

HILLTOP NEWS



Mar 29 ~ **Maundy Thursday Service** ~ 6:00PM

Mar 30 ~ **Tenebrae Service** at
Steeltown Mennonite ~ 6:45PM

Apr 1 ~ **Sunrise Service** followed by a
continental breakfast ~ 7:00AM

Pastor Lynn is on sabbatical the months of March, April, and May. If you need pastoral care, please contact Associate Pastor, Joy Fasick, or one of the elders. Please remember to keep Pastor Lynn in prayer during his absence from us.

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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)*

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Church Office Hours:

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

- Mar. 3** Spring Fling for Adults with Special Needs
- Mar. 18** Super-duper Soup & Salad Bar after Sunday School
- Mar. 20** Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
- Mar. 24-25** Celebration of Church Life
- Mar. 25** Evening Service with Tony Campolo ~ 7:00PM
- Mar. 29** Maundy Thursday Service ~ 6:00PM
- Mar. 30** Tenebrae Service at Steelton Mennonite ~ 6:45PM
- Apr. 1** Sunrise Easter Service and breakfast ~ 7:00AM
- Apr. 6-7** PA Relief Sale
- Apr. 14** Volunteer Work Day at Camp Hebron
- Apr. 21** Chicken BBQ
- May 18-20** Church Retreat at Camp Hebron
- June 2** Hilltop Fun Fest

**Celebrate those with Intellectual Disabilities
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.

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



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

Tony Campolo Coming to 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



Super-duper Soup and Salad-Bar Fundraiser March 18!

Another unique international mission opportunity at Slate Hill! *By the grace of God* and the kindness of members and friends, Eliezer Mwankenja has traveled from Tanzania, East Africa to study and earn a computer degree. You have an opportunity to help with his tuition by donating designated items listed on the bulletin board for the ***super-duper soup and salad extravaganza***. Your generous donations are also invited when partaking of the luncheon on March 18 following Sunday School.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

With food -

Donate an indicated specialty salad, cornbread, or dessert.

With preparation -

Set tables, place food, refresh the salad bar and soups.

With cleanup -

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

*Please let either the Eshlemans, Leiters, or Randy Barr know
if you will show your love by volunteering prep or cleanup help.*

**Please sign up at the bulletin board by March 11; non-provided items
must be purchased which will reduce tuition funding!**

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

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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.



You are invited to join others from the Mennonite Churches in the Harrisburg area for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service on March 30, 2018 hosted by Steelton Mennonite Church, 501 North 3rd Street, Steelton. The service will consist of Scripture readings from Mark's Gospel describing Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death as well as music and extinguished candles ending in darkness.

All are welcome to a time of fellowship and light refreshments beginning at 6:45 PM. The service will start at 7:30PM, but everyone is requested to be seated by 7:15 PM for a time of meditative prelude music and reflection.



Become Part of God's Global Community!

Marty and Glenna Sollenberger will be in Mechanicsburg March 24-April 23 to share with several churches about their ministry with *Eastern Mennonite Missions and Wycliffe Bible Translators*. Please pray for travelling safety as well as God's abundant blessings in securing new partners in faith, prayer, and financial support as they share with others about the joys and needs in serving Christ. Their schedule appears below.

March 21-24 – Travel from Dallas to Mechanicsburg

March 25 – Speak at Delaware Mennonite Church

April 8 – Speak at Gehman Mennonite Church

April 15 – Share at Pleasant View Mennonite Church

April 24-26 – Return to Dallas

If you would like to visit with Marty and Glenna while they are in the area, please contact them. They would love to spend time with you!

Glenna's cell/text: 972-849-8796

Glenna_sollenberger@sil.org

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Marty_sollenberger@sil.org



Greetings and News from Esther Kumi

Dear Church,

I am privileged to share with you how great my family and I are doing, also, not forgetting to tell you how college has been so far. I know you are doing great by God's grace.

To begin, last year was not an easy year for me because my mum was not well and I needed to go to college at the same time. But, I like to take this platform to say a BIG thank you to the Fredericks (Dr. Ben and Jen); they made it possible for me to start college last year. My family and I, we are doing great, my mum is very well now and my younger brothers are in school.

Besides, I am currently studying for a Bachelors degree in Medical Laboratory science in the University of Ghana. I have always longed to be in the health sector. All my week days are almost busy throughout with lectures. I am enrolled in 12 courses this semester, and I am already loving them. *However; It will be difficult to complete this course without your prayers. Your prayers do wonders.* When you say a prayer, please say one for me too. I love you all and I miss you.

Your dearest,

Esther Kumi

Sinkhole Exploration and History

Yesteryear, at the top of Slate Hill there stood an old log house which was probably built sometime in the 1700s. An addition was eventually added to the north side of the house; then later, yet another addition was built on the south side of the old log cabin to make the structure large enough to accommodate two families.

In 1816 owner, David Martin, deeded some of his land to local Mennonites for a cemetery and church building which was erected in the current cemetery grounds. A newer church was built in 1876 which now serves as our Fellowship Hall. In 1986 the congregation purchased the log cabin house from Noah and Alice Zimmerman. The house was rented out for a time but in 1988 it was decided the building should be demolished. The contractor saved the log cabin portion of the structure and moved it off the grounds to an unknown site. In the demolition, it was discovered there was a cellar under one of the additions which joined an even deeper old root cellar under the log cabin. Instead of filling the cellar with dirt or stone as expected, the contractor also used debris from the demolition.

In 2005 our new addition was added to the church and a parking lot was created by paving over the grounds of the original log cabin and additions. You probably observed the “sinking” parking lot this past winter which opened on January 28 to reveal a hole to the cellar below. The area was closed off to traffic for safety reasons.

One very cold morning the following week, Ken Doll brought his backhoe to open the area to assess what needed to be done. Ken climbed down into both cellars and took some pictures. A few steps led from the upper cellar down to the old arch cellar with a door separating the two. Thankfully, the lower cellar was constructed as an “arch cellar” - it had an arched ceiling to support more weight, otherwise there may have been a much larger sinkhole! As time passed, the door rusted from its hinges and opened allowing some of the now decomposed debris from the adjacent cellar to slide into the deeper root cellar, resulting in the sinking of the parking lot above. Paul Zimmerman and Gene Seitz shoveled and raked, along with Pastor Lynn Shertzer, to prepare the area to receive special fill Carl Lehman trucked in from Hempt Bros. When warmer weather arrives the site will be finished and repaved.



Open sinkhole



Exposed wall between the two cellars



Digging deep.



Door rusted away from hinges but held upright by arched ceiling; fill from adjacent higher cellar spilling into the arch cellar below.



Back wall and rusted meat hooks in arched ceiling of lower cellar.



Exposed sinkhole.



Many helping hands lift Ken out of the pit.



Filling the void.



Ready to pave.

Information provided by Paul Zimmerman.
Photos by Ken Doll and Fran Leiter.



PETERSHEIM, Stacy	03/01
HOWER, Brantley	03/02
SHERTZER, Isaac	03/02
CROFT, Ruth Ann	03/05
CHUBB, Amalia	03/06
ALANIZ, Sophie	03/09
CHRONISTER, Ira	03/11
GUTSHALL, Karen	03/11
MAYES, Sara	03/11
MYERS, Jared	03/12
CHRONISTER, Ivan	03/13
ISSOUFOU, Thomas	03/15
ZIMMERMAN, Rachael	03/17
BENI, Lameck	03/18
WITMER, Chris	03/18
FASICK, Ellie	03/20
MANIVONG, Adam	03/20
MUSSELMAN, Richard	03/22
STATLER, Lisa	03/22
MYERS, Ben	03/24
ZIMMERMAN, Janet	03/24
SOLLENBERGER, Ira	03/25
MYERS, Megan	03/26
BECK, Bridgette	03/29
LY, Joshua	03/29
MARTINEZ, Jonathan	03/29
ONELANGSY, Faith	03/31



March Anniversaries

GINGRICH, Ronald & Kathleen	03/08
WALTER, Calvin & Nancy	03/08
STOLTZFUS, Jeremy & Stacy	03/25
LEITER, Ray & Fran	03/26
ZIMMERMAN, Eric & Diana	03/28
WEIGEL, George & Susan	03/31



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