

Connecting with Ingrid and Renny Magill

Ingrid and Renny moved to Akron when Liam was an infant. They bought their house on High Street from Ingrid's aunt. They came to AMC, drawn by the children's program.

Life at AMC has changed over the years, and both Ingrid and Renny envision changes and direction that could make a difference.

Renny feels a strong bond and the shared commitment of our life together at AMC. He is committed to our youth, and his support keeps this group strong and energetic.

Renny has offered his many gifts to AMC over many years. He currently serves on the Stewardship Committee and leads worship.

In 2009, when AMC was at a critical juncture, Renny became chair of church Council. Under his thoughtful and strong leadership, this representative body wrote revised guidelines to serve us better.



They formed subcommittees that worked effectively to involve everyone on Council. Renny guided the process as coach, a new concept for council.

In this time, one subcommittee developed our current deacon structure. This has been a strong piece in our commitment together as we tread rough waters.

Renny's interest and leadership in volunteer roles, beyond AMC, include Lancaster Mennonite School alumni board, chair of Planned Giving Council, and founding chair of Honey Brook Community Partnership.

Ingrid Kopp grew up in State College where her father, LaMarr, was an administrator and professor at Penn State. A native of Ephrata, LaMarr went to Europe to serve with MCC after WW II as executive director of voluntary service. There he met Nel Boon, a pediatrician from Amsterdam, who would become his wife.

LaMarr and Nel later served, with their three children, in Swaziland where he was interim country representative for MCC, on sabbatical from Penn State. Ingrid was privileged to experience travel in Lesotho, South Africa, Kenya and Egypt during this time.

Post high school for Ingrid was to study social work, earning a BA in Social Work at University of Waterloo/Conrad Grebel University.

After college, Ingrid joined the MCC SALT program and worked in a psychiatric hospital in Paraguay.

This language advantage gave her an opportunity to work as bilingual counselor at the Shelter for Abused Women when she came to Lancaster County. Later she served as program supervisor at Friendship Community.

It was while working in Lancaster that Ingrid met Renny Magill who, ironically, was in grad school at Penn State. They met through mutual friends in 1992. They were married in State College in 1994.

Renny was born in Greenwood, Delaware, where his dad, Jack Magill, was principal of

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Worship Schedule

- Aug. 7 ~ Steve Kriss
- Aug. 14 ~ Alan Rudy
- Aug. 21~ DSECC summer campers
- Aug. 28 ~ TBA

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Greenwood Mennonite School. During his growing up years Renny experienced life in Johnstown and Belleville as the family followed Dad's leadership assignments to the Mennonite schools there.

The family moved to Lancaster when Jack joined the faculty of Lancaster Mennonite School. Renny enrolled at Locust Grove campus for elementary years, and then LMS where he graduated.



Renny studied art at Millersville for a year, and then transferred to Asbury College in Willmore, Kentucky, graduating in 1990 with a BA in Art.

Penn State was his choice for graduate school. He earned a Master of Fine Arts in painting in 1994. Dreams of teaching at the college level faded with the job market crunch.

Renny found outlets for his artistic talent by working at People's Place Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, and Old Road Furniture Company.

When Liam was born, Renny took leave and stayed home for ten months before accepting his first fundraising job at Lancaster Farmland Trust.

This was a new venture for Renny. He found fundraising to be a fulfilling career choice as he moved on to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and then into fundraising with long term care at Tel Hai Retirement Community.

Renny recently accepted a position at Brethren Village and is enjoying his honed skill of fundraising in this arena.

He keeps his passion for art alive as he continues to paint since grad school. Renny has shown his work at numerous group exhibits as well as solo exhibits at Reading Area Community College, Steeple View Lofts, and Foxdale Retirement Community. Art is one important piece that helps Renny to balance his life and interests. He enjoys visiting museums in New York with his mother Velma, along with Marion Schrock.

Ingrid's work has taken her through various social work experiences including program coordinator at the Arc of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. She earned her MSW from Temple University. She is also a LSW in Pennsylvania. Currently she is at Hospice and Community Care in Lancaster where she has been for the past fourteen years. Ingrid is set to obtain her certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Social Work.

Along with her career, Ingrid is a dedicated household engineer, who skillfully balances the needs of two teenagers, offers warm hospitality to guests, cooks meals that delight, tends beautiful gardens, and finds time for her true passion, knitting.

Her creativity is remarkable, according to her friends. Ingrid is skilled in finding exquisite yarns and sources that support local artisans, spinners and dyers. She enjoys trips with friends to yarn festivals in several states and has enjoyed visiting the Farm Show's Sheep to Shawl competition.



Ingrid arranged a monthly "knit-in" at Ten Thousand Villages on Friday nights where one goes to enjoy music and friends. Her encouragement inspires her friends to continue their own hobby.

Most recently Ingrid became interested in weaving, quickly picking up the skills to create lovely patterns. Ingrid thrives on creating!

At AMC, Ingrid has served as Sunday school teacher, Venture club coordinator, and deacon.

Her community involvement includes school volunteer, Project Linus, Peter's Porch, member of Ephrata Cloister Choir and Lancaster-Franconia Choral Singers.

The family enjoys traveling and Ingrid plans the details of memorable trips. One significant trip was taking Liam and Claire to Holland with Ingrid's mother to meet their extended family and see where their grandmother grew up.

Other trips have included a month long road trip to Badlands, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons. Last year they toured the national parks in Utah and Colorado. They will return this year to their favorite place: Maine and

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Acadia National Park.

(Ingrid and Renny—continued)

Renny and Ingrid are in the full time parenting years with two teenagers. Liam is currently a junior firefighter with Akron Fire Company with his sight on being an EMT/paramedic. Claire plays clarinet in the school band and enjoys her riding lessons. ~ Priscilla Ziegler

FLIP End-of-Year Celebration

The introduction to summer in the month of June offered opportunities to contemplate, reflect, and celebrate as the busy days of school came to an end. The FLIP program celebrated the culmination of a year's worth of activities with a day retreat to Refreshing Mountain Camp. Adults and children alike participated in a full day of activities supervised and led by the Refreshing Mountain staff. Much competition surrounded the challenging rock wall climbing! The group was divided up into teams to participate in the Geo-caching scavenger hunt. After enjoying a break with a packed lunch under the park pavilion, we walked up to the archery range for some target practice, and a special award for the one to hit the bull's-eye! The final activity was paintball target practice through an excursion through the woods. It was a great time for connecting, interacting and playing together. We are looking forward to what the 2016-2017 year has to offer our Family Life is Precious program beginning in September.



Pray For One Another

James 5:16

The purpose of "Pray For One Another" is to help us be aware of and pray for members of AMC who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in Sunday morning worship services on a regular basis. Scripture admonishes us to pray. It is one of the joys of the Christian life and part of what makes us community. The names of people listed may change from time to time. If you know of someone you would like to be included with those named here, please be in touch with the church office.



Charlotte Biris Irma Bowman Honey (Marilyn) Hernley
 Carolyn & John Horst Paul & Dorothy Martin Phillip Rutt
 Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank

News from the MYF—Our DOOR Experience



The MYF embarked on a summer urban ministry through the Mennonite Mission Network with the DOOR program (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection). Five advisers and 13 youth served in Denver, Colorado from July 10 – July 15, 2016. The advisers were: Rich Crockett, Kenton Martin, Courtney Durlin (Kenton's fiancée) and Tim & Karyn Nancarvis. The youth included John Hoffman, Emily Walker, Matthew Nancarvis, Chelsea Brubaker, Hibist Siyoum, Anna Nancarvis, Peter Clemens, Ndahayo Nzabarinda, Christopher

Hershberger, Makenna Zimmerman, Jennifer Nzabarinda, Liam Magill and Isaac Nancarvis.

The MYF served in downtown Denver with youth groups from Texas (Second Baptist Church from Lubbock), Wisconsin (First Presbyterian Church from Osh Kosh), Oklahoma (Newkirk United Methodist Church), and Manitoba (Prairie Rose Evangelical Mennonite from Landmark). All youth and advisers from the 4 churches stayed at the First Mennonite Church of Denver. Accommodations were minimal, so we slept on the floor and shared 4 showers between 65 people. Although difficult on some occasions, we were asked to “check our privilege” at the door, so that we could experience what it might be like to go without warm meals or proper beds.



Our work week was hard, but was quite satisfying. On Monday, July 11th, we were given a tour of the city within walking distance of the church. During the tour, we learned about the struggles of the poor and the negative effects of gentrification. On Tuesday we served in a retirement home through an organization called “Bessie’s Hope”, which “enhances the quality of life for nursing home and assisted living elders and brings generations



together in mutually rewarding relationships...” On Wednesday and Thursday, we split into smaller groups. Some of the MYF helped at “Metro Carings”, one of Denver’s leading frontlines hunger-prevention organizations, by preparing potatoes and assisting people in need choose free groceries. Others helped repair bicycles and prepare meals at the “Sun Valley Youth Center”, which provides: day care, after-school care, youth development, mentoring and life essentials programs to help raise up the neighborhood's at-risk youth.

Still others assisted at “Earthlinks”, which is an urban nonprofit that provides a work program for people who are homeless and low-income to learn skills and create Earth-friendly products. Over the course of 2 days, all of the MYF students and advisers volunteered at “The Food Bank of the Rockies”, by picking and preparing orders headed to churches and other aid organizations who distribute to those in need.

Each evening, after serving in the community, we met back at the First Mennonite Church of Denver for a meal and reflection. On Thursday, which was our last evening with the DOOR program, we had a final reflection at Mount Falcon overlooking Denver. The views were breathtaking.



On Friday, the AMC MYF departed the church and struck out on our own to Buena Vista, Co., which is approximately 2.5 hours south of Denver. During our travel we were treated to views of expansive valleys, and stunning mountain peaks. Our destination was the Noah's Ark Adventure Park, situated at the foot of 14,200 ft. Mount Princeton. There, the MYF was able to choose between 2 activities: navigating a challenging ropes course, or relaxing in the local hot springs. Later that day, we enjoyed a sat-

isfying pulled pork meal, with all the fixin's. The adventure park was a wonderful way to finish our week. We traveled home safely on Saturday July 16.

The MYF is grateful to the church and individuals (Drivers, parents, church staff, etc.) who made this trip possible. This was a very memorable experience for all of us, and surely a life-change experience for some. Thank you for supporting the MYF! ~ Tim Nancarvis

(Editor's note: Special thanks to Tim for service to both MYF and Jr. MYF over the past seven years. His term as MYF advisor ends this summer.)



“So Long, Joe!” coming to AMC

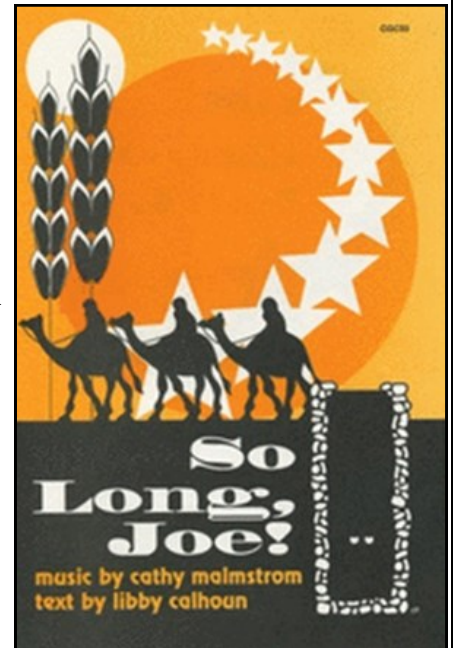
Each summer Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC) provides daily care for students in grades Kindergarten through six. This year it was called a summer camp program where the students signed-up for each week of the summer. That provided a way to know who would be in attendance and aid in planning various activities for these school-agers.

Two of the offerings provided for the students each week were a 30-minute class of music and a 30-minute class of Bible. As the teacher of both classes, I (Pat Martin) decided to relate the two classes through a musical about a Bible character. The musical “So Long, Joe!” was chosen to tell the story about Joseph. Through the use of maps, doing a google search for answers to questions, coloring pages, songs, and weekly segments of the story the children learned how God worked through the events in Joseph’s life. Some of the children identified with the brothers’ anger at Joseph being favored with a special gift from their father. Others had interesting ideas of how to “spring” Joseph out of prison. They expressed the unfairness of the Pharaoh in judgment of the baker and the butler but rejoiced when Joseph was taken from prison to help the Pharaoh understand his dream. I helped them connect Joseph’s dream (the sheaves that bowed down to his sheaf) when the brothers came to Egypt to ask for grain.

The story was told in eight segments, stopping each week at an interesting point. One child remarked after week three, “Miss Pat, you always stop at a mystery point. It’s like when our teacher is reading a mystery book and stops at the end of a chapter. We want to know what happens next.” I replied, “When you come next week, I’ll continue the story. There is a happy ending.”

Sunday, August 21, at the 9:00 am AMC worship service, the children will share what they have learned in the music and Bible classes. While not all the children will be in attendance, those who are able to come will tell the story of Joseph in the musical setting “So Long, Joe!” written by Libby Calhoun and Cathy Malmstrom.

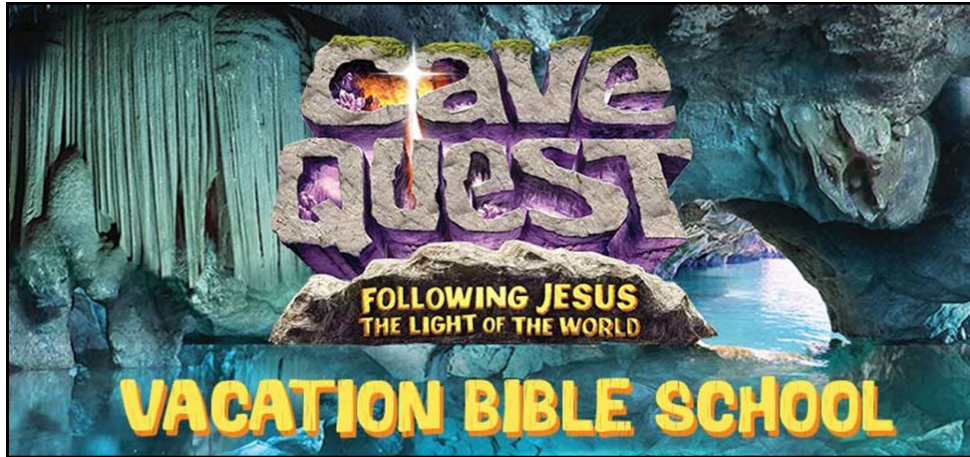
~ Pat Martin



Diamond Street children are seen cooling off on a hot summer day during one of their weekly water play days.

~ photo by Dede Zimmerman

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AMC joined Forest Hills for VBS July 17-21. The theme was "Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World."

AMC children Milo & Ezra Smeed and Mara & Lisa Zimmerman were among those attending.

~ Photos by Lloyd Chapman



Dates to Remember

August 2	Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am @ Oregon Dairy
August 3	Library Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Library
August 4	AMC Men's Breakfast @ 7 am @ Udder Choice; Urbane Peachey, presenter
August 5	Church office closed
August 5-7	MYF Planning Retreat
August 7	Reception of new members
August 7	Council Open Hours staffed by Ron Guenther and Jerry Shank
August 11	AMC to prepare and serve Ephrata Community Meal
August 12	Church office closed
August 21	DSECC children to present "So Long, Joe!" at AMC
September 11	Benefit concert for Nzabarinda family featuring Sopa Sol
October 29	Ted and Co. to present "Peace, Pies, and Prophets" at AMC
November 5-6	Fall Fest weekend (see description below)
Jan. 15-18, 2017	AMC Winter Bible Study (see description below)
March 18, 2017	MYF Auction

AMC Fall Fest to Celebrate with Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC)

Outreach Commission invites you to reserve the dates of November 5 and 6, 2016 for the AMC Fall Fest (formerly the AMC Missions Festival Weekend) to celebrate with DSECC. Saturday evening will feature a chicken barbeque and music by Steven Courtney, while Sunday morning Worship and Discipleship Hour will feature special presentations about AMC's partnership in the mission and programs of Diamond Street Early Childhood Center.



**Adult Winter Bible School
Led by Don Blosser, Retired Professor of Bible—Goshen College
Akron Mennonite Church
January 15-18, 2017**

Sacred Stories -- Radical Vision: A Conversation with the Bible

In our time together we will look at how the Bible was written and what this means for how we read it today. We will be encouraged to "Read the Bible Again For the First Time" (a book title by Dr. Marcus Borg). As we look at contrasting Biblical Themes we will explore how as followers of Jesus we can best find guidance for our time.

A central goal in our study will be to create an understanding of and respect for the Biblical text within our Anabaptist/Mennonite faith tradition. We will expect depth of conviction while accepting diversity of response. We will not focus on finding right doctrinal truths, but a faithful living response to Jesus as Lord.

John 5:39-40: "You have your heads in your Bibles constantly because you think you'll find eternal life there. The Scriptures are all about me! Here I am standing right in front of you, and you aren't willing to receive from me the life you say you want" (The Message)



The Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) website contains resources, links to blogs, a newsletter and more. Check it out at: <http://www.adnetonline.org/Pages/default.aspx>

The summer 2016 newsletter issue includes a book review by Christine Guth of *Chasing the Rabbit*. The following is her review.

In *Chasing the Rabbit*, Derek Volk's soul-baring transparency offers a window into a world that will resonate deeply with the intensity, challenges and triumphs that parents of children on the autism spectrum know intimately, even though details will inevitably differ. Many memoirs have by now been written by parents of children on the autism spectrum. This one, written by a father and son working together, is worth reading for its searing honesty about many trying events in their lives and the endurance of a father's hope and love. Father and son do a vivid job of giving readers a view into the highs and lows that can be a typical part of growing into adulthood for young people on the spectrum.

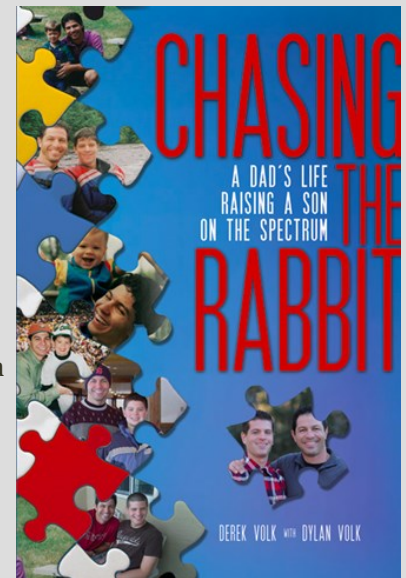
Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum, by Derek Volk with Dylan Volk (D & A Publishing, 2015) is a memoir relating a father's experience raising a highly capable yet often troubled son on the autism spectrum. The story is enriched and given integrity by interspersing the young adult son's insights into the experiences of his childhood and youth. I started out wary of a self-published book, but after the first few chapters I forgot all about that wariness as the unfolding narrative captured my attention with often riveting, well written stories that composed a cohesive whole.

The book offers parents of children on the autism spectrum a sense of companionship on a difficult journey by illustrating the particular challenges that face bright young people on the autism spectrum, especially those who others do not immediately identify as disabled yet who are acutely and painfully aware of the typical friendships and relationships they are missing out on.

Christian faith enters this narrative smoothly and naturally at critical points when Derek's faith provided a lifeline for enduring times of greatest stress. The book recounts both helpful and hurtful actions by faith communities. A priest who leaves the family high and dry during Dylan's stays in a psychiatric hospital reveals the potential for deep hurt by church leaders who choose to withdraw rather than engage with families in desperate need of support. A more helpful model of involvement is the church that makes room for Dylan Volk to explore his surprising gifts as standup comedian.

I appreciated the book's respect for Dylan Volk, the son, demonstrated by the perspectives he shares in his own words that are included in most of the chapters. It might have been helpful to include his perspective from the outset rather than 48 pages into the narrative, so readers could immediately see the book was written not just about him but with his consent and full participation.

Chasing the Rabbit is highly recommended reading for parents of children (including adult children) on the spectrum, or with other disabilities, especially those involving mental health. The book amply achieves its aim of inspiring "love, laughter and grace" (p. x) as it forges an emotional connection with readers. It would be an enlightening read for pastors, teachers, relatives, and any others who want to increase their understanding of what parents of children and



adults on the spectrum are going through. It might be painful reading for young adults who are on the spectrum themselves, but insightful for any who are ready to reflect more deeply on how their lives impact those they love.

~ Marilyn Langeman

ADNET (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) has a vision that faith communities are transformed when individuals with disabilities and their God-given gifts and experiences enjoy full inclusion in the Body of Christ. If you have a suggestion of other stories to be shared or you would be willing to write your own, please contact Marilyn Langeman, phone 859-3840.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ NLAM Celebrates 25 Years ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

As part of its 25th Anniversary celebrations, No Longer Alone Ministries (NLAM) is holding three events in mid-September. You are invited to participate in one or more of them.

September 15 at 6:30 pm – Anniversary Banquet: Celebrating the Journey at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster. Amy Simpson will be the speaker. She is the author of *Anxious: Choosing Faith in a World of Worry* and the award-winning *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission*.

September 16 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm -- Mental Health Seminar at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA. Amy Simpson (MBA, CPCC, author, coach, freelance writer and editor) will speak on the theme: On the Frontlines: Supporting Families and Parishioners with Mental Illness.

September 17: Bike Lancaster/Millersville (formerly Dream Ride) with start time of 7:30 am at Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center, 60 W. Cottage Avenue, Millersville. There will be 5, 10, 20, 30 and 60 mile rides. NLAM needs riders and sponsors. The registration deadline of 9/7/16.

More information is available at <http://www.nlam.org/events/> , or from Ken & Marilyn Langeman at 717-859-3840 or kmlangeman@hotmail.com.



August (and beyond) at AMC & In the Community

It's not too late to contribute toward Becca Martin's support with MVS. Becca will share about her upcoming work with refugees during the August 14 service. Make checks payable to AMC and designate "Becca Martin MVS". Cash can be given to Karen King in an envelope marked "Becca Martin." To donate online, go to:

<http://www.mennonitemission.net/givetoservice>



Steve Detweiler and Barbara Perry are happy to announce their engagement. Barbara is employed at Mental Health America and Steve at Oregon Dairy. They presently attend Life Church in Lancaster. Plans are for the wedding to be held at Akron Mennonite Church in April 2017.

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

Bookworm Frolic—The annual Bookworm Frolic is rapidly approaching. Come out to 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA, between Wednesday, August 10 and Friday, August 12 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturday, August 13 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), to purchase your favorite used books and support the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

Music in the Orchard—Come to the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum for the final summer concert on Saturday August 6, 6 p.m. It will feature singer-songwriter Emily Grove and her alternative folk, with an opening by Scott Stein with his soulful vocals, and lush, yet playful orchestrations. Tickets are \$8 for adults on concert day at the site. Children under 12 are free.



Volunteers Needed! Ephrata Re-Uzit Stores has current, immediate needs for cashiers at our downtown shop and for box truck drivers for Booksavers—our book resell & recycle program. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Tina at (717) 618-2746 or voldev@reuzit.org. Thank you!

Plan on attending the Landis Homes Benefit Auction Art Preview Reception. It is set for Tuesday, August 9 from 6:30-8:00pm. It will be held in the Harvest View Gallery at Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz. See featured originals and limited edition prints donated by artists and supporters. In addition quilts and other auction items will be available to view. The auction is set for Saturday, September 10.



The 2016 Gap Relief Auction benefitting Mennonite Central Committee is just around the corner!

[Gap Relief Auction](#)
August 12-13, 2016
Solanco Fairgrounds
172 S. Lime Street
Quarryville, PA 17566



2016 ACC Fall Assembly Weekend

Registration is now open to the three events of ACC's Annual Assembly Weekend, taking place at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, October 21-22:

Friday, October 21

Leadership Resource Day with Ervin Stutzman

9am - 4pm, cost: \$25

Nurtured by the Spirit's presence in anxious times

atlanticcoastconference.net/leadership

Annual Women's Banquet

6pm - 9pm

Seasons of Life

atlanticcoastconference.net/women

Saturday, October 22

Annual Assembly Celebration

9am - 4pm

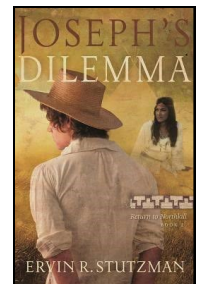
Naming Fears, Claiming Family, Living Faithfully

atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly



Kairos: School of Spiritual Formation is offering a Music as Prayer Retreat on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9:00 - 4:00 pm at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville, PA. This retreat will explore song and music as prayer including: psalms, instrumental music, chant & more. This retreat is for anyone interested in exploring our topic regardless of musical ability. Participants are invited to join in musical prayer, and/or "just listen". Those who wish to stay for dinner may conclude the day by attending a free evening dress-rehearsal of Mozart's Requiem, a masterpiece of musical prayer, in the Jesuit Center's beautiful chapel. For additional information visit: www.kairosjourney.org.

Book Release by Ervin Stutzman: On Wed., August 10 at 3:00 pm in the Garden Spot Village Chapel, Ervin Stutzman will introduce his new book "Joseph's Dilemma." This is the second in the Return to Northkill trilogy, with the third, "Christian's Hope" scheduled to be released later this year.



Seeking Convention Seminar Submissions: Mennonite Church USA convention planning has begun the seminar collection process for Orlando 2017. Here is a link to information on their website: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/seminars/> At the bottom of the page is a link to the submission form. Congregations are invited to submit seminar proposals on the exciting ministries they are involved in.

AUGUST Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Gerry Raber	2	3 Megan Yoder	4	5	6
7 Ray Hacker	8 Charity Shenk	9	10 Amanda Chap Jon Clemens Edgar Stoesz	11 Randy Puljek- Shank	12	13 Renny Magill Sandra Wood
14	15	16 Dottie Nolt	17	18 Don Brubaker	19 Eileen Graybill	20 Susan Martin Karmen Zimmerman
21	22 Joyce Longe- necker Karyn Nancar- vis John Weaver	23 Amy Herr Sawyer Martin	24 Kenton Mar- tin Feleen Nan- carvis	25	26 Cheryl Zook Justice	27
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- ◇ *Worship @ 9:00 am*
- ◇ *Coffee/Tea Fellowship from 10:15-10:40 am*
- ◇ *Christian Education & Discipleship Hour from 10:40-11:30 am*



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AMC Vision Statement

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.

Statement on Human Sexuality

We are a community of believers seeking to respond with God's love to all people. We celebrate the strength of our unity in the midst of our diversity of experiences, perspectives and understanding of Scripture. We seek to be a community of grace and reconciliation and so welcome into membership all who confess faith in Jesus Christ, including those in same-gender covenant relationships. We are committed to engaging in God's mission in a broken world through an Anabaptist-Mennonite faith perspective.