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<i>Christina Hershey</i>	<i>June 7</i>
<i>Sara Chubb</i>	<i>June 8</i>
<i>Rick Onelangsy</i>	<i>June 10</i>
<i>Matt Roth</i>	<i>June 11</i>
<i>Ella Roth</i>	<i>June 13</i>
<i>Spencer Petersheim</i>	<i>June 15</i>
<i>Rosalie Roland</i>	<i>June 16</i>
<i>Wayne Bechtold</i>	<i>June 18</i>
<i>Lyndon Hess</i>	<i>June 18</i>
<i>Drew Kishbaugh</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>John Pechart</i>	<i>June 19</i>
<i>David Hart</i>	<i>June 29</i>

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Drew & Lisa Kishbaugh
June 5*

*Ira & Erma Sollenberger
June 7*

*Ron & Roseann Sachs
June 8*

*Ulli & Theda Klemm
June 9*

*Bill & Sandy Krause
June 9*

*Dave & Debbie Bauman
June 12*

*Ken & Myrna Eshleman
June 13*

*Doug & Sandra Stauffer
June 19*

*Jeff & Lisa Tothero
June 19*

*Dave & Valerie Weaver –Zercher
June 27*

*Dan & Amanda Rider
June 28*

*John & Joyce Eby
June 29*

*Robert & Deborah Saline
June 29*

*Lyndon & Tara Hess
June 30*



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Monthly Schedule Of Events

June 1	Young Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
June 5	High School Graduate Recognition
June 7	C.E. Meeting 7:00p.m.
June 9	Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.
June 12	Slate Hill: Mission in Motion
June 15	Young Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
June 19 ~ 23	Vacation Bible School
June 21	MCC Project Night 7:00p.m.
June 26	Harrisburg Senators Game with Cumberland Vista 2:00p.m.


Current Events

“From Haiti to Dillsburg to Mexico, ~ Slate Hill folks are involved in mission and service for the building of the reign of God. From our regular work to special assignments, we are spreading the good news of Christ's love. **Slate Hill: Mission in Motion** is the focus of the intergenerational Christian education series for the summer. Come to the sanctuary for the first session on **June 12** at 11:00 am to find out about a special way that you can “invest” in the kingdom throughout the summer! Nursery care available for children through age 4.”

Slate Hill, Cumberland Vista and the Harrisburg Senators ~ Consider sponsoring tickets and snacks for the residents of Cumberland Vista to see the Harrisburg Senators, Sun., June 26, 2PM. Join us at the game as well. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Annex. Tickets are \$11 each. See Ulli Klemm with questions.

Rummage Sale ~ Donations are now being accepted for the 2011 rummage sale. You may place them in the room on the right side of the annex. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be divided between Mennonite Disaster Services—Japan and Ben Fredrick's Haiti Mission. Questions? See Pat White

New Arrival ! ~ Congratulations to Troy and Catie Springer who welcomed their new daughter Lauren Eva Springer on May 23, 2011. Proud grandparents are Roger and Barb Springer.



Please consider helping us make the Hilltop News a great source for information and entertainment. You are encouraged to submit articles. Deadline for the July, 2011, Hilltop News is Thursday June 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Church Retreat

On Saturday evening, we praised God with song for a half hour before the talent show. We have lots of musical talent in our church but only two adults performed - most of the talent show was children ten years old and under. The highlight of talent show was after the show, waiting for the talent display to be set up. Three or four little girls (2 and under) did a spontaneous dancing exhibition on stage! Really cute!

Sunday morning was a very normal worship service except we did lots of singing. No group picture was taken because the ground was too wet to sit on the bank where they usually take the pictures.

One surprise highlight of the weekend was that Brian and Alicia Ramos and girls joined us. Brian is finished at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and they will be moving to Chicago shortly.

If you missed the Retreat this year, be sure to try very hard to join us next year. Everyone has lots of fun. You don't have to join in any activities - just rest and rejuvenate!

We always have lots of good food - three meals a day that you don't have to cook or clean up after. We have snacks both nights.....we also had a ladies tea at Roland's this year which was almost overkill!! It seemed as though we were eating every two hours. But, as active as the kids and youth were they probably needed to be refueled!

ITEMS LEFT BEHIND AT CAMP HEBRON

- * 3 Sweatshirts
- * Headband

If you think any of these items belong to you,
please see Kathy Krug to retrieve them.

Our Graduating Seniors 2011



Alex Kishbaugh

Cumberland Valley High School

Alex will be attending Lebanon Valley College.

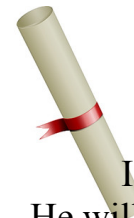
He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in health services as well as his Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Zach Kishbaugh

Cumberland Valley High School

Zach will be attending Gettysburg College.

He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in health services and plans to attend medical school following graduation from Gettysburg.



Isaac Shertzer

Cumberland Valley High School

Isaac will be attending Messiah College.

He will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration

Congratulations on your achievements !

Update on Kara Miller's Ministry at Dickinson College

What do photographs of bridges and buildings have to do with college ministry?

Judging from the success of a recent venture by the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) chapter at Dickinson College, a lot. Slate Hill's Kara Miller, a staff member with IVCF, helped to bring "Soularium" to campus, and IVCF made a lot of new contacts with students because of it. Soularium is a set of fifty photos—of nature, people, buildings, bridges, tunnels, silverware, you name it—that are accompanied by questions including: Which three images would you choose to describe your life right now? Which three images represent what you WISH were a part of your life right now? Which image would you choose to describe God? Think about your life so far. Which image best describes what you've experienced spiritually? When you think about your spiritual life or journey, which image best represents what you wish were true?

Growing out of the Solarium display are Spiritual Discussions, which student leaders with IVCF developed based on the comments they received. Focused on topics like Peace and Serenity, Certainty, Purpose, and Jealousy and Envy, the spiritual discussion groups meet every other week. Although turnout has been fairly small, Kara says, newcomers show up every time. "The fascinating thing is that they want to talk about things that are much more explicitly Christian than we were planning," Kara says. "We thought we'd keep the topics fairly general so as not to exclude people, but students are bringing up ideas for sessions in which they'd like to talk about things like heaven and hell and predestination." Kara comments, "We haven't had any dramatic conversions, but I don't think that's even what we were looking for through these groups." Instead, IVCF student leaders and staff are pleased that the group discussions have raised questions for people, to get them thinking about their beliefs, and that relationships are developing that student leaders and staff can follow up on.

The 2010-2011 school year has been a good one for Dickinson's InterVarsity chapter, according to Kara. The discipleship groups of two to four students remain critical and central to the work of IVCF in their function as accountability groups and chances for students to support each other and pray for each other. IVCF also hopes to continue their "Groups Investigating God," which are Bible study groups for non-Christians. IVCF also hopes to have a GIG coordinator for next year who will recruit and plan training for leaders so this can be a more central part of the fellowship's ministry.

As the IVCF chapter at Dickinson anticipates the 2011-2012 school year, Kara asks for prayer as IVCF finalizes student leaders. "Pray that the students would stay focused on what God is calling them to and that they would not be distracted by temptation or other things," she says. She passes on her gratitude to Slate Hill attendees who showed up at Hoss's Steak House for the fundraiser for IVCF this spring. Between the Carlisle and Mechanicsburg restaurants, IVCF received \$314.25 to support the work of the ministry at Dickinson College. Slate Hill supports Kara's ministry through funding via the Evangelism, Peace & Service Commission, through prayer, and through individual donations.

Church Retreat

For those who couldn't make it to the Retreat, this will give you an idea of what we did for two days.

The theme of the weekend was "Surrounded by God's Love" and we all felt like the weekend lived up to the theme.

People gradually gathered at Sylvan View on Friday evening in the rain to register. After they got settled into their rooms, they navigated to Sylvan View's dining room for snacks, games and visiting. I think most adults were in bed by 12:00 / 12:30 (I left at 11:00). However, I heard a rumor that some of the youth didn't collapse until 5:00a.m.

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day and filled with lots of activity. The day started with bird watching with Jeff Krug. After breakfast there was a scavenger hunt where a team of 2 or 3 had to find 20 items hidden or natural to the area outside Sylvan View. The team of Joshua and Matthew Ly and Julia Rioux won by finding 18 of the 20 actual items. Other items found 20 items but substituted some of the original items.

Magical Ministries presented "The Magic of God's Love" which fit right into our theme of the weekend. The presentation was enjoyed by all, young and old alike. I know the tricks are just illusions but with each "trick" he also shared truths about God's love. The magic trick I liked the most was when he took a section of a regular newspaper, made a few cuts into it with a scissors, snipping away some parts and then came up with a banner that said "God Is Love"!

No one could have been bored in the afternoon. There was open gym time, climbing wall. Hiking Peter's Mountain, Softball, Soccer, Trail Rides, Paddle Boats and Canoes on the lake, hiking the nature trails, Ladies Tea at the Roland's cabin. You could be active every minute or just sit and relax and soak up the sun.

Bible School at Slate Hill Offers a Positive Start to the Summer

June 19-23; 6:30-8 p.m.

Taste and See: God is Good. Look at food through the eyes of faith at Slate Hill's summer Bible School. Children from pre-school through grade five are invited to attend and bring a friend.



Every evening will be fun-filled with drama, worship, crafts, learning and activities.

Children will hear stories of manna in the wilderness, a woman who shares her last bit of food, or Jesus offering himself as bread and wine. We will talk about gratitude, generosity and “spiritual food”—and how food is a constant reminder of God’s active presence in our midst!

Mark your calendars now—June 19-23, Sunday through Thursday evenings—from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the church. Plan now to attend Look for the sign-up table in the narthex over the next few weeks. For more details, see Joelle Miller.

Slate Hill Helps Messiah Students Cope with Finals

On Sunday evening, May 1, 2011, eighteen Messiah College students got just what the doctor ordered in preparation for finals week: soft pretzels, ice cream and some laughter. The students, many of whom were faithful attendees of the college Sunday School class at Slate Hill, enjoyed this needed break from cramming for finals. Ulli and Theda Klemm coordinated the refreshments, George and Lois provided the living room, and Margaret and Lamarr Widmer came for the fun. Part of the evening was spent on a funny word game, where students provided various words (nouns, adjectives, numbers, etc.) for a mystery story that was not disclosed until after their word selections had been made. The following is one version of a story the students crafted and read for the gang to enjoy. The words bolded are the words the students came up with.

“There is only one way to describe this past year at Messiah: downright **chubby**. I have been a student here for **twenty** years and am still trying to earn my first bachelor’s degree. A number of things have contributed to this being such a **big** time on campus. First, where did they get some of these **loud** professors from – **Spain**? I can’t understand a single word my **history** professor says. He has such a heavy **Irish** accent. So I just tune him/her out and chat with my **ugly** friends on Facebook instead. Second, the homework is a killer. I mean, every night my professors make me read **two** pages of a **dirty novel**. Look, I know I’m in college and all, but with only **2,000** hours of sleep a day, and even with drinking **1,000** cups of coffee, I just can’t do all that reading. Then there is Lottie. Let’s be real, the stuff they feed us tastes like **Little Friskies**. OK that may sound a little insulting. I do like their **green beans** but their **raspberries** tastes like **petroleum jelly**. Finally, there’s the mandatory chapel time. Although we’re supposed to go to chapel **40** times a week, I only go **five** times a week. I mean, really, the talks there are so **wrinkly**. Besides, more than half of the other students there are **playing ultimate Frisbee** while the preacher is preaching. So as you can see, I am ready for a break. You ask me if I’m stressing out over finals: **Oh my God, yes**. My mother is the **tenth cousin** once removed to the president of the college. The **hedgehog** is in the bag. Finally I am looking forward to summer break. After I use a **green** magic marker and scribble the word, “**salvation**” all over the walls in my room, I’m throwing my room keys in the **weight room** and heading for **Paris**. Summer here I come!”

Slate Hill Mennonite Mortgage Update

Praise the Lord that your generous special and regular gifts have enabled us to meet the mortgage obligation each month and even make additional principal payments. The mortgage balance has been reduced to less than \$900,000 more than one year earlier than originally projected. That is no small accomplishment when many people and even churches are struggling to keep current with their mortgages. It is a testimony to God's continued provision for His work in and through Slate Hill Mennonite Church through the generosity of His people.

Following is a summary of the mortgage status as of April 30 2011:

			Monthly Payment	\$9,658.00
	Principal Repaid	Loan Balance		
Total Borrowed for construction		\$1,323,000.00		
Principal repaid as of 1/2008	\$160,000.00			
			# Pyts to Payoff	Payoff Date
Balance rolled into 15 yr amortized mortgage beginning 5/2008		\$1,163,000.00	180	April 2023
Principal repaid 2008 – 4/2009	\$63,711.63			
Balance as of 5/2009		\$1,099,288.37	158	June 2022
Principal repaid 5/2009 – 5/2010	\$132,843.81			
Balance as of 6/2010		\$966,444.56	132	May 2021
Principal repaid 6/2010 – 11/2010	\$34,033.28			
Balance as of 11/30/2010		\$932,411.28	126	May 2021
Principal repaid 12/2010 – 4/2011	\$36,296.58			
Interest rate adjustment 5.25 to 4.75%				
Balance as of 4/30/2011		\$896,114.70	116	Dec 2020

According to the terms of our loan, the interest rate will be reviewed annually for a possible rate adjustment in April. Praise the Lord that as a result of that review our interest rate has been reduced from 5.25% to 4.75% beginning with the May 2011 payment. While the monthly payment amount remains the same, more of each payment will go toward principal reduction, bringing **Mortgage Freedom Day** 5 months closer, to December 2020!

Thank you for making it possible for Slate Hill to continue to meet the monthly mortgage obligation and even bringing Mortgage Freedom Day two years closer than originally projected!!

You Are Invited!

What: **VBS - Theme: Taste and See. God is Good.**

When: June 19-23. 6:00-8:00 pm.

Who: Ages 3 - Grade 5

Sign ups will be in the conference room each Sunday after church. Or you can email Joelle Miller at Em1280@messiah.edu to register or if you have any questions.

Mission in Motion Series Kicks Off June 12

From Haiti to Dillsburg to Mexico to Uganda to Camp Hill, Slate Hill folks are active in bringing the good news of Christ, healing, and peace to others. Slate Hill: Mission in Motion, the intergenerational Christian education summer series, kicks off on Sunday, June 12. Come and learn about the various ways that Slate Hillers are involved in mission and service to our community, our nation, and our world. Come on June 12 to find out one seemingly small but significant way that *you* can be involved in a “mission-in-motion money” project—even if you will be away at the beach, on a mountain, in a campground, or at a wedding some weekends. We’ll meet in the sanctuary from 11:00–11:45 am from June 12 to August 21 (no session on July 3). Nursery care for children four years old and under. Sponsored by the Evangelism, Peace, and Service Commission in cooperation with the Christian Education Commission.

Friends Who Pray Together

Studies show that religion and happiness are linked. But faithful church attendance may not be enough: In a large survey, those most likely to rate their life satisfaction as a perfect 10 went to services weekly *and* saw close friends there. Church regulars without pals in the pews didn’t see the boost—they were less satisfied than infrequent attendees with friends, says study head Chaeyoon Lim, Ph.D., of the University of Wisconsin—Madison. SO go to services, by all means—but don’t skip coffee hour.