

## HILLTOP NEWS

*Thou crownest the year  
with thy goodness; and thy  
paths drop fatness.*

*Psalms 65:11*

*Lord I have no idea what's going  
to happen in this New Year but  
all I pray is that you will guide  
me, and help me! Please help me  
to look to you always, and  
through everything I do, may I  
bring praise and glory to Your  
name. Amen.*

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Tuesday	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday	By Appointment



## Upcoming Events

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|-----------|--|
| Jan. 2    | Women's Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30AM                        |
| Jan. 5    | Jr. High Retreat at Camp Hebron                            |
| Jan. 10   | WNO (Wednesday Night Out) Resumes                          |
| Jan. 12   | Sr. High Retreat at Camp Hebron                            |
| Jan. 14   | Host a Student or Newcomer for Lunch                       |
| Jan. 16   | Women's Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30AM                        |
| Jan. 21   | Chili Cook-off/Blood Drive                                 |
| Jan. 27   | Book Discussion Group ~ 9:00AM                             |
| Feb. 24   | MYF Banquet & Auction                                      |
| Feb. 25   | Quizzing at Slate Hill                                     |
| Mar. 3    | Spring Fling for Adults with Special Needs                 |
| Mar. 18   | Soup & Salad Bar Luncheon Fundraiser for Eliezer Mwankenja |
| Mar. 25   | Evening Program ~ Tony Campolo                             |
| April 6/7 | PA Relief Sale   |
| May 18-20 | Church Retreat at Camp Hebron                              |
| June 2    | Hilltop Fun Fest 2018                                      |

**YES!**  
**FREE LUNCH!**



It's time again to extend a welcoming hand and a meal (home-cooked or a restaurant treat) to college students and newer attendees at Slate Hill. The next formal scheduled date is Sunday, January 14, 2018. Slate Hillers are most welcome to extend an invite to students and newcomers any time but sometimes it helps to get the ball rolling by setting a particular date. Students generally have only one course in January so they won't have to gulp and run, thus all of you can enjoy a leisurely visit and meal.

Sign-up at the bulletin board or let Ulli Klemm know if you can host two students or newer attendees on January 14. Ulli will let you know who's coming to dinner that day. After lunch, zip the students back to their campus or home.

Thanks in advance for extending Christ's warmth to those who journey with us during their time in college or who are new to our church family.



Submitted by Ulli Klemm



## Leaders and Helpers Needed for Children's Church

The next schedule for Children's Church begins in March. Additional leaders and helpers are needed in order to continue this weekly ministry! If enough volunteer, it will be a commitment of once every 6-8 weeks - about once every 2 months.

The only requirements are to love Jesus and children! There is a curriculum from which leaders can choose lessons. Helpers assist by taking kids to the restroom as needed, aid with crafts, and help the kids to acclimate to their surroundings and activities.

If you would like to join this team of dedicated people, please email [sue-weigel@gmail.com](mailto:sue-weigel@gmail.com) by February 20th. You will be assisted in the process of becoming an approved adult.

Submitted by Sue Weigel

## ***Making Summer Vacation Plans?***

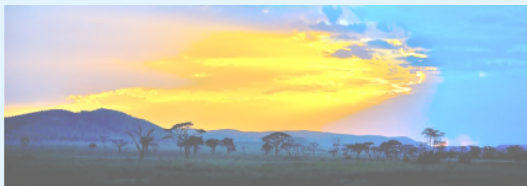
Please note that **Hilltop Fun Fest 2018** will be held on Saturday, June 2. Don't miss the chance to be part of the HFF team welcoming neighbors at this exciting community event.

*Connecting ...Serving...Having Fun!*





## Eliezer's Update



I have a short break (about three weeks) after finishing my Fall semester classes and work before my next class begins. I am enrolled in the January term class beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month. My January term professor, who is also my advisor, emailed me a copy of the syllabus and a link to internet materials to help prepare for the class. Therefore, I will be spending my break utilizing these resources and reviewing materials preparing for my Spring French and Database classes. It's a good idea to brush up so I don't forget what I already learned before the Spring classes begin!

It won't be all book work though as I will be helping Ray Leiter program his trains and building the train platform and installing track. I'll be learning some fun carpentry, computer, and electrical skills not available through college courses! It will be a welcome break between my studies.

As I mentioned last month, I won't know the details of my transportation schedule for the next semester until Ray and others who help with my transportation have a chance to discuss the schedule.

January 15th is the deadline for meeting the Spring Semester tuition payment schedule. The latest statement from the college shows a balance due of \$3,111. I'm confident, because of the generosity of all my financial supporters, this balance will be met in time. I anticipate a small positive balance to start the fall semester of 2018. My current schedule will permit me to meet the degree requirements so I can graduate in May, 2019.

Thank you very much and God's blessings for your prayers and support.

Eliezer Mwankenja



### *Behold the Miracle of New Life!*

Sophia Grace Escalante Sheeler has arrived!

Jere Escalante and Kimberly Sheeler welcomed little Sophia into their lives Wednesday morning, January 3, 2018.



# Chili Cookoff & Community Blood Drive

**Sponsored by:**

**Slate Hill Mennonite Church!**

**1352 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill 17011**

**In the Lobby**

**Sunday, January 21st**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**

**All who attempt to donate will  
receive a FREE bowl of chili!**

**For more information call 717-737-8150  
or visit [www.slatehillmennonite.org](http://www.slatehillmennonite.org)**



**A Form of ID is required to donate.**



**For more information contact: 1-800-771-0059 ~ [717giveBlood.org](http://717giveBlood.org)**



## Volunteers Sought to Embrace Those with Special Needs



The 2018 "Spring Fling" for our neighbors with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Slate Hill Mennonite Church, Camp Hill, PA.

This FREE event includes: Lunch • Carnival Games • Face Painting • Limbo • Group Games • Chair Massages • Live Music • Gift Bags

Slate Hill adult, youth, and child volunteers are needed to:



Face-Paint  
Staff carnival games  
Be a buddy to our guests  
Provide Music  
Lead group games  
Take pictures  
Register guests  
Serve lunch  
Set-up & clean-up



Some volunteers are needed late Friday afternoon, March 2, 2018 but most are needed at the church by 9:15am Saturday morning, March 3, 2018. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Sign-up on the bulletin board at church or let Ulli Klemm know you want to be a blessing. [\(724\) 464-8748](tel:7244648748) or [ulliklemm@yahoo.com](mailto:ulliklemm@yahoo.com)



# GRACE AWAITS

Christians are not exempt from feeling hesitant to engage, or to keep at arms' distance, those with special needs. Many elect the latter, finding ways only to smile from several feet away at those who are intellectually or developmentally disabled.

"I felt that way too, once," confessed Ulli Klemm, who heads up Slate Hill's partnership with the residents of Cumberland Vista. Ulli's first exposure to those with special needs came when he was in elementary school. There, students with special needs were kept segregated from the rest of the K through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Because they "looked a little different," Ulli remembers, "my friends and I would sometimes make fun of them." But as Ulli entered high school, he somehow tagged along with some classmates who attended a local Catholic church to visit those confined at the Pilgrim State Mental Hospital (Brentwood, NY). "Initially, I too was apprehensive about what to expect," reflects Ulli. "Our group would first visit with the patients informally and then we would gather for the singing of folk songs. I was as amazed then as I am today by how much grace those with special needs radiate to those of us who society refer to as 'normal.'"

Ever since his formative years, Ulli has kept his eyes open to engage those with special needs. But Ulli alone does not own that vision. Tara Mayes, whose daughter Sara has an intellectual disability, models what it looks like to engage and treat those with special needs as brothers and sisters in Christ. Cindy and Gary Musselman, Jim Burkholder, Richard Mininger and Matt Bergey own that vision, too. And so do Elaine Baumbach and Jim Mitchell, Sue Weigel, Theda Klemm and a host of Messiah College students.

They took a step out of their comfort zone mustering the courage to come a few steps closer to those with special needs. And they keep coming back. This team of volunteers from Slate Hill has discovered when they show up at Cumberland Vista, THEY are the ones who receive God's grace, versus extending it. With their warm smiles, genuine concern and comfortableness with themselves, residents Jimmy, Brian, Theresa, Jason, Lonie, Margie, Derek and Chris, make the Slate Hill volunteers feel welcome and at home.

You are invited to join the fun at one of the events planned for the Spring of 2018. Come once, with no obligation to return, and just see how it goes. That's what faith is. That's what service in the Name of Christ is. That's what it means to embrace some of the least of these.

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## Slate Hill/Cumberland Vista Spring 2018 Events

**Fri., Jan. 5, 2018, 6:30PM - Pizza, Popcorn and Movie Night** at Cumberland Vista

**Sun., Jan. 21, 2018, 11AM - V.I.P. Class** at Slate Hill Mennonite

**Fri., Feb. 2, 2018, 6:30PM - Friday Night Splash** at Cumberland Vista with singing, rehearsing a skit, and snacks

**Sun., Feb. 18, 2018** - Residents perform a skit during worship then attend the 11AM **V.I.P. Class** at Slate Hill Mennonite

**Sat. March 3, 2018, 10AM - Spring Fling** – a fun community carnival and music festival for those with special needs.

**Sun., March 18, 2018, 11AM - V.I.P. Class** at Slate Hill Mennonite

**Fri., April 6, 2018, 6:30PM - Friday Night Splash** at Cumberland Vista with singing, rehearsing a skit, and snacks

**Sun., April 15, 2018, 11AM - V.I.P. Class** at Slate Hill Mennonite



Cumberland Vista sits behind the property of and at the top of the hill behind **The Meeting House** (formerly called Cumberland Valley Brethren In Christ Church) at 1073 York Rd, Dillsburg PA 17019. Contact Ulli Klemm or Cindy Musselman for more information.

Submitted by Ulli Klemm





Thriving Villages International (TVI) focuses on Pestel, Haiti and surrounding villages. Our heart goes out to the Haitians in Pestel, who are poor even by Haitian standards. Pestel is so difficult to reach. Rather than trying to “manage” community care remotely, TVI supports the Haitian Community Development Group called Christians Progress Together (KPA, Kreyen Pwogrè Ansanm in Creole). This group began as a vision from Sister Fidelis Rubbo, a hero in the Christian faith and an ardent supporter of the Pestel region. KPA leads a network of 35 – 40 people who know the needs of their villages. They always need food, clean water, and medical care. Beyond those basics, KPA wants their region to thrive and they do so much to make that happen. Since the members of KPA live in Pestel, they know what’s most needed for their community. One of their strong needs is education.

The five KPA leaders feel so strongly about blessing their community that they didn’t take the stipend for themselves that we offered, preferring to work for free so that they could continue the education and food programs! Their commitment humbles and amazes us. One of the members, Saintane (pronounced Saint-Ann-eh), is still living in the wreckage of his house, which was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016.

This year, thirty-six children began attending the cement-block school at St. Rose Elementary School. This number includes seven students in the newly-established third grade, supported by TVI. The new grade is taught by one of the KPA leaders, Saintane Yacinthe. A fellow KPA leader, Fanfan Belizaire, wrote passionately about the need for education: “Education elevates man to the dignity of his being. Before and after the cyclone Matthew, to send a child to school seems almost impossible for the parents...; however, if we want to move forward on the evolutionary level of a society, we must think about the education of our sons and daughters.” Even though the area has not recovered from Hurricane Matthew of 2016, Gerald Victorin, a KPA leader and Supervisor of the St. Rose school, wrote, “the parents (in Ferrier) are praying that we could add a fourth grade next year.” Education is that important to them -- and also that hard to acquire.

Here’s another example of the commitment and caliber of the Haitian organizers. Jim Bishop, TVI’s new president, writes, “In May 2017 several TVI board members, including Jen Fredrick, met with the five KPA leaders in Port-au-Prince for a week of intense meetings. After two days, we visited Maranatha Children’s Ministries in the city. My hope was to encourage the KPA leaders. Instead, after hearing about the orphanage and the daily school for about 150 kids Maranatha runs, one leader, Phenicq, stopped the man showing us around, shook his hand, and told him, ‘We work with educating children in Pestel, and we want to thank you and encourage you for working with Haiti’s children too.’”

TVI is currently supporting efforts in Pestel to provide some of the important basics of life: primary education, agricultural projects such as reestablishing crops destroyed by the hurricane and a goat project modeled after Heifer International, and supporting a guest house for visiting medical teams.

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Please allow us to express our – and the Haitians' – heartfelt gratitude. We know Phenicq and the others would say to you, as he said to the orphanage leaders, “Thank you for helping Haiti’s children.” May God bless you richly this new year!

Submitted by Ben Fredrick



Beautiful Day in Haiti



See Distribution to grow crops.



Goat Distribution to expand flocks for income and food supply.



Christians Progress Together team in Pestel



Haitian developers in Port-au-Prince help the people of Pestel.





## January Birthdays

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



## January Anniversaries

BARNES, Tyler & Kournie	01/02
MITCHELL, James & Elaine Baumbach	01/20
PECHART, John & Sue	01/25

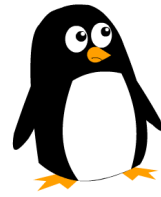


## Ladies' Fellowship Begins New Series

Shalom Sistas: Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World by Osheta Moore, and edited by Valerie Weaver Zercher, will be the focus of discussion for the Ladies' Fellowship beginning on January 2. Danielle Hawley and Megan Myers will co-lead the discussion. All women are invited to come and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. Free childcare is provided. Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 am-11:30 am in the conference room.

Submitted by Barb Springer

# Lions, Tigers, BEARS, and Penguins Too!



For three years, the residents of Cumberland Vista hoped to see another Hershey Bears ice hockey game. Finally, on November 12th, their wish came true. Thanks to a special ticket promotion and the generosity of a Bears' season ticket holder, all eight residents got to see the Bears (the farm team for the Washington Capitals) battle the Wilkes-Barre Baby Penguins (the farm team for the Pittsburgh Penguins). Tickets were paid for by donations from Slate Hillers to a special account which makes such events possible.



*Dollar Dog Night* made the event even more affordable - at least as long as the vendors hadn't sold out of the dogs! While some sipped on sodas or munched on popcorn, the Bears watched the Baby Pens show them why they are at the top of their division. The Baby Pens outplayed the Bears, skating to a 5 -1 victory.





# ***Cookie Making, Cumberland Vista Style***

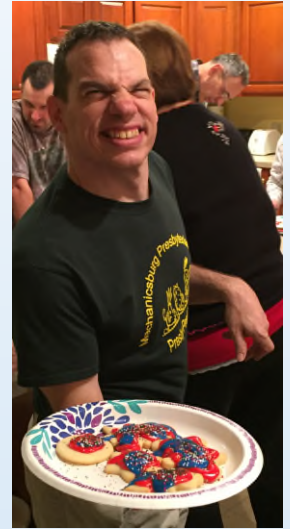
In early December, Slate Hill and Messiah College volunteers converted the kitchen at Cumberland Vista into an elf's paradise. With icing and sprinkles in hand, the Cumberland Vista residents decorated Christmas cookies. Creative spirits were in high gear as each resident, assisted by a volunteer, added their perfect touch to the cookies.

"What a delicious evening," commented one of the residents. Jimmy Redline beamed from ear to ear as he showed his treats for the camera. Sara Mayes loved the sprinkles so much that in the blink of an eye an entire bottle of sprinkles covered her one cookie!

Cindy Musselman and Theda Klemm graciously provided the homemade cookies and hot chocolate while Richard Mininger provided transportation for Messiah students Mandy Rempel and Emily Doron.

While the icing on the cookies was drying, Theda and Ulli Klemm led a pictictionary-like game, where all had to guess the name of the Christmas carol, based on the pictures the residents drew on a white board. Following the game, many spirited Christmas carols were sung.

A good time was had by all!





## ***Pumpkin Pies and Music: A Winning Combination***

In early November 2017, Slate Hillers assisted Cumberland Vista residents make eight pumpkin and butternut squash pies. For some, this was their first time making such delicious creations.

Theda and Ulli Klemm as well as Roxanna Dinesen, a former coworker of Ulli's, ventured over to Cumberland Vista one weekday evening to help the residents convert their kitchen into a bakery.

The pies were served the next Friday, when Slate Hill volunteers and Messiah students visited the group home for their first Friday of the month visit. At that gathering, Jim Burkholder led spirited singing and Matt Bergey led a devotional on how all members of Christ's body are needed to make the church work.

The residents always look forward to visits from their Slate Hill friends. All Slate Hillers are ALWAYS welcome to check out all the fun. Contact Ulli Klemm if you might like to join us sometime.

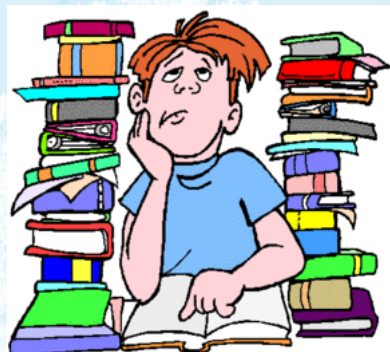
Slate Hillers who served as buddies to the Cumberland Vista residents included: Cindy and Gary Musselman, Theda and Ulli Klemm, Emily Doron (Messiah student), John Snyder, Richard Mininger, Joshua Dean, Sterling Miller, Matt Bergey, Jordan Bischof and Willie Green (a friend of Ulli's).





# College & Careers Class Support

GOOD LUCK  
FOR YOUR  
EXAM  
AND  
DO THE BEST



Going to college is a privilege which many relish. But during finals week it can feel the exact opposite! For some, it's an incredibly stressful time. Studying with little sleep, pulling "all-nighters" and typing yet another paper are not uncommon that week.

Students attending the December 10 College and Career Class were provided some comfort food and a boost of God's peace and calm from some Slate Hillers. Each was given a "Finals Survival Snack Bag." It contained homemade cookies by none other than Bonnie Lehman, peanut butter bars made by Ulli Klemm, a host of snacks (trail mix, crackers, hot cocoa package, microwave popcorn, raisins) and two still-warm soft pretzels purchased that morning from the Philly Pretzel Factory on the Carlisle Pike.

Bags also contained a small note signed by class teachers, Roger and Holly Myers and Ulli Klemm, which read: "May this small token of our love help you keep your sense of humor and keep you awake and fueled as you crank out yet another paper, read another book, review your notes and prepare for final exams. Know that you are remembered in prayer during this very demanding time!"

Several students commented on the touch of kindness they received. Emily Doron, a senior at Messiah College and a faithful partner with the Slate Hill team befriending Cumberland Vista residents said: "I just wanted to email you to thank you for the care package. It was a great surprise among all of the studying! I hope that you have a great Christmas." Emily took great delight seeing pictures of her and her Cumberland Vista friends hanging in her dorm room.



Jessica Radle, a student at Harrisburg Area Community College, had to work on the day the survival bags were distributed so a survival bag was dropped off at her apartment across from the church. She was very appreciative of the kind gesture: "Thank you so much!" she texted Ulli and Holly.

Other students were invited to take the extra bags and pretzels to give to those on campus at Messiah who they knew or were struggling. "They'll love this," said Danielle Delp.

Special thanks to Bonnie Lehman who was so glad she was asked to bake cookies, and to her daughter, Noreen, who decorated and bagged the cookies. Way to go, Noreen!

Submitted by Ulli Klemm



## “You Make Our Program”

Santa and Mrs. Claus were already in the gym at Calvary United Methodist Church in Dillsburg when Slate Hillers arrived - the site of New Hope Ministries Dillsburg senior citizen clients Christmas Party. This was the eighth year in a row that New Hope asked Slate Hill to sing Christmas carols. Clients voiced how glad they were to see Slate Hill invited back.

Festive Christmas music played in the background as volunteers did their final preparations. As the 35 guests entered the gym, they were welcomed by Santa and spirited carols. Pastor Lynn Shertzer, Dottie and Gene Seitz, Darlene Fasick, Fran Leiter, Chris Zimmerman, Lorraine Myers, and Ulli Klemm plus Cumberland Vista residents, Theresa Dixon and Lonie Witmer, comprised the Slate Hill team of carolers. Carolers provided the backdrop music while the clients enjoyed a delicious ham, mac and cheese and corn casserole lunch. They also assisted the clients as they played Christmas Bingo and listened for their name to be called for door prizes.

“You make our program,” said Laurie Wentzell, Manager of the Dillsburg Center, about the Slate Hill volunteers. “We just provide the food. You ARE the program.” Micki Sterner, the volunteer coordinator of the annual event, along with her daughter and several volunteers, is always glad to see Slate Hill. “The clients love you,” she said.

While singing “Frosty the Snow Man” Cumberland Vista resident, Theresa Dixon, paraded a stuffed figure of Frosty around the room. She did the same with a stuffed reindeer, when the team sang “Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Theresa sang so enthusiastically she voiced her need for water several times to address the tickle in her throat.

A touching moment was shared when 94 year old client, Al, sang the first verse of “Silent Night,” accompanied by Chris Zimmerman on the guitar.

It was neat to see how easily the Slate Hill volunteers befriended the elderly clients. Whether talking with them about their favorite sports team or ‘certifying’ that they had indeed won Christmas Bingo, Slate Hillers made the clients feel special and at home.

“We hope you plan to come back next year,” voiced Laurie Wentzell, as the final supplies were packed in cars after the event. We look forward to doing just that!



*Submitted by Ulli Klemm*



## New Hope, Dillsburg in Pictures



## Thank You!

Patricia, Taylor, and I thank our Slate Hill family for all the many acts of kindness we received during my recovery. Thanks for the meals, the cards, the visits (including the carolers), the phone calls, and for all who prayed for us. You will never know how much we appreciate you all. My recovery is going well. I still have a ways to go but your prayers have been answered and I am healing. Sometimes it takes an event like I experienced to make you realize just how blessed we are. A song I often think of goes like this; "I owe the Lord a morning song of gratitude and praise, for all the mercies he has shown in lengthening out my days". Thanks again for all your support.

Ed, Patricia, and Taylor Fleischer

## \*One More, Please\*

“One more, please,” was the phrase that the carolers from Slate Hill heard repeatedly at the New Hope Ministries West Shore Center Christmas Party for senior citizen clients on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Slate Hillers, decked in Christmas apparel and Santa hats, sang their hearts out as they were asked time and time again, “One more, please.” By the end of the afternoon, the group of carolers sang all but two of the songs on their song sheets. “Wow!!!” exclaimed Paulette Palmer, the New Hope volunteer who coordinated the event. “You all were wonderful. Thank you so much.” High fives to everyone!

While the temperatures outside hovered in the low 20’s, inside the carolers, clients and New Hope volunteers were warmed by each other’s presence, an array of food and a festive mood. They were also delighted with the presence of four young carolers from Slate Hill: Phoebe and Reuben McGrath and Sarina and Jackson Zimmerman. Reuben helped Dale Weaver jingle a string of authentic sleigh bells as all chimed in singing, “Jingle Bells” then Sarina gladly yelled out “one, two, three, four” leading up to the chorus of “Go, Tell it on the Mountain.”

Stephanie, a young woman who had been sitting at home bored until her mother, who is not able to drive, asked her if she would drive her to the party from their Enola home, was more than willing to do so. When Ulli asked Stephanie if she could sing, she replied with a big smile: “YES! I love to sing!” Ulli Klemm invited her to join the fledgling Slate Hill choir – or “band” as they were referred to – and she was the featured soloist singing “Santa Baby.”

The group of carolers sang during lunch and afterwards as well. Ulli shared a brief meditation, using a coping saw, a carving of the Nativity scene made by his grandfather, and an African wood carving as object lessons. He shared how God, in the person of Jesus, made His abode with us, helping us “cope” with life’s challenges and holding us in the palm of His hand.

Two families asked for the address of Slate Hill from those in our group befriending them during games of Christmas Bingo. These families said they were looking for a church to attend. Ulli gave them the church address and promised to send them information about the church as well as copies of the pictures he took of them at the party. The families were very appreciative for that information and for the Slate Hill carolers taking time from their busy holiday season to spread Christ’s love.

Paulette Palmer, a volunteer at New Hope, orchestrated the event, attending to every detail. She invited our group of volunteers to have lunch as well. After the party was over, some of us assisted in the “tear-down” by putting tables and chairs away.

Additional Slate Hill carolers not mentioned above include Chris and Rachel Zimmerman, Ira Sollenberger, Melinda McGrath, and Ken and Myrna Eshleman.

Submitted by Ulli Klemm





Christmas caroling at  
New Hope Ministries,  
Mechanicsburg





# Caroling at Time Life Adult Care Center

Holiday traffic was in full swing on one of the last shopping days before Christmas. But that didn't deter over 20 Christmas Carolers from converging on the Life Time Adult Day Care Center in Mechanicsburg Friday, December 22, 2017. The gang entertained 35 clients with their singing, special instrumental selections and sharing of Christmas riddles. The carolers introduced themselves and shared what was on their Christmas wish list then invited the clients to do the same. "I'll take whatever Santa brings me," said one client, while many Slate Hill parents wished for special time with family and sleep as their Christmas gift.

Thirteen of the carolers were from Slate Hill. Five consisted of Barb Springer's daughter's family from Goshen, Indiana. Two of Ulli's co-workers came; one brought her daughter.

The clients and staff were so appreciative of Slate Hill carolers and musicians. Beverly, a client who loves to sing, has already asked Ulli when the group will be coming back.

Slate Hillers who engaged in this unique missional event included: Christopher and Sarina Zimmerman; Valerie Weaver-Zercher, Isaiah and Henry Zercher; Paul Nisly; Susan Weigel; Barb Springer; Myrna and Ken Eshleman; Jonathan Mayes; and Theda and Ulli Klemm.





# Ministry Assignments 2017-2018



## Elder Team

Lynn Shertzer  
Joy Fasick  
Dave Bauman ('20)  
Jen Fredrick ('19)  
Ron Hershey ('18)  
Caleb Miller ('20)

## Church Board

Lamarr Widmer, Chair ('19)  
Dale Weaver, Treasurer  
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