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Abbey



Ryan



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:16-17

SMILE

Feb. 2: Tammy Steinhart shared some tips and creative ideas she's experimented with to get picky kids to eat the variety of healthy foods that they need. She has the reputation of being pretty sneaky with this among her family and friends. She had us sample scrambled eggs with a secret ingredient – cauliflower! We were also given some recipes (Pumpkin Sloppy Joes, Zucchini Burgers, etc.) for trial at home.

Feb. 9: Jay Garber continued the study he put together titled "Faith Expressing Itself Through Love." We began by reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2. The discussion focused on how we can be Godly mentors for others as God is our mentor. This comes with trust and respect. And, to attain these, Jay used other scriptures to point out that we must be honest; good; right and fair; reliable; and consistent.

Feb. 16: Snow make-up day

Feb. 23: Loice Byler (a Kenyan native) from West End Mennonite gave a spirited talk entitled "Sister to Sister – You can lean on me," on women's relationships. She used the example of Naomi & Ruth, who had many differences but similar needs. Some of the primary needs women have of each other are devotion, acts of kindness, protection, mentoring, trust, love, acceptance, and prayer. Loice encouraged us to "proclaim who God is to the next generation."

~ Linda Brenneman

Youth Group

This month the youth group went on a retreat to Camp Hebron. We also had two Bible studies. It was a lot of fun and we are looking forward to another fun month of activities.

~Mike Sollenberger

?Who's Who?

How many siblings do you have?

8

Favorite food.

Fresh vegetables from the garden

Favorite Bible verse.

John 14:2

Favorite song.

"Mighty to Save" by Hillsong

Your first job.

Raising calves

What can always be found in my refrigerator. Coffee

What do you do for fun?

Weekends at the mountains

Hobbies. Hunting/fishing

Where would you like to go if you could travel? Alaska

People may be surprised to know that...

I liked to hillclimb with my dirtbike.

One thing I've learned in life.

Life is full of challenges, but you can always have a positive outlook.

What do you like most about church?

Worship time

Relief Kit Station

John and I had the privilege of joining others from our District to help with relief efforts at MCC on Thursday, February 4. We were positioned at the station where Relief Kits were being prepared for Haiti. First we would check the kits to be sure they contained the proper items, sizes, and quantities. The four towels would be removed and at another work station a group of ladies would roll the towels tightly and secure with a tie string. Next we would pick up four tightly bundled towels and a new five gallon bucket with the MCC emblem on it. Then we would repack the checked items into the bucket. It was like piecing a puzzle – everything had to be placed properly to assure that all the contents would fit inside the bucket. Finally, John and Jay Garber would pound the lids on with a rubber mallet and stack the buckets onto a skid. When the skid was filled, the buckets were held together with shrink wrap. Then a forklift would take them away to be filled into a container for sending to Haiti.

Having seen the devastation firsthand, we know these items are in need and will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who contributed to the relief kits and we were glad to help assemble them "In the Name of Christ."

~John and Shirley Warfel

On Feb. 4, a beautiful winter day before the snow storm, members from New Danville, River Corner and Bylerland churches worked together at MCC to assemble health kits for Haiti.

Leon Good told us how to do our job with efficiency to save space and time. In an assembly line a flashlight was put in a large plastic water bottle. Steve Warfel

and his friends from Nepal helped us to cut the flashlight out of its plastic packaging. Eight batteries were cut out of its plastic package and placed in the water bottle with the flashlight. When the lid was replaced, someone taped a large flat container of deodorant on the side of the bottle.

These items wouldn't fit into the five gallon bucket, but were to be sent separately to Haiti.

We all enjoyed the time together with friends and knowing that these items were to be used to help the suffering people of Haiti.

We ate our packed lunches while a short report on Haiti was given. Shirley Warfel told of the work that was done while she was in Haiti and the passion she felt for the suffering people of Haiti. We need to continue to pray for the people of Haiti.

~Mary Catherine Bowman

~Mary Groff

A Comforter Marathon in the Name of Christ

Not everyone could go to Haiti; however there is always a way to be involved. MCC put out a call for 10,000 heavy weight comforters to be sent to Haiti. This is where a lot of people could become involved. Sewing circle had some comforters already pieced but a lot more were needed. So a trusty 49 year old Singer sewing machine got busy and by the day of a comforter knotting there were approximately 35 comforters ready to be knotted. Four quilt frames were put up in the basement with the one frame being a king sized one so two single sized comforters could be put in that one. Then it snowed but I was sure if God wanted these done they would get done. We 3 came at noon time and the men were also invited so maybe the snow

would not be a problem. Soon the people started arriving-- women from church, daughters, sisters, men, four persons from Nepal, and also some persons from River Corner. Two women were kept busy all day putting in more comforters. One person spent a lot of time pinning in the hems and two persons spent time on that same trusty Singer hemming them. And the happy banter, teaching men a new skill, and of course snacks appeared on the kitchen counter with chocolate for those that needed more energy. At 7:00 we decided if no new people come by 7:30, we will quit with the last one we were working on. Right after 7:30 we heard car doors but chose not to put another in. Some of us who had spent the day there were tired!!! And the next day was the day for our district to be at MCC. There were 30 persons who helped during the day plus the two persons that came at 7:30 and 22 comforters were completed "In the name of Christ."

~Naomi Gochenaur



Bits and Pieces

- Lynette Brenneman designed this month's newsletter cover.
- Jennifer Hershey was named to the deans list for the fall semester at Millersville University.
- Dale Stoner is the identity of "Who am I?"
- An article in the Sunday Newspaper pictured Ivan Thomas, our "master" butcher



Prayer Quotes

By: Martha Thomas

PRAYER -- When life gets too hard to stand ... kneel. (posted in dentist office)

No matter where we are, Jesus is only a PRAYER away. (Our Daily Bread)

PRAYER does not make God see things as we see them; it helps us see things as God sees them. (Our Daily Bread)

Upcoming Events

- March 12,13 Scrapbook social
- March 14 District senior citizen meal @ 12:15
- March 27 Easter focus @ 7 pm at New Danville
- March 28 Easter focus @ 7 pm at New Danville
- March 29 District Seder mea
- May 10 Church business mtg. @ 7 PM
- July 23-25 Church retreat at Woodcrest



Pastor's Corner,

Weather becomes a stressful part of life when it causes our routine to go haywire. Cancellations cause our hectic pace to slow down and we have to negotiate around having the children home from school or changing our shopping trip or even at times altering our vacation plans. In God's perfect plan weather was to bring great satisfaction to humankind, but when the fall of man happened weather became somewhat of an enemy. God now allows us to grow in our character as the winter winds blow and as our fast pace of life slows to a crawl. Extreme weather gives us opportunity to evaluate our ability to stand against short term adversity. So how are you doing these cold winter days? Are you allowing God to work in your life or are you rejecting God's gift of time and reflection. Read Psalm 104 today and give God the glory for the splendor of creation and the seasons and how He allows us to grow and mature in Him.

Blessings,
Curtiss

Seek and Find

THE ARMOR OF FAITH

EPHESIANS 6:13-17

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TRUTH
SHIELD
SALVATION
WORD OF GOD
RIGHTEOUSNESS
HELMET
SPIRIT

ARMOR OF GOD
BREASTPLATE
FAITH
SWORD
GOSPEL OF PEACE
GIRDED LOINS
FEET

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Ministry team mtg. @ 7 pm Autumn Dahlberg	3 Sewing Circle 9-4 Holly Mays	4	5	6 Melanie Herr
7 Alim Kamara	8	9 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Evan Warfel	10 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm Flossie Harnish Kristen Lehman	11 Anna Lois McMichael	12 Scrapbooking Kendra Parmarter Clair Brenneman	13 Jamie Kamara
14 District senior citizen meal @ 12:15 Don Harnish Lorielle Ressler	15 Deb Musser	16 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Martin Harnish	17	18 Tom Shenk	19 Rachelle Stoner	20 John Brenneman
21 Celebration of Church Life @LMS 1:30-6pm	22	23 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Brittany Graybill	24 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	25 Dan Leaman Jen Hershey	26	27 Easter focus @ 7 pm Brendon Johns Linda Brenneman
28 Easter focus @ 7 pm Lynette Brenneman	29 District Seder meal Terri Parmarter	30 SMILE - Easter Break/Snow Makeup Day Wendy Jo Hess	31 Janet Kauffman			