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

"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31

Pastor: Lynn Shertzer

Associate Pastor of Community Life: Joy Fasick

Administrative Assistant: Fran Leiter

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Ron Hershey

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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

Feb. 3	Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
Feb. 4	MCC Sewing Group ~ 1:00PM
Feb. 11	MYF Banquet & Auction ~ 5:30PM
Feb. 12	Discernment Meeting and Luncheon
Feb. 17	Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
Feb. 25	Spring Fling for Persons with Special Needs
Feb. 26	Bridge of Hope Chili Cook-off Fundraiser
	Bible Quizzing Held at Slate Hill
Mar. 4	Pancake Breakfast ~ 8:00AM
	George Weigel Gardening Seminar ~ 10:00AM
Mar. 19	Lancaster Mennonite High School Chorale
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	PA MCC Relief Sale
Apr. 8	Salmon Dinner Fundraiser for CCO, Jeremy Stoltzfus
Jun. 3	Hilltop Fun Fest 2017



Matching Mortgage Challenge

Praise God! I am very happy to let you know we have more than met the \$32,000 Mortgage Match challenge! The congregation gave \$40,000 to secure the challenge which allowed us to reduce the mortgage principal balance by \$72,000. With this additional payment and our current mortgage reserves, we expect the mortgage to be paid in full within 18 months! Praise Jehovah Jireh, the Lord, our provider.

We are grateful to the congregation for their generous support, both large and small. A special thanks is extended to those who challenged us with their significant gifts. We also appreciate and thank Yoomie Onelangsy who organized a food sale that netted \$860 for this challenge. Gene Musselman contributed \$2,200 at this time too from the Cash for Causes account—thanks to everyone who uses the gift cards to purchase their groceries as it does make a difference in reducing the mortgage!

Submitted by Dale Weaver, Treasurer
fivedws0916@gmail.com



The Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study

A new study began in January based upon Jennie Allen's book, *Restless*. This video series is a practical plan to identify the threads of your life to intentionally weave them together for God's glory and purposes.

Free childcare is provided

New participants are welcome

Meet in the conference room from 9:30 - 11:30AM

Contact Barb Springer @ barbspringer51@yahoo.com or 691-0626 if you have questions.



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.





Happy
Anniversary

AROKO, Asaph & Enighenja

02/14



Happy
Birthday

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

EDWARDS, JD

02/02

FREDRICK, Micah

02/15

BARNS, Kourtne

02/03

SEITZ, Gene

02/16

CHUBB, Anneka

02/04

BECK, Liliana

02/18

BARNS, Mila

02/05

SALINE, Deborah

02/21

WALTER, Calvin

02/05

ZERCHER, Sam

02/21

TOTHERO, Evarae

02/06

LY, Tom

02/24

BECK, Jeff

02/07

BOUNMA, Khanthaly

02/25

FLEISCHER, Patricia

02/07

FASICK, Joy

02/25

ALEXANDER, Hope

02/08

MOYER, Denise

02/26

AROKO, Pendo

02/10

HARKER-ROTH, Kerry

02/27

BECK, Lois

02/10

MALAY, Bill

02/27

MANIVONG, Lathda

02/13

MCALOOSE, Lucy

02/28

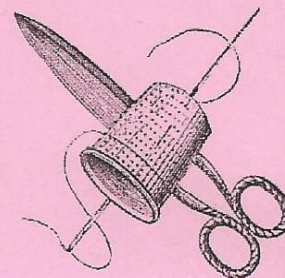
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QUILTER'S ATTIC at the PA MCC RELIEF SALE

March 31 & April 1, 2017 Harrisburg, PA

QUILTER'S ATTIC at the PA Relief Sale is accepting donations of your no longer needed / unused quilt supplies and unfinished quilt projects.



DONATION SITE is the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop

Clearly mark items: QUILTER'S ATTIC

QUILTER'S ATTIC is collecting quilt-related items – the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room.

finished/unfinished quilt tops

finished/unfinished quilt blocks

old and damaged quilts

quilting supplies and tools

linens – dresser scarves,
pillowcases, tablecloths,
chenille bedspreads,
doilies, potholders,
handkerchiefs, and aprons

cloth sacks – feed, flour, salt, sugar

fabric – cotton, flannel, wool, crazy quilt
(neckties, satin, velvet, etc)

quilt magazines

quilt books

notions – buttons, wooden spools,
scissors, pin cushions, old trims,
thimbles, sewing baskets

quilt patterns – new or old,
Kansas City Star,
stencils (piecing & quilting)

**Place items in
designated box
under the mail-
boxes.
Thanks.**

DONATION SITE: Donations are being accepted for Quilter's Attic **ALL YEAR LONG** at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop located at 707 W. Main, New Holland, PA.
Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4:30pm, closed Sunday.

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED: QUILTER'S ATTIC

QUESTIONS??? For pick-up in the Harrisburg Area, call Cathy Irwin (717) 254-6855

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Wendy Witter (610) 285-2948

Thelma Olinger (610) 857-5167
Janice Horning (717) 445-5687



Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser - 2017

Besides serving the families already accepted into Bridge of Hope's (BOH) Harrisburg Area program, some 30 homeless families continue to contact BOH each month for help in their realization of being or becoming homeless. These families may feel overwhelmed and not know where to begin, but BOH provides each one with support and guidance from BOH personnel, mentoring groups and churches.

BOH's first step is to assist families with the first month's rent and security deposit to move into a home. Families receive rental assistance on a decreasing basis over a 9 month period to encourage independence, not dependence. While having the peace of mind of stable housing, they can then focus on long term goals of entering a career that will support them financially. They focus on maintaining and being held accountable to a budget they set, as well as developing a network of friendships.

What can we do as a church to help alleviate homelessness in our community? As families graduate from the program, we can provide funds to "House a Family," so the money is there for the next family to be accepted and helped in their dire need.

A \$300 dollar amount begins the process for "Housing a Family." How many families can we get off the waiting lists and accepted into the program to begin the process of bringing security and stability into their lives?

So, a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 26th right after Sunday school. Get those old and new recipes a cookin'. The kitchen is now open! A sheet is posted on the bulletin board to encourage volunteers to sign up to donate chili, cornbread, and desserts for the Cook-Off which also helps us in planning for the event. Your donations truly make a difference for local families. Thank you for your generous support.

Submitted by Nancy Nisly

We can make a difference in the world!



Every year the Mennonite Central Committee has a campaign to collect coins and donations for a project of the year. This year funds will be used to find safe, clean water and to dig wells or build dams to accommodate the water needs of many people around the globe who do not have access to this life necessity. Slate Hill has participated in this effort for a number of years and donated the following amounts as designated: 2014—\$1315.37; 2015—\$1083.83; and 2016—\$1323.96.

Four *My Coins Count* collections will be taken at Slate Hill again this year. The campaign kicked off on 1/29/2017 and a collection will be taken again on February 12 with two more to follow in March. Your generous donations will be pooled with other donations from central PA . MCC raised a total of \$139,823.32 last year to fund their project of the year to provide educational tools and supplies. Please be in prayer for this project and give as you can to help bring life-sustaining water to quench thirst and to ease the burden of fetching water from afar for cleaning, laundry and sanitation. We are richly blessed to have plentiful and safe water which we all too often take for granted.

Start digging through your cars, sofa, drawers, etc., to find abandoned change which can be turned into a rich blessing. Set aside change you receive when making purchases from now until the PA Relief Sale on March 31 and April 1 to give. If the Lord leads, you can even give paper money or write checks for greater amounts. Checks should be made payable to the PA Relief Sale and noted for the *My Coins Count* drive and dropped into the *My Coins Count* offering (not Slate Hill Church offering) or put into the church mailbox of Roger and Holly Myers. To God be the glory!



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

Serving the Mechanicsburg Community

5228 East Trindle Road

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

(717) 766-7333

www.nhm-pa.org

Your Local Manager: **Mary Wheeler**

Impact

"I was in desperate need. I have never asked for any help in my life. A friend talked to me about New Hope, so I called and set-up an appointment. I never felt like anything could go wrong as long as I was at New Hope - I did not want to leave. I felt so safe. Well, I certainly got the help I needed!! I owe everything to New Hope. I truly am forever in debt to you, and love you all with all I have."

- Note from a Guest of New Hope Ministries



Engage

Save the Date and WALK with us Sunday, April 30, 2017. Join us at Hampden Park in Mechanicsburg - bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Register your team today at www.nhm-pa.org!

Need help?

If you or someone you know needs help with food, learning budgeting skills, finding a job, or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us.

*Thank You
~ Mary*



Serve!

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

**9am-4pm Monday-Friday:
Truck Drivers, Dock Workers,
Cooler & Freezer Workers**

**Mon, Tues, & Thurs:
Afterschool Programs**

Complete an online application on our website.

Wish List

Cereal

Pasta

Canned Veggies

Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna

Condiments

Bar Soap

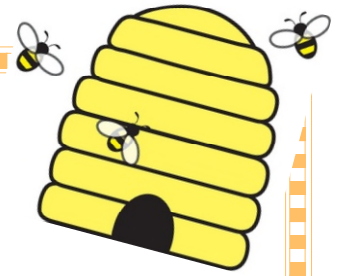
Dishwashing Soap

Bathroom Tissue

Toothpaste



Pancakes and Pollinators March 4th



George Weigel, the garden guru, is excited about what he sees as a win-win morning at Slate Hill Mennonite Church when tech4tanzania serves pancakes and sausage as a fund-raising activity from 8 - 9:30, cleans up then encourages the breakfast club to stay for George's 10:00 presentation - Neighbor-Friendly Ways to Create a Pollinator-Friendly Yard.

Many have seen reports of declining bee populations. Some of us may want to "Feed the Bees!" to help them recover and maybe even thrive. On the other hand, we want to be good neighbors to our people neighbors, too. George has some great ideas of how to balance this double kindness AND he is a great presenter. There are even silly door prizes for those who eat pancakes and stay for the presentation.

Submitted by Randy Barr



LANCASTER MENNONITE HIGH SCHOOL CHO- RALE

You won't want to miss the March 19th Worship Service! The Lancaster Mennonite High School

Campus Chorale will be edifying us in song that morning. This large choir of accomplished singers has traveled the East Coast sharing in song and music. Check them out on You Tube!





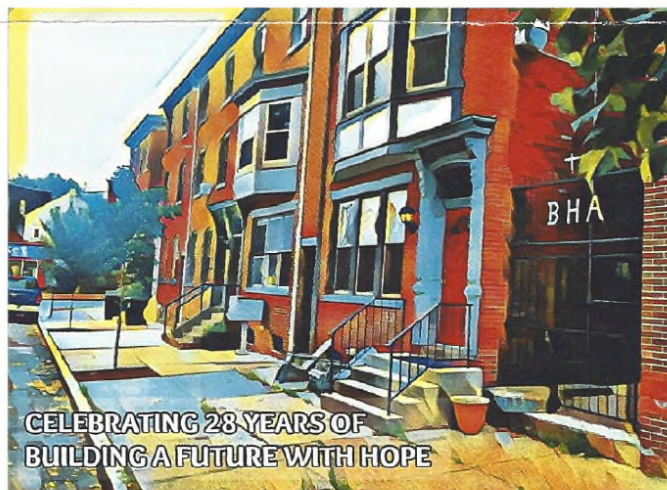
Building a Future with Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

28th Year Challenge

A house provides shelter; a home, security. A home is not just “where you live,” it is where you feel safe, it is your refuge. A home is where stable and sustainable life lays its foundation. Unfortunately, there are many families who do not have a home and live in constant uncertainty and fear. BHA has provided a place to call home for families who are experiencing homelessness for 28 years. Since 1989, through the grace of God, we have been able to serve over 1000 adults and children; touching their lives, meeting their basic needs, and helping them to reach their God given potential. To celebrate BHA’s 28 years of service, we are highlighting our organization’s history during the month of February. Each day we are sharing new information about significant events and people in the history of BHA on our website and Facebook page. In order to know where you are going, you must know where you came from. BHA has a rich history of dedicated and faithful people coming together to serve others. Through all of the growth, progress, challenges, and obstacles, we are thankful for what we have learned and the impact we have had on people’s lives and our community.

You have made BHA what it is today; every prayer said, dollar donated, item given, and hour volunteered has made this work possible. You are a crucial part to our past, present, and future. We are committed to continuing to invest in the lives of families experiencing homelessness, but we cannot carry out our calling without your help. With you on our families’ side supporting and praying for them, they can build a future with hope. They can begin to build their home.



In honor of our 28th anniversary, take part in the 28th Year Challenge. ***The goal of the 28th Year challenge is to have 28 people (or more!) commit to a recurring monthly gift of \$28.*** Every dollar makes a difference and helps to provide a family with a place to call home and the tools and support systems to change their life. We hope learning more about our journey will inspire you to become involved in the vision moving forward. Please follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/brethrenhousing or our website at www.bha-pa.org to see the daily posts about BHA’s history of service in the community. If you would like a paper copy of the reflection on BHA’s journey, please feel free to contact me at 717-233-6016 or cbrown@bha-pa.org.

Blessings,

Crystal Brown
Executive Director

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11.

The official registration and financial information of Brethren Housing Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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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

Danielle Hawley, Chair ('19)
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)

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Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Mike Fasick ('18)
Brad Lamb ('19)
Rosalie Roland ('19)
Diana Zimmerman, Fin. Sec't. ('19)

Food & Fellowship

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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 ('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)