

# NEW DANVILLE NEWSLETTER

---

**New Danville Mennonite Church, Volume 24 - Issue 4, April 2010**

---



# SMILE

March was quite a fun month at SMILE. On March 2nd, Audrey Kanagy led us in a few songs with her guitar. We then knotted (almost) 3 comforters for MCC. It was a great morning to chat with the other moms and catch up with what is going on in their lives.

The following week a fellow mom led a devotional on transgressions. It was a good reminder of going directly to a person when you are upset by something they said or did, and telling them that it hurt you rather than bottling it up. The devotion was followed by an Easter bunny craft. Those of us who did not join in the craft making spent time talking. Three of us ladies at SMILE are pregnant and are all due within about two weeks of each other, each of us with our third child. It'll be an interesting fall for the three of us, and I'm sure we'll have much to talk about!

On March 16, Jay Garber was again sharing with us. He was encouraging us moms to keep on doing a good job, and reminding us through Biblical references to be patient and to be thankful. Something that really stuck out to me was the reminder that our God is reliable. It is something that we take for granted, but the simplicity of this really rang true to me. I always appreciate when Jay comes to share and lead us in our discussions.

Our final SMILE in March was led by Dot Leatherman and her topic was gardening with children. I was encouraged to hear all of the good that can come out of gardening with little ones. Our family has rented a little garden plot this year and we are hoping that the children will enjoy it. At their young ages they will probably prefer just playing in the dirt, but I'm hopeful that they will one day enjoy the life lessons that gardening can teach us that Dot shared. Some of those lessons include patience,

responsibility, and can also lead to good discussions such as the parable of the man sowing the seeds. Dot then gave us some dirt and seeds to plant with our children and place on a window sill. I was surprised to see that some of our seedlings have come up already (in less than a week). Anne was most excited about watering and putting her fingers in the dirt. We always look forward to SMILE each week and are thankful that the program is still going strong.

~Emily Hess

## Youth Group

This past month the youth group has had several youth group events. One of them was a Bible study at my house led by Vanessa. We also went to Pizza Hut and went bowling. We also went to the youth rally at Lancaster Mennonite School. I enjoy going to youth group and can't wait until next week.

~Drew Sommerfeld

## *Sewing Circle*

There were eight comforters knotted in the month of March. SMILE ladies worked on three of them on Tuesday morning and four ladies finished the remaining amount at sewing circle.

Thanks to those who cut and sew patches together. We then pin a top, bottom and filler on a frame to be knotted. Following the knotting process we take the comforter home and hem around the edges. All these efforts provide a blanket of warmth for someone. Join us someday.

~Flossie Harnish

## **Carribean Garden Cruise**

We arrived in Fort Lauderdale, Sunday, February 21, toured the city and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

February 23 we boarded the MS Noordam ship around 11 AM and then set sail at 5:00 PM, settling in for the evening.

February 24 and 25 we were at sea, just enjoying the relaxation of the cruise. The water was beautiful with very smooth sailing. We met with the tour group and enjoyed the evening programs on ship.

February 26 we docked at Philipsburg on St. Martens Island at 8:00 AM. We had a great breakfast and then gathered with the tour group to go on shore for the three hour island tour. This island is half French and half Dutch. We left port at 4:00 PM with the temperatures in the 80's.

We sailed all night and docked at Cantries, St. Lucia for another busy day. We left the ship with the tour group at 10:00 AM, toured the garden, coast line and light house along the way. We were tendered (life boats) back to the ship in the evening around 6:00. The ship came around the island to pick us up in the bay. This night was a formal night at dinner with everyone dressed in their party clothes.

February 28 we docked in Barbados at Bridgetown before 7:30 AM, had breakfast and were ready for another three hour trip around the country of Barbados. It was a very interesting day with great scenic views and beautiful plants and flower gardens. We saw a monkey and a mongoose on the excursion. We heard the score for the hockey game at the Olympic games with the Canadians cheering!

March 1 we arrived at the island of St. Martinique at 7:00 at the town of Fort-De-France. We had seen a beautiful full moon over the water at 5:00 AM. This is a French Island. We went to two different gardens.

The Rain Forest Garden was beautiful with plants and flowers and lots of black humming birds. The second garden was on the other side of the island and more desert like with a cactus garden--a very interesting day. The evening program was the Glen Miller orchestra (vocalist)--a very talented singer. We departed for St. Thomas at 12:30.

March 2 we docked at 8:00 AM at St. Thomas Island for another beautiful day. This day we went to Andre and Claire Viette's gardens. They are the hosts of this tour group. This was a 3 1/2 hour tour up on top of the mountain. This very beautiful place was opened for the first time to tourists. We left Charoletts Amelie, St. Thomas at 5:00 PM. The evening program was great with a musician and comedian, a very talented person.

March 3 we were at sea. We had a very informative garden seminar led by Mr. De Viette. The evening program was Superstar finals with very talented people on board. This night was Dessert Extravaganza at 10:30 PM. I told Dan, "I want to go to that." Oh!! My!! All those desserts and ice sculptures. It was a great time!!

March 4. We had a roller coaster night with high winds at sea due to a storm over Cuba--a great night. The crew gave a United Nations Farewell. It was an interesting time with all these different nations represented. We didn't get to go on Half Moon Kay Island due to high winds at sea. We were to be tendered to the island on small boats but the captain was concerned for our safety so we headed slowly toward Florida.

March 5 we docked in Fort Lauderdale after almost 3000 miles. It was a great trip enjoying the handiwork of God and meeting many loving and caring people along the way.

~Mim Leaman

## CELEBRATION OF CHURCH LIFE

### My Prayer for Anabaptists

I have often described myself as an Anabaptist – one who believes in peace, salvation through Jesus Christ, and the importance of living a life devoted to God. The structures and particular distinctions of the Mennonites are new to me, but I had the opportunity to learn much about Lancaster Conference at this year's Celebration of Church Life held March 19-21 at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

It has not taken me long in my study of Mennonites to realize that this denomination, like all others, is not perfect. John Roth mentioned that Mennonites in the United States are facing an internal crisis. The average age of members has dramatically increased, younger members have a weak commitment to the denomination, and many people are compromising their faith for the sake of politics or are turning inward and living in fear of any change. Despite these setbacks, there is hope for the Mennonite church. Keith Weaver shared that our society is now in an unsettling time as our cultural worldview is shifting. People of varying faiths are beginning to explore traditions more, celebrate emotion over reason and question the rationalistic, individualistic worldview that has been the backbone of Western culture for many generations. This cultural shift is a positive change because it can open doors for Mennonites who have carried their faith tradition for hundreds of years. Anabaptists who focus on community, service, the Holy Spirit, discipleship and evangelism can offer many answers to a searching culture.

In my own spiritual journey, I have found myself attracted to Anabaptism largely because of its emphasis on peace. I have

not always appreciated this distinctive characteristic, but I am slowly learning that many people lack peace. They go through life unsatisfied and can find no rest. Jesus offers a haven and holistic peace. Salvation through Jesus Christ brings spiritual peace. Jesus Christ teaches his disciples how to forgive and be reconciled to one another so that we can have emotional peace. Christ Jesus instructs his disciples to feed the poor, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. The Lord offers physical peace through the hands of Spirit-filled believers. Anabaptists envision a world of peace under the reign of God. We are not idealists; we are hope-filled believers living and acting imperfectly but trusting in a perfect God to make the vision a reality. The question now remains: Will Mennonites lay aside their internal conflicts and seek the peace of God for themselves and for those who do not know Jesus Christ? Will Mennonites truly live what they claim to believe? The speakers at Celebration of Church Life believe that the Mennonite church can grow in the United States just as it has expanded around the world. Let us pray that it is so.

-Christa Mylin

I attended the Saturday morning session of the Celebration of Church Life. The speaker for the morning was John D Roth from Goshen, Indiana. He spoke about "Why I am hopeful about the future of the Mennonite Church". He listed several statistics about the current Mennonites including the fact that we have had a 15% decline in membership over the last 10 years and that we have an aging denomination. He talked about planting sequoias as an act of faith that our church will survive for the long haul. Some of the positives he sees in our church are: interest in Anabaptism from outside and unexpected quarters. He also cited the Spirit at work in our worship and the

ongoing commitment of our young people. One of the most positive signs of our denomination is the modest but powerful practices of our local congregations and the testimony of the global Anabaptist fellowship.

The question he left with us was "what are the ways you have seen God's Spirit at work in your congregation and where do you find hope for the future"? We also had a time of "dwelling in the word" and some good discussion around the tables.

~Ron Horst

The disciples awakened him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still." Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:38b-39

Like the disciples we are on a journey "to the other side". We are on a threshold, anticipating change or clinging to the other way. God has taken us to new levels of His mission. We must realize that God is calling us to become people sent into the harvest which includes change. Much of this was presented to the assembly as a challenge to further God's kingdom.

The Saturday session began with worship and praise and "dwelling in the Word" as table groups shared spiritual insights from Ephesians 2:11-22.

Following the sharing time, Landisville Mennonite worship team led us into a meaningful time of praise and worship with emphasis on the song, "God of the Bible...fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. God always faithful...you do not change." This was an important theme as we listened to conference presentations and attended seminars.

One seminar that I attended was presented by Dave Eshleman who had pastored rural and urban growing Mennonite congregations for nearly 50

years. He continues to be involved as a church consultant for Lancaster Mennonite Conference and Eastern Mennonite Missions.

The theme for this seminar was "Reaching our Communities for Christ" with emphasis on the challenge, "Is your church reaching the unchurched people in your community?" As we focused on Biblical teachings we were challenged by Biblical insights.

1) People in America have not learned to pray as effectively as people from other countries.

2) International people often teach us the depth of prayer.

3) Which is more important? To petition God for physical or spiritual healing?

4) Which of the two above mentioned do people spend more time in petitions to God?

5) One must remember the eternal reality is spiritual healing.

6) Someone within the congregation must take the initiative to do evangelism.

7) Christians who are in the congregation for an extended period of time often tend to do less as far as evangelism is concerned.

8) New people within a congregation are more diligent in bringing others into the congregation.

9) New people (particularly the younger generation) change the way a church functions.

10) Can we, who have been part of the congregation for years, adapt to change?

11) We must empower young people to be part of the congregation. Many are leaving the church today.

12) Until a congregation realizes their need to pray and petition God for direction, they will not grow spiritually.

Our goal---to reach the unsaved--not to condemn the world but to love the world.

We are people of God's peace.

~Shirley Renno

I was able to attend the afternoon meetings for church delegates of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference at the Lancaster Mennonite High School on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. John Roth, a Goshen College professor and author, was the featured speaker for the weekend.

Roth's afternoon presentation was called "The Earth is the Lord's: Sharing the Anabaptist-Mennonite Story in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." One of his themes was the new growth in the Mennonite Church, particularly across the globe. This recent globalization has resulted in more growth outside the USA – Mennonite USA alone now is only 7 percent of the Global Anabaptist church. In the early 1900's, a diaspora occurred, when Russian immigrants to Canada settled into colonies in Mexico & Paraguay. Later Mennonite refugees from Europe moved into Central & South America, where they kept their German language in their new colonies. Another reason for the expanding Mennonite church was the missions movement in the mid 1900's, after the Second World War. New churches were planted in Africa and Asia. These young churches became indigenous, making the Christian faith their own in their particular cultural settings. One example was the Ethiopian Church, which grew tremendously under persecution.

John Roth asked the question, "How does this seismic shift in the church affect us?" As Psalm 24 states, if the "earth is the Lord's," then Christians should be able to find themselves at home anywhere in the world, as a part of the larger "body" of Christ. If we have gained wealth through our strong work ethic, frugality, and large families, we now have the opportunity to share freely with others. In our political allegiance, Christ is the ultimate Sovereign, for He has won the victory. Poet John Oxenham wrote, "In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But one

great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Roth asked how our own congregations have encountered this recent globalization. How has this become real to us? I could say that in my recent years at the New Danville Mennonite Church, we have been connected to missions in other cultures and countries like Thailand; when EMM worker April Warfel Horst shared her stories with our congregation, they became part of our experience too. In Central America, Jen Hess has been serving faithfully, and many others have brought us reports and prayer requests from Africa, Eastern Europe, and most recently Haiti. In conclusion, Roth challenged us to ponder what the church might look like 100 years from now! Although times are changing, and have changed, we have a God who does not change, and in whom "there is no shadow of turning." (The hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness," verse 1) May we remain faithful to do the work to which God has called us.

The new executive director of the Mennonite Church USA, Ervin Stutzman, greeted the gathering. He affirmed our confession of healing and hope to the world. He said that our purpose is to join God's activity in the world, and to join the community of faith in many cultures. In order to do this, he listed four priorities to keep in mind:

1. Our Witness: make the gospel of Jesus Christ evident.
2. Respect the dignity of all people, regardless of race or position.
3. Develop leaders.
4. Make global connections.

After the presentations, the Listening Committee reported for the day. They shared that the message of **hope** was the

strongest word given. God is moving in our midst, amidst our grief, anxiety, disappointment, and struggles. We can be renewed in Jesus Christ, and need to step out boldly in faith and hope. A challenge was given to keep growing in the Lord, and to use our prophetic gifts.

“Our Hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...” ( Hymn “The Solid Rock” by Edward Mote.)

*Nancy J. Hess*

## *A Day With Lee Ressler*

Monday, March 22, 2010. ☺☺

6:45 AM: My alarm goes off and I drag myself out of bed, and into the bathroom for a shower. ☺☺

7:05 AM: I sit down for my daily devotional before I start my day. ☺☺

7:25 AM: I head down stairs to grab a quick breakfast of a banana and a bowl of cereal. ☺☺

7:45 AM: Its time to leave for work, and I grab my bag and head out to my car. ☺☺

7:55 AM: I arrive at work, park in the garage downstairs then head up to the 9th floor where the company I work for calls home. ☺☺

8:05 AM: After saying "hi" to my co-workers and logging into my computer, I head to the break room to get a cup of coffee. ☺☺

8:10 AM: I check my email first, and then begin working on the design of the project I'm currently assigned to. Much of the work we do out of the Washington DC office are government projects, and the one I'm currently on is a new embassy complex in Kabul Afghanistan. Its an enclosed compound that consists of 5 ten story residential buildings, a new office building, and two parking garages. The region where this embassy is being built is very prone to large

earthquakes so this design must include extra design parameters that ensure the buildings are able to withstand the expected forces. This makes the design quite complicated and requires lots of extra time than an ordinary building would require. ☺☺

8:30 AM: One of my project managers arrives so I spend a few minutes chatting with him about his weekend. He and his wife picked out a puppy at a breeder this past weekend so they are pretty excited about getting to bring it home in a few weeks. ☺☺

9:05 AM: My department manager comes over to tell me that he has decided to start the process of getting me a top secret security clearance from the federal government so that I can work on the secure projects that we do for them. To start the process, I have to fill out lots of paperwork detailing things like where I've lived, what schools I went to, where I've worked, what countries I've visited, over the past ten years. I'm also going to have to be fingerprinted, be interviewed, have an FBI investigation into my life to determine if I pose a risk to the United States. I'll also have to go through a polygraph test. The good news is I've already pulled most of the information they need because I had to do similar paperwork when I did an assignment with FEMA in Ceder Rapids Iowa. ☺☺

10:30 AM: I sit in on a conference call with the entire design team for the Kabul project. They go over the upcoming deadline, the client's expectations, and progress that each of the respective disciplines are making.

11:45 AM: It's lunch time! Today I go out to eat at a place down the block with a couple of my co-workers. ☺☺

12:30 PM: Back to work after I get another cup of coffee from the break

room.☒☒

3:30 PM: I sit down with my project manager to go over the review comments that we've received from the client on our last submission. We'll have to incorporate the changes they want to see into our next submission.

5:30 PM: My work day is over, I head for the door and go home.☒☒

5:40 PM: I arrive home. I'm the first of my roommates to make it home from work, so I get the mail and open up mine. Then I relax with a snack in the living room.☒☒

6:15 PM: I change out of my work clothes and into my workout clothes. Today I'm going to do some running out on the trails that are all over Arlington. This past Saturday, I ran in the national half marathon in DC, so I'm feeling a little sore from that. ☒☒

7:15 PM: I arrive back home after my run and get a shower.☒☒

7:30 PM: I make dinner for myself and sit down to eat. I sit down and watch some of the NCAA basketball tournament while I eat.☒☒

8:00 PM: After cleaning up the dishes after dinner I hangout with my roommates for a little while. ☒☒

9:00 PM: I check my personal email and do some reading online.☒☒

10:00 PM: I'm tired and decided to call it an early night.

## Mennonite Disaster Service Annual Meeting Report

On the evening of March 15, John and Shirley Warfel attended the Annual Meeting of the Lancaster Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) at Midway Mennonite Reception Center, Lititz. Tim

High welcomed those gathered and we joined in singing two hymns followed by devotions led by Glenn Wise. The Business Session included Minutes from the '09 meeting, a Financial Report, and election of a Weaverland Conference representative, Wilmer Hoover.

Ray Zimmerman from the Board of Directors gave the Region I Report elaborating on training Emergency Response Teams (ERT's), working with FEMA, and Summer Youth Projects.

Paul Brubaker gave an update and latest information on the Binational Office Building Project located near the Lancaster airport. The deed has been signed and they are hoping to have the building permit by April 1 with construction starting the following week. Cost of the project is estimated at 3.5 million. MDS has 80% of the funds on hand for the new building and would like to move in debt free this fall. Donated materials are coming in and if you would like to supplement the contractors by volunteering your services call ahead to Martha Brubaker at (717) 917-3467. Martha will put your name on an "on call" list depending on the nature of your skills and time available.

After Paul's presentation, an offering was taken for the Binational Office Building and over \$900 was contributed.

Next Paul gave a report on the Annual MDS All-Unit Meeting held in Saskatoon, SK, Canada on February 12-13 where over 150 people gathered from many parts of Canada and the US for a time of worship, storytelling, and celebration commemorating 60 years of MDS service displaying generosity in service to others. "Last year MDS served a total of 245 homeowners and sent out 3,856 volunteers serving people from American Samoa to

continuing long-term recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast. A total of 28,536 days of service were given by MDS volunteers in 2009 and more than 500,000 since 1950."

Kevin King, MDS Executive Director, enlightened us with his presentation on "MDS – 2010 and Beyond" and centered his talk on "People, Projects, and Property." When asked, "What is MDS's relationship to the Haiti disaster?" Kevin reminded us that MDS is responsible for organizing disaster response in Canada, the US and their territories. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is responsible for organizing disaster response efforts in international settings.

Kevin's presentation was followed by discussion, announcements, and closing.

We were pleased to represent New Danville congregation at this enjoyable evening of information and inspiration. We receive, via e-mail, bi-weekly updates on projects and needs. If you have interest in serving as a volunteer, feel free to ask us for information or call (800) 241-8111 for all short-term and US long-term assignments.

John and Shirley Warfel  
MDS Contact Persons

### Chatter, Chow, and Cheerful Service

Enjoy getting to know women from the Atlantic Coast Conference as you work side by side on MCC projects. This year's Chatter, Chow, and Cheerful Service will be on April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the MCC Material Resource Center. Plan to arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 so that work on the MCC projects can be started by 9:20. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

If this is your first time, just bring yourself! Otherwise, please bring a pint of Chicken Corn Soup or Vegetable Soup to add to the pot. A vegetarian option will be available. Also, make an effort to "go green" by bringing your own table service. Chatter, Chow, and Cheerful Service is open to women ages 10 and up. Be blessed as you bless others around the world preparing supplies for relief efforts. If you have any questions about the event, contact Shirley Warfel.

### *"Spring Into A Good Book!"*

Don't forget to "check out" the church library for your Springtime reading and listening enjoyment. Need help? Verna Leaman, Shirley Renno, or Shirley Warfel will be glad to help you.

### District Senior Citizen Meal

On Sunday, March 1 we at New Danville had the blessing of hosting the senior citizen meal for the three churches. The food committee prepared a very delicious and attractive meal consisting of the following: two kinds of soup--vegetable/beef and broccoli/cheese with crackers, two kinds of sandwiches--egg salad and ham/cheese. Beverages were tea, coffee and water. Dessert was a fresh fruit salad and chocolate cake.

The pastors, bishop and their wives served us. Beautiful potted pansies decorated the tables and were later given away. Also some leftover sandwiches and soup were given out. The fellowship around the tables is always very enjoyable!

Now don't you almost wish you were a senior citizen?

~Edie Schrock

## *Get Acquainted with Travis and Richelle Boston and their Family*

The early summer night was warm and pleasant. A first date had brought this couple to this place. Love was in the air. Or was it just the smell of new carpet? Somehow they had ended up at Home Depot. But that doesn't matter to a young couple tied up in their own little world. He wondered if he should say it. It would be risky, but it could mean the world to her. Right there in front of the big spinning carpet and linoleum racks he decided to go for the gusto; not hold anything back.

He said... "I know how to program that thing."

She said, "What?"

He said, "I know how to program that thing; that carpet ferris wheel!"

She said, "Okay."

Unfortunately, she was not impressed; but Travis Boston and Richelle Houghton decided later to get married anyway. It's quite remarkable and somewhat hard to believe that quality high-tech machinery just doesn't spur on love for some people like you would think! But there are many other remarkable things about the Boston family, as you will soon see.

As a youngster Travis lived in Michigan and Nebraska before moving to Pennsylvania. His father worked for Kellogg's, so that work is what brought them to Pennsylvania. When Travis was fourteen, his father died, leaving his mother and an older sister Becky. His dad had raced snowmobiles and stock cars, and passed on to him a love for mechanical things. You can see this in the hobbies he has today, such as a restored 1950 Allis Chalmers WD tractor, the wood and metalworking shop, and NASCAR, (he's a Mark Martin fan). He even raced four-wheelers competitively as a teen. The

neighbors have learned to appreciate his talent for fixing things, and Travis has in turn used his skills as a way to minister to the neighborhood. His real job is with Interlake Mecalux, where he helps with designing storage systems for Lowe's and Home Depot.

Richelle Houghton grew up in Willow Street with a younger sister, Karen. She was somewhat of a tomboy, and built forts with the boys as a youngster. She also started babysitting at ten years old, which was her first job. Before children came along, she had more time for her hobbies, which include all sorts of crafts, and also scrapbooking. She has worked in social work too, which is how they came to be parents, incidentally. Unable to have children of their own, a co-worker of Richelle's was in need of a quick foster home, and that was the beginning of their family of four children. Hayden, age eleven, and Kaylie, eight, are brother and sister and came first into their family. They have been adopted. Alex, now three, they have had since birth (ask them about the miracle surrounding his coming to their family sometime), and Kris, who is eleven, has joined them most recently.

Hayden, who is presently receiving treatment for emotional issues, has a love for fishing, and likes soccer and watching movies. His sister Kaylie enjoys riding her bike and really loves puzzles. Kris enjoys soccer too, and likes to sing in a local children's choir. Alex likes his Grandpa and Grandma, the dog and cat, and pizza.

The whole family enjoys camping. In fact every year they pull their camper up to Perry County to take part in the Heritage Days. Travis's tractor goes along as well to be a part of the show. The Allis Chalmers also goes to school from time to time to give hayrides.



## Bits and Pieces

--Michael Sollenberger is the cover artist for this month's newsletter.



## Prayer Quotes

By: Martha Thomas

"PRAYER is the genius and mainspring of life. We PRAY as we live; we live as we PRAY. Life will never be finer than the quality of the closet." (unknown)

"Those who left the deepest impression on this sin cursed earth have been men and women of PRAYER. You will find that PRAYER has been the mighty power that has moved not only God, but man." (Dwight L. Moody)

## Upcoming Events

May 10 Church business mtg. @ 7 PM  
July 23-25 Church retreat at Woodcrest

## Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!☒  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!☒  
Raise your joys and triumphs  
high, Alleluia!☒  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply,  
Alleluia!☒☒

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!☒  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!☒  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!☒☒

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

☒Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia!☒  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!☒  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!☒☒

Soar we now where Christ hath led,  
Alleluia!☒  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!☒  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!☒  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
Alleluia!☒

## Pastor's Corner

Spring Cleaning for the Soul,  
Yes, spring is here and it is a time when we have renewed energy to clean up around the house. We open the windows and sweep out the spiders, the thousand legger bugs as well as get rid of all that stale old air. We finally are able to breath deep again and the sunshine warms our entire being as well as our attitude. Cabin fever is no longer, boots and winter clothes are stuffed away and as the grass greens and grows so does our desire to be free of all that winter entangled us with.

Yet, this spring would you and I be willing to go further in our house cleaning. Would we clean out the recesses of our very soul where spiritual dust and mold have taken root? It is most likely a place where we don't visit often and when we do it is only for a moment do to guilt or bitterness. The verses below are a help to me as I do deep spiritual cleaning.

---

### **Psalm 51:10**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (KJV)*

### **Hebrews 10:22**

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (NIV)*

### **Luke 6:45**

*The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks. (NIV)*

**Philippians 2:14**

*Do everything without complaining or arguing... (NIV)*

**Romans 12:2**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)*

**2 Corinthians 10:5**

*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (NIV)*

**Hebrews 12:1**

*Therefore ... let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress... (NLT)*

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (NIV)*

**1 Corinthians 1:9**

*God ... is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NLT)*

**Psalms 56:13**

*For you have rescued me from death; you have kept my feet from slipping. So now I can walk in your presence, O God, in your life-giving light. (NLT)*

**Psalms 28:7**

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. (NIV)*

**Psalms 126:2**

*Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said*

*among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." (NIV)*

Blessings,  
Curtiss

Seek and Find

## THE NAMES OF JESUS

C K G N I K T R D L  
I H R I S H T E O A  
B H R E G N M R G M  
B A I I T C D H F B  
A I L E S S L E O O  
R S O K W T A Q N F  
W S A V I O R M O G  
P E H Z J T S I S O  
E M M A N U E L G D  
V D R E H P E H S I

CHRIST (Matthew 1:16)

EMMANUEL (Matthew 1:23)

KING (1 Timothy 6:15)

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

LIGHT (John 8:12)

LORD (Romans 6:23)

MASTER (Matthew 23:10)

MESSIAH (John 1:41)

RABBI (John 4:31)

SAVIOR (John 4:42)

SHEPHERD (John 10:11)

SON OF GOD (John 1:34)

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>Aaron Groff</b>	3 <b>Lois Hershey</b>
4	5	6 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Ministry Team Mtg. 7pm <b>Mervin McMichael</b>	7 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	8	9 <b>Ray Brenneman</b>	10
11	12	13 SMILE 9:15-11:00	14 <b>Elias B. Groff</b>  Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18 <b>Amanda Kneisley</b>	19	20 SMILE 9:15-11:00	21 <b>Jen Hess</b>	22 <b>Mary Groff Duane Charles</b>	23	24
25  30 <b>Caitlyn Mays Shane Axe</b>	26	25 SMILE 9:15-11:00	26 Prayer mtg. @ 7:30 pm	27	28 <b>Robin Kanagy</b>	29 <b>Shirley Garber</b>