

Welcome to Slate Hill Mennonite Church, where we strive to live our faith in Jesus Christ. We are delighted to have you worship with us and hope that you will find our service inviting and uplifting. After worship, please stop by the **Welcome Center** (under the "Welcome" sign in the foyer) for a **free gift**. Also, join us for **refreshments** in the fellowship hall annex so that we can become acquainted.

Some helpful information:

- So that we may know of your visit, you're invited to complete a **Welcome Card** (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the service.
- **Information about Slate Hill Mennonite** and about Mennonites in general is available at the Welcome Center.
- **Restrooms** and a **coat rack** are located at the end of the hallway toward the left as you leave the sanctuary. A **family restroom** is located off the conference room. All restrooms are equipped with **changing tables**.
- A **nursery**, staffed by volunteers during worship, is accessed through the fellowship hall annex, and is available for infants to children 2 years old. A microwave is available in the kitchen to heat formula.
- A **cry area**, where parents can listen to the service with a child who may be fussy, is available in the conference room to your left as you leave the sanctuary.
- Children 3 years to Grade 2 are dismissed downstairs for **Children's Church each Sunday** during the sermon. Children will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.
- Hearing magnifiers are available at the sound booth for hearing impaired individuals

Slate Hill To Bless Senior Citizens This Christmas ~ We have been asked to sing Christmas carols with senior citizen clients of Mechanicsburg New Hope Ministries this Wed., Dec. 7, 1:30-3:30PM and at the Dillsburg Senior Citizen Center, Fri., Dec. 16, 1-3PM. Instrumentalists welcome. Remind seniors that they are not forgotten by signing up on the bulletin board or by contacting Ulli Klemm at (717) 458-5133 or ullitheda@yahoo.com.

Ladies Christmas Get Together ~ All ladies are invited to escape the Christmas rush and enjoy a relaxing evening together at the home of Lee and Rosalie Roland, 104 Lavynndon Drive, Mechanicsburg, this Friday, December 9. Festivities start at 6:30. Please bring a snack to share.

The Slate Hill Lao Fellowship is sponsoring the 4th annual Southeast Asian Potluck Fellowship on Dec. 11. Worship begins in our sanctuary @ 11:30 a.m. followed by a potluck meal about 12:30. You are warmly welcome! Questions? Contact Jim Burkholder 717-502-1216.

Messiah Study Break ~ Messiah College students are invited to take a breather from cramming for finals, Sunday, December 11, 8:00-9:00 p.m. as we make **Homemade Soft Pretzels** on campus at the home of Lois and George Beck (the house between Fry Residence and Rafiki House). Come to recharge your brain cells!

MCC Craft Night ~ will be Tuesday December 13 from 7-9pm. We are still working on cloth napkin sets. All crafts made will be sold at the MCC Relief Sale in April. If you have questions please call Rose Haury 717-526-4295 or Stacy Stoltzfus 717-795-1090

Inclement Weather Policy ~ In the event that any of our church services or events need to be cancelled or postponed, you may obtain this information in the following ways:

1. An e-mail will be sent to all persons on the prayer chain list-ing. *(To be added to this list, please call the church office)*
2. It will be posted on our website: www.slatehillmennonite.net
3. There will be an announcement on the voice recording when you call the church number 717-737-8150.
4. Channel 27 will list it on their church cancellations and postponements.

Christmas Giving Project ~ Please check out the table set up in the lobby to discover how you can contribute this year to helping your neighbors or families that are struggling this Christmas.

Finance Report

\$ 5,524.00 was received on the Sunday, November 27, 2011 respectively during morning worship services for the General Fund Budget offering. These gifts will be utilized to cover budgeted church expenses and missions.

\$7,593.00 is required each week to meet General Fund budget. Building mortgage payments are now part of the budgeted General Fund expenses.

Slate Hill sustains its mission to live our faith, by faithful volunteers and generous gifts. To ensure confidential financial giving and tax-deductible credit, Slate Hill uses offering envelopes. Requesting a box of envelopes does not obligate you to church membership or making a formal pledge. To request offering envelopes, contact the church office at (717) 737-8150 or slatehill@paonline.com

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns

- Pray for Mike Torok (Gene & Dottie Seitz' son-in-law) as he will be undergoing major back surgery on Monday. Pray also for his family during this time.
- Marian Burkholder who has severe back pain.
- Dorrie Hall, associate of Jeff and Judy Walter who suffered cardiac arrest.
- Two friends of Beth Hart who are battling recurrent cancer. One is going through chemotherapy for colon cancer and the other is recovering from a biopsy.
- Eddie, brother of a friend of Kathy Krug was diagnosed with cancer. Also pray that Eddie would open his heart to Christ.
- Rhoda Hershey's dad, Marcus Lehman, recovery from a thyroidectomy.
- Jessica, Sharon Doll's co-workers daughter, for continued improvement.
- Blake, friend of Dan and Jacquie Hower, is battling additional tumors.
- Joyce Eby as she goes through chemotherapy.

Grief

- Amy, a friend of Darlene Harbold whose father passed away.
- Pray for the students, families and faculty of Central Dauphin East in the midst of the senseless tragedy that took the life of one of their students.
- Lisa and Darrell Mast, daughter and son-in-law of Paul and Janet Zimmerman, in the loss of their baby girl, Amanda Michelle.
- Jeremy and Stacy Stoltzfus and family in the tragic loss of Jeremy's father, Richard and Jeremy's step mother's mother, Betty Shaver.

Outreach & Missions

- Slate Hill's monthly ministry with the Cumberland Vista Group home in Dillsburg.
- Pray for our spirits to be receptive to God's leading us to be missional.
- Pray for the work of the Partnership for Missional Congregations as they help us discern how God wants us to reach out to our community.

Attendance Last Week.....163

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today **Congregational Meeting and Potluck Meal at noon**

Wednesday **Caroling at Mechanicsburg New Hope Ministries 1:30 p.m.**

Wednesday Night Out
5:45 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Meal
6:45 ~ Slate Hill Christmas Caroling

Church Band Practice
5:30 ~ 6:05 Sanctuary ~ Brass
5:30 ~ 5:50 College SS Classroom ~ Strings
6:10 ~ 6:25 Sanctuary ~ Woodwinds

Friday **Ladies Christmas Get Together at the Roland's 6:30 p.m.**

Next Sunday **Lao Fellowship 4th Annual Southeast Asian Worship and Potluck Meal 11:30 a.m.**
Messiah Soft Pretzel Study Break
At the Beck's 8:00 p.m.
Band Practice

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

Ushers	Gene & Ruth Musselman, Elise Petersheim, Joelle Miller, Liz Shertzer
Song Leader	Christina Hershey
Worship Leader	Paul Zimmerman
Praise and Worship Leader	Myrna Eshleman
Prelude	Ed Mashas Roseann Sachs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 13	Christian Education Mtg 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 16	Ladies Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Caroling at Dillsburg Senior Citizen Center, 1:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:00p.m. Meal following ~ Please bring a dish to share
Sun., Dec. 25	Christmas Worship 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School
Sun., Jan. 1	Worship 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School
Sat., Jan. 21	Appreciation Dinner and Program for Retiring Bishop Paul Nisly 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School Classes 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

From Anabaptist Seed. What made early Anabaptists different from other Protestant reformers? What did the early Anabaptists believe and how does that compare and contrast with our beliefs and traditions today?

Leader: Joy Fasick
Room 114

The Book of Revelation—Part 2. Its Symbols, Codes, History and Relevance. A look at apocalyptic language and literature, Hebrew and Greek gematria codes, time relevant issues, Christ's inspection and rule over his Church and by his Church, sights and sounds in heaven, fulfillment of God's Kingdom on Earth. Also, what major historical events have reversed direction lately, paving the path for Christ's return. The focus of this class is to allow Scripture alone to be subserving. Each session will begin with a presentation, followed by open discussion.

Leader: Albert Maksel
Room 113

God Establishes a Faithful People. This Adult Bible class provides a quarterly study of the Bible from an Anabaptist perspective. Lessons are based on the *International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching* (2003) by the Committee on the Uniform Series. Scripture texts are from the *Holy Bible: Today's New International Version*. In addition to weekly lessons, Adult Bible Study offers daily Bible readings and suggested resources for additional study. This quarter's lessons come from Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Galatians.

Leaders: John Eby and Lamarr Widmer
Room 115

College and Career. Join post-high school, college and career young adults in an informal atmosphere to explore what it means to live as a Christian in the 21st century. Discussion may include, but is not limited to, trusting God in times of transition, learning to live by faith and current events.

Leaders: Daniel and Lynley Lapp
Room 111

Senior High
Youth Room
Leader – Ed Fleischer and Jeremy Chubb

Junior High – Grades 6, 7 & 8
Room 105
Leaders – Johnnie Zook and Joelle Miller

Grades 3, 4 & 5
Room 109
Leader – Rhoda Hershey

Kindergarten through Grade 2
Room 110
Leader - Julie Quickel

Early Childhood, ages 3, 4 & 5
Room 106
Leader: Cindy Musselman



December 4, 2011
Worship 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer

Men's Ensemble

Offering

(Children age 3 ~ grade 2 dismissed for Children's Church)

Scripture ~ Mark 1:1~8

Sermon ~ Awesome Deeds We Don't Expect
"Changing The Landscape"
Lynn Shertzer

Song Of Response

Benediction

Benediction Hymn # 120 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy verse 1
~ Fellowship Time at 10:45 a.m.~

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