

New Danville Newsletter

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October



From our hearts
we thank our God for
blessed Autumn time.

Youth Group

This past month we had several youth group activities. The first was a cookout at Duane and Vanessa Brubaker's house. The second was a Bible study at Megan Lehman's house. The third was the New Life Drama Company performing at New Danville. I had a good time at all of these events and can't wait until next month.

~Drew Sommerfeld

Sewing Circle

At our September sewing circle Jane Harnish read 1 Timothy 2:1-8 to base her thoughts for devotions. Jake and Jane had recently been to Missouri at a grandson's graduation which prepares young men to serve and protect our country. She likened the disciplined training to our genuine disciplined Christian life. We are to remember God rules and delights in quiet peaceful living. Jane's prayer included peace for all nations.

Seven ladies knotted eight comforters ready to provide warmth and protection for those in need.

~Flossie Harnish

SMILE

SMILE was—a busy place the second morning of September as mom's reconnected after the summer break and children were settled in classes. This year the one year old class takes the prize for the highest attendance—somewhere between 10 & 12. As more 4 year olds attend pre-school, often on Tuesday's, what could have been a large class this year has dwindled to just a few.

SMILE is— a place for growth—for both moms and children. Our prayer study this fall, led by Audrey Kanagy, promises to be a rich time of examining our relationship with Christ. We have a great group of women who are open to sharing and encouraging one another. Pray that God will use this time to draw each one closer to Him.

SMILE continues to be—an extension of our church here, as we reach out to those in need around us. As stated in the bulletin, the second morning we assembled 30 school kits to add to your collection for MCC. This year we are taking the opportunity to be a support for one of our moms whose husband is leaving for another round of duty in November. For Carolyn, a mother of 4, we are volunteering to bring a meal for her to take home on Tuesdays. For her husband, Bill, we are gathering favorite Bible verses to send to him while he is still in the states— currently stationed at Fort Drum, NJ. Once he is in Kuwait, we plan to send him care packages. There are other service projects scattered throughout the year. This one started with the care package idea and sort of blossomed on it own.

The month of September was rounded out with a fall pumpkin craft. These mornings are great for visiting while we work and getting to know each other better in the process. A special thank you to all who help in the children's classes.

~Ruth Ann Stoner

Mennonite Women Subscriptions

It is time to update subscription information for "Timbrel" and "Threads of Truth." If you are not currently receiving these Mennonite Women Publications and would like to be added to the subscription list, or if you would like to withdraw your present subscription,

please contact Shirley Warfel as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP

It is not too early to mark your calendar and plan now to join Mennonite Women of Lancaster Conference at this year's Fall Fellowship on Saturday morning, November 14, 8:45 to noon, at New Holland Mennonite Church. Be inspired by speaker, Juanita Nunez who will be focusing on intercessory prayer. Fall Fellowship also includes displays, worship, light refreshments, socializing, and a mix of cultures. Come and be challenged! Need directions or want to car pool - contact Shirley Warfel at 872-6896.

A Day With... Ruth Ann Stoner

5:00 – Get up and start a load of wash
5:15 – Enjoy a cup of tea while Dale has coffee
5:45 – Do bookwork at the computer while everything is quiet
6:50 – Chat a bit with Rachele before we both head out. This was her morning to sleep in.
7:00 – Go out to feed calves. Greet Lady, our 14 yr. old border collie—more accurately, Lady is waiting to enthusiastically greet me. She is my shadow when I am outside. Warm up 2 bottles for the newest babies, then feed the rest. I have a total of 34 heifer calves right now—15 of those are on milk—plus 6 bull calves that I give water and grain to. By the way, this is an absolutely beautiful morning!
9:00 – Deliver a message to Debbie from Lamar via Dale and end up feeding a pen of older calves silage.
9:10 – Go in to get breakfast ready.
9:20 – Martin stops by to drop off some innoculant for tomorrow, when they plan on

filling his silo. He also has some sweet corn for us.

9:25 – As Martin leaves, the milkman comes. Better check my milk supply.

9:30 – Bring in a gallon of milk and since I have fresh corn I decide to make corn fritters to go with scrambled eggs for breakfast.

10:15 – Breakfast – this is our normal breakfast time—after all morning work is done. Discuss the agenda for the day. The guys are working on the chopper—sounds like I will have a parts run to make.

11:00 – Clean up kitchen and have a few minutes of quiet time.

11:30 – Finish bookwork.

12:10 – Rachele and I make stuffed peppers for dinner.

1:05 – Peppers are ready for the oven. Rachele can finish getting lunch ready. I have to go to Messicks for chopper parts. I stop at the bank and post office too while I'm on the road.

2:35 – Home. Lunch is over, but mine is here waiting for me. Look at today's paper while I eat.

3:15 – It's such a nice day, I decide to do some weeding—amazing how fast they grow.

4:50 – Grab a snack and take a break before feeding calves.

5:15 – Feed calves, then help clean up the barn, get cows in and tie them.

7:45 – Call and talk to my sister while making creamed dry beef for supper. A conveyor chain needed fixed at the barn tonight so they won't be in just yet.

8:45 – Supper

9:30 – Check e-mail.

10:00 – Good night.

Upcoming Events

November 7,8 District missions conference
November 9 Church business mtg. @ 7 PM
November 22 Community Thanksgiving service

Prayer Quotes

By: Martha Thomas



"Dearest Lord Jesus, Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to counsel us, to be unto us the Spirit of truth who guides us into all the truth, who teaches us all things, and who reminds of everything you have said. With thanksgiving, Amen" (Kathleen G. Grant)

"Dear heavenly Father, How can we ever thank you enough for giving us your very words! How we praise you and thank You for the Bible. In Christ, our life, Amen"
((Kathleen G. Grant)



Bits and Pieces

- Kyle Horst, Lyle and Lorielle Ressler were named to the dean's list for the past spring semester at Penn State University.
- Jen Hershey took first place in the women's division of the pedal tractor pull at the Lampeter Fair.
- Verna Leaman, with the help of a granddaughter, designed the cover for this month's newsletter.



Pastor's Corner

Fall is a wonderful time of the year, the cool days and the changing color bring a renewed energy and appreciation of God's creation. But, for some fall is not celebrated but is looked at as an indication that winter is coming which can begin a downward spiral of negativity and solemnity. If you the reader love all the seasons of the year as I do or if you are beginning to feel the cold of winter all too soon please be encouraged by the following principle.

The Bible teaches us that we find strength in perceived weaknesses. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

The Fall season is not a sign of the weakness of the creation as some may be tempted to think rather it is in the vulnerability of dormancy that the earth regains its strength. The Fall and subsequent Winter are God's grand design and thus should be boasted in not disregarded or wished away. In our scripture text Paul says that it is greater to boast in our weakness even to delight in it

them. Wow! Is this counter cultural or what? You see when we realize our weakness and not only know them but claim them and offer them to the Lord of Lords than it is no longer weakness but becomes strength. Today if you are feeling a little blue or that you have too many leaves to rake or when we feel we are losing our leaves and that dormancy is around the corner take a lesson from the Creator and the creation. Greater strength will come after the vulnerability has passed.

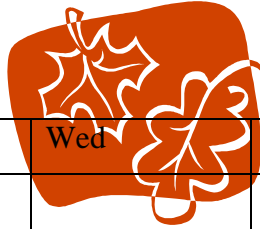
Here are the top five things I love about the Fall.

5. Leaves changing color
4. The business of the bees and other animals as they prepare for winter
3. The coolness of the morning and opening our windows
2. Hunting season
1. Fall Spiders, have you noticed the beautiful yellow and black spider outside the east doors?

Blessings,

Curtiss

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Martin Parmarter	2	3
4	5	6 SMILE 9:15-11:00	7 Sewing Circle 9:30-4:00 Delvin Kropf Blanche Miller	8	9	10
11 Sr. Citizen Meal- 12:15 Angela Warfel	12	13 SMILE 9:15-11:00	14 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm	15 Destinie Carson	16 Gail DeVerter	17
18 Ivan Thomas	19	20 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Drew Sommerfeld Verna Leaman	21	22 Jeanette Kneisley	23	24
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