

HILLTOP NEWS

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PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A
year of favor
FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
PSALM 90:17a

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

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Camp Hill, PA 17011
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Website: www.slatehillmennonite.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Including Children's Church
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
Classes available for all ages
(Nursery also available)

Pastor: Lynn Shertzer

Associate Pastor of Community Life: Joy Fasick

Administrative Assistant: Fran Leiter

Lay Elders: Jen Fredrick, Dave Bauman, Caleb Miller,
Ron Hershey

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Joy Fasick: jfasick@comcast.net

Administrative Assistant, Fran Leiter: slatehillmennonite@gmail.com

Church Office Hours:

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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

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| Jan. 7 | Young Adult Class Pizza & Movie Night |
| Jan. 8 | Asian Food Take-Out Fundraiser for Building Fund |
| Jan. 15 | Worship Workshop |
| Jan. 22 | Discernment Meeting and Luncheon |
| Feb. 11 | MYF Banquet & Auction |
| Feb. 12 | Follow-up Discernment Meeting and Luncheon |
| Feb. 25 | Spring Fling for Persons with Special Needs |
| Feb. 26 | Bridge of Hope Chili Cook-off Fundraiser |
| Mar. 4 | George Weigel Gardening Seminar |
| Mar. 19 | Lancaster Mennonite High School Chorale |
| Jun. 3 | Hilltop Fun Fest 2017 |
| Jun. 17 | Re-entry Breakfast for Soon-to-be-Released Inmates |

Matching Mortgage Challenge



Two anonymous donors pledged a total of \$32,000 to help pay down our mortgage. They challenged the rest of us to match that amount by the end of January 2017. Board Chair, Lamarr Widmer, told them he is sure we can do that - let's prove him correct!

Donors have given \$21,582.00 thus far toward the matching challenge. Praise be to God! If the whole sum is raised, we will be seven months closer to the retirement of our mortgage debt.

Donations may be made by use of regular church channels. Be sure to **designate your gift for mortgage principal reduction**. If you have questions, please contact Lamarr at 766-3979 or widmer@messiah.edu.

Cookie Walk THANKS



"Yummy" is the only word that comes close to describing the look and taste of the thousands of cookies baked for our third annual cookie walk, December 3rd. Bakers and buyers helped raise almost \$2,000 for the ministries of tech4Tanzania while bringing joy and fun to everyone who came to fill a box or two — or more!

The effort would have fallen short without your generous time and talent to make the morning a great success. Thank you for generously sharing.

Randy Barr

Slate Hill's 2017 Spring Fling Celebrates Those with Intellectual Disabilities!

Slate Hill will be buzzing with music, games, food and an overall party atmosphere on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Why? It's the 2017 Spring Fling for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their friends.

For the sixth year in a row, Slate Hill will open its doors to welcome not only those from Cumberland Vista, but a host of others in our community who have intellectual disabilities. The event will feature a pizza lunch, carnival and group games, live music, chair massages, a photo booth, refreshments, prizes, and more. The event is funded by individual gifts and through the generosity of BBQ proceeds.

To pull this mammoth event off, many Slate Hill volunteers will be needed to staff the multiple facets of this highly anticipated and greatly appreciated event.

Volunteers Needed:

Slate Hill youth and adults to serve as buddies for some of our guests

Slate Hill volunteers to run carnival and group games

Musicians to play lively upbeat music

Persons to serve lunch and refreshments

Persons to help with set-up Friday night February 24

Clean-up crew on Saturday afternoon

The actual event will begin at 11:30AM and conclude at 4:00PM. Volunteers need to be at the church no later than 11:00AM. For more information, contact Ulli Klemm at ulliklemm@yahoo.com (724) 464-8748.



If your birthday or anniversary information is missing, please email the office with your data so it can be added to the database. Thanks!



MITCHELL, James & Elaine Baumbach ... 01/20



Birthday Greetings!



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| MCALOOSE, Gene | 01/02 | ONELANGSY, Yoomie | 01/09 |
| MUZA, Alexia | 01/02 | CROUSE, Sandy | 01/10 |
| MUZA, Xavier | 01/02 | REXROTH, Tojahlae | 01/11 |
| MYERS, Rebekah | 01/02 | FLEISCHER, Ed | 01/12 |
| PECHART, Sue | 01/02 | HERSHEY, Rhoda | 01/15 |
| STAUFFER, Douglas | 01/02 | MILLER, Tom | 01/17 |
| CHUBB, Jurrien | 01/03 | SHERTZER, Noah | 01/17 |
| CROFT, Victoria | 01/05 | HESS, Connor | 01/18 |
| MAYES, Jonathan | 01/07 | STAUFFER, Sandra | 01/18 |
| MOSER, Carol | 01/08 | RESSLER, Dale | 01/19 |
| ZERCHER, Isaiah | 01/08 | CLARK, Kendall | 01/21 |
| BECK, George | 01/09 | SIMCOX, Kate | 01/24 |
| BECK, Ouy | 01/09 | MYERS, Ben | 01/31 |

Many thanks for the wonderful birthday celebration! With much love and appreciation. ~ Florence Detweiler

Florence's daughter, Ruth Lesher also extends her appreciation. She says for her mother to see and hear us sing happy birthday to her was the highlight of Florence's 100th birthday celebration! She also treasures our cards, wishes, and Christmas caroling.

Updated Scripture Translation Statistics

Wycliffe recently published their updated statistics for 2016. Over 4 million more people now have access to God's Word in their own language through the Bibles which were completed in the last year!

**Your Wycliffe Support
has helped!**

Complete Bible: 636

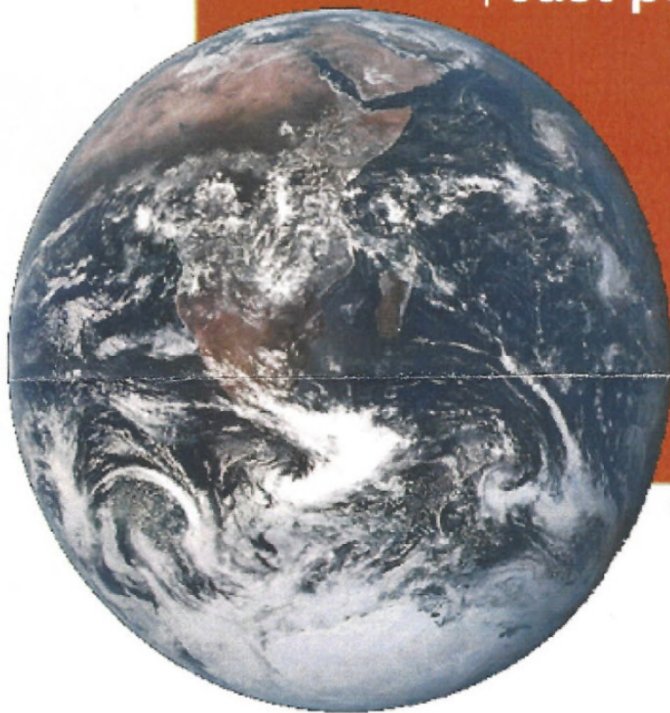
+ New Testament: 1442

(and some portions)

+ Just portions: 1145

= 3223

**Languages with
some scripture**



www.wycliffe.net/statistics

Oct 2016

Our ministry, as part of the global Bible translation movement, has been possible for these past 20 years because you've sacrificed funds and time in prayer to keep us moving. Thanks so much!

God's Word is now available in 3,223 languages (note however that "some Scripture" may be just a small portion of the Bible).

More than 100 mission orgs with staff from over 60 countries are translating the Bible for 2,400 of the world's languages.

1,700 people groups still don't have even one verse of the God's Word in their language. When we joined Wycliffe, that number was around 3,000 so praise the Lord that great progress is being made!

An ever increasing number of Scripture products are now in digital formats as text, audio and video. These are often available on websites, social media or through a variety of phone apps, as well as in formats that can be easily shared phone-to-phone in places with limited internet.

Also in 2016, ministries that we partner with...

- [YouVersion](#) (a mobile phone app) celebrated making Scripture available in 1000+ languages;
- [Faith Comes by Hearing](#) now has audio scriptures in more than 1000 languages; and
- [The JESUS film](#) is available in over 1460 languages.

To read the full statistics and associated information, visit www.wycliffe.net/statistics



Slate Hill was the “Icing on the Cake” at New Hope Senior Citizen Parties

“You are the icing on the cake,” said Laurie Wentzell speaking of the Slate Hill carolers and musicians who entertained the guests of New Hope Ministries Dillsburg’s Senior Citizen Christmas Party. “And I like icing!” she added. Laurie serves as the manager of the New Hope Ministries Dillsburg Center.

For the past seven years, Slate Hill has been asked to be the musical entertainment for both senior citizen parties at New Hope’s Dillsburg and Mechanicsburg locations. Without fail, a team of carolers and sometimes musicians, have shown up at each center to befriend the guests and brighten their spirits. “We always enjoy the group (from Slate Hill),” said New Hope volunteer Micki Sterner, who organized the Dillsburg party. “And our guests love it. Thanks so much for sharing.”

With many Slate Hillers wearing Christmas sweaters and donning Santa hats, all jumped in with both feet to warm the hearts of the 20 guest attending the Dillsburg event and the 50 guests present at the Mechanicsburg center.

At the Dillsburg Center, Kerry Harker-Roth, her son Silas and Isaiah Zercher, played string instruments while the guests ate lunch. At the Mechanicsburg Center, Slate Hillers sang carols during lunch which was prepared by Christians from neighboring churches. During the singing of “Jingle Bells” at the Dillsburg center, Dale Weaver maneuvered through the crowd and allowed the guests to ring the authentic sleigh bells he inherited from a relative of Valerie Weaver-Zercher.

Following the event, New Hope Volunteer, Paulette Palmer, who orchestrated the Senior Citizen’s Party New hope Mechanicsburg emailed Slate Hill this message: “A GREAT BIG thank you to the Slate Hill carolers. The music and reflection were well received. We were so blessed to have all of you.”

Slate Hill Carolers and Musicians at one or both centers included: Jim Burkholder, Ken and Myrna Eshleman, Ulli Klemm, Fran Leiter, Kerry Harker-Roth, Silas Roth, Dottie and Gene Seitz, Barb Springer, Dale and Debbie Weaver, Isaiah Zercher, and Chris, Rachel, Jackson, and Sarina Zimmerman.

"Hats Off" to SHMC Volunteers!

Hats off and warm thanks go out to all the nimble-finger volunteers who so lovingly made hats for distribution to those in need. A total of 849 hats were made and given to the three New Hope Ministry locations in addition to the Mennonite Resource Center in Ephrata.

If you are interested in making hats in your own spare time to donate, please contact Pat White at wwhite3522@comcast.net.

Free yarn is available for your use.



Please update your directory with this new information.

Connie & Butch Williamson
365B College Ave
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



Christmas Blessings Express

New Hope Ministries was delighted to receive all 191 pounds of Christmas gifts donated by Slate Hillers! The gifts filled a pickup truck and were delivered to the Mechanicsburg and Dillsburg facilities in time for New Hope Ministry guests to do their own “shopping” for family members so they could experience some of the joy of giving they otherwise would not have experienced this Christmas.

Thanks to all who helped make their Christmas special!

CROP WALK TALLY - \$12,028.26

SHMC had 14 walkers participate in the 2016 Crop Walk - the 45th Walk held in the Mechanicsburg area. This industrious group raised \$673.00 of the grand total to help alleviate local and world hunger!

The Lehman family (Carl, Mabel, Dean, Bonnie, and Noreen) have been Slate Hill's most consistent CROP Walkers through the years. Ten years ago, over 30 walkers from SHMC participated setting the record for the largest group to participate. Thankfully, today, many churches have up to 40 walkers raising funds to feed the hungry.

This year the Mechanicsburg/Camp Hill walk set a goal of \$15,000 which, unfortunately, was not attained although it was slightly higher than funds raised in the last few years. Thirteen different churches participated in the Walk this year.

Plan now to join this very worthwhile endeavor next fall, either by soliciting donors for funds and walking or by donating funds to a walker. Groups have more fun - enlist the help of your small group, Sunday School Class, or relatives, friends, and neighbors.



The children in Children's Church enjoy singing a song whereby they first hide and then enthusiastically wave bandanas or handkerchiefs in the air. More bandanas and/or handkerchiefs are needed. If you have any used ones which you no longer need, simply wash them and place them in the mailbox of Ulli Klemm. Thanks.



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

Lamarr Widmer, Chair ('19)
John Eby, Treasurer
Lynn Shertzer
Debbie Bauman ('18)
Ray Leiter ('17)
Danielle Hawley ('19)
Lyndon Hess ('19)
Tom Miller ('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)

Evangelism, Peace and Service

Tom Miller, Chair ('18)
Sara Chubb ('17)
Ken Eshleman ('18)
Lucinda Gish ('17)
David Weaver Zercher ('19)
Jim Mitchell ('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, Chair ('18)
Lynn Shertzer
Chris Zimmerman ('19)
Dale Weaver ('17)
Valerie Weaver Zercher ('18)

Stewardship

Ben Fredrick, Chair ('19)
John Eby, Treasurer
Mike Fasick ('18)
Brad Lamb ('19)
Rosalie Roland ('19)
Diana Zimmerman, Financial Sec't. ('19)

Food and 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

Tom Ly, Chair ('18)
Chris Hawley ('18)
Jeff Krug ('17)
Isaac Shertzer ('18)
Ed White ('19)

Wellness Committee

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

Gifts Discernment Committee

Stacy Petersheim, Chair ('19)
Lee Roland ('19)
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)