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Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Ron & Jill Risser
January 6*

*John & Sue Pechart
January 25*



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Monthly Schedule Of Events

- January 6 Ladies Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
- January 9 Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- MCC Project Night 7:00 p.m.
- January 11 Wednesday Night Out Resumes 5:45 p.m.
- January 12 Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- January 18 Wednesday Night Out begins at 5:45 p.m.
- January 20 Ladies Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
- January 21 Appreciation Dinner for Paul Nisly 6:00 p.m.
- January 25 Wednesday Night Out begins at 5:45 p.m.
- January 29 Chili Cook Off ~ To benefit Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area, a program for homeless women with children

Please consider helping us make the Hilltop News a great source for information and entertainment.
You are encouraged to submit articles.
Deadline for the February, 2012, Hilltop News is Tuesday, January 24, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

How Are You Doing? Continued

At Slate Hill, engaging community members is an important aspect of *living our faith*. As part of that mission we will interact with the community by offering whole health opportunities, recognizing that God created us as intricate beings encompassing mind, body, and spirit. Wellness opportunities offered will allow the Slate Hill family to relate to the community and promote wholeness.

From the first time this vision was shared, members of Slate Hill have been easily identifying services that our neighbors might value. Below is a list of ideas that have been shared so far. Can you add to this list? Remember this is to cover mind, body, and spirit, so all kinds of suggestions are welcome. Are there ideas already listed here that particularly resonate with you? Which direction should this church go in getting to know our neighbors?

Please share your feedback on this vision, your support of any ideas listed here or your new ideas with any of the committee members: Lynley Lapp, Roger Myers, Jeff Walter, Jodi Walter, or Joy Fasick. Additional volunteers for this committee are also welcome! With your involvement, we can all walk closer to the whole health that God has in mind. - Joy Fasick for the Wellness Outreach Committee

- Heath screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar, and more)
- Partnerships with other community organizations
- Produce from local farms
- Food preservation workshops (canning, etc.)
- Meal preparation workshops
- Exercise classes (aerobics, pilates, zumba, or others)
- Cooking classes for specific needs or general health
- More promotion of ping-pong night
- Outdoor fitness trail
- Blood drives
- Fitness room using members' unused equipment

- Softball team
- 5K Run to benefit Thriving Villages
- Concert series
- Film series
- Community garden
- Seminars on various health topics
- Helping seniors with setting up daily medications
- Church medical response team
- Youth soccer clinic
- Diet or weight loss class
- Support group of some sort (cancer, emotional illness, etc.)
- Community Wellness Fair (bike safety, helmet check, car seat checks, etc.)
- Spiritual disciplines series

Santa, Seniors, Sandwiches and Slate Hill Singers Converge in Dillsburg

The afternoon air was chilly, but inside the Dillsburg Senior Citizen Center, hearts were being warmed. Slate Hill was back by popular demand being invited to offer entertainment in song at the New Hope Ministries Dillsburg Christmas Party. Borrowing a quiet carpeted back room of the center, New Hope invited some of its more vulnerable and regular clients to this annual event to remind the seniors that they are not forgotten.

A simple but colorful ham- and chicken-salad sandwich meal welcomed the New Hope guests. As the guests munched and chatted, Slate Hill volunteers sang an array of carols. Following the luncheon, several Slate Hillers befriended some of the New Hope guests as they played Christmas bingo. After bingo fun, the Slate Hill gang distributed song sheets for a sing-a-long. A highlight of the afternoon took place when Karisa Klemm, Athena (staff and New Hope) and Diane (a New Hope guest), surrounded Sam (also a New Hope guest) and serenaded him with a rendition of "Santa Baby." By the end, Sam's face turned beet red.

The caroling set the stage for New Hope's "Santa," Tim to present each New Hope guest with a stocking filled with gift cards and an assortment of goodies.

Slate Hill carolers included: Joyce and John Eby, Ken Eshleman, Darlene Fasick, Tom Miller, Ben and Lorraine Myers, as well as Karisa and Ulli Klemm. Tom Miller even played several spirited carols on his trumpet.

How Are You Doing?

How are you doing? It's a common question that we rarely answer truly honestly. I've often found that I have to ask the question at least twice for people to give me a true answer! How about this question: *How is your neighbor doing?* Is your neighbor "well"? What opportunities might your neighbor find helpful in improving wellness or whole health?

We are looking for ways to interact with our local community more – and to help them towards whole health that includes wellness of mind, body, and spirit. Jesus has called us to be witnesses to Him and we know that it is only through Him that one can truly be well. To share the Gospel with our community members, we need many opportunities to get to know them. Wellness opportunities can be one way to do that.

Missional Cookie Making

- ☞ Thank God that Sara Mayes brought a rolling pin! It was absolutely needed!
- ☞ Thank God five Messiah College students closed their laptops and lent a helping hand. They were absolutely needed!
- ☞ Thank God for cookie cutters, sprinkles, and an oven that worked! They all were absolutely needed as well.

On Friday, December 2, 2011, four Slate Hillers and five Messiah College students spent an impressionable evening making Christmas cookies with the residents of the Cumberland Vista Group Home for developmentally disabled adults. There were just enough volunteers so that each resident, along with Sara Mayes and the daughter of the group home parent, could work one-on-one with a helper. Three of the Messiah College students who came, Tyler Kratz, Alison Roberts and Jordan Miller, made their debut at Cumberland Vista and vowed they would be back. Nick Martin and Matt Bergey, who got to know the Cumberland Vista gang over Missions Weekend, were warmly welcomed by the residents a second time.

Cindy and Gary Musselman, ever faithful volunteers at Cumberland Vista, also lent their cookie making expertise. Theda and Ulli Klemm provided the cookie dough and their helpful presence as well.

Few words can describe the expressions on the faces of the residents who beamed with joy as they not only helped roll out, cut and creatively decorate their cookies, but also had a chance to sample two of them. Each resident labeled a zip lock bag in which they kept several additional cookies for another time (no need for a sugar overload before going to bed!). Besides creating new friends, the Messiah College students got to take several cookies home with them to fuel them for the home stretch of their fall academic year.

Special thanks to Cindy and Theda, Luanne and Gary for overseeing the baking of the cookies and clean-up while Ulli lead the gang in Christmas carols. The kind of spirited singing by the Cumberland Vista crew is hard to find anywhere else. Also special thanks to those from Messiah College who, in spite of hectic study schedules, carved out some time to share with others. Indeed they truly exhibited what Christmas is all about. Praise God!

All But One Should Not Have Been There!

Kara Miller should not have been there - she had a throbbing, broken toe!

Paul Nisly should not have been there - he had college papers to grade!

Henry Zercher should not have been there - he was supposed to be in music class!

Anne Reeves should not have been there - as a pastor, this is her busiest time of the year.

Ken Eshleman should not have been there - he was on call to provide child care.

Isaiah Zercher should not have been there - he should have been in school learning personal narrative writing and social studies.

Ulli Klemm should not have been there - he was supposed to be at work!

Sam Zercher should not have been there - he was supposed to be perfecting his writing in English class.

Valerie Weaver-Zercher should not have been there - she was facing a looming editing deadline.

However, Randy Barr, even though he cannot carry a tune in a bucket, apparently WAS supposed to be there...and he was.

None of the ten folks representing Slate Hill Mennonite really had the time to lead in caroling at New Hope Ministries Mechanicsburg that December afternoon, but they came anyway. They came with an openness to spend the afternoon with some of the poorer and older clients of New Hope who New Hope had invited to a special Christmas party. With songs in their hearts, instruments in tow (a cello for Isaiah, a trumpet for Sam and an autoharp for Henry), they found room for Jesus and extended some needed Christmas cheer. The group sang while the clients enjoyed a simple meal, assisted the seniors in making a craft and playing Christmas bingo, and then lead all in some spirited group caroling.

That Slate Hill's grace-filled presence filled the room was noticed and felt by all, as per Joanne Fortney, New Hope's volunteer coordinator. Some of the clients of New Hope were so moved by the event that they were taking photos of the Slate Hill volunteers.

Randy Barr noted that "I was supposed to be there, kind of thought maybe I was, showed up and was blessed beyond imagination. (I enjoyed) the opportunity to be myself and share myself and laugh and sing." Paul Nisly was grateful for the event. "I enjoyed making music and bringing some cheer. Great to have Randy Barr and Anna Reeves with us! And it was a special treat to have the three Zercher lads participating!"

6 Thank you, Slate Hill, for being Christmas, God with us, to some of the least of these.

Church Retreat at Camp Hebron

Plans are in place for the annual Slate Hill Mennonite Church congregational retreat at Camp Hebron from Friday evening through Sunday noon, May 18 ~ 20, 2012. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and plan to attend our annual get together. The weekend will provide opportunity for fellowship, community building, , spiritual growth and recreation. There will be organized recreation and group activities as well as free time to enjoy the outdoors or visiting with new and old friends. We hope everyone will attend for the entire weekend, but it is possible to attend for daytimes only. Facilities include 35 motel-type rooms in Sylvan View, cabins for the youth, as well as cabins and cottages for families. Watch for additional information coming soon!

Camp Hebron Ladies Retreat

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up..." This passage from Galatians 6 is both encouraging and real. We all get tired and contemplate giving up -- on our good intentions, on positive attitudes, in hopes of things not yet attained. If you are feeling that waning in your spirit, the Women's Retreat may be just what the doctor ordered - and remember, Jesus didn't come to heal the healthy!

Sister in Christ, Shelly Roberts (central IL) will be leading the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Hebron February 24-26, 2012 under the theme of *Our Father is Faithful*. Rooms are filling up fast, if Sylvan View is your first choice for lodging, please call Karen in the office at (717) 896-3441 to make your reservation soon.

Cumberland Vista To Get Wish To See Hershey Bears

While early November may seem like a long time ago, it doesn't to the residents of Cumberland Vista. During our normal monthly visit to the group home for developmentally disabled adults, the energetic and fun residents were asked by Slate Hillers if there was anything special that they would welcome us doing with them. In addition to the anticipated request for another picnic (they are ALWAYS ready for a picnic!) some asked if we could take them to see a Hershey Bears game.

With the help of United Cerebral Palsy - Mechanicsburg, Slate Hill will be treating the Cumberland Vista gang to an afternoon Hershey Bears ice hockey game on Sunday, February 5, 2012, 2PM. It's Super Bowl Sunday, but with the Super Bowl kick-off not until 6:30PM, this will work out just fine.. The absolutely fantastic news - for which we give thanks to God - is that the tickets (which include lower level seats and come with a coupon for a free hot dog, drink and popcorn) will only cost \$5 each. WOW!

The residents are already eagerly anticipating a fantastic afternoon, thanks to the help of United Cerebral Palsy. In advance, we thank Sherri Barger (UCP) and Jim Jones for their assistance in making this possible.



Peace Page

Brought to you by Slate Hill's Evangelism, Peace, and Service Commission

What are the basic beliefs of a 'peace church' like the Mennonites?

1. God deserves our ultimate loyalty and trust. Therefore:
 - We try to obey God even when that brings us into conflict with governments, employers, advertisers' demands. Our security lies only with God.
2. God calls us to imitate Jesus, the Prince of Peace. So, we wish to: Love our enemies, seek justice, and be willing to suffer for truth.
3. Love is active, not passive. We want to show love by:
 - Serving others, offering mercy and forgiveness, and seeking justice.
 - Seeking reconciliation; working at mediation in relationships (family, community, and international). Taking risks as God calls and the community of faith affirms.
4. God created all people and Jesus died for all. Therefore:
 - Each person is of high value.
 - We wish to love all people.We seek to love people above possessions and national interest.
5. Because Jesus' kingdom is present and future:
 - We don't seek revenge.
 - It is God's job, not ours, to punish evildoers.
 - Our hope is in the future kingdom.We pray to base actions on a vision of the future in which people from all nations come together to worship God.
6. Peace involves all of life:
 - Economics and job decisions.
 - How we take care of the earth.Our concern for people in all life circumstances. Christians are to follow Christ, to love unconditionally, to avoid sin, and to take risks. God's grace is the source of our peace work.
- 7 --from the "Third Way Café" website. For more information, go to <http://www.thirdway.com/peace/>.

Messiah Students Convert Beck Home Into Pretzel Factory!

With finals and term paper deadlines looming, nearly 25 Messiah students grabbed a needed study break by making homemade soft pretzels at the home of Lois and George Beck on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Taking over their kitchen and the dining and living rooms, the students rolled and shaped about 50 soft pretzels. As they rolled out the dough, twisting and molding it into a creative array of shapes, they sipped on hot apple cider, perfectly spiced by Messiah senior, Max Beck. Topping their pretzels with either kosher salt, or mixtures of cinnamon and powdered sugar, garlic powder and Parmesan cheese, or pickled jalapenos topped with shredded cheese, the students got into it. More importantly, they got to taste their delicious creations and their batteries were charged to face grueling finals week. While waiting for their pretzels to bake, students took turns having their bodies massaged in a special massage chair in the Beck living room. By the end of the night, whatever tensions the students came in the door with was gone. And there were just a few extra pretzels floating around, which the handful of Slate Hill adult helpers got to take home.

Duane Myers noted, "It was good to take the opportunity to support these students on their turf." Lois Beck added, "We had people write what they didn't want for Christmas on their name tags - that was a great conversation starter. I think this was the best study break yet."

Special thanks to the Christian Education Commission for funding the event, to Lois and George Beck for hosting the event, to Ulli Klemm for making the dough and bringing all the supplies, and to Megan and Duane Myers for overseeing the boiling of pretzel shapes, the baking and for bringing a scrumptious platter of cookies. Other Slate Hill adults taking time to support the students at this event included Daniel Lapp, David Zercher, and Lamarr and Margaret Widmer.

This is the 3rd such study break sponsored by Slate Hill since December 2010. The goal to missionally support Messiah students who relate to Slate Hill by going on their turf and relating with them outside of Sunday services and outside of classes is getting sweeter all the time. The pretzel recipe used is printed below.

Homemade Soft Pretzels

- 1 1/2 c. warm (110-115F) water
- 1 T. sugar
- 2 t. kosher salt
- 1 pkg active dry yeast (1/4 oz.)
- 4 1/2 c. all purpose flour
- 2 T. unsalted butter, melted
- Vegetable oil, for pan
- 10 c. water
- 2/3 c. baking soda
- 1 large egg yolk beaten with 1 T. water

Messiah Students Convert Beck Home Into Pretzel Factory!

Directions

Combine the water, sugar and kosher salt in a measuring cup and sprinkle the yeast on top. Allow mixture to sit for 5 minutes or until the mixture begins to foam. Add the yeast mixture and melted butter into the flour mixture in the bowl of an electric mixer.

Mix by hand or use a dough hook attachment and mix on low speed until well combined. Change to medium speed and knead until the dough is smooth and pulls away from the side of the bowl, approximately 4 to 5 minutes.

Remove the dough from the bowl, clean the bowl and then oil it well with vegetable oil. Return the dough to the bowl, cover with plastic wrap and sit in a warm place at least for 60-75 minutes or until the dough has doubled in size.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Line 2 half-sheet pans with parchment paper and lightly brush with the vegetable oil. Set aside. Bring the 10 cups of water and the baking soda to a rolling boil in an 8-quart saucepan or roasting pan.

In the meantime, turn the dough out onto plastic/granite surface (or a slightly oiled work surface) and divide into 8 equal pieces. Roll out each piece of dough into a 24-inch rope. Make a U-shape with the rope, holding the ends of the rope, cross them over each other and press onto the bottom of the U in order to form the shape of a pretzel – or shape into any other shape. Place onto the parchment-lined half sheet pan.

Place the pretzels into the boiling water, 1 by 1, for 30 seconds. Remove them from the water using a large flat spatula and return to the half sheet pan.

Soft Pretzel Toppings:

For the first three toppings, brush the top of each pretzel with the beaten egg yolk and water mixture and then sprinkle/arrange on top the topping

1. **Kosher Salt – as much or little as you would like**
2. **For garlic cheese pretzels:** Combine 1/2 c. finely grated Parmesan with 1 t. garlic powder and sprinkle on top
3. **Shredded cheese and pickled jalapenos**

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a cooling rack for at least 5 minutes before serving

For cinnamon pretzels – After poaching pretzel dough in boiling water brush pretzels ONLY with honey before baking. Then after pretzels are baked and still warm, brush with a combination of 1/2 c. powdered sugar, 1 T. ground cinnamon and 1 to 2 T. water (enough water to make a glaze).