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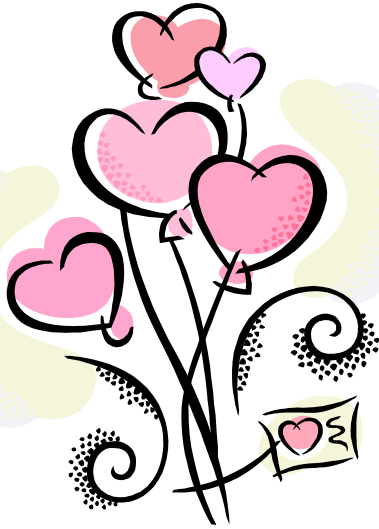
The Lord will watch over your coming and
going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121:8



SMILE

Amanda Kneisley



I have been so blessed to be a part of SMILE this year. I enjoy being with other mothers who are likeminded in how we want our children to be raised, and we're encouraged while doing that!

Each morning we open with a devotion and then have prayer requests with a time of prayer.

On January 3 Jay Garber had a Bible study on Positive Stress. How can stress be positive? Jay gave this example--"I want to clean the garage today" is a very different stress than to say "I really ought to clean the garage today". Do you see the difference? The verses in Galatians 6:1-5 were great to read and think about. Many moms will be able to relate to this...When you know you have company coming over, you clean like a crazy person. That can be positive stress. But if you are comparing your things to others, then that can lead to negative stress.

A quote from Dr. Rosch compares stress to the tension of a violin string. "Not enough creates a dull, raspy noise, and too much results in an annoying shrill or snaps the string. However, just the right amount of stress creates pleasing sounds."

Jan. 10 was Songs and Praise with Audrey. I wasn't able to be there that day due to the stomach bug taking over our house, but I heard from others that it was a great time of praise and worship.

On Jan. 17 Emily led a parenting video on being intentional with our children. One of the things that stuck out with me during the video was how to pray with our children and how to help them to be comfortable praying. We can thank God, say we are sorry to God, ask God for something, and Praise God. This gives our children a simple and easy way to talk to God.

On Jan. 23 Jay Garber led another Bible Study continuing on the same theme as his last Bible study. We focused more on contentment. Someone had a quote that they told us: "Don't compare the inside of your life to the outside life of another. How true that is! We talked about how we can find moments of contentment in our everyday lives. Psalm 118:8 says, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." Contentment comes from GOD. And by trusting in HIM we can be content!

How is your contentment?

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Compeer Lancaster Friendships Celebrate 10 Years

Shirley Warfel



Congratulations and "hats off" to Jay Garber who was pictured in the December 28, 2011 edition of the Advertiser for having been a Compeer Friend for 10 years with Joseph Kahl, Jr. In the course of 10 years Jay has made 500 visits with Joe and they have bonded over weekly games of Rummikub.

Compeer Lancaster is a program sponsored by Mental Health America of Lancaster County. This organization works to partner adult volunteers with someone recovering from mental illness. The volunteers commit to spending four hours a month for one year befriending one specific person by enjoying social, recreational, and educational activities together.

Presently there are a total of 52 men and women who are waiting for a volunteer friend. Why not consider being a volunteer yourself. For more information call 735-0667 or talk with Jay Garber to learn how both parties benefit from this worthwhile endeavor.

Prayer Quotes

Martha Thomas

"Sometimes a person PRAYS
with his tears, even when words
are missing."
(Bill Gothard)

"Every day you have another
opportunity to affect your future
with the words you speak to
God."
(Stormie Omartian)

"Kneeling well becomes us as
the attitude of PRAYER,
because it betokens humility."
(E.M.Bounds)

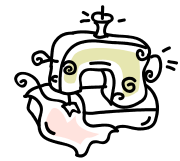


Bits and Pieces

- Ray Brenneman is the cover artist for this month's newsletter.
- Belated congratulations to John Kauffman who shot a 267 pound bear in Potter County in November.

Sewing Circle

Lois Garber



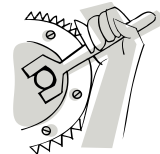
Six ladies met on Wednesday, January 4 and at the close of day had knotted seven comforters to provide warm comfort through MCC's relief work around the world.

Sermons We See

by Edgar Albert Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather someone walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the (ones) who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it if you let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver, may be very nice and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

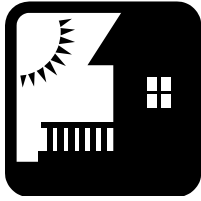
Selected by Shirley Warfel
from the Mennonite Disaster Service book
The Hammer Rings Hope



Ministry Positions

Please remember the following persons who continue or began new positions of ministry in the congregation on January 1.

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| Usher | Ivan Thomas (4 years) |
| Bulletin Editor | Emily Hess (1 year) |
| Annual Meeting Delegates | Ron Horst and Nancy Hess (2 years) |
| Outreach Event Committee | Ashley Warfel (3 years) |
| Auditor | Elvin McMichael (3 years) |
| Offering Coordinator | Merle Sollenberger (2 years) |



A Week in NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Christa Mylin



“I packed clothes for a few days and grabbed some essentials. Our family was going to stay in Florida while the storm passed. We planned to return in a day or two, expecting to dry out a few items and return to our lives as we had done other times a hurricane came close to New Orleans. Roads were crowded with traffic as everyone tried to leave at once.

The next day, the news showed that levees around our home were breaking and the homes of thousands flooded as much as 7 or 8 feet. We had a hard time believing the news. We never thought we’d be affected. Since we couldn’t return home, we moved to California to live near my wife’s family. While there we took a survey from a local college to see if we had Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Even though we felt fine and had repeatedly reaffirmed our trust in God, we realized that we had most of the symptoms on the survey. The storm affected us much more than we originally thought. Many of our friends experience the same symptoms.

We only moved back to New Orleans a year and a half ago and finally got settled in. It wasn’t long before we discovered that our home had drywall contaminated with sulfuric acid. Though the tests were negative when the drywall was first installed, people later began to develop respiratory problems or get headaches or rashes. The drywall was tested again and turned up positive. We had to move out of our home while it was stripped bare. We’re currently living in an apartment for the 4-6 months it will take to finish the house – again. Others are living with relatives or friends while their houses are rebuilt. We are very glad that MDS decided to fix this problem without any extra cost to us because we certainly could not do it without their help.”

The story above comes from a New Orleans pastor who was one of the many homeowners that Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) serves. His experience is typical. A group of 22 people from 5 area churches spent the week of January 16 in New Orleans working on homes that had been destroyed in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and then had to be redone because of contaminated drywall. John and Shirley Warfel, Drew Sommerfeld, and Christa Mylin were among those who served. The larger group was split into smaller crews who installed insulation, hung drywall, mudded, painted, fixed a brick chimney, built a deck, cleaned contaminated molding so it could be used again, and did other necessary tasks. As hard as we worked during the day, we played harder in the evenings – pool and Dutch Blitz, ping pong and Rook and many other games kept us occupied until we fell into bed. Thank you for your prayers and support as we traveled and served. It was a wonderful experience!

Highlights of the trip include the following:

- Hearing stories from the homeowners as well as the pastor above who gave an extended talk to the whole group on Wednesday evening
- Getting to know new people within the group as well as MDS long-term staff
- Touring downtown New Orleans on Sunday afternoon
- Learning to mud from a professional who came from Canada to help for the week
- Getting to use skills in carpentry
- Seeing a house go from studs to finished walls in a week
- Playing games in the evenings



A Day with Martin Harnish

Tuesday, January 3

Alarm rings at 4:20 a.m. and time to get up. I get my breakfast, read a short devotion and out the door by 4:45.

You may ask.....Where are you going? Since last April I have been working part time at Hometown Provisions located on Millwood Road here in Willow Street. Hometown Provisions is a wholesale food distributor.

What kind of work do I do? I pull orders and load trucks from 5-10 a.m. 5 days a week.

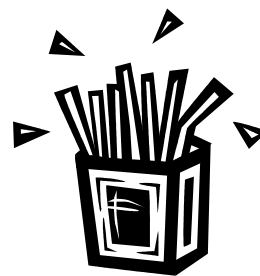
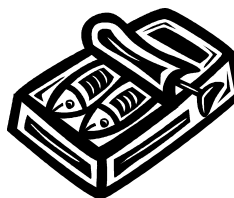
4:55-- I clock in and wait for paperwork.

Since we were closed Monday, today should be very busy. My orders can be as little as three pieces and up to as many 50 cases. A typical order could be this: to the freezer for French fries, onion rings, chipped steak, 40 lb. boxes of chicken wings, 2 turkeys, case of frozen duck. Then on to the cooler for pastrami, 5 gallons of pickles, shredded cheese, a 50 lb. block of Swiss cheese, bologna, knockwurst, mushrooms. Next stop is the dry room for 50 lb. bags of flour, tomato paste, frying oil, peanut oil, mayo, paper plates, cups, napkins....you get the idea!

I am to get my orders pulled and the trucks loaded by 9:30. There are six people pulling orders and loading trucks.

At 10:00 they asked me to pull orders for a Willow Street Run which includes: Caruso's, Two Cousins, Sal's, House of Pizza and Darrenkamp's. After getting the orders pulled and loaded on the truck by 11:30, I get my paperwork and leave to deliver. I am done by 1:30, clean the pallets out of the truck, park the truck in #2 bay, hand in my paperwork and I'm done at Hometown for the day.

Since it has been a nice couple of days, it is a good day to bale corn fodder. I have a square baler that bales 3'x3'x7' bales. They weigh about 500-600 lbs. each. I am going to bale for my cousin, Mark, in Refton. After getting the baler and tractor ready and loading up with string, I make sure that everything is in working order. Mark is raking the corn fodder and I meet up with him at 3:00. Everything seems okay so I start baling and get 44 bales of corn fodder. Next we have to do some shuffling around to get tractors and wagons where we want them. I help Mark load up his trailer and get that load tied down. By now it is dark, and we decide we will quit for the night. Mark will get the rest of the bales the next morning. Mark brings me home; we unhook the trailer and unload the bales to store here until they are sold. Time to head into the house and look for something to eat. Sandi is at choir practice! Definitely it is time to call it a day. Watched some TV and headed for bed. Gotta get up at 4:20 again tomorrow!!



How Do You Show Love Without Words?

by doing the
routine things
around the house
for my family

Lou Ann
Ressler

helping someone
fix something
they don't know
how to fix

John Graybill

lending a
helping hand

Larry Hess

a smile

Janet Hess

taking time and
energy to
prepare a hearty
meal for others

Janice Charles

a hug

Carl Hess

hugs, kisses, paying
attention to what
someone says, and
serving joyfully

Renee Harnish

by
listening

Nancy Hess

being a good
listener

Marty
Sommerfeld

by working
hard to support
my family

Leon
Ressler

a great big
SMILE

Shirley
Warfel

doing something for
someone that they
can't (or would
rather not) do for
themselves

Merle Sollenberger

cooking a
favorite meal
for someone

Sue
Sollenberger

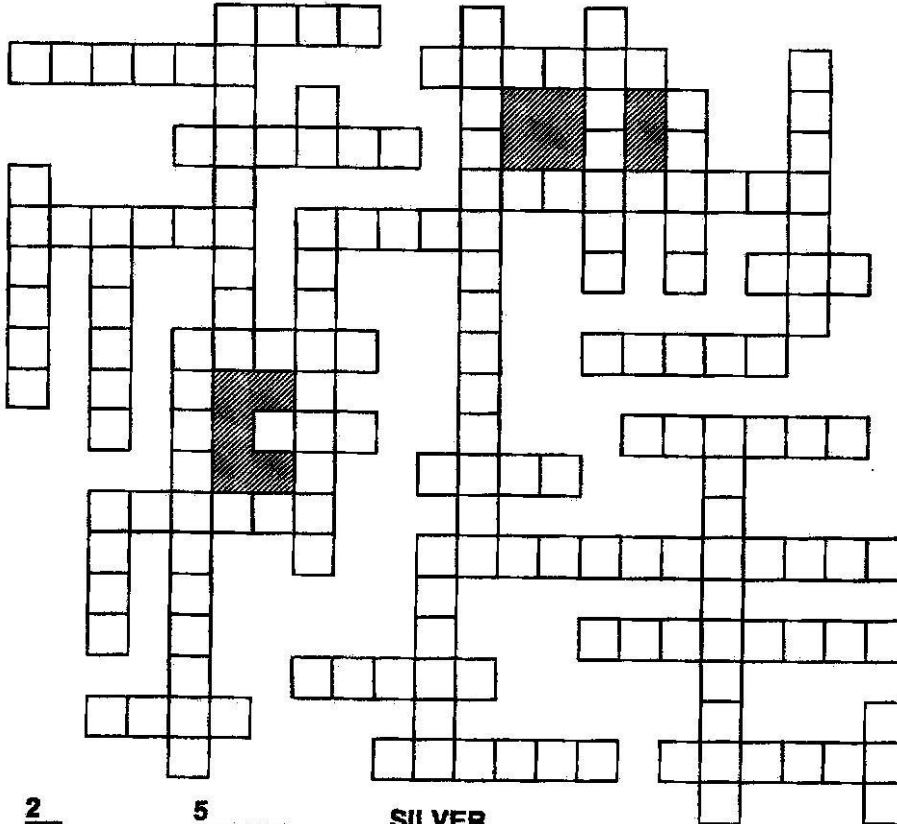
Kids' Corner



Fill-In

BOOK OF EZRA

The number of letters in each word will give you a clue to filling in the puzzle squares.



2
AS

3
EAT
JOY
LAW
ONE

4
EZRA
GOLD
KING
PRAY

5
CYRUS
FEAST
HOUSE
JUDAH
WIVES

6
DARIUS
DECREE
HEAVEN
ISRAEL
PRAISE
RECORD

SILVER
TEMPLE
THANKS
VESSEL

7
BABYLON
LEVITES

8
JEREMIAH

9
CAPTIVITY

GENEALOGY
JERUSALEM

10
ARTAXERXES

11
COMMANDMENT

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PROCLAMATION

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | 1 9:00-2:00 Sewing Circle 7:00 Ministry Team Meeting | 2 9:00 - 3:00 District work day at MCC Jay Garber | 3 Lowell Gerber Jane Harnish | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Larry Hess | 7 9:15-11:00 SMILE 6:00 Young adult Bible Study meal | 8 Connie Ramsay | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 9:15-11:00 SMILE 7:00 Young adult Bible study | 15 7:00 Prayer Meeting Lois M. Thomas | 16 | 17 | 18 Eva Groff Edith Schrock |
| 19 | 20 | 21 9:15-11:00 SMILE 7:00 Young adult Bible study | 22 | 23 Elvin McMichael Ruth Ann Stoner | 24 | 25 |
| 26 David McMichael | 27 | 28 9:15-11:00 SMILE 7:00 Young adult Bible study | 29 | | |  |