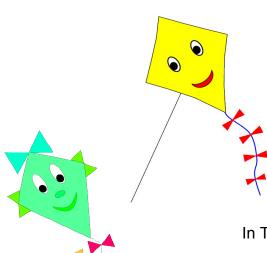


# HILLTOP NEWS



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# Upcoming Events

June 9 Christian Ed Commission meets ~ 7:00 PM

June 11 EPS Commission meets ~ 7:00 PM

June 13 Hilltop Fun Fest 2015

June 21 Hilltop News Deadline

June 24-28 Jr. Youth Creation Festival

**June 30 Book Discussion Group** meets ~ 7:00 PM

June 30-July 5 Senior Youth attending MCUSA Convention,

Kansas City, MO

July 21-26 Mennonite World Conference

Aug. 15 Church Picnic

# JOSHUA DEAN WINS GOVERNOR'S AWARD

On May 7, 2015, Joshua "Josh" Dean was awarded the Governor's Individual Achievement Award through the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). His selection for this award was based on Josh's long relationship with OVR and his determination to overcome a plethora of challenges. By his persistence and high expectations of himself, Josh has demonstrated that a person is only limited by physical disabilities inasmuch as they let themselves be. If anything, Josh is an example of someone with great and amazing abilities.

Through the help of OVR's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (BVRS) in Altoona, Josh not only was able to obtain hearing aids, but to earn his bachelor's degree in business from Cairn University. Additionally, Josh also was able to obtain his driver's license, following OVR supported driver's evaluation and training. Working through OVR, Josh, in January 2014, obtained a position as an Associate Claims Processor with Highmark Blue Shield in Camp Hill and relocated to the area.

At Highmark, Josh has been acknowledged by management for his professional work ethic. He was recently recognized for being "Accountable for Results" and his most recent scores indicated a 332.77% rating in production and a 100% rating in quality. The department



Joshua Dean with Colleen Woodring from the OVR's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (BVRS) in Altoona at the award's banquet.

goals are 100% and 100%, respectively. These strong showings persuaded his supervisor to award him a well-deserved merit pay increase.

"It was an extraordinary thing to be awarded the Governor's Award," noted Josh. I am convinced that I could not be where I am today without the assistance of OVR." In spite of back surgery, major falls, fracturing six bones during college, a fractured collarbone a year ago, missed work due to health issues, and unexpected delays in finishing driver's training, OVR has stood by Josh. "Even now, some days get difficult. But OVR has equipped me very well and I know that I will be able to overcome these next challenges with great maneuverability."



Do you have a canopy to loan? How about patio tables and chairs? The Hilltop Fun Fest Committee would love to put them to good use for HFF 2015. Please contact Roger Myers if you are willing to allow your canopy or table and chairs to be borrowed.



# The End is Near!

(The end of waiting for Hilltop Fun Fest, that is!)

Excitement about Hilltop Fun Fest 2015 is growing to a fever pitch as the day grows nearer! And while last year's event was successful, June 13, 2015 has the potential to be even larger. How could we expect to host more than the 500 we hosted last year? Part of the answer is that our advertising has improved, reaching more of the people with whom we are hoping to build relationships.

This year, in addition to the signs we put up last year, we are getting out the word through fliers. They are being distributed by New Hope Ministries in both Dillsburg and Mechanicsburg. They are also available in the church lobby if you would like to distribute a few yourself. If a flier is too obvious, there are business cards with the critical Hilltop Fun Fest 2015 information. Another business card is just a teaser, saying, "Will you be there too?" along with our website: <a href="www.HFF2015.com">www.HFF2015.com</a>. Keep in mind that a personal invitation is even more effective than a flier. Hilltop Fun Fest is about relationships and a personal invitation is a great first step! Leaving a flier or business card with the invitee will improve the chances of them remembering to come up the hill on June 13.

Another new advertising venue for us is TV. On June 10th at 12:30 PM, ABC27's "Good Day PA" will feature an interview with our very own Rod Petersheim and Roger Myers about Hilltop Fun Fest! Make sure to tune in to hear their pitch about all of the activities and perks of the event. The TV stars promise autographs to all volunteers at Fun Fest!

If you would like one of those coveted autographs, remember that Hilltop Fun Fest is staffed completely by volunteers and **we want you!** Signing up is easy. Go to <a href="www.timetosignup.com/slatehill/">www.timetosignup.com/slatehill/</a> On the sign-up sheet, choose the activity you want to volunteer for and click on it. Then choose the time slot or slots that appeal to you. You must enter your email when requested but, relax, we promise no spam! Hurry to sign up before the activity and time slots you want are filled!

The best part of volunteering at Hilltop Fun Fest is having the opportunity to connect with our guests. But another perk is that, in many locations, you will also be able to enjoy the live music that is surely a major draw for HFF. Starting things off will be Slate Hill's Praise & Worship Team, followed by acoustic music by Jeremy Chubb. The group *Breezin'* will close out the evening with Classic Rock and Modern Top 40 music. What a great line-up!

# Nepal Disaster Leaves Hundreds of Thousands Homeless! But, what can I do?

The **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, **2015 Nepal earthquake** killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 16,000. It was the worst natural disaster to strike <u>Nepal</u> since the <u>1934 Nepal–Bihar earthquake</u>, according to various newspaper reports. The earthquake triggered <u>an avalanche on Mount Everest</u>, killing at least 19, making it the deadliest day on the mountain in history. It triggered another huge avalanche in <u>Langtang</u> Valley, where 250 were reported missing.

Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless with entire villages flattened, across many districts of the country.

**The answer is:** we can collect supplies to replenish the MCC relief kits that were used last year to provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. In 2014, 12,425 kits were shipped to Jordan, Syria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, Ukraine and Serbia.

Now we need to replenish the supplies. We are asking Care Groups and individuals to make a special collection between May 15 and June 28 to help fill the buckets.

#### What goes into a bucket?



#### Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in sealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes

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- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper(good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages(minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count thin maxi)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to only the listed items. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, they will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from the warehouse.

Here's how we at Slate Hill can participate.

Bring items to the Church and place in the box marked MCC Relief Kits, or, you can make your donation tax-deductible by:

- Write a check to Slate Hill Mennonite church, earmarked for MCC Relief Kits; note
   on check and on envelope if placed in the collection plate
- \* Contribute on line at <a href="http://www.slatehillmennonite.org/electronic-giving/">http://www.slatehillmennonite.org/electronic-giving/</a> Choose the VANCO option- be sure to specify MCC Relief Kits in the block marked "Other".

Place contents in a box or bag and the items will be delivered to MCC. The kit will be re-packed in a new 5-gallon plastic pail with lid by MCC and shipped.

# ~ Fun with Hymns ~

What would be the favorite hymn of

a dentist? Crown Him With Many Crowns

the weatherman? There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings

a contractor? The Church's One Foundation

a tailor? Holy, Holy, Holy

an optometrist? Open My Eyes That I May See

a pilot? I'll Fly Away

a fisherman? Shall We Gather At The River?

More to come in the future; what others come to your mind? Share them with us!

Submitted by Kathy Krug



INGLE, Kate	06/01
EHRHART, Debra	06/03
HORST, Joan	06/03
SPRINGER, Barb	06/05
ZIMMERMAN, Jackson	06/05
HERSHEY, Christina	06/07
CHUBB, Sara	06/08
ONELANGSY, Rick	06/10
MUSSELMAN, Jen	06/11
WEIGEL, George	06/11
ROTH, Ella	06/13
MALAY, Maria	06/15
PETERSHEIM, Spencer	06/15
ROLAND, Rosalie	06/16
HESS, Lyndon	06/18
KISHBAUGH, Drew	06/19
PECHART, John	06/19
HART, David	06/29





SOLLENBERGER, Ira & Erma	06/07
SACHS, Ron & Roseann	06/08
CROUSE, Bill & Sandy	06/09
KLEMM, Ulli & Theda	06/09
WERNER, Tom & Connie	06/11
BAUMAN, David & Debra	06/12
ESHLEMAN, Ken & Myrna	06/13
STAUFFER, Douglas & Sandra	06/19
TOTHERO, Jeff & Lisa	06/19
BECK, Seng & Ouy	06/20
MALAY, Bill & Maria	06/21
PARKER, Uriah & Allison	06/22
BECK, Jeff & Joelle	06/23
BARR, Randy & Anne Reeves	06/24
WEAVER-ZERCHER, Dave & Valerie	06/27
RIDER, Daniel & Amanda	06/28
SALINE, Robert & Deborah	06/29
HESS, Lyndon & Tara	06/30

# Congratulations, Eliezer!

Eliezer made the Dean's List with straight A's his first semester here in America. He is continuing classes at HAAC over the summer then he will take another full class-load this fall.

## **Old Memories Last the Longest**

Charlie's favorite reading material is anything to do with flying. He subscribes to all the flying and US services magazines, Air Force Times, Air Force Magazine, Sabre Jet Classic, Military Officer and others. He keeps them in a basket beside his chair for months and browses through them whenever he is bored. He reads the same ones over and over because, to him, each time he picks them up, they are new.

He has a large collection of every book I have been able to find on Amazon.com and elsewhere related to flying. Believe me, those old flyers like to write about their adventures, and Charlie loves to read and re-read their tales of flying through the wild blue yonder. He may have finished a book a month ago but if he picks it up tomorrow it will be fresh reading.

Every now and then a book comes out to which he can personally relate. He has read the biographies about Gen. Chappie James and Col. Robin Olds, both of whom he was serving directly under when he crashed in 1962 in Ipswich, England.

Many memories have been lost to him, but the ones related to his flying days remain uppermost in his memory. They must be residing in a different lobe of the brain from the meal he had this morning.

The other day, when news came on the TV about Harrison Ford's crash in a small WWII plane Charlie perked up his ears. "That's the same model plane I first flew," he remarked. I wasn't sure he was remembering correctly but I soon found out differently.

A short time later, his best friend from the Buffalo area called and asked if we had seen the TV report. He, Charlie and his brother had driven to Michigan in 1951and purchased an identical used airplane



and hauled it home behind their car. The men

(boys then) restored the plane and soon had it flying over Niagara Falls.

Charlie's brother was an aviation student at Beaugard Technical High School at the time. It was that plane that first peaked Charlie's interest in flying. I'll bet if he were to get into the cockpit of that plane tomorrow he would be able to rat race it through the clouds just as he did when he was seventeen.

Just don't hand him a TV remote and expect him to be able to turn on the TV.

His daughter is, at this moment, on her way to visit for a few days, accompanied by her 14 year-old son. When I told him Zachary was coming, he asked me who Zachary was. Even after I explained, I'm not sure he made the connection, although the boy has visited several times. Chances are, that he will forget who the boy is as soon as the car leaves the driveway, along with memories that were made during the visit.

However, night after night he tells me the same stories about things that happened during his Air Force career from 1954 – 1972. Those memories are as fresh as if they happened yesterday.

What strange disease, this thing called dementia.

#### Marlis Powers, Blogger

Caregiver for husband with dementia, writer for AgingCare.com®

Marlis describes herself as a "Gramma who loves technology and has a lot to say." She blogs about whatever catches her interest: food, books, family and more. For Aging-Care.com, she writes about the issues facing the elderly and her experiences caring for her husband, Charlie, who has dementia.



Rachel Hoover, Jesse Yoder and George Beck churn away.





# Ice Cream Helps the Finals Go Down

Nursing Exams. Education Papers. Physics Finals. International Business Major Submissions. Taken separately or together, they equal stress. To ease the stress of upcoming finals at Messiah College, Slate Hill sponsored a Homemade Ice Cream Study Break in early May. Hosted on the back patio of

George and Lois Beck, students enjoyed a taste of stress-free vanilla and butter pecan ice cream. Ulli brought the ingredients and George and Lois got busy churning away while waiting for the students to arrive. Students arrived just in time to relieve the tired churners.

Students expressed their appreciation for the small ways Slate Hillers have supported them during their college experience.

## Guess Who's Coming to Worship

Thanks for sharing your love and hospitability to the Cumberland Vista residents and making them feel part of our church family. Donna Jean Phillips, staff of Cumberland Vista, has shared the resident's desire with Ulli Klemm that they be able to join us on a more regular basis. Therefore they will worship with us the first Sunday of each month and have their own Sunday School class.

Donna said "I can't tell you how good it does my heart to see the CV crew as at home and welcome as they are at Slate Hill. Indeed, I am very excited about it! As are they!!!"

Residents include: Margie, Chris, Connie, Jimmy, Loni, Jason, Brian and Chris. They would be delighted if you introduced yourselves to them. Please make them feel welcome.





### **Mission Funds Available**

Any organization requesting new or additional funding in 2016 from the Evangelism, Peace, and Service Commission should complete a request by June 30, 2015. Requests for 2016 funding are located in the EPS Commission mailbox.



Please update your directories with the Lapp's new information.

Daniel & Lynley Lapp 2946 Ashley River Rd. Charleston, SC 29414



# Farewell, Esther Kumi

Esther spent the past school year here as part of the Fredrick family. While in Ghana.

she applied for a scholarship, sponsored by the Hershey Company, to attend her Senior year of high school here in America. She was blessed by being selected from hundreds of other applicants.

Esther has a very good command of the English language and excelled at school. She has had the opportunity to speak before large crowds and did so without stress or panic, entertaining her audiences. She even had a chance to speak to the entire Board of Directors for the Hershey Company! She has been a wonderful representative of Ghana.

While here in the U.S., Esther has been learning to play the guitar; she also joined her school choir. Recently she was inducted as a member of the National Honor Society.

Life in Ghana is very difficult. Esther and her two younger brothers live with their mom in a single-parent home. They have no plumbing or electricity. Esther, as the oldest child and only daughter, has all the responsibilities of running the household while her mother tries to earn an income to support the family. Esther has to go to the water hole (fortunately only about a 10 minute walk from her home)

to carry buckets of water back on her head to do the family laundry. Since water is in short supply during the hot, dry season, she must go very early in the morning in hopes of finding enough water before it is all used or dried up.

The American way of life has totally amazed Esther! She finds all our "conveniences" and appliances unbelievable. The Fredrick's have enjoyed sharing their life and blessings with Esther and watching her reactions to our modern marvels. She is enthusiastic about life and expresses her excitement and amazement without any inhibitions, to the delight of those around her. She takes advantage of every opportunity presented to her, making the most of it. She has enjoyed her time at Slate Hill and has felt right at home, thanks to your warm, welcoming hearts and interest in her.

When Esther returns to Ghana, she plans on attending a new medical school opening in November, 2015. Ben Fredrick has been working on a collaboration between the Hershey Medical Center and a private university in Ghana to develop the new medical school. The Fredrick's expect Esther to receive a full scholarship to this Ghanaian university.

Esther has been an admirable and welcome addition to the Fredrick family this past year and they will truly miss her when she returns June 24.

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