

HILLTOP NEWS

Let our
lives be full
of Both
Thanks
and
Giving

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28-29

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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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Roger Myers

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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

- Nov. 2** Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
- Nov. 3** Time Change! Turn your clocks back one hour.
- Nov. 5** Men's Group ~ 7:00PM (Meets every Monday night)
- Nov. 7** Wednesday Night Out ~ 5:45, Meal; 6:30, Groups
- Nov. 14** Wednesday Night Out ~ 5:45, Meal; 6:30, Groups
Menno Knotters (New name of MCC Sewing Group) ~ 6:30PM
- Nov. 16** Ladies Fellowship and Study ~ 9:30AM
- Nov. 17** Mandated Reporter Training ~ 9:00AM
- Nov. 21** NO Wednesday Night Out, Thanksgiving blessings to all!
- Nov. 28** Wednesday Night Out ~ 5:45, Meal; 6:30, Groups
- Dec. 9** Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon
- Jan. 26** Menno Knotters "Knotting Frenzy" ~ 10:00AM-4:00PM

Who/What is Everence...and What Does it Have to do With Me or Slate Hill Mennonite Church?

Everence is a financial services organization that helps people integrate faith and values with their decisions about money, serving 30 different church bodies. *“We believe in a God of abundance. There is enough for all if we manage our gifts effectively. Becoming an effective steward of those gifts is a lifelong journey – a journey made easier when we join with the faith community of mutually supportive people dedicated to the same ideal.”*

About a year ago, Slate Hill Mennonite Church, with the recommendation of the Stewardship Commission, renewed its relationship with Everence, appointing Ron Hershey to serve as our Everence advocate. This role is the liaison between our congregation and the vast and varied resources and services available from Everence.

A sampling of services available to individuals, congregations, businesses and nonprofit organizations:

- Checking, savings, health savings accounts and online banking

- Personal and business loans

- Disability, life and long-term care insurance

- Comprehensive financial planning

- Investment management

- Family legacy plans

Based on our level of engagement with Everence, Sharing Fund matching grants are available to meet congregational and community needs, which have helped us provide some financial relief to those in our community of faith.

Other specific resources include:

- Stewardship University – Saturday, March 2, 2019 – *Save the date!* Choose from more than 30 workshops focusing on holistic stewardship, including:

 - Creation justice

 - Building family resilience

 - Eat to beat stress

 - Financial coaching

 - Human trafficking

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Women and money

What makes worship 'Anabaptist' in 2019?

Many, many others...

College costs. Everence can help with a college scholarship for you or your children, one of the benefits of doing business with Everence.

MyNeighbor card – every time you fill up with gas, pay bills or make other purchases with the MyNeighbor card, Everence will donate 1.5 percent of the transaction total to the charitable organization of your choice. *(Might I recommend that you choose Slate Hill!)*

Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices by attending one of the monthly seminars offered by Everence.

Take control of your finances! You can receive up to six free and confidential counseling sessions from a certified consumer credit counselor for a full range of financial issues, including:

- Money management and budgeting

- Credit reports and improving credit scores

- Home-buying readiness and mortgages

- Student loan repayment issues

For more details about any of the above services and resources available from Everence, please talk to Ron Hershey at church or contact him at rrhershey@verizon.net or 717.991.0548.



Your Groceries and the Church Driveway

What's the connection? The holiday season brings lots of food preparation, usually resulting in increased spending. Put those dollars to use to enlarge and improve our driveway by purchasing gift cards from Gene Musselman! (He stands by the stairs after the worship service or track him down at your convenience.) When you purchase a gift card at face value, 5% of your purchase is deposited into our driveway fund. Everyone is encouraged to participate - it allows you to give to the church without incurring additional expenses. Please consider purchasing gift cards long after the holidays to continue building the driveway fund. The gift card program helped pay off the church mortgage early and it can help pave the way for an improved driveway for you to come up the hill!



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

2018 Extraordinary Give Build Event

Volunteers needed!

Will you help us build a house on Friday, November 16, the day of the Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving? This is your chance to make an extraordinary gift of your time and skills.

On Friday, November 16, we need volunteers to help build the walls of a two bedroom house that will be sent to Texas for Eddie Garcia, whose home was damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Harvey last year. We will be building the home in the parking lot of the MDS office at 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543.



Volunteers are needed to serve from 9:00am to 5:30pm in 2.5 hour shifts. You can register for multiple shifts, but may only be scheduled for one slot, to allow for broader participation from other interested volunteers.*

On Saturday, November 17, volunteers are also needed from 8:00am to 12:00pm to disassemble the home and load the truck.

We ask that volunteers register in advance at <http://mds.volunteermatrix.com/extragive> or by calling Julian at the MDS office at 717-735-3536.

Last year, Extraordinary Give donors generously supported Mennonite Disaster Service to help people impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. While volunteers are on the ground responding to this year's hurricanes, long term recovery work continues in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico - the areas impacted by the 2017 storms.

*Please note that submitting a registration request or calling the MDS office does not guarantee a spot on this project. While we want to utilize volunteers with varying skill levels, skills and volunteer demand are considered when approving registrations.

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Twenty Walked to Feed the Hungry!

"I'm doing this next year!" exclaimed Chris Witmer. A resident from Cumberland Vista, Chris had just finished walking his first 5K/3.1 miles. The occasion was the 2018 Mechanicsburg CROP Walk in which a total of 20 friends of Slate Hill Mennonite participated on Sunday, October 21, 2018.

Several of the walkers were sponsored by others in the congregation although many walkers sponsored themselves. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds raised by the 150 walkers from about ten area participating churches was given to the Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels program. The other 75% was donated to assist the work of Church World Service to address the most hungry in our world.

Walkers were also invited to bring donations of canned goods for New Hope Ministries which netted 172 pounds of non-perishable food.



Front Row (L to R): Sophie Alaniz, Myrna Eshleman, RuthAnn Croft, Tyleeanna Jenkins, Phoebe McGrath, Reuben McGrath, Chris Witmer, Theresa Dixon, Theda Klemm, Jason Ewing. Back Row (L to R): David Hiebert, Ken Eshleman, Melinda McGrath, Kevin McGrath, Joy Fasick, Derek Eshenour, Brian Williams, Lonie Witmer, Paul Nisly. (Ulli Klemm took the picture.)

Christmas Gifts for New Hope Ministries

You are invited to bring the following most needed food items to place under the Christmas tree any **Sunday from December 2 through 30** for distribution to New Hope after the holidays when their food supply runs low.

FOOD ITEMS

Tuna

Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetables

Sugar (not over 20# bag)

Macaroni & Cheese

Spaghetti Sauce

Pasta

Peanut Butter

NON-FOOD ITEMS

Bathroom Tissue

Deodorant (men/women)

Diapers (size 3, 4, 5)

Shampoo

Conditioner

Christmas Blessings Express Gifting Program

If you wish to buy a Christmas gift for one of the families served by New Hope please purchase an item from the Christmas Wish List to the right or check the bulletin board. Please place **UNWRAPPED** gifts in the New Hope basket under the mailboxes OR take them directly to New Hope by **December 3**. Contact Ken Eshleman with questions (keshlem@comcast.net).

Thank you for sharing!



Christmas Wish List

Infant/Toddler (6 months to age 2)

Anything Little Tikes
Stacking rings
Anything Playkool
Playkool Wheel Pals
Leap Frog Fringe Farm
Anything VTech
Learning Walkers
Sift-n-Spin
Tonka Trucks
Trains
Anything Leap Frog
Mr. Potato Heads (all kinds)
Doctor kit
Classic Farmer Says See N Say
Books
Bath Toys

Preschoolers (ages 2 to 5)

Play Instruments
Cars/Truck/Trains
Kitchen Play Set
Mega Blocks
Lincoln Logs
My Little Ponies
Mr. Potato Head
Play-Doh sets
Disney Princess Dresses & accessories
Tea Sets
Baby Dolls & accessories
Legos Duplo
Super Hero Figurines
Ride on toys/scooters
Dress Up Clothes
Educational toys
DVDs

Older Children (ages 6-12)

Baby Dolls and accessories
Barbie Dolls & accessories
Remote Control Cars
Super Hero Figurines
Science kits
Nerf Guns
Kids Crafts
Legos
Razor Scooter
K'Nex
Books/Puzzles/Games
Educational toys
DVDs

*Teens

Skateboard
Basketball
Soccer ball
Baseball/bat
Football
Make-up
Jewelry
Purse
Tote bag
Dress scarf
Hair accessories
Perfume
Bean bag
Decorative pillow
Skin care basket
Earbud headphones
Games

*Men

Tool Set/Tool box
Work Gloves
Wallet
Hair Trimmers
Shaving kit
Electronic Razor
Watch
Grilling set
Thermo Carrying Mug
Belt
Robe
Slippers
Hat
Sunglasses
LED headlamp

Women

Purse
Umbrella
Watch
Dress scarf
Jewelry
Perfume
Skin Care Basket
Tote Bag
Sunglasses
Apron
Gloves
Thermo Carrying Mug
Slippers
Purse Compact Mirror
Curling Iron
Flat Iron
Nail Care Kit

Games (age 3 to 7+)

Clutes & Ladders
Candy Land
Memory
Hungry Hippos
Operation
Monopoly
Twister
Clue
 Battleship
Jenga
Yahtzee
Dominos
Uno
Skip-bo
Any Board Games

Clothing

Adults/teens
Pajama set (S-XL)
Robes (S-XL)
Sweaters (S-XXL)
Dress shirts/T-shirts (S-XXL)
Sweatshirts/pants (S-XXL)
*Plus Size Clothing
Socks

*Household

Iron
Ironing board
Serving Utensils
Bed Sheet Sets (full & queen)
Tupperware
Toaster
Crockpot
George Foreman Grill
Electric Skillet
Toaster Oven
Hand/Kitchen towel set
Oven Mitts
Glassware set
Dinnerware set
Flatware set
Towels
Bath set
Coffee maker
Non-stick Frying Pan
Roasting pans
Laundry basket

Thank you for your generosity! These are suggested gift ideas. To assist those that often ask what we are in most need of and very rarely receive, we have marked those items with an asterisk (*). Visit www.nhnm-pa.org for up-to-date information on our Christmas Blessing Express program.



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Mary Wheeler
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Center Manager



Need help?
Dealing with
financial crisis?
Please contact us.



*"Nothing I say
can truly
describe how
thankful I am
for everything
that has been
done for me
and my
children."*

These heartfelt words were shared by one of our recent Nurse Aide Program graduates. Thirteen students completed their classroom studies at New Hope. From here, each one heads to the next step of the program in partnership with HACC. Look out world - this thankful and motivated group of future Nurse Aides is on the move! **Thanks to the support of the community, lives are being transformed at New Hope.**



We are on the "hunt" for turkeys for our upcoming holiday food programs. **Can you help?** Keep an eye out for local grocery store coupons offering free turkeys—your donated turkey or coupon will bless a family during the holidays.

Christmas is coming! Visit our website to see our Christmas Wish List. Mech. is accepting donations 11/5 - 12/3.

Wish List:

Corn, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple sauce, beans, eggs, canned yams, and potatoes.

Volunteer with us!

Look for our **Time to Sign Up Sheets** on our website for the holidays!

www.nhm-pa.org

HELP NEEDED!



Happy Anniversary

SHERTZER, Lynn & Dawn	11/03
HOWER, Daniel & Jacquie	11/07
BECHTOLD, Wayne & Debbie	11/09
PETERSHEIM, Spencer & Kaylie	11/12
ESCALANTE, Jerry & Kimberly Sheeler	11/23
WEAVER, Dale & Debbie	11/26
ZIMMERMAN, Paul M. & Janet	11/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WHITE, William	11/01
BECK, Kathrine	11/04
MYERS, Ella	11/04
ONELANGSY, Daniel	11/04
MILLER, Brady	11/06
MILLER, Luisa	11/06
PARKER, Judah	11/06
KRUG, Jeff	11/08
JENKINS, Tison	11/09
SALINE, Robert	11/10
PARKER-LESHER, Brittani	11/12
ROLAND, Lee	11/13
SEITZ, Dottie	11/13
HOFFER, Darlene	11/16
ZOOK, Julie	11/17
RIDER, Eli	11/19
BOUNMA, Sifong	11/20
FASICK, Matt	11/20
STOLTZFUS, Jeremy	11/22
VIRAYA, Somphone	11/22
MININGER, Richard	11/24
MYERS, Roger	11/24
SACHS, Roseann	11/25
BOYLE, Daniel	11/26
HERSHEY, Marc	11/27
SACHS, Janaya	11/29

Holiday Open House

All ladies and community friends are invited to Rosalie Roland's open house in her new home on Saturday evening, December 14 at 7:00 PM. Bring a snack to share and enjoy an informal time of friendly fellowship as part of the Roland's first Christmas in their new home - 112 Lavyndon Lane in Mechanicsburg - just 2 doors away from their former home!

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018-2019

Elder Team

Lynn Shertzer
Joy Fasick
Dave Bauman ('20)
Jen Fredrick ('19)
Roger Myers ('21)
Caleb Miller ('20)

Church Board

Lamarr Widmer, Chair ('19)
Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Lynn Shertzer
Debbie Bauman ('21)
Cassandra Ly ('20)
Danielle Hawley ('19)
Paul Zimmerman ('20)
Ken Eshleman ('21)
Lee Roland ('21)
Ben Fredrick ('19)

Christian Education

Danielle Hawley, Chair ('19)
Joelle Beck ('20)
Liz Hess ('21)
Lori Manivong ('20)
Allie Parker ('21)
Julia Rioux ('19)
Patricia Fleischer ('19)

Evangelism, Peace and Service

Ken Eshleman, Chair ('21)
Sara Chubb ('20)
Rick Onelansy ('21)
John Snyder ('20)
David Weaver-Zercher ('19)
Uriah Parker ('21)

Trustees

Paul Zimmerman, Chair ('20)
Carl Lehman ('20)
Dwayne Gish ('19)
Lionel Hess ('21)
Gary Musselman ('19)
Rich Musselman ('20)
Spencer Petersheim ('21)
Lyndon Hess ('19)

Worship Commission

Lee Roland, Chair ('21)
Lynn Shertzer
Chris Zimmerman ('19)
Megan Myers ('20)
Valerie Weaver-Zercher ('21)

Stewardship

Ben Fredrick, Chair ('19)
Dale Weaver, Treasurer
Mike Fasick ('21)
Brad Lamb ('19)
Rosalie Roland ('19)
Diana Zimmerman, Financial Sec't. ('19)

Food and Fellowship

Cindy Musselman, Chair ('19)
Melinda McGrath ('21)
Sandy Crouse ('19)
Fran Leiter ('20)
Lucy McAloose ('21)
Jen Musselman ('19)
Bonnie Lehman ('20)
Debbie Hoover ('19)
Lucinda Gish ('21)
Janet Zimmerman ('21)

Pastoral Relations

Richard Mininger, Chair ('22)
Paul Nisly ('20)
Roger Springer ('21)
Kara Miller ('22)

Technology Committee

Tom Ly, Chair ('21)
Chris Hawley ('21)
Jeff Krug ('20)
Joshua Ly ('21)
Ed White ('19)

Wellness Committee

Joy Fasick, Chair ('20)
Hope Moore ('21)
Mary Hey ('21)
Rod Petersheim ('19)
Ben Simcox ('21)
Connie Werner ('20)

Gifts Discernment Committee

Stacy Petersheim, Chair ('19)
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Janet Zimmerman ('20)

Church Retreat

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

Child Protection Committee

Joy Fasick, Chair
Joelle Beck
Rindy Lamb
Debbie Bauman
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