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## Mennonite World Conference Updates

**Stats:** We currently have over 785 requests for homestays. The majority of these requests are coming from Zimbabwe and India, and we're seeing a rise in requests from the United States and Canada as well. We have placed people from 51 different countries into 242 households and have approximately 85 households with space remaining. As we are seeing the number of requests for homestays increase, we will surely use most of the remaining households, and we are planning to give everyone the final guest information in early July. We are still in need of approximately 270 more beds, so please continue to recruit others in your church to consider hosting.

**Shuttle Buses:** We are working on the locations of the shuttle buses and will have this information finalized much closer to July. At that time there will be more specific information regarding a shuttle bus number, location and specific time of pick-up and drop-off. Depending upon distance from the Farm Show Complex, the morning pick-ups will be generally between 8:00 and 8:30am and the evening drop-offs will be generally between 9:15 and 9:45pm.

**Monday Lodging:** We are seeing the majority of the homestay registrants will be arriving on Monday, July 20. (The Assembly begins on Tuesday, July 21 in the afternoon).

**Celebration of Church Life:** The Lancaster Mennonite Conference's Annual Celebration of Church Life event this year focuses on "*hospitality*", specifically around hosting the MWC Assembly. The date is March 21 and the location is Mount Joy Mennonite Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend, however we want to note that this is being organized by the Lancaster Mennonite Conference, not from MWC or our committee. We hope to see many of you there!!

**Registration:** Please register for the Assembly soon if you plan to attend and haven't done so already. Info can be found on the MWC website ([www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org)).

After such a great experience last year, we are excited to anticipate the return of this event in 2015. Many thanks to the following people who have already volunteered to serve as committee chairs for this year's event:

Addeline Alaniz – T-Shirts  
Tom Miller – Service Village  
Danielle Hawley – Social Media Coordinator  
Jeff Rioux – Arcade Coordinator  
Roger Myers and Bob Saline – Publicity  
Chris Zimmerman – Music Coordination  
Joelle Beck – Children's Activities  
Rachael Zimmerman – Cemetery Tour and other Historical Highlights  
Carl Lehman & Lyndon Hess – Chicken Barbecue  
Ed Fleischer – Cornhole Tournament  
Rich & Jen Musselman – Evening Finale  
Logistics – Dave Boehm

We are still looking for a few more committee chairs. To find out how you can help, contact Roger Myers or Rod Petersheim.

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## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 7 **Spring Fling** for developmentally disabled neighbors ~ 12:00 - 4:00PM
- Mar. 12 **EPS Committee meeting** ~ 7:00PM
- Mar. 14 **Friends of Shirati Banquet** ~ 6:00PM
- Mar. 22 **Bridge of Hope Chili Cook-off** ~ noon
- Mar. 27 **Men's Fellowship + guests outing to Gospel Concert** ~ carpools meet at 6:00PM
- Mar. 28 **CPR (8:00AM): First Aid Training (1:00PM)**
- Apr. 11 **Blood Drive** ~ 10:00AM
- Chicken BBQ** ~ 11:00AM
- May 2 **Men's Fellowship ~ Service Day at Camp Hebron** ~ 8:00AM
- May 9 **CCO Salmon Fundraising Dinner**
- May 15 **Church Retreat at Camp Hebron**
- June 13 **Hilltop Fun Fest 2015**

Please submit articles for the  
**April Hilltop News**  
 before **Thursday, March 19, 2015**  
 Early submissions are  
 GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Hilltop Fun Fest 2015 is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Hilltop Fun Fest is all about connecting, serving, and having fun! This event gives our church family the opportunity to build and strengthen relationships, practice hospitality, and have fun living our faith! In 2015, Hilltop Fun Fest will again feature live music, kids' activities, cornhole competitions, displays from local service organizations, an arcade area, prizes for kids and adults, fabulous food, and plenty of opportunities to *Connect, Engage & Relate* with our neighbors.

The most exciting thing about Hilltop Fun Fest is the people! We know that our inaugural Fun Fest was a tremendous blessing to some of our neighbors. Here are just a few examples of who came to Hilltop Fun Fest 2014. We'll share a few more each month.

A single mom and her four daughters who could not afford to have a fun family evening out without the event being all free.

A mixed-ethnic couple (one speaks English) who had never heard of Mennonites, knew little about local Christian churches and no one at Slate Hill, but were very anxious to learn!

A coworker who has turned down previous invitations to church events but brought her family to this one.

An 88 year-old woman who has little or no personal interaction outside her small family circle.



## Weather Woes and Wellness

Both of the last two events planned by the Wellness Outreach Committee had to be adjusted due to winter weather woes. But...have no fear...spring is almost here! Check out these upcoming opportunities.

- ♦ On March 28, Myrna Eshleman and her colleague Vicky Ringel will present CPR training from 8:00 AM to noon. First Aid training will begin at 1:00. Lunch and snacks will be provided. These training sessions are for ages twelve and up and limited to the first twelve participants registered. Cost is \$15 for CPR only or \$30 for both CPR and First Aid. ALL are welcome at this event and we especially appreciate your help in spreading the word to interested community members. In addition, this would be a great opportunity to Connect, Engage, and Relate by bringing a not-yet Christian friend with you for the day!
- ♦ On April 11, in conjunction with our famous Chicken Barbecue, Slate Hill will again host a blood drive from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Those who attempt to donate will receive a coupon for \$2 off their chicken dinner. Did you know that each blood donation can save up to three lives?! There is no substitute for human blood and all of the donations from this event stay in Central Pennsylvania. Please help publicize this event! Contact Joy for a flyer to hang at your workplace or other public venue.
- ♦ Blood pressure checks continue to be offered on the first Sunday of each month in the conference room. Let our friendly volunteers assist you in monitoring your health!
- ♦ Finally, Hilltop Fun Fest 2015 is coming on Saturday, June 13! Check out the separate article on page 21.

## ~ MCC Relief Kit Needs ~

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has an urgent need for relief kits. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Hygiene kits give people the supplies they need to stay healthy. In times of need, these kits provide basic necessities like towels, bar soap, toothbrushes and nail clippers. It also reminds people their needs are not forgotten.

The MCC ships more than just hygiene kits. Some other themes include infants, comforters, school kits, etc. Call 717-733-2847 or visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for more information about the needs.

If you are interested in supplying a kit, or just some of the contents instead of a full kit, consider partnering with your small group, Sunday School class, or family and friends to make up a kit, or several, to help relieve some of the distress of displaced peoples and to show them the love of God.



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



PETERSHEIM, Stacy	03/01
BECK, Andrea ( A.J. )	03/02
HAURY, Rose	03/02
HOWER, Brantley	03/02
CROFT, RuthAnn	03/05
ALANIZ, Sophie	03/09
MAYES, Sara	03/11
MYERS, Jared	03/12
ISSOUFOU, Thomas	03/15
ZIMMERMAN, Rachael	03/17
FASICK, Ellie	03/20
MUSSELMAN, Richard	03/22
STATLER, Lisa	03/22
MYERS, Benjamin	03/24
ZIMMERMAN, Janet	03/24
SOLLENBERGER, Ira	03/25
MYERS, Megan	03/26
LY, Joshua	03/29

Each week during March, you are encouraged to choose one of the following activities. You could do the same activity every week, a different activity each week, or anything in between. Let God be your guide!

Create a change in your life that will increase your interaction with people who are not-yet Christians.

Volunteer to spread joy and love at the Spring Fling for Developmentally Disabled Adults on March 6. (Please sign-up in advance.)

Bring a not-yet Christian – or someone who has disconnected from God or the church – to CPR training on March 28. (Advance sign-up required. Cost.)

Perform a random act of kindness for someone. Be prepared to give a reason for your action IF they ask. (Keep quiet if they don't.)

Initiate at least one conversation with someone where you intentionally listen a lot and speak only a little. Ask a question or two and then let the other person's needs and interests be the focus of your attention.

Attend the Sunday School class discussing the book *Walk Across the Room*.

Bring a friend who doesn't yet know Jesus or doesn't have a home church to Wednesday Night Out.

Post one of these prayers – or a similar one you prefer – on your coffee pot, cereal box, or somewhere else where you'll see it and pray it each morning.

“Lord Jesus, as I interact with others today, help me to see them as you do.”

“Open my eyes, God. Help me see an opportunity to share your love.”

Something else that God lays on your heart. We'd love to hear what it is! Share your story to [jfasick@comcast.net](mailto:jfasick@comcast.net). This might be just the idea to inspire other people, too!



*You are invited to explore ways to  
Connect, Engage, and Relate  
in 2015.*

*You are invited to listen attentively  
to God's leading and to the  
people God puts in your path.*

*You are invited to focus on sharing  
God's love with all.*



On February 22, the Slate Hill family had its first opportunity to accept the invitation above. Attendees were invited to commit to connect, engage, and relate in the year 2015. **YOU ARE INVITED**, so please pick up an invitation on the table outside the sanctuary. RSVP's can be placed in the box on that same table.

Those who accept this invitation are encouraged to select one way to Connect, Engage, and Relate each week. The CER 2015 team will provide a list of ideas each month and participants are free to select the ones to which they believe God is calling them. The March list is printed on page 19. Sharing God's love and sharing Jesus' Good News is the purpose and privilege of Christ's church. Let's embrace this privilege with renewed vigor this year!

To learn more about Connect Engage Relate, please contact Joy Fasick, Jen Fredrick, Myrna Eshleman, Sunny Gandhem, Ron Hershey, Chris Zimmerman, Tom Miller, or Lynn Shertzer.

## Hittin' the Books!

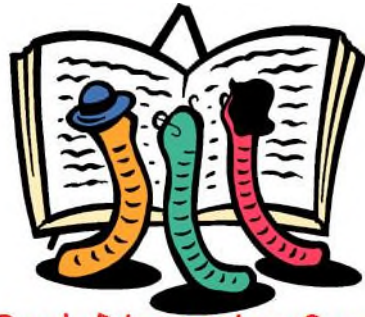


As many of you know, I am currently working toward a Master's in Counseling on the Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MCFC) Track at Messiah College. The church board has chosen to provide funding towards my graduate credits. Since YOU are part of that equation, I use Hilltop articles like this to keep you informed of my progress.

I am now most of the way through my early spring semester class, Crisis, Trauma, and Grief Counseling. This course is not a requirement for the MCFC counseling track, but I chose to add it because of its relevance to pastoral work.

Crisis is a response to an event that feels out of control and beyond our ability to cope. Different events can trigger crisis for different people. This course has looked at a variety of situations including intimate partner violence, sexual assault and rape, child abuse, homicide, suicide, substance abuse, psychiatric crises, and major disasters. Other events that can activate a crisis response include major illness, infertility, job loss, divorce, infidelity, family conflict, spiritual questioning, and more. General approaches to crisis intervention as well as specifics pertaining to various situations were studied. The process of grief and ways to assist people who are grieving was also a major topic for the course.

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### Book Discussion Group

Slate Hill's Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, March 31, in the church Conference Room from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The purpose of this group is to expand our members' literary experiences by reading quality works by a variety of authors in both the Christian and secular genre. The group meets the LAST Tuesday of the months January through October.

We will be reading Ervin Stutzman's book, *Jacob's Choice*, Return to Northkill Series, Book 1, for our discussion at the March 31 meeting. Stutzman is the chief executive officer of Mennonite USA and has written other books which are available in our church library.

*Jacob's Choice* was released through Herald Press/MennoMedia in 2014. Relying on actual events, Stutzman explores an ancestor's commitment to pacifism that leads him through a season of captivity, a complicated romance, an unrelenting search for missing family members, and an astounding act of forgiveness and reconciliation. Fans of Amish fiction will resonate with this book.

The book is available from Herald Press/MennoMedia, Amazon, public libraries, and book stores. Questions about the Book Discussion Group may be directed to Dottie Seitz (774-5224) or Kathy Krug (697-6903).

## MWC PRAYER NETWORK

Mennonite World Conference has formed a Prayer Network. Please consider joining your sisters and brothers from around the world in this joint prayer effort.

- Pray for God's blessing on the global Assembly in July to make the visa process go smoothly for travellers, and for North Americans to be filled with a generous "hospitality of spirit" to host and "receive" those coming from dozens of countries.
- Pray for sisters and brothers around the world facing hardship and persecution.
- Pray for the hundreds of young adults (age 18+) coming from many countries to attend the Global Youth Summit which will be held at Messiah College in July.

Go to [www.mwc-cmm.org/content/join-mwc-email-list](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/content/join-mwc-email-list) to sign up and receive regular updates and prayer requests.

**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO  
REMEMBER NO MORE THEIR  
GIVING, BUT NEVER FORGET  
RECEIVING.**



## QUILTER'S ATTIC NEEDS

Has your sewing room exploded? Need to clean out and reorganize? Donate your unwanted fabrics, notions, patterns, etc., or unfinished projects to the Quilter's Attic booth at the MCC Relief Sale in April. Bring items to the church and place them in the box under the mailboxes. Ron Hershey has graciously agreed to deliver them for us.



## Quilt Preview at the MCC Material Resources Center

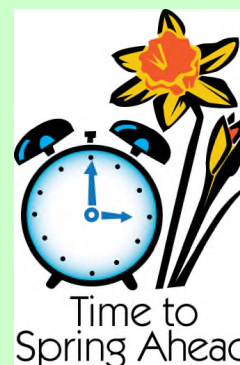
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is hosting a quilt preview March 5-7 at the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center, 517 W. Trout Run Rd., Ephrata. The quilts on display will be sold at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale, April 17-18 at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex, an annual event benefiting MCC's global relief, development and peace building work.

Preview visitors will have the chance to view more than 100 quilts slated to be auctioned at the sale. Preview hours are: Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call (717) 733-2847.

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This course has probably been the most emotionally draining subject matter I've had, but it has also been tremendously helpful. Studying crisis, trauma, and grief – as well as journeying with some of you through these experiences – brings one face to face with the realities of human inadequacy. We who have a relationship with Jesus are blessed to be able to call on Him when life seems too much to bear. Yet, sometimes God feels far away in these times and acknowledging that is important too. Whether for the person in crisis directly or for those who are journeying with that person, prayer is an essential part of Christian crisis care. Thank you for your continuing prayer support for Lynn and me as we walk alongside members of the Slate Hill family and others who are in the midst of crisis, trauma, or grief.

Joy Fasick



## A sure sign of Spring!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 8th.



## ***NOTHING IS SIMPLE FOR THE DISABLED***

This is so true. Bob and I struggled with so many things when our 14-year-old daughter, Jenny Saline, became a paraplegic during her fight with cancer. The challenges were often simple tasks like getting the wheelchair close enough to the sink when she brushed her teeth.

We faced different challenges when Bob's 95-year old father could no longer walk independently. Getting to the dentist, the barber—all these things became a big deal. Marlis's story below resonated with us.

Marlis Powers, Blogger  
Caregiver for husband with dementia, writer  
<http://www.AgingCare.com>

Sometimes the simplest things—like a haircut—can cause distress for a disabled person.

Recently, Charlie desperately needed a trim. We live in a senior living community and there is a beauty shop on campus that also caters to gentlemen. To get there, I must put Charlie in the car and drive him around the corner to the building that houses the shop. Then, he must walk into the building and down a very long corridor to get to the shop. This has become extremely difficult for him since the mobility in his legs has all but left him.

My answer to the problem was to go into the back of the closet and dig out a hair trimming set that my gadget guru husband had purchased several years ago. It had never been used; but was hidden away, waiting for just such a day.

beloved discussions and fellowship time. All in all, the group was a wonderful experience, and may be enjoyed by ANY couple at ANY level of marriage: new marriages, old marriages, good marriages, bad marriages, it doesn't matter. Anyone looking to strengthen their marriage by the Grace of God will benefit from Marriage Enhancement Group. I know we did!

NOTE: If you'd like to learn more about joining a future MEG group, please contact Joy at [jfasick@comcast.net](mailto:jfasick@comcast.net) or 737-8150.



## **Connect, Engage, and Relate**

If you would like to view the You Tube video "Get Service Saving Soul Challenge" which Joy Fasick used in her sermon of January 11th, you can find it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LclwKP9I3Cg>

The first session was actually quite fun since we were well acquainted with the other couples in the group. We found out that we would be doing a weekend retreat to Camp Hebron, as well as pre and post retreat meetings. We explored in-depth topics such as Repentance, Forgiveness, Grace, Gratitude, and Reconciliation, just to name a few. All throughout the various activities and readings, the Word of God was ever-present as our guide. We would read aloud numerous Bible verses, and they all pertained to our current topic quite nicely. Group participation was open and encouraged during the entire process, and we began to see how confidentiality was essential to this type of growth, as we learned quite a lot about the other couples in the group, and in the process my spouse and I learned quite a lot about each other!

When the time came for the big weekend retreat to Camp Hebron, needless to say, we were ready! We arrived at Camp Hebron on a chilly Friday evening in November, and we all warmed up with the coffee, tea, and snacks. We all watched the movie "Fireproof" together, a movie in which a modern-day couple is caught in the horrific throes of a dysfunctional marriage and in which the way of God is chosen, and ultimately prevails. Saturday morning found my spouse and me waking at dawn for a GORGEOUS hike along Peter's Mountain. How romantic it was, being alone in such a beautiful place and discussing all the wonderful information and topics we were learning. In addition to our Marriage Enhancement Notebooks, we were given numerous handouts and articles, all of them quite useful to strengthening a marriage. My spouse and I left feeling invigorated and energized in our marriage, as well as feeling relaxed and at peace with God after such a wonderful weekend immersed in His Holy Word.

Subsequent to the retreat, the couples in the group met again to finish some of the topics in our notebook, as well as our

I told Charlie at bedtime one night that we were going to give him a haircut the next day. He thought that was a good idea; he didn't know that I had never given anyone a haircut before.

As it turned out, I needn't have worried. It never happened. Perhaps it was because he dreaded it as much as I did, but he refused to get out of bed that day until four o'clock, too late for a haircut. And so it went for the rest of the week.

Alas, I finally scheduled him an appointment at the beauty shop. Today was the day. He actually seemed to be looking forward to it. He would get a little fresh air and get pampered by two nice looking young ladies.

As usual, the problem was getting to the shop. This time I was afraid we would never make it. Charlie had to stop and rest twice on the walk down the long corridor and was nearly in a state of collapse by the time he got there. But he got through the wash, cut and eyebrow trim, and even managed to flirt a bit with the girls.

By the time he was done I had searched the building until I found a wheelchair I could borrow to wheel him back to the car. Whew!

Now the question becomes; how do we handle the next haircut. I am on the search for a traveling beautician who will come to the house and pamper him with none of the stress to which he has become accustomed.

I am afraid we are rapidly reaching the point where he will no longer be able to leave the house for anything, including doctor's appointments. I don't look forward to that day because there will only be one answer to that problem; a nursing home. And that is a solution that his daughter, who lives five hours away, does not want to hear; that's another dilemma.

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Submitted by Deb Saline



## Beyond Ourselves Concert Benefits MCC

Enjoy music? Have a heart for MCC? Here is an opportunity to support the MCC in their global relief efforts while enjoying various musicians.

Four Lancaster County professional musicians called [Beyond Ourselves](#) are teaming up with the Lancaster Mennonite School (LMS) Campus Chorale to present their eighth benefit concert Sunday, March 22, 3:00 PM at James Street Mennonite Church (323 West James Street, Lancaster).

The entire freewill offering will benefit Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)'s Global Family program, which supports community-based education around the world. The Beyond Ourselves musicians are: saxophonist Ryan Kauffman, violist Christy Kauffman, pianist Rosemary Siegrist Blessing and clarinetist Doris Hall-Gulati. The LMS Campus Chorale, the high school's select choir, is directed by Marcella Hostetler. For more information, call (717) 291-0514.



**\*NOTE\*** Confidentiality is paramount in the Marriage Enhancement Group. For that reason, the identities of the participating couples will be kept discreet, as well as the identity of this author.

A few months ago, you may have noticed a small ad in our weekly bulletin telling us about a "Marriage Enhancement Group" (MEG) being formed right here at Slate Hill. The group being formed was seeking four married couples who were looking to strengthen their marriages "by focusing on the spiritual components of this God-ordained relationship" (verbatim from our M.E.G. workbook.) The group was formed and led by Associate Pastor Joy Fasick, who is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Counseling at Messiah College in Marriages.

We contacted Joy and inquired about the group. She explained how the format of the group would work and gave us some idea of what to expect, and listened to what we hoped to get out of the experience. When the "mass-email" went out about the group that my spouse and I were delighted to learn that the other couples in the group were all Slate Hillers that we had become quite close with over the past few years. It was also very humbling to learn that other couples who we love and admire wanted to put as much God-honoring strength into their marriages as we did, and we would all do it together.