

HILLTOP NEWS

"Any faith that must be supported by the evidence of the senses is not real faith."

"True faith rests upon the character of God and asks no further proof than the moral perfections of the One who cannot lie."

A. W. Tozer

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God is Love.
Whoever LIVES IN
LOVE lives
in God and
God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16

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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)*

Pastor: Lynn Shertzer

Associate Pastor of Community Life: Joy Fasick

Administrative Assistant: Fran Leiter

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Church Office Hours:

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Monday | No office hours |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |



Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 6 | Women's Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30AM |
| Feb. 10 | MCC Sewing Group, Stitch-In-Saturday ~ 1:00 - 4:00PM |
| Feb. 19 | MCC Service Day, Ephrata ~ 8:00 - 4:30PM |
| Feb. 20 | Women's Fellowship & Study ~ 9:30AM |
| Feb. 24 | MYF Banquet and Auction |
| Feb. 25 | Bible Quizzing at Slate Hill ~ 6:15 |
| Mar. 3 | Spring Fling for Adults with Special Needs |
| Mar. 18 | Super-duper Soup & Salad Bar after Sunday School |
| Mar. 24-25 | Celebration of Church Life |
| Mar. 25 | Evening Service with Tony Campolo ~ 7:00PM |
| Apr. 6-7 | PA Relief Sale |
| Apr. 21 | Chicken BBQ |
| May 18-20 | Church Retreat at Camp Hebron |
| June 2 | Hilltop Fun Fest |

For with
God nothing
shall be
impossible.

-Luke 1:37



MCC Sewing Group Stitch In!

Women of all ages are invited to the winter *Stitch In* on Saturday afternoon, February 10th. Instead of the regular 2nd Wednesday night of the month meeting in February, we will conduct an afternoon event from 1:00-4:00 to crank out more work. You may come and go according to your schedule, and "newbies" are invited to stop by and check us out without any obligation. It will be a great time of fellowship and service.

If you wish to sew, please bring your sewing machine; if you wish to cut patches, please bring your rotary cutter or scissors and a cutting mat. If you wish to knot comforters, you may bring a pair of pliers to assist you if you have troublesome stiff fingers! The ironing board and iron also wait in the wings for anyone wanting to iron fabric, patches, or comforter seams.

Submitted by Fran Leiter



Leaders and Helpers Needed for Children's Church

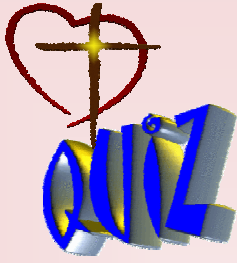
The next schedule for Children's Church begins in March. Additional leaders and helpers are needed in order to continue this weekly ministry! If enough volunteer, it will be a commitment of once every 6-8 weeks - about once every 2 months.

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, aiding with crafts, and helping the kids acclimate to their surroundings and activities.

Please email suweigel@gmail.com by February 20 if you would like to join this team of dedicated people. You will be assisted in the process of becoming an approved adult.

Submitted by Sue Weigel





Again this year, we have a fine group of young people representing Slate Hill Mennonite Church! They appreciate your prayers and interest. Make it a point to encourage and support them and their coaches. Quizzers: Ben and Matt Fasick, Regan Werner, and Henry, Isaiah and Sam Zearcher. Coaches are Caleb and Kara Miller.



2018 Atlantic Coast Conference Bible Quizzing Schedule

| Date | Bus Departure Time | Location |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1/14/2018 | 4:55 P.M. | Petra Church |
| 1/21/2018 | 5:05 P.M. | Hinkletown Mennonite Church |
| 1/28/2018 | 5:00 P.M. | Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community |
| 2/4/2018 (2:00 PM) | 1:10 P.M. | Elizabethtown Mennonite Church |
| 2/11/2018 | 5:15 P.M. | Landisville Mennonite Church |
| 2/18/2018 | 4:40 P.M. | Petra Church |
| 2/25/2018 | | Slate Hill |
| 3/4/2018 | 4:50 P.M. | Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community |
| 3/11/2018 (1:00) | 11:40 A.M. | ACC Tournament -- Lancaster Mennonite School |
| 3/17/2018 | | Invitational Tournament – Pettisville, OH or Archbold, OH |

For those who prefer to drive themselves, directions are available at: accquizzing.org.

For regular Sunday evening quizzing, group worship begins at 6:15PM
followed by quiz matches at 6:30PM.

**Celebrate those with Intellectual Disabilities
by Volunteering at Slate Hill's Annual**

Spring Fling

Sat., March 3, 2018

10:00am- 2:00pm

On **Saturday, March 3, 2018** Slate Hill will be buzzing with music, games, food and a party atmosphere. Why? It's the **2018 Spring Fling** for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities plus their friends.

For the 7th 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 program is funded through the generosity of individual gifts.

To pull this mammoth event off, the following are needed:

Volunteers to run carnival and group games

Musicians to play lively upbeat music

Lunch and refreshments servers

Buddies for some of our guests

Persons to help with **set-up and clean-up**

The fun will begin for guests at 10:00AM. **Volunteers need to be at the church no later than 9:15AM.** For more information, contact Ulli Klemm at (724) 464-8748 or ulliklemm@yahoo.com.





FRIENDS OF SHIRATI ANNUAL BANQUET

It's almost time for the annual Friends of Shirati banquet! Learn about a ministry of the Tanzania Mennonite Church located on the shores of Lake Victoria, and catch a vision of how you can be involved in supporting wholeness of life for those in that community. Friends of Shirati, a nonprofit supporting medical and educational work in Tanzania, will hold its banquet on **Saturday, March 10, at 6:00 pm at the Gathering Place in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.**

The banquet this year will feature a new video about the work in Shirati, updates about the solar-powered electricity and water projects, and stories of the compassionate health care offered by the staff at the hospital. Make reservations by talking to Dale Ressler, or call Verle Rufenacht at [717-344-2231](tel:717-344-2231), or send an email to banquet@friendsofshirati.org.

There is no charge for the banquet but donations will be accepted. A nice contingent from Slate Hill has attended the banquet in recent years so you'll be in good company! Contact Dale Ressler (daleressler@friendsofshirati.org) or Valerie Weaver-Zercher (valdave202@comcast.net) if you are interested in carpooling or need a ride.

Submitted by Valerie Weaver-Zercher

New Hope December Food Drive A Success!

Thanks to one and all who donated food for the Mechanicsburg New Hope Ministries food pantry. Dale Weaver delivered just shy of 500 pounds of food to help restock their shelves!

Gifts given to the **Christmas Blessings Express** brought joy to families seeking comforters, clothing, toys, and household goods to give to their loved ones at Christmas. It means more than you can imagine to be able to give a gift to loved ones, restoring hope to all when it seems so hopeless. Your loving gesture was greatly appreciated!

Stewardship University 2018

Inspiring community, faith, excellence and generosity!

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Stewardship University is an outstanding educational opportunity for members of our church and community to learn about and celebrate holistic stewardship! The event includes a variety of workshops that offer practical, relevant information with a biblical, Christ-centered focus.

The keynote speaker is Leonard Dow of Everence Financial and former pastor at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, near Philadelphia. His presentation is entitled *"How is it with your soul?"*

The wide range of workshops invite you to discover the solutions you need to live a God-honoring life of holistic stewardship.

A few of the options:

- The human side of addressing poverty

- Anticipating life after retirement

- Harmonious living: music and community

- Finding a home: displacement and newly arrived refugees in Lancaster

- Scam-proof your finances

- Pursuing radical stewardship in everyday life

- "Can we talk?" – discussions to dismantle the illusion of race

- Financial stress busters

- From opioids to alcohol – learn how substance abuse is affecting our community

- In a broken world, can I really do anything? *(led by Kevin Ressler, son of Dale and Dorca)*

- Plus 26 other options to choose from...

Rhoda and I attended last year and participated in sessions on Christian/Muslim relationships, personal finances and telling our life stories to our children, among others. All were inspiring and educational, led by outstanding leaders in our church and community.

Come! Join us and learn ways your use of the time, talents, money, health, and relationships God has given you can enhance and deepen your faith, drawing you nearer to God.

If you are interested, please talk to Ron Hershey on or before **Sunday, February 11**. Group and early discounts are available so please give your registration form to Ron. Or if you need another registration form or have any questions, please see Ron too!

Submitted by Ron Hershey

Super-duper Soup and Salad-Bar March18!

Benefits Tuition Fund of International Student, Eliezer Mwankenja



Have you ever enjoyed a HUGE soup and salad bar? Such an extravaganza is scheduled right here at Slate Hill! Your participation will help support the academic dreams of our very own Eliezer Mwankenja whose education began as a mission project by Ray Leiter. There will be a **HUGE** selection (30+ items) on the salad bar! Besides greens and vegetables, you can choose from meat, pasta, potato, fruit, specialty salads, and more to build your own custom salad plate! There will be a **HUGE** variety of soups including the winning chicken chili entry from the Chili Cook-Off. There will be a **HUGE** assortment of breads and desserts. **REALLY. HUGE!**

Eliezer came to live with the Leiters New Years Eve, 2014 and attended HAAC, graduating with honors in December 2016. Because he did so well, the Leiters and friends wanted to continue God's care and help. Eliezer is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in computer technology at Messiah. His performance has made him eligible for some academic scholarships. He also works on campus during the school year and full time in the summer to help pay his way.

You can eat a wonderful lunch and help this young man move forward.

All funds raised will be put toward Eliezer's expenses for academic year 2018-19

Sign up at the bulletin board by March 11 - NO LATER!!

(Time is needed to shop and prepare for non-donated items.)

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

With food -

Donate a pot of soup, your favorite non-lettuce salad, bread, dessert, and smile!

With preparation -

Set tables, place food, refresh the salad bar and soups, and breathe deeply!

With cleanup -

Package and deliver any leftover food, clear tables, wash dishes, and smile!

For further information please contact

Randy Barr, rw.barr@yahoo.com, phone 717-903-9698

Ray Leiter, ray.leiter@verizon.net, phone 717-697-8747

Fran Leiter, fleiter17050@outlook.com, 717-756-1884

Myrna Eshleman, mbeshlem@comcast.net, 717-795-8268

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Come to lunch! **Come to lunch! Come to this HUGE lunch!**

Submitted by Randy Barr



Lancaster Mennonite Conference

Celebration of Church Life

Friday, March 23, 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community

210 Weaverland Valley Rd., East Earl, Pa. 17519

This gathering provides an opportunity for all ages to gather, grow and hear how the Holy Spirit is at work among our LMC congregations.

Theme: Rebuild, Repair, Revive

Key Verse: *Isaiah 61:4 - They will Rebuild the ancient ruins, Repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will Revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations.*


To assist with logistical planning, please register for the meal, childcare and your seminars at the following link ccl-2018.eventbrite.com or call 717-293-5246 ext. 100. If you are interested in volunteering at Celebration of Church Life, please register at volunteeratccl-2018.eventbrite.com.

Translation will be available Friday evening, and Saturday. Please contact Joselyn Santiago, jsantiago@lancasterconference.org or 717-293-5246 ext. 100, for more information.

MYF Banquet and Auction

Reserve Saturday, February 24 to attend the MYF Banquet and Auction. You have a few weeks to consider what you would like to donate. Baked goods are always popular as well as crafts, gift cards, theme baskets, get-away packages, etc., - use your imagination to delight us!

Plan your contributions now and come out for good food and entertainment.

“Love the Lord your God
with all your 
and with all your 
and with all your 
and with all your ;”
and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27

Tony Campolo at Slate Hill on March 25



Tony Campolo, speaker, author, pastor, social activist, and passionate follower of Jesus Christ is coming to Messiah College for a series of talks, one which will be here at Slate Hill Mennonite on Sunday evening March 25 at 7:00PM. His featured topic for that evening is *Our Christian Witness in a Post-Christian Society*.

In the course of his long speaking ministry, Tony has challenged millions of people to respond to God's boundless love by combining personal discipleship, evangelism and social justice. Plan to come that evening and invite a few friends! Contact Dave Weaver-Zercher for more information.

Submitted by Dave Weaver-Zercher

SNACKS SOUGHT!

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks during fellowship time. Snacks may be purchased or homemade; they can be sweet, salty, fruit or veggies.

There are only 52 Sundays in a year ... if many volunteered that would be about one donation per year with our size congregation! Snacks don't happen without donations! Can we count on you to supply snacks one week?

A quarterly signup sheet at the snack counter awaits your signature. Thank you.



Chili Cook-Off News



A hungry crowd gathered January 21, 2018 in the fellowship hall to raise funds for Bridge of Hope (BOH), Harrisburg Area. Thanks to all who answered the email cry for more chili, deserts, and cornbread - you provided in abundance to feed the crowd! A total of 22 pots of chili plus cornbread and desserts were contributed and devoured! The judges had a difficult time narrowing down the tastiest entries, but in the end the winners were: Debbie Bechtold (beef), Ray Leiter (chicken), and Lyndon Hess (vegetarian). A case of mistaken ideity decreed Dale Weaver runner up in one of the categories, much to his surprise since he did not contribute an entry! Further investigation revealed Dale Ressler deserved the honor.

During the morning Mission Moment, Director Johanna Fessenden made us aware of a homeless mother and her children living in an unheated building in Harrisburg during frigid December weather who were accepted into the BOH program. Slate Hillers stepped up to the call of reaching out to the financial need of BOH which helps with rental assistance for homeless single women and their children.

This action is our response to God's outpouring of grace upon us; we in turn reach out to the needs of others. As Menno Simons wrote, "**True Evangelical Faith cannot lie dormant.** It feeds the hungry. It clothes the naked. It comforts the sorrowful. It binds up those that are wounded. It serves those that harm it. **It shelters the destitute. It has become all things to all people.**" What a remarkable way to live out our faith!

Altogether God blessed us with donations of \$2,121 to give BOH Harrisburg Area! Praise God! Now another family has come into stable housing and will be trained in financial management and helped to start a career that will support their future financial needs and social connections!

During our lovely dinner, I thought, "If only some of the single homeless women and families could be a part of this activity, what warmth and love it would bring to their lives." Have you considered further involvement with BOH? Please feel free to talk with me or the Director, Johanna Fessenden.

Thanks to all the participants, judges, bakers, cooks, dishwashers, coffee makers, cleanup crew members, center piece arrangers, money counters and givers. Thank you for your generous donations! Continue to bless our world!

Submitted by Nancy Nisly



Happy Birthday!

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| EDWARDS, JD | 02/02 |
| BARNES, Kourtne | 02/03 |
| CHUBB, Anneka | 02/04 |
| BARNES, Mila | 02/05 |
| WALTER, Calvin | 02/05 |
| MCGRATH, Reuben | 02/06 |
| TOTHERO, Evarae | 02/06 |
| BECK, Jeff | 02/07 |
| FLEISCHER, Patricia | 02/07 |
| MCGRATH, Melinda | 02/08 |
| MOORE, Hope | 02/08 |
| AROKO, Pendo | 02/10 |
| BECK, Lois | 02/10 |
| MANIVONG, Lathda | 02/13 |
| SOLLENBERGER, Paul | 02/14 |
| FREDRICK, Micah | 02/15 |
| SEITZ, Gene | 02/16 |
| BECK, Liliana | 02/18 |
| SALINE, Deborah | 02/21 |
| ZERCHER, Sam | 02/21 |
| LY, Tom | 02/24 |
| BOUNMA, Khanthaly | 02/25 |
| FASICK, Joy | 02/25 |
| HARKER-ROTH, Kerry | 02/27 |
| MALAY, Bill | 02/27 |
| MCALOOSE, Lucy | 02/28 |



February Anniversaries

AROKO, Asaph & Eni

02/14



Making Summer Vacation Plans?

Please note **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!

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
Lynn Shertzer
Debbie Bauman ('18)
Cassandra Ly ('20)
Danielle Hawley ('19)
Lyndon Hess ('19)
Ken Eshleman ('18)
Lee Roland ('18)
Ben Fredrick ('19)

Christian Education

Danielle Hawley, Chair ('19)
Joelle Beck ('20)
Rhoda Hershey ('18)
Lori Manivong ('20)
Stacy Petersheim ('18)
Julia Rioux ('18)
Patricia Fleischer ('19)

Evangelism, Peace and Service

Ken Eshleman, Chair ('18)
Sara Chubb ('20)
Debbie Ehrhart ('18)
John Snyder ('20)
David Weaver Zercher ('19)
Jim Mitchell ('18)

Trustees

Lyndon Hess, Chair ('19)
Carl Lehman ('20)
Dwayne Gish ('19)
Lionel Hess ('18)
Gary Musselman ('19)
Rich Musselman ('20)
Eric Swartzentruber ('18)
Paul Zimmerman ('20)

Worship Commission

Lee Roland, Chair ('18)
Lynn Shertzer
Chris Zimmerman ('19)
Megan Myers ('20)
Valerie Weaver Zercher ('18)

Stewardship

Ben Fredrick, Chair ('19)
Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Mike Fasick ('18)
Brad Lamb ('19)
Rosalie Roland ('19)
Diana Zimmerman, Financial Sec. ('19)

Food and Fellowship

Cindy Musselman, Chair ('19)
Matt Fasick ('18)
Sandy Crouse ('19)
Fran Leiter ('20)
Lucy McAloose ('18)
Jen Musselman ('19)
Bonnie Lehman ('20)
Debbie Hoover ('19)
Debbie Weaver ('18)
Janet Zimmerman ('18)

Pastoral Relations

Judy Walter, Chair ('18)
Roger Springer ('21)
Trang Rioux ('18)
Richard Mininger, Bishop

Technology Committee

Tom Ly, Chair ('18)
Chris Hawley ('18)
Jeff Krug ('20)
Isaac Shertzer ('18)
Ed White ('19)

Wellness Committee

Joy Fasick, Chair ('20)
Hope Alexander ('18)
Roger Myers ('20)
Rod Petersheim ('19)
Ben Simcox ('18)
Connie Werner ('20)

Gifts Discernment Committee

Stacy Petersheim, Chair ('19)
Lee Roland ('19)
Barb Springer ('18)
Janet Zimmerman ('20)

Church Retreat

Joelle Beck ('19)
Amanda Musselman ('19)

Child Protection Committee

Joy Fasick
Debbie Bauman
Rindy Lamb
Danielle Hawley
Sue Weigel
Tara Hess