

# ***HILLTOP NEWS***



I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

John 4:35-36

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Classes available for all ages  
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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

Oct. 1	Celebrating Communion
Oct. 3	Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
Oct. 4,11, 18, 25	Wednesday Night Out (WNO) Resumes
Oct. 8	Baby Shower for Diana and Eric Zimmerman
Oct. 9	MCC Day of Service ~ 8:00AM
Oct. 12	MCC Sewing Group Meets ~ 6:30PM
Oct.17	Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
Oct. 22	CROP Walk
Oct. 31	Book Discussion Group Meets ~ 7:00PM

# Mandated Reporter Training

A mandated reporter training is being offered for all children and youth volunteers plus any other interested folks. You are welcome to attend if you are already a volunteer in children and/or youth ministry or planning on becoming a volunteer. Even if you are not planning on becoming a volunteer/ approved adult, you are welcome to join the training to learn more about it.

The training will be offered on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM in Fellowship Hall starting with refreshments at 8:45AM. For those who already attended the training 2 years ago, you will have a refresher class and it will dismiss at 10:00AM. However, if this is your first training, the class will run until 11:30AM.

Joanne Halteman, from Diller Mennonite Church, will lead the training. Joanne will be offering some new information which was not available at the original training sessions.

You do not need to bring anything; however a signup sheet will be on the bulletin board to RSVP, or, you may email Sue Weigel at [suweigel@gmail.com](mailto:suweigel@gmail.com). The RSVP is not mandatory, but it is helpful for our planning purposes.

Thank you all for your dedication to our children and youth, the ministries in which you serve at Slate Hill, and to keeping the children and youth safe, healthy and happy.

Submitted by Sue Weigel



## MCC Volunteer Service Day

Volunteer for the next Day of Service at Mennonite Central Committee - Monday, October 9, at the MCC Material Resource Center in Ephrata. Some work assignments consist of recycling materials, assembling kits, or working in the sewing room. Enjoy great fellowship while doing service in the name of Christ. Bring your own packed lunch.

We will leave Slate Hill promptly at 8:00AM and return by 4:30PM after first making a popular stop at the Weaver Nut and Candy Store. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship lobby. Contact Valerie Weaver-Zercher or Ken Eshleman for more information.

# Monthly Update for October



It has been a month already since the beginning of the fall semester. So far, the five classes I enrolled in are going well, although I have to work hard to keep up. I am currently taking: Environmental Ethics, Database Concepts, Embedded Systems Design, Fundamentals of French I, and Introduction to World Literature. Also, as part of the financial package I receive from the college, I work for the Student Computer Services six hours every week.

Many thanks to Ken Eshleman and Cindy Lehman, who have been providing transportation for me to and from the college campus. Mondays and Wednesdays Ken Eshleman takes me to Messiah then I ride back home with Cindy Lehman, a professor at the college and a distant neighbor. Cindy also provides transportation to Messiah and back on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, Ray takes me to the college and I ride back with Cindy as well.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals at Slate Hill Mennonite church and others who have volunteered to help with my academic costs at Messiah. It is because of your generosity that my host and I were able to meet this semester's tuition need and I have a positive balance of about five hundred dollars for next semester. The financial help I received has helped greatly reduce the burden of the academic costs upon my host family.

Thank you very much and God's blessings.

Submitted by Eliezer Mwankenja



## ~ BAKE SALE THANKS ~

The MCC Sewing Group thanks everyone who patronized their bake sale on Sunday, September 24th to raise funds to support ongoing projects. Your generous contributions have amounted to over \$500 already and there are promised donations yet to come in! Without your help we would not be able to produce more comforters due to lack of finances.

With all the hurricanes and disasters this season, the MCC anticipates a greater demand for comforters and we are most happy to provide what we can - thanks to YOU! If any ladies would like to come out for a meeting or two, we welcome you to our fellowship! Address any questions to Stacy Stoltzfus, Julie Quickel, or Cindy Musselman.

Submitted by Fran Leiter



## ***Fall BBQ Closes with a Sell-Out!***

On September 8th and 9th, Slate Hill volunteers came out in force to assist with the fall Chicken BBQ to raise money for charities. The weather was perfect! But even more so was the spirit of the volunteers who served wherever needed to "get 'er done."

A host of volunteers came out Friday afternoon and evening to sanitize the thermal chicken boxes, wrap baked potatoes, package chocolate chip cookies, and separate dinner rolls. Others set up the traffic circle and painted signs to direct guests through the cemetery (an experiment to lessen the chance of accidents by customers getting backed up on the steep driveway and on Slate Hill Road below). The new traffic pattern was a success and traffic flowed smoothly.

By 10:30AM customers were lined up in advance of the drive thru line's anticipated opening at 11:00AM. Once again, Slate Hill didn't disappoint its customers:

- \* "Your chicken is awesome." - Marian Adams, Mechanicsburg
- \* "Thank you to all the many volunteers for this event. The food is delicious, the event is well organized and proceeds help area charity organizations." - Jonathan Stevens
- \* "Yours is the best 'Jesus chicken' around!" William Ryan, Mechanicsburg
- \* "Slate Hill: You outdid itself again! The chicken halves were huge!" - JT
- \* "Well done!" - Anonymous Customer

Hats off to EVERY volunteer who lent a helping hand. From obtaining food and paper supplies ahead of time, to posting and distributing flyers, as well as doing the detailed prep work, bbq-ing the chicken at zero dark thirty, serving our loyal customers with a smile, and helping with clean up: "Ya done good!"

**Special thanks** to these Slate Hillers for going above and beyond:

- \* **Carl Lehman**, who went to Lowe's and Home Depot not once but twice over Labor Day to purchase charcoal which was on sale;
- \* **Roger Springer** who drove three hours round trip to secure the Farm Show potatoes;
- \* **Gene Musselman** who drove over 100 miles round-trip to pick up the cookies;
- \* **Dawn Shertzer**, who in the absence of Cindy Musselman, kept the Assembly line moving, well-supplied and running like a well-oiled machine;
- \* The "Water Children" **Daniel Onelangsy, Dustin and Kyla Ross** assisted by **Lynn Shertzer** who filled the orders for waters in seconds;
- \* **Fran Leiter** who rose to the task to bake the potatoes to perfection;
- \* **Ray Leiter, Eliezer Mwankenja and Ken Eshleman** for getting their hands dirty by cleaning the chicken boxes after the BBQ;
- \* **John Diller**, for painting the new directional signs for the cemetery detour and stepping in elsewheras needed;
- \* **Joy Fasick**, for doing the heavy lifting and delivering of 22 cases of water;
- \* **Cindy Musselman**, who - even though she was out of town - secured all the paper products in advance.
- \* **Marty and Glenna Sollenberger**, "imports from Texas," for lending a hand both Friday and all day Saturday.

And all the others who pitched in to make the BBQ a success!

*Submitted by Ulli Klemm*

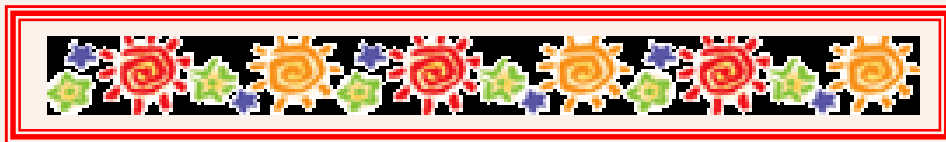


## CROP Walk Fuels *“Feed the Hungry”*

Have you reserved Sunday afternoon, October 22nd for this fun fundraiser? If you are not walking, find a participant then make as large a pledge as you can ... the hurricanes have left many people hurting and in immediate need! A portion of donations remain right here in central PA to help local families, but the vast majority of funds will be used elsewhere where needs are the greatest.

The 5k run/walk will start and end at St. Mark Lutheran Church at 177 West Keller Street in Mechanicsburg. Registration will begin at 1:00 followed by a brief Opening program at 1:15. The walk will officially start at 1:30.

Contact Ulli Klemm at 717-458-5133 or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com) for more information or for a list of walkers who would appreciate your pledge.



*Letters from Campers*

I had a great time at Camp this year. My favorite activity was Goldrush. This was my first year at cabin camp. It was OK but I do like the freedom of the retreats better.

Lucas Stoltzfus

I had a lot of fun at Camp Hebron. A few things that I enjoyed was the pool campout, Capture the Flag, and Mission Impossible. I had a great group of friends in my cabin. We did a lot of fun activities including lake games, rock climbing, and Gold Rush. Over all I has a lot of fun!

Nathan Stoltzfus



## Opportunities Offered by the Parish Resource Center

Look for the flyer on the bulletin board to learn more about the session, *Reading the Qur'an as a Non-Muslim: An Evening With Pulitzer-Prize Winning Historian, Garry Wills*. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 7th at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. The cost for PRC Members is \$29, for non-members, \$35.

There will also be a full weekend of *Godly Play Core Training* at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster at a cost of \$100 for PRC members, or \$400 for non-members. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, October 6 ~ 1:00 - 9:00PM

Saturday, October 7 ~ 8:30AM - 6:00PM

Sunday, October 8 ~ 12:00 - 4:30PM

Please call 717-299-1113 to register or visit [www.parishresourcecenter.org/events](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org/events).

Submitted by Erin Hershey



## Who's Telling?

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,  
By the very manner in which you speak,  
By the way you employ your leisure time,  
By the use you make of every dollar and dime.

You tell what you are by the things you wear,  
By the Spirit in which your burdens you bear,  
By the type of things at which you laugh,  
By the records you play on your phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,  
By the things of which you delight to talk,  
By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf,  
In these ways, and more, you tell on yourself  
So there really isn't a lick of sense,  
In keeping up a false pretense.

Unknown



# Bringing God's Word to the Nations

September 2017

The latest from Marty & Glenna Sollenberger



Recording Scripture in Romanian Sign Language

## Reaching the unreached

Deaf people are among the world's least-reached people groups; only 2% of them have been introduced to the Gospel.\* And of the 350+ Sign Languages in the world, **not one** of them has a translation of the whole Bible, and only American Sign Language has a complete New Testament.\*\* **Wycliffe Bible Translators** is partnering with several deaf-minded organizations to translate Scripture into **sign language videos**. Mr. Hideo

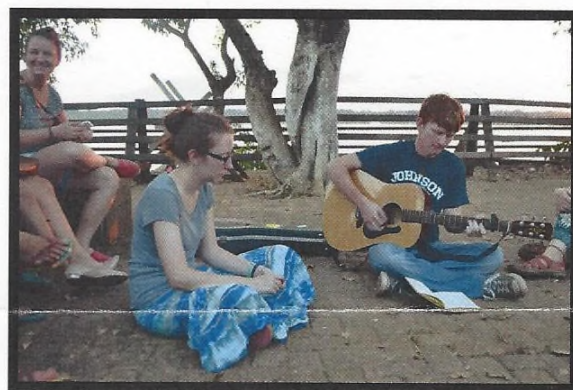
Araki, a Japanese Deaf gentleman, tried to read the Bible in Japanese. But the written language is different from Japanese Sign Language. He gave up and lost hope because it was too hard for him to understand. But **when he saw a Scripture video in Japanese Sign Language, he was excited** because he understood it, and it had a real impact on him. He is so grateful to the translation team for all their hard work to translate God's Word into his language. See <http://www.wycliffe.net/articles?id=5643>

\*Statistics from [www.deafbiblesociety.com](http://www.deafbiblesociety.com) and \*\*[doorinternational.org/scripture-translation](http://doorinternational.org/scripture-translation)

## Family update

Our son Paul had a great time on his mission trip to Porto Velho, Brazil. Thank you for your prayers for him. He is now studying at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN, majoring in Cross-cultural Media and Communications.

We spent part of May/June and August/September in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania to visit with family, friends, and partners in our Wycliffe ministry. We are currently receiving about half of our assigned Wycliffe ministry budget. Please pray that God will provide additional prayer and financial partners so that our Wycliffe ministry may be fully funded. Thank you for your partnership in this exciting ministry of transformation through Bible translation.



Leading worship at a park in Porto Velho, Brazil

*Marty, Glenna & Paul*

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From Paul Sollenberger

## Following the Footsteps in the Sand

-Fall 2017

Dear friends and family in Christ, thank you so much for both your prayer and financial support as I went to Brazil this summer. If I were to sum the trip up into two words I would pick Spontaneous and Context. It was spontaneous because we never really knew exactly what was



going to happen when we went to churches and other places. For example one time we were told to plan a couple songs, but when we got there they also asked us to do the rest of the service as well. That included a sermon with only 10 minutes of preparation. We also never really knew what we were doing in 2 days, or 3 days. Every night the team would get together and we would be told what we would be doing the next day.

The other word I would use is Context. I would use Context because we learned about ministry in a lot of Different contexts. We learned about a lot of different missions on the base and got to see some of what they do. The ministries on the base included everything from a school for nearby kids to recording the gospel for indigenous tribes. It was really cool for me to see that even though the mission that we worked for on the base had left, the base was still being used to do Gods work. But also personally I was given the opportunity to lead worship in a lot of different contexts ranging from larger churches to small village churches as well as during team meetings.

The Brazil trip was a wonderful opportunity to explore an interest in missions and to visit the place that I was born. While I still don't know if missions is where I'm supposed to go the College and Degree path that I am pursuing definitely leaves that door open. And I am excited to see where that leads me. Thank you again for your support. If you would like to continue to see updates from me you can do so at [Hiddenvanguard.blogspot.com](http://Hiddenvanguard.blogspot.com)





## October Birthdays

ROSS, Dustin	10/01
LEHMAN, Mabel	10/02
MUSSELMAN, Amanda	10/03
MALAY, Gigi	10/10
MANIVONG, Synakhone	10/11
EHRHART, David R	10/13
JENKINS, Tyleeanna	10/13
BURKHOLDER, Marian	10/14
SACHS, Acacia	10/14
WALTER, Jeff	10/14
BECK, Joelle	10/15
FREDRICK, Ellie	10/15
ZOOK, Mary	10/15
GUTSHALL, George	10/16
HOWER, Jacquie	10/16
ESCALANTE, Jery	10/18
BECK, Seng	10/20
CROUSE, Bill	10/20
HART, Beth	10/20
ONELANGSY, Hope	10/20
CHRONISTER, Karman	10/22
REXROTH, Todd	10/24
WALTER, Judy	10/25
ZOOK, Maxine	10/25
KLEMM, Karisa	10/28
ROTH, Silas	10/28
WEAVER-ZERCHER, Dave	10/28
MAYES, Lewis	10/29

## October Anniversaries

MYERS, Duane & Megan	10/02
LAMB, Brad & Rindy	10/07
LEHMAN, Dean & Bonnie	10/12
MUSSELMAN, Richard & Jen	10/12
WIDMER, Lamarr & Margaret	10/16
HORST, Bernie & Joan	10/21
MCALOOSE, Gene & Lucy	10/21
LY, Tom & Cassandra	10/26
WALTER, Jeff & Judy	10/29

~ **School Kit Drive Ended** ~

The MCC provides school supplies to areas devastated by natural disasters or war to help students and teachers build hope and a sense of normalcy in their disrupted lives.

Each year Slate Hill folks have participated in the drive. For several years we set our goal to fill 100 kits and were fortunate to meet or exceed it. However, this year we fell short, filling only 65 kits.

The need will be tremendous in the next few years as peoples affected by the hurricanes try to rebuild. If you see sales on school supplies between now and the next drive, why not take advantage of them? Hopefully our drive next year will yield our greatest contributions.

# Ministry Assignments 2017-2018

## Elder Team

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Ken Eshleman ('18)  
Lee Roland ('18)  
Ben Fredrick ('19)

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Jim Mitchell ('18)

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Chris Zimmerman ('19)  
Megan Myers ('20)  
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Jen Musselman ('19)  
Bonnie Lehman ('20)  
Debbie Hoover ('19)  
Debbie Weaver ('18)  
Janet Zimmerman ('18)

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Trang Rioux ('18)  
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Amanda Musselman ('19)

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