore E Free Church	1345 Williams Grove Rd., Mechanicsburg	rolling walking path	Lynn & Dawn Shertzer
Aug. 9	Roof Park	579 Lewisberry Rd New Cumberland	.5 mile loop playground	Richard & Linda Mininger
Aug. 16	Messiah College	parking lot by covered	paved and unpaved	Valerie & Dave Weaver- Zercher

Lace Your Shoes to Feed the Hungry



Mark your calendars for the 2017 CROP Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2017. The CROP Walk will start and end at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 177 West Keller Street, Mechanicsburg. It will feature a 5k run/walk with Registration at 1:00PM followed by an Opening Program at 1:15PM then kick-off the run/walk at 1:30PM.

Representatives from more than a dozen local churches took part in last year's CROP Walk including First United Methodist, Hope United Methodist, Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren, Olivet United Methodist, Mechanicsburg Presbyterian, St. John Lutheran, St. Mark Lutheran, Mt. Shepherdstown United Methodist, St. Peter's Lutheran, Slate Hill Mennonite, and Trindle Springs Lutheran Church.

Last year, the largest group of fundraising volunteers came from St. John Lutheran Church with 25 walkers. Would you give of your time and fellowship to top that number? It would be thrilling to see 50 or more Slate Hillers turn out for this time of fellowship and fundraising effort to help feed the hungry! Any small groups up to it? Perhaps even a picnic afterward? In recent years, over 20 Slate Hillers joined the CROP Walk; however, last year only 11 of more than 150 participants came from Slate Hill. Participants included Matt Fasick, Ben Fasick, David Heibert, Ron, Rhoda and Christina Hershey, Ulli Klemm, Carl Lehman, and Bonnie, Dean and Noreen Lehman.



Save the date and contact Ulli Klemm in September to register.



Buddies Sought for Cumberland Vista Outing

Last summer, Slate Hillers and some of Ulli's friends teamed up to take the residents of Cumberland Vista to Knoebel's Amusement Park. For most of the residents, this was their first-ever visit to an amusement park. Having enough buddies for each resident enabled the group to split up; the more sedentary persons enjoyed relaxed rides while the more adventurous hit action rides and roller coasters.

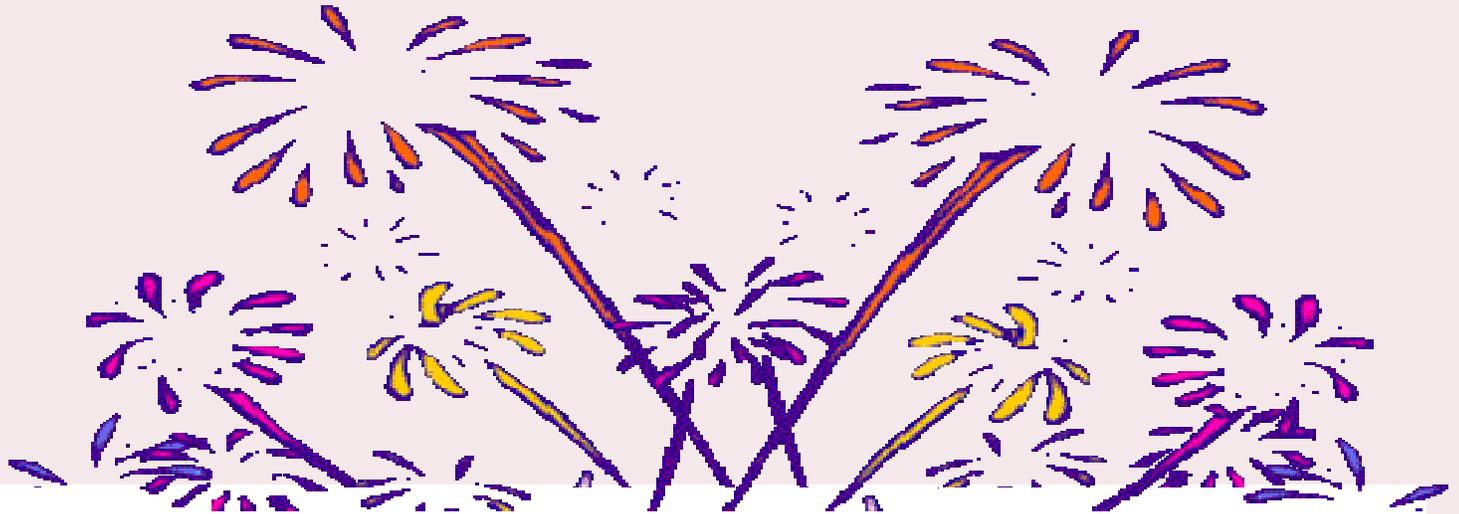
It was such a great hit with Cumberland Vista residents we are going again this year! You are invited to buddy-up with a resident for the adventure set for Monday, August 14th. We will leave Slate Hill by 9:00AM. The group will enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer - rides and free musical, dance, and magic performances. Plan to eat lunch there and enjoy great company.

If you would like to be a buddy for this event, please contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8748 or ullklemm@yahoo.com.

Thanks.



Last year, Jason, Jimmy and Derek were all smiles at Knoebels!



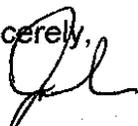
John W. Eby
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June 8, 2017

Cook Book Committee
Slate Hill Mennonite Church
1352 Slate Hill Rd,
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Thank you so much for making a contribution to Bridge of Hope in Joyce's name from the sale of cookbooks. Joyce would have been so pleased both for the fine cookbook you produced and for your decision to support Bridge of Hope. It goes without saying that it means a lot to me, too.

Please share my appreciation with the committee and if it is possible with the entire congregation. Bridge of Hope is doing a great service and the support of Slate Hill is very important to them.

Sincerely,

John W. Eby



CHRISTIAN RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES and SOCIAL SERVICES (CROSS) ~ Celebrate the Journey ~

The parent organization of Cumberland Vista, CROSS INC, invites Slate Hill to celebrate their 30 year anniversary. CROSS is based in Shippensburg but operates three Christian group homes in Central PA, including Cumberland Vista in Dillsburg, for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Slate Hillers are invited by CROSS to participate with and/or sponsor the residents as they WALK FOR LOVE on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at 9:30am at the Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle PA 17015.

A postcard announcing this event is on the bulletin board. Contact Ulli Klemm for more information.

BBQ Committee Continues Work Long After the Coals have Died

Members of the ad-hoc Chicken BBQ Committee met in June for the purposes of evaluating the April BBQ and making recommendations to the church board for BBQ fund disbursements. The disbursements will be made public once the church board acts on the recommendations.

Those present at the June 21st meeting included: Carl Lehman, Bob Saline, Joy Fasick, Fran and Ray Leiter, Paul Zimmerman and Ulli Klemm. Several decisions were made including the following:

- ◇ At the September BBQ, in an effort to keep cars from dangerously lining up on our hill or idling along Slate Hill Road, we will experiment with directing traffic through the cemetery.
- ◇ All chicken boxes will be stenciled with "Slate Hill Mennonite Church" and an identifying number to help track box usage and for ease in matching boxes/lids for cleaning and storage.
- ◇ Additional boxes will be ordered and minor repairs made to existing boxes.
- ◇ Food grade 55+ gallon bags will be used to line the boxes, rather than foil, after grilling the chicken to speed-up cleaning/sanitizing after the event.
- ◇ Additional thermal gloves for handling the chicken will be purchased.
- ◇ The dates for the 2018 BBQs are: April 21, 2018 and September 15, 2018.
- ◇ Exploration of requirements and expenses for adding a roof or overhead canopy to the pit continue.

If you have any interest in attending a meeting or becoming a member of the ad-hoc committee, you will always be welcome. The committee routinely meets only once or twice a year so there is not a lot time or commitment involved. Contact Ulli Klemm or any of the above members for more information.



Is Two Dollars Enough?



"Is two dollars enough?" asked Chris Witmer one Sunday after the offering was passed. Chris, a resident of Cumberland Vista, had somehow missed placing his two one-dollar bills in the offering as it was passed. It was too late, or so it seemed. The ushers moved to collect the offering from those seated behind Chris. A panicky expression came over Chris' face as the ushers passed him a second time on the return trip to present the offering plates to the worship leader.

"What shall I do?" mimicked Chris to Ulli, from across the aisle. Chris, as all the residents of Cumberland Vista, look forward to thanking God in this way and never miss giving their offering. But not this time.

Chris looked like he was out of sorts - as if his train had derailed....but redemption was in the air! As the ushers headed back after presenting the offering, Chris waved his two dollars at them. Isaiah Zercher, one of the ushers, went the extra mile. He not only graciously received Chris' offering, but courageously returned to the front of the church and placed the gift in the offering plates.

Is two dollars enough? They are more than enough! Thank you, Chris, for your faithfulness and persistence in offering your heart and gift to the church.

-Submitted by Ulli Klemm




MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) invites applications for a Coordinator, Strategic Engagement to join their Strategic Engagement team. MEDA is an association of compassionate women and men who invest in people living in poverty around the world so they can unleash their potential to earn a livelihood to provide for their families and enrich their communities. To learn more about MEDA please visit www.meda.org. To apply to this position, visit www.meda.org/careers



HERSHEY, Erin	07/01
WIDMER, Margaret	07/01
MUSSELMAN, Gary	07/02
LY, Cassandra	07/05
DOLL, Sharon	07/08
ZIMMERMAN, Sarina	07/08
AROKO, Elam	07/10
HARKER-VISNAKOV, Ellen	07/10
ONELANGSY, Somxay	07/11
MANIVONG, Laythong	07/13
BERGEY, Matt	07/14
FASICK, Mike	07/14
QUICKEL, Bill	07/14
ZIMMERMAN, Diana	07/14
BECK, McKenna	07/15
CHUBB, Jeremy	07/15
NISLY, Nancy	07/16
HERSHEY, Ron	07/17
BARNS, Harleigh	07/18
BECHTOLD, Wayne	07/18
MANIVONG, London	07/18
LEITER, Ray	07/21
ZOOK, Milla	07/24
AROKO, Eni	07/26
BOUNMA, Philip	07/26
BECHTOLD, Debbie	07/28
WERNER, Reagan	07/28
RIDER, Grant	07/29
HERTZLER, Agnes	07/30
LAMB, Kyla	07/31
MCGRATH, Kevin	07/31
SNYDER, John	07/31

July Anniversaries

HAWLEY, Chris & Danielle	07/05
ZIMMERMAN, Christopher & Rachael	07/07
FASICK, Mike & Joy	07/18
MILLER, Caleb & Kara	07/19
NISLY, Paul & Nancy	07/19
MININGER, Richard & Linda	07/25



Up, Up, and Away with JAARS



JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service) exists to make Bible translation and language development possible, especially in the most remote and difficult places on earth. They do that by enabling locally-appropriate and sustainable solutions in transportation, technology, media, and training.

Sometimes, their boots are on the ground (or in the air, or on the water). Other times, they're providing expertise, training, logistical support, research and development, project management or funding. In all cases, they're working hand-in-hand with global field partners to identify, design, test, refine and implement solutions that can be sustained going forward.

Paul Sollenberger, son of Marty and Glenna Sollenberger (grandson of Ira and Erma Sollenberger) is on assignment July 1-23 in Brazil with a group of young MKs. You can keep abreast of the adventure by logging into this website, www.jaarsyouth.org. Paul also has his own blog you can follow at: <https://hiddenvanguard.blogspot.com/>.



Paul appreciates you being a part of his journey and extends his thanks for your support, both in prayer and finance, as he serves in Brazil. He would be delighted to directly communicate with you by email: Psollenberger1@gmail.com.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:4a

Slate Hill Volunteers Needed to Staff Carnival Games



On Friday, July 7, 2017 from 9:15-11:30AM, Ulli Klemm will facilitate carnival games (many which are used for the Spring Fling) for the adults who frequent the Life Time Adult Day Care off the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. About 15 volunteers are needed to help run the games and Ulli invites you (and/or your kids) to lend a hand. Kids will do just fine and are a delight to the day-care clients.

Many of the clients who frequent this daycare have mild special needs and some are just frail and older. But they all very lovable.

Ulli has volunteered each month at this day care for the past three years and he always has a great time.

All you need to do is SHOW UP by 915AM. Ulli will have the games there ahead of time. Pick one upon arrival and enthusiastically invite folks to play a game. Applaud their efforts and give them a sticker. It's that simple!

Let Ulli know if you can help and invite your friends as well!

Life Time Adult Day Care is located at 3 Crossgate Drive in Mechanicsburg. Crossgate Drive is a small road that sits between Denny's and T-Mobile on the Carlisle Pike. It is located on the first floor of the large National Recovery Agency (NRA) office building behind Denny's on the back-side of that building.

Ulli can be contacted at [\(724\) 464-8748](tel:7244648748) or ulliklemm@yahoo.com



Senator's Baseball Game a FIRST for Some



Picnic lunches. Sunny skies. Free baseball hats. What could have been a better setting for the Cumberland Vista residents to take in a Senator's Baseball game on City Island? Even though it was Father's Day, that didn't prevent the eight residents plus 13 Slate Hill volunteers from spending a glorious afternoon at the ballpark. OK, it was hot, and sunscreen was needed, but nonetheless, a good time was had by all.

For Theresa Dixon, a newer resident of Cumberland Vista and for Slate Hill volunteer, Eliezer, this was their FIRST ever experience at a baseball game. Volunteers Bob and Debra Saline, Matt Bergey, Joshua Dean, Richard Mininger, Cindy and Gary Musselman and Theda and Ulli Klemm served as buddies for each resident. This included serving them hoagie sandwiches and drinks on City Island before the game, sitting with them during the game and assisting with snack and bathroom breaks.

Funds from the Cumberland Vista Checking Account as well as individual donations helped fund the event. The Senator's box office, which has been so gracious each time Cumberland Vista has visited the ballpark, gave each resident a new baseball cap, stirring jealous feelings in Ulli who didn't get one (smile)!

Even though the Senators lost to the Richmond Flying Squirrels by a score of 5 - 3, it was still a great afternoon. Thank you to those who made this event possible by their generous financial support and their time!

The following comments from staff at Cumberland Vista are of special interest.

"Thank you for all that Slate Hill does. Our residents love spending time with the Slate Hill volunteers. Going to the game was a FIRST for Theresa who had never been to a baseball game before." - Nancy Benson

"I was so glad to do what little I could do and to drive the gang over to City Island! I really enjoy taking the crew to Slate Hill and seeing our family there." - Donna Jean Phillips

Submitted by Ulli Klemm



Josh Dean with his bird friend.



A TAPESTRY OF GOD

Have you ever sat back in amazement and contemplated the tapestry God is weaving with your life? You may have recently received a letter from Ray Leiter advising you of a God-opportunity to assist with tuition needs for Eliezer Mwankenja, a young Tanzanian man pursuing a Computer Science degree at Messiah College. But if I may, I'd like to step back in time and show you some of the ways God has been at work, weaving multiple lives together, to produce a lovely tapestry.

Who would have thought the lives of a shy young Kansas farm girl (Frances Schafer) and a brash boy (Raymond Leiter) from PA would intertwine? Ray was stationed at Forbes Air Force base in Topeka, KS where he met Fran at Washburn University while they were taking evening classes. They became Mr. and Mrs., but it became clear they were unequally yoked in faith which was very troubling to Fran. She, along with other family members and friends, kept the matter in prayer through the years. On the Leiter's twelfth wedding anniversary, an Easter Sunday, prayers were answered! Ray yielded his life to Christ to become a child of God. It was not only the angels that rejoiced (Luke 15:10) that day but also the many prayer partners who had petitioned the Lord for his soul. However, Ray was not willing to completely yield his life to Christ - he did not want to be a missionary in Africa! Life went on for the Leiters, as it does for most American families, with careers and family.

For many years Ray and Fran were "church hoppers" looking for a church to meet their worship and fellowship expectations. Ray knew there were Mennonites in his family several generations earlier and Fran remembered Rosalie Roland, who attended Slate Hill Mennonite Church, from earlier years when they both had children in preschool and early elementary school years. Fran and Ray decided to visit Slate Hill to check Mennonites out more closely. God impressed upon both of them, on their very first visit, they had found their new church home! Slate Hill became the loom upon which the weaving of the tapestry would continue.

Sometime later, another thread entered the loom. A new visitor came to Slate Hill - Randy Barr. We welcomed him and chatted a bit, getting to know one another better week by week. Randy soon discovered Ray's zeal and expertise from his life-career in the computer industry, and the wheels of Randy's mind started churning! As a retired Lutheran pastor, he had traveled overseas and discovered SHUCo, a Lutheran-associated college in Mbeya, Tanzania in Africa. The college was in dire poverty but had dreams of offering a computer curriculum to provide better opportunities for African students - a new thread in the developing tapestry. God moved Randy so deeply he started a faith-ministry, tech4Tanzania, to help meet some needs

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of SHUCo. He discovered Computer Ministries in Mechanicsburg, which became yet another thread, supplying many of the coveted computers, supplies, books, etc. needed by SHUCo. But Randy needed help! He appealed to friends, neighbors, and congregants from several churches to help load a shipping container with computers and other necessary supplies to ship across the ocean to SHUCo.

Randy's enthusiasm was contagious! Stiff-necked, obstinate Ray, who never wanted any part in African missions, found himself being helplessly drawn into God's web! All he had really wanted to do was to relax and enjoy life while coasting through the rest of his retirement years. While helping Randy load the shipping container, Ray wondered aloud what SHUCo would do with all the equipment since they knew so little about it or how to set up computer labs. But, as Ray stated in his appeal letter, "You must be careful when you say something like that to Randy." because it has a way of snowballing. A frenzy of conversations and activities followed and Ray soon found himself boarding a plane to Africa, wondering how on earth it had all happened!

Even so, God was weaving more threads into the tapestry! The Provost of SHUCo, Gwamaka Mwankenja, opened his home to Ray for the month he would be working at SHUCo. The Mwankenjas had three children whom Ray would see occasionally between the challenging and frustrating hours of trying to help set up a computer lab lacking so much - even the basic hand tools nearly every American household has such as pliers, hammers, screwdrivers, etc. to do minor upkeep. Late one evening as Ray sat on the porch, scanning the barren, dusty campus contemplating the needs and work of the day, Eliezer, the eldest child of the Mwankenjas, approached him, indicating in English, his father had told him Ray was assisting with the computer lab. Eliezer was still in high school but very much interested in mathematics and computers. He asked Ray about a particular book which totally shocked Ray as he had used the exact same text book in college 42 years earlier! How could this young African student know about an American college textbook? That was the beginning of meaningful conversations about mathematics and computer science whenever their limited schedules permitted.

Ray was so impressed with Eliezer's quest for knowledge and drive to succeed, his heart was moved to do what he could to help this young man obtain an Associate's Degree in America as a stepping stone to bettering his life and that of his countrymen. Ray went to Eliezer's father asking him if he would give permission for Eliezer to come to America to study after he finished high school. At the time, Ray had absolutely no idea how to pull off such a feat! He trusted God to provide knowledgeable people to help him jump through the hoops to make it happen.

God saved Eliezer from nearly drowning when a preschooler so He must have good plans for the young man! Any seasoned Christian knows when God has a plan, Satan likes to throw in a monkey wrench to discourage or defeat us. It was no different with the plan to bring Eliezer to Pennsylvania. He needed a student visa to come to America. In order to get one, he had to travel 12 hours each way on poor, heavily travelled roads filled with reckless drivers to get to Dar Es Salaam. Money was extremely scarce for application fees and

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travel, plus, it took Mr. Mwankenja away from his work several days of the week to make the trip - a huge sacrifice. The logistics of working with USA and African State Departments, Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), and the Mwankenja family was nearly overwhelming. Eliezer was denied a visa twice and hope was fading he would be able to get one. However, on the third trip, God made it all come together and the joyful news was sent across the ocean to the Leiters.

Ray began the application process at HAAC for Eliezer and travel plans were arranged. A date was set for Eliezer to once again make the long arduous journey to Dar Es Salaam, along with his family to see him off. Satan attacked again. Tragically, just short of the airport, the Mwankenja family was involved in a dreadful accident which claimed the life of Eliezer's younger sister, Eunice. Other family members suffered minor injuries; they missed the flight and they had to regroup to return home to bury Eunice. Mr. and Mrs. Mwankenja decided Eliezer still needed to make the most of the opportunity to continue his education in America, so, in the midst of their grief and mourning, they rescheduled Eliezer's flight, requiring yet another difficult trip to the airport so far away.

It was a joy to see God safely land Eliezer at Dulles airport on New Year's Eve, 2014. We welcomed him into our home and he quickly won our hearts with his shy but warm smile and gracious demeanor. I am so grateful Eliezer could speak English - I don't know how we would have managed day to day with a language barrier! Eliezer did not disappoint us; he graduated from HAAC after making the Dean's List and being inducted into the National Honor Society. Eliezer's academic record flamed our desire to continue his education although we didn't have the funds to do so.



Meanwhile, God was still weaving those threads! Randy Barr's wife, Anne, is also a Lutheran pastor. She was a guest speaker at the church our neighbor, Ernie, attends. She spoke about serving God regardless of one's age. Unbeknownst to us, she used Ray as an example - at his ripe old age of 70! Later that summer, at a mutual neighbor's outing, Ernie approached Ray commenting on his fame! Of course, Ray had no idea what Ernie was talking about, so Ernie related how Ray's story was the topic of a sermon at his church. He was very much interested in our mission to help Eliezer obtain a Computer Science degree and he asked how he could help with Eliezer's education!

We looked upon Ernie's offer as God's way of signifying Eliezer should continue his education. Ray contacted Messiah College, which worked with us because of Eliezer's academic excellence but we still didn't have enough money to finance the semester. God came through again, providing additional funds with scholarships through tech4Tanzania and the Computer Ministry. Our dear neighbor, Ernie, promised to cover the remaining need! We are most grateful to others too who helped with transportation and prayer support in addition to making the effort and time to get to know Eliezer better. Eliezer finished the semester, again doing very well, even while working on campus in addition to carrying a full class schedule.

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Eliezer still has four more semesters to go before he can graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer and Information Sciences. I truly believe God has great plans to use Eliezer or our efforts to bring him to this country and his academic success would have failed - Satan certainly placed his stumbling blocks, but, indeed, our God is greater! Nevertheless, for Eliezer to continue his studies, we need financial assistance - partners to finish weaving the tapestry!

If you, like Ernie, feel lead to become a thread in this God-journey, please let us know - the tapestry is in the making! Gifts, large or small, can certainly be used. Scripture records the love and devotion of a poor widow, who dropped only two small copper coins into the temple treasury, as an example for subsequent generations to follow. No other known act of her life was recorded - only her desire to give to God made the pages of Scripture. Tax deductible donations can be given to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church - please notate "Scholarship Fund" when making your donation. Saint Paul's is the financial liaison for tech4Tanzania and your donation will be added to their scholarship fund to assist with Eliezer's educational needs. The mailing address is 6839 Wertzville Rd, Enola, PA, 17025. Alternatively, you may give your donation directly to Randy Barr to give to his wife, Anne, the pastor of Saint Paul's. If you are unable to give, your prayer support is also greatly needed and appreciated - the enemy (Satan) goes about like a prowling lion seeking opportunities to discourage, defeat, and destroy.

I would love to be around in another 50 years to see how God uses Eliezer to expand the tapestry begun on the loom of Slate Hill Mennonite Church, but eternity will certainly reveal the finished work. To God be the glory!

Ray asked me to include an update on Eliezer's tuition needs. Multiple families have voiced their eagerness to assist with Eliezer's tuition, and promises for almost half of what is needed for the fall semester at Messiah College have been made. Eliezer, and we, are most grateful to the loving response and interest from Slate Hillers! Eliezer would like to provide monthly updates to all interested persons on his progress in school and his financial needs - look for a "blurb" in future editions of the *Hilltop News*.



Fran Leiter

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

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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

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