

# NEW DANVILLE NEWSLETTER

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## Youth Group

During the month of October the youth group went hiking at seven crossings. After hiking we had a band practice to get ready for our worship night. We had practices every Sunday afternoon up until the worship night. It was a lot of hard work but it all paid off. We all had a lot of fun leading worship. There were over 100 people who came out to join with us in praising God. We hope to have another worship night soon. I think all of our members really look forward to our next youth group activity.

Mike Sollenberger

## *Sewing Circle*

On Wednesday, October 7, five women knotted five comforters on a blustery, windy day.

Lois Garber

## SMILE

Audrey Kanagy continued the prayer study she's leading us in during two mornings. In following The Lord's Prayer, our prayers should begin with praise, worship, and thanksgiving. We looked at what several scriptures tell us about praise and shared some obstacles that affect our prayer/praise life.

As we focused on "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done" we talked about what the kingdom of God is like as well as what attitude we approach God with when we pray about our needs or wants. A few key points I noted: Prayer is not a formula, but a relationship. Prayer is partnering with God to do His will. Pray toward God's character.

The day that Gerald and Marlene Kauffman were unable to come and speak on marriage, we watched part of the video, Men Are Like

Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti by Bill & Pam Farrel. Many couples would agree that they're glad they're different but they don't know what to do with those differences. After we accept one another (Romans 15:7) and our differences, one of the key tools is to be a good listener (James 1:19).

We finished out the month with Julia Kobie speaking on "Autumns Abundance of Apples Fest." She is an enthusiastic speaker, who again provided us with some great (apple) recipes, tips, and facts along with a healthy dose of humor for the day. A thought-provoking quote from the handout she gave – "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed."

Linda Brenneman

## Lampeter Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following persons who took ribbons at the Lampeter Fair. Jen Hershey took first place in the women's division of the pedal tractor pull with a pull of 58"6'. Bob Gochenaur had a fourth place ribbon for an old nail apron. Naomi Gochenaur had a first place for a knotted comforter. Martha Thomas's rabbit foot fern won first place and her cockscomb second place.



## Prayer Quotes

By: Martha Thomas

"A simple PRAYER that acknowledges our desire to live by the power of the Spirit. We can PRAY something like, "Lord, today I acknowledge that my tendency is to do things in my own strength, understanding, and wisdom. I surrender to the work of your Spirit within me and invite you to direct me by the Spirit's power in all that I do today." (Keith Blank)

## Maritime Provinces Vacation

We left home on September 14 for a trip to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. We met a lot of nice people and stayed in bed and breakfast accommodations.

In New Brunswick we stopped to see Hopewell Rocks, a place where you can walk on the floor of the Bay of Fundy. In St. John we saw the Reversing Falls. Ask us about the experience we had at Magnetic Hill.

We crossed the 13 mile long Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island. We toured the scenic route and saw many lighthouses. On the island we stayed at bed and breakfasts. Farmers were harvesting potatoes and combining flax. There were lots of clover fields which must be raised for seed. Here we visited the Anne of Green Gables farm homestead and enjoyed the Anne of Green Gables musical. While at the musical we met a fellow schoolmate from New Danville whom Dan had not seen for 54 years. We learned he lives in Millersville.

We took a ferry to Nova Scotia and did a bed and breakfast on a working farm where they raised red angus cattle. We had a great evening in town for our dinner. While enjoying the excellent food we were entertained with Scottish (Celtic) piano and violin music and their square dancing and clogging.

The Cabots Trail was a very scenic route. At Cape Smokey we saw pilot whales. As we drove along a sign said, "Road ends." Oh, no! How do we get through the river? Guess what? Another ferry about 200 yards across. We went to Old Sherbrooks Village, observed many varied crafts and also folks dressed in early American attire. Peggy's Cove was a small fishing village with lots of rocks.

In Digby we went to a fishing pier where boats were being loaded with food for salmon at the fish farm up the river. We had conversation with fishermen about their ways of farming the seas. Digby is world famous for its delicious big scallops. We crossed on

the ferry from Digby to St. John, New Brunswick and then crossed into the USA at Calais, Maine where we stayed overnight.

The next day we drove to Bar Harbor, Maine, parked our car at Bass Harbor, took a suitcase and got a ferry to Swans Island where Jon and Kathy Schrock met us. They gave us a grand tour of the island, stopped by a fisherman's wharf to pick up some fresh lobsters for our dinner, compliments of Jon and Kathy. We had a great evening after a delicious meal.

We were back at Bass Harbor in the morning, over to Bar Harbor and on to Cadillac Mt., enjoying the beauty of God's creation. We headed south to MA where we attended services at a Baptist church in Lowell, MA and were made to feel very welcome.

We had a safe trip, sensing God's presence with us each day. We enjoyed the beauty of His creation and the wonderful people we met and with whom we stayed.

Dan and Mim Leaman

## North Carolina Tour

We were up at 4:00 AM to make preparations for our first day of a four day tour. Dave was my driver and I was the Tour Director. We had several places to pick up our group--Lancaster Bible College, Ephrata, Harrisburg and Greencastle. After our morning prayer, we are ready to head south on route 81. While we are traveling, I had a time of devotions for all with some Scripture readings and a corresponding story from "Our Daily Bread." Everyone joined in singing a few hymns. What a nice way to start our days.

We traveled along the George Washington National Forest and Jefferson National Forest all day. It does not take long for 56 people to get acquainted. That's what is nice about a Bob Neff Tour. It was a long day of travel to our hotel in Bristol, VA. Dave and I have

many responsibilities while on tour. I thanked God for giving us a safe trip.

On day two we headed southeast to Asheville, NC, located in the heart of Blue Ridge Mountains and is known for all its natural beauty. In Asheville we took a guided trolley ride through this old town. Our next stop was at "The Cove", the Billy Graham training center, located deep within the mountains. The center exists to train, equip and encourage believers as they share the Gospel worldwide. It is a lovely place of quietness. While viewing the chapel and prayer room, you could feel the presence of God with us.

We then drove to Chimney Rock Park. An elevator took us to an amazing view atop a towering 315 ft. monolith located on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. At a soaring elevation of 2,280 ft with its 75 mile views, it was a breath taking experience. And what a view it was!!

On day three we visited the brand new Billy Graham Library where we walked through exhibits and multimedias of one man's journey from pastures and the dairy farm where he grew up to gravel roads of NC, to big tents and arenas, to stadiums, television and radio around the world. Billy Graham has traveled the world, preaching the Gospel face to face to more than 100 million people. Through radio and TV, etc. he has reached more than 2 billion people in his lifetime. He was a counselor with Presidents and world leaders. He was the driving force behind the evangelical movement of the 20th century. We need more leaders like him in our world today.

We also walked through his boyhood home and the gardens where Billy's wife, Ruth Bell Graham, is buried. There is so much to see and do here that it takes several hours to see it all.

We then went to JAARS where we toured the grounds and had a peek at the aircraft they use for training. We did not get to see Kevin and Anita Warfel but we did see Amos Warfel's brother, Don at the aircraft repair shop.

Our evening was spent at a Christian dinner theater put on by a lot of local people. It was an interesting play and very well done.

On day four we visiting Mt. Airy, NC, the hometown of television actor, Andy Griffith. Main St. reminds us of the town of Mayberry used on his shows. Andy grew up here and the town incorporated names of places and people from Mt. Airy on the Andy Griffith show. We were even greeted by "Barney Fife." He climbed aboard our coach and gave us a guided tour. (He surely looked and talked like Don Knotts.) We saw "Floyd's Barber Shop", old Mayberry Jail and Andy's childhood home, to name a few. We even ate at "Snappy's Lunch". After lunch we headed back to PA. The coach was full of talk and laughter about all we had seen in just four days.

Anna Lois McMichael

## **Promise Players**

For many years the "Promise Players" have been giving a wide variety of plays at the Lampeter Church of the Brethren. These are by donation and this year the proceeds are going to Mennonite and Brethren Marriage Encounter. Suggested donation is \$7. The shows are November 6, 7, 13, and 14th at 7:30 and two matinees on Nov. 8 and 15 at 2:30 where baby sitting is provided. To reserve a seat call 464-2050. The show is titled HOW TO MAKE THE MRS HAPPY by Warren Sager. This slapstick comedy centers around Arthur and Wes who are just trying to be husbands the best way that they know how, but they can never seem to get it right. These two men are willing to do whatever it takes for their wives including switching roles for a day, protecting them from burglars, learning to dance and even going to the opera. As the couples show the dynamics of a marriage relationship, Arthur and Wes learn about love and commitment and how it relates to their relationship with God.

## Senior Citizens Dinner

The senior citizens of the three churches were treated to a lunch on Sunday, October 11th at River Corner Mennonite church by the district ministry. The meal included homemade vegetable soup and corn chowder, ham and egg salad sandwiches, fruit cup and lots of cake. The servers, including our own Pastor Curtiss, were Bishop Richard Buckwalter and pastors Joe Garber and Dave and Becky Gochenauer. A social hour followed the meal. There were 52 seniors attending.

Martha Hartman

## Who Am I?

How many siblings do you have? 3  
Favorite Food. Burgers  
Favorite Bible verse. Jeremiah 29:11  
Favorite Song. "Guide My Feet"  
Your first job. Working on the farm  
What can always be found in my refrigerator?  
Stewart's Orange n' Cream Soda  
What do you do for fun? Go fishing in the  
pond & grouse hunting  
Where would you like to go if you could  
travel? Alaska  
People may be surprised to know that...  
I have my concealed weapons permit  
My unfulfilled ambition. To own a farm  
One thing I've learned in life...  
You can't run before you walk.  
What do you like most about church?  
The people

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, would you like a way to be together as women of the church and also have a way to invite your friends and neighbors for a time of fellowship? Well, we have the answer for you! Five of us who have been in a prayer group in the past and also like to touch base periodically, put our heads together and

brainstormed about some ways we can have a time of fun and fellowship together. We came up with the following ideas: The evenings are scheduled for Wednesday at 6:30.

November 18: Meet at Shirley Garber's for games.....bring your favorite table game, friends & neighbors

December 16: Meet at NDMC for a night of Christmas Caroling and a Cookie Swap: each person brings 2 dozen cookies to swap!

January 20: Movie night at NDMC: bring something to sit or lay on and enjoy some popcorn and "LITTLE WOMEN"

February 17: Meet at NDMC and help the sewing circle with some of their projects

March 17: Evening Tea Party

April 21: Bowling

May 23: Sunday afternoon family picnic at Charlestown Park : bring your own lunch and enjoy a time to relax, fellowship and play games etc.

If you have any questions feel free to talk to any of us, Karen, Shirley, Robin, Terri or Sandi



## I am thankful for Pastor Curtiss because.....

- Of his love for everyone and his prayers.  
Mary Catherine Bowman
- He is like one of us.  
Ivan Thomas
- He has a heart for God's creation and his  
heart for the lost.  
Marty Sommerfeld
- Of his many words of wisdom.  
Jay Lehman
- Of his input when teaching S.S.  
Emily Hess
- Of his prayers.  
Verna Leaman
- He gives challenging sermons.  
Dan Leaman
- He is friendly and easy to approach.  
Ashley Warfel
- Of his energy and good sermons.  
Mary Groff
- Of his personality and good sermons.  
Anna Lois McMichael
- He inspires me.  
Shirley Warfel



## Bits and Pieces

- Jay Lehman is the identity of "Who Am I?"
- Sharon Humphreys is the cover artist for  
this month's newsletter.
- Lyle Ressler with team members competed  
in the Tussy Mountain Race and placed  
first out of 75 team runners.

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### CRYPTOQUOTE *- answer in Dec. issue*

Cryptoquote is an inspirational quote by a known author, speaker or other individual, either past or present. Each letter stands for another one. In this quote

“VP PVT UB BZNPVETN ZFIV ZFT  
MTILTBZ HTNBPV MFP UB ZPZIAAC  
RTHTVRTVZ DHPV EPR.”

- NPC ATBBUV

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion <b>Lee Ressler</b> <b>Valerie Darity</b>	2	3 SMILE 9:15-11:00  <b>Anne Hess</b>	4 Sewing Circle 9:30-4:00	5	6  <b>Daniel Harnish</b>	7 Missions Conf. 7pm -Meal before
8 Missions Conf. 7pm <b>Mikayla Axe</b>	9 Church Business Mtg. 7pm  <b>Ryan Horst</b>	10 SMILE 9:15-11:00	11 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	12	13	14  <b>Kendall Garber</b>
15	16  <b>Brian Weldy</b>	17 SMILE 9:15-11:00	18 Ladies Night Out 6:30pm	19	20	21  <b>Joni Staffieri</b>
22 Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm	23	24 SMILE 9:15-11:00  <b>Lyle Ressler</b>	25 Prayer Mtg. 7pm	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  <b>Logan Garber</b> <b>Matthew Sollenberger</b>	27 <b>Karen Hess</b>  <b>Lindsay Harnish</b>	28
29	30  <b>Mary McMichael</b>					