

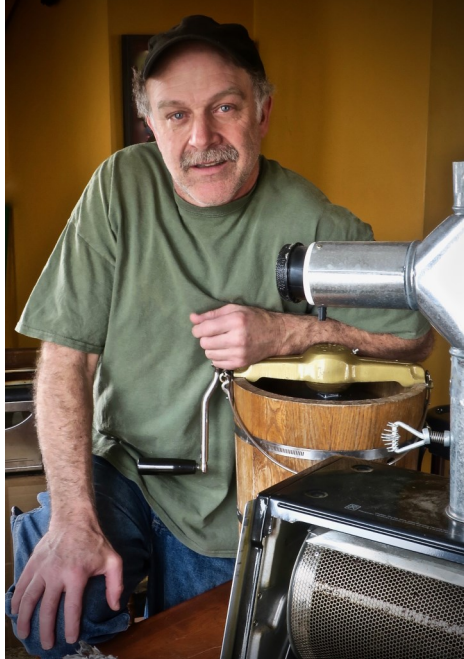
Connecting with Daryl Mack

Daryl has many interests and passions that point back to his childhood and young adult years. The interweaving of his skills and experiences has given him a fulfilling and satisfying life.

Daryl's current position driving truck for Ten Thousand Villages follows his other experiences in trucking, first with MCC and the Material Resource Center, followed by three years on the road with the meat canner.

The years with the meat canner took Daryl to ten states and opened his eyes to this work of MCC as well as the opportunity to make many friends who hosted him in their homes. During these summers, Daryl helped with the fruit-drying project in Reedley, California.

Daryl's childhood and youth on the farm were filled with activity: work as well as play. He loved to climb trees, even silos. In fact Daryl climbed his first silo at age four. Also during these years he became aware of his love for animals.



Born in Montgomery County, Daryl moved with his family to Vermont for two of his early childhood years. His parents, Abram and Lois Mack represented Franconia Mennonite Conference as they assisted at Bartonsville Mennonite Church. Daryl has vivid memories of a anther and a mountain lion running through their fields.

The Mack family was a musical family and they often sang together. Social life was spent with extended family. Life was simple and gave Daryl roots to grow.

When the family moved back home, they were on a small dairy farm near Valley Forge. The final move was to the farm where Abram grew up, the homestead. Daryl was involved in the farm work from age ten.

He came back to work fulltime on the farm after his graduation from LMH. He was assigned to the Jersey milk processing plant, learning to process milk and mainly to make ice cream for the farm store. It was here that he learned the skill of making the best hand cranked ice cream that he generously shares with friends to this day.

When the farm store went out of business in 1983, the doors of opportunity opened for Daryl. He was ready to explore new places and develop new skills.

He first took advantage of this time to fly with his brother to southern Africa to visit his sister Donna and Jim Shenk who were serving there with MCC. Daryl and his brother spent time in Europe on the way home, visiting friends.

Later Daryl returned to Europe on a two-week skiing trip to Italy and Austria. Next he signed up for service projects in Haiti.

The summer of 1988 found Daryl joining MCC for a summer service term in northern Saskatchewan, Canada. It was here where he worked with Aboriginal native gardening projects to organize and supervise the idea of gardening to stimulate interest with the local people.

Daryl's next assignment took him to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to work with the young offender program. Here

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the men were in open custody, training for release to the job market. They learned the details of raising cows, sheep, pigs, and chickens. Coming from farm background, Daryl was the right one for this position.

His voluntary service continued following his time in Canada, when he came to Akron and began his truck driving service.

Daryl began coming to AMC in 1994 and has been actively involved in the life of our church community. He sings in the men's choir, serves as usher, trustee, and was an advisor with MYF for five years.

House Church is an important part of Daryl's life. The group has expanded to fit the needs of everyone. They all enjoy food and supper club is one way to describe this close-knit group who enjoy each other's company.

Daryl likes to cook and he continues his mother's traditional recipes for Funny Cake as well as Shoofly pie.



Daryl shares his signature coffee roast with eager clientele, and donates jars of it each year for the MYF auction. His unique method of roasting offers a worthwhile tour of his kitchen. He estimates that he has worn out eight roasters in these fifteen years! Daryl gets coffee from about twenty-five countries and roasts twenty pounds a month, serving twenty-five gourmet customers.

The coffee connection began when his sister was living in Americas, Georgia. She worked at the local coffee shop and shared the coffee secret with her family back home.

Daryl keeps many ties with MCC. Through the years he has participated in orientation for the International Voluntary Exchange Program, becoming friends with the young adults. He stays in touch after they are back in their country. The connections are far reaching as he visited Cambodia, Indonesia and Laos over the past years. Last year he had the privilege of attending the wedding of an IVEP woman in Indonesia where he was given royal treatment.

His other ongoing connection with MCC is his attendance at four or five relief sales each year, including Virginia, Kansas, and Ontario.

Daryl has been driving truck with Ten Thousand Villages since 1994. He goes to ports in Philadelphia, and now mainly to Baltimore. In addition he delivers to most of the company stores from the East coast to mid-west.

Daryl's plan is to finish his career at TTV in the next five years. Then he can travel more and keep the connections he has made all through the years.

Daryl enjoys Blue Grass music, singing, biking, and playing Ultimate Frisbee. The Frisbee group is a free for all that meets to play for fun. It is similar to soccer, but you pass a Frisbee to teammates instead of a ball.

Daryl has enjoyed worshipping at AMC for more than twenty years. He has developed rich friendships here and values the connections that will continue to grow. He has shared his gifts in many ways, and he reaps the benefits of making important connections throughout all of this time.



~Priscilla Ziegler



Please send your submissions for the August newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, July 26. Thanks.



Pastor's Perspective: Scattered People and White Doves



This summer we are invited to participate in two practices to help us remember God's presence in the world and the opportunity to join in God's work in the world.

On Pentecost Sunday, we claimed God's gift of the Holy Spirit sending us into the world.

"The disciples had gathered at Pentecost, the Jewish holiday commemorating God's giving of the Torah to the liberated Hebrew slaves. The giving of the Law was always described as a gift – the gift of the Law – and it was a gift that was to set the people apart, to distinguish them from the nations around them.

Pentecost was a time of receiving a new gift, but this gift, the gift of the Spirit, was not something that set them apart. It was a gift that connected them with others, turned them outward, and scattered them. This gift would scatter them to Jerusalem, the center of their deeply held faith tradition. This gift would scatter them throughout Judea to the poor, the captives, the blind and the oppressed...to those on the margin of society. This gift would scatter

them to Samaria, into the homes of their enemies, those they had long despised. This gift would scatter them to the ends of the earth, for this gift of God cannot be contained.

The Holy Spirit had come with sending power, the power to scatter the community to the ends of the earth."

On Pentecost Sunday, we named that we too are a scattered people, which is good and right. So we were invited to carry white doves with us...in our date books, in our phones, or post them in our homes...reminding us that God's Spirit is sending us into the world and God's spirit goes with us into the world. We are invited to write on the doves where we have been or, if we are unable to travel, to name the people with whom we have interacted or for whom we have prayed. On September 10 we would like to gather the doves into an artistic display representing God's presence in the world. Doves are available on the literature table outside the sanctuary if you never received a dove, have lost your dove or want another one to send to someone or for any other reason.

On Pentecost Sunday, we were also invited to send pictures of ourselves to Karyn Nancarvis (knancarvis@akronmench.org) on Sundays when we are not gathering with the worshipping group at the physical location of Akron Mennonite Church. This practice is not meant to keep tabs on people. Rather, it is a reminder that the church is not the church in just one physical location but the church is actually the church *when* it is sent out. This practice is not to brag about where we have been or to draw attention to ourselves, but to rejoice in God's Spirit among us and in world.

One person within our congregation asked, "You have helped us remember that we are sent. Will you help us to ask what we should say or do when we get there?" As we travel, meet other people, and go to meetings, jobs and appointments, may we speak and act upon the Good News of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recover of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

May we go with the power of the Holy Spirit into God's world to be God's people.

—Rachel Nolt

Scenes from AMC's Annual Camping Weekend...



We had a GREAT intergenerational campout. We shared all of our meals together-each individual/family/group was responsible for one meal- and then enjoyed sharing in others' culinary treats :) The kids were finding salamanders before breakfast Saturday. Lots of fishing, hiking-we found over 30 red newts!, bike riding, made smores and Deb Sprunger's special scones :) We went swimming and biking. Some of us went to the Astronomy presentation by the Hazelton Astronomy Club- and then got to see Jupiter and her(his) 2 moons thru telescopes set up on the edge of the lake. Some of us even got to see the international space station blaze across the sky! We had 10 children, 14 adults who stayed overnight, and 1 child and 2 adults who visited for Saturday meal time. We are already making plans for next year!

—Dawn Nolt



... and Share-a-Life event

Share-A-Life partners connected on Saturday morning, June 3, to volunteer their time and energy at the MRC. Books that are no longer used for reading are recycled to be used in other productive ways. Our discarded clothing is accepted to be used for quilts, rugs and other practical materials in other countries. Our partners enjoyed making their contributions to help our environment and provide support for people in need in other countries.



Litany

by Rev. Jeanne Tyler

*Created in your image we spill coffee.**Created in your image we lose our memories.**Created in your image we lose our reasoning skills and imagination.**Created in your image we lose our emotional and relational skills.**Created in your image we are injured by accidents.**Created in your image we do not hear or see or speak**And yet, you call us beloved.**Your name creation blessed.**In our vulnerability we are created in your image.**And yet we are more than these, as you are more than vulnerability.**In our community with one another is our strength.**Created in your image we have one another to clean up the coffee and to tell the stories that we forget.**Created in your image we trust one another and you to remember to whom we belong.**Created in your image we have you to behold in wonder and awe.*

—submitted by Marilyn Langeman



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 July 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
Becca MartinAl Claassen
Paul Martin
Amela & Randy Puljek-ShankCarolyn & John Horst
Philip Rutt

A brief visit to Shambhuganj project in Bangladesh

Richard Sarker

I returned from a trip to three different countries in south East Asia including Pakistan, Vietnam and Bangladesh. It was a blessing to have a stopover in Bangladesh on way to Vietnam and visit the project in Shambhuganj. Although it was short, I was glad that I was able to join the children during their lunch break since we started the nutrition program in April. At the invitation of the project manager, I shared the meal with the children. After enjoying the delicious snack called “Khichuri” which was prepared with lentils, rice and local vegetables, I talked to the parents who were waiting to take the kids home who finished their class in the first batch. They expressed their gratitude for the nutritious snack provided to their children and most importantly, for giving their children an opportunity to receive a good education in our school.

I also had an opportunity to participate in few other programs such as distributing goats to two widows, meet the parents of high school and college students who receive scholarships hand over awards to three students who received highest scores in their final exams.



Would you like to sing with a premier vocal ensemble?



The Lancaster Chamber Singers, under the direction of Jay W. Risser, is auditioning trained/experienced singers for the 2017-18 season.

The Lancaster Chamber Singers perform a variety of music from great masterworks to music of contemporary composers. The

2017-18 season, during which the ensemble will celebrate its 40th anniversary, will include music of Morten Lauridsen, Ola Gjeilo, Dan Forrest, and other composers.

The ensemble rehearses fall through spring on Tuesday evenings and presents 3 to 5 concerts at Christmas and in the spring, with occasional additional performances.

Singers who have had vocal training and/or experience performing classical choral repertoire are encouraged to audition!

For more information or to be placed on the audition schedule, please contact the Lancaster Chamber Singers via email at lancasterchambersingers@gmail.com or by phone at 717-330-9025.

July (and beyond) at AMC & in the Community

July Upcoming Events

- July 4-8** MCUSA Convention in Orlando, FL
- 6** Men's Breakfast @ 7 am @ Udder Choice;
Presenters: AMC'ers who visited Cuba
- 16-20** VBS "Maker Fun Factory" with Akron
Church of the Brethren
(Note: Lunch Bunch will not meet in July)

SAVE THESE DATES

- August 3** AMC serves Ephrata Community
Meal
- August 20** Opportunity to host Chinese
students for lunch (see below)
- October 21** Fall Fest with DSECC
- March 24, 2018** MYF Auction

MYF Upcoming Events

- July 2** Backyard barbecue at the home of Rich &
Mary Jane Crockett immediately after the
worship service to review convention
details and collect paperwork
- 4-8** MCUSA Youth Convention
- 9** MYF will not meet due to their late return
From Orlando Saturday night
- 23** Pool Party/Supper Club immediately after
church at the home of Charity Shenk & Steve
Zook
- 30** Zig's Twigs with Plains Mennonite Church

August Hosting Opportunity

Please consider inviting a small group of 2 or 3 Chinese students to your home for lunch on August 20. This opportunity is coordinated by Kathleen Roth, former AMC'er and Director of EMU's Intensive English Program.

The Intensive English Program of Eastern Mennonite University is collaborating with Franklin & Marshall College to offer an academic bridge program to around 22 incoming Freshmen from China.

They will be staying at the Welcoming Place at MCC from August 17 to August 23. The program is hoping to be able to get these students, in groups of 2 or 3, into an American home or family type of experience during lunchtime on Sunday, August 20, 2017. Pick-up and return would be at AMC. More details to follow.

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 2 pm* Lancaster Against Pipelines welcomes people of all faiths to join them for the dedication of a prayer chapel on the land of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ (founders of St. Anne's Retirement Community), an order of Catholic women religious whose "Land Ethic" is a cornerstone of their faith. (<http://adorers.org/stand-for-justice/#1456949534032-f0c4f325-b155>) The Sisters hope the chapel will serve as an interfaith witness for the Earth and a peaceful resistance to Williams Partners' plans to install a pipeline through 20 acres of their property. The event will dedicate the space as a **site of sacred resistance**; and provide an opportunity for local faith communities to publicly declare that **creation care** is a sacred act and to explore together how to maintain a continuous **prayer vigil** at the site if Williams pushes forward with construction through their land. Location: SW quadrant of Columbia Ave./Rte 462 and Prospect Road, Columbia, PA (Google maps: 3939 Laurel Run, Columbia, PA 17512) *Rain date: Sunday, July 16, 2 pm



Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

Music in the Orchard—Summer concerts continue at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum with the poetic lyrics, soaring vocals, and percussive piano-playing of Nigerian-born, Joy Ike. Terry Strongheart, noted Native American musician, will open. Concerts continue every other week through August 5.

The Story of Pennsylvania Dutch—How did the distinctive American language of Pennsylvania Dutch develop? Find out with a lecture from Dr. Mark L. Loudon of the University of Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at the Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The Parkinson's Support Group will hold a picnic Mon, July 17, 12:30pm - 1:30pm in the West Community Room at Landis Homes. The meal will be provided by Stoltzfus Catering. Persons with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers are welcome to attend for education and support. For more information or to register call 717-509-5494.



Mennonite Disaster Service

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a Volunteer Administrative Assistant for 14 weeks, from mid-July through mid-September for up to 30 hours per week. This position provides administrative support to the Volunteer team. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position.

See the full job description at <https://mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment/#jobs>. Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

Find International Food & Fun at Global Fair

- Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Location: Hans Herr House

Address: 1849 Hans Herr Dr, Willow Street, PA 17584

Celebrate summer with international culture and flavor at EMM's biggest event of the year! The 22nd annual Global Fair — an open-air missions and culture festival — represents the vast scope of EMM's global presence. Each year, thousands of people meet the world through international activities: henna tattoos, African dance, friendly alpacas. And of course, the sights and scents of international food are always a big draw. Come talk to mission workers and hear their stories about God's work in different countries around the world. Every year features something new, but it's always family-friendly, fun, and interactive!

Suggested donation of \$1. Questions? Contact [Jessica Fellenger](#).



July Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Nancy Long	4	5 Carter Burkholder	6 Kevin King Mary Martin	7	8 Leah Amstutz Kerry Broaddus
9	10 Don Hertzler Ken Long	11	12	13 Presley Clicquennoi Liam Magill	14 Amela Puljek- Shank	15
16	17 Alliah Bontrager	18 Carolyn Horst Clyde Martin Anna Wiegner	19 Sally Wise	20	21 Gladys Gingerich Chet Raber	22 Martha Gascho Kermit Yoder
23 Janessa Zimmerman	24	25	26 Randall Justice	27	28 Don Mellinger	29 John Hostetler
30 Joanne Ocasio	31 Josh Bontrager Cora Broaddus Doug Drescher					

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- ◇ *Worship @ 9:00 am*
- ◇ *Coffee/Tea Fellowship from 10:15-10:40 am*
- ◇ *Christian Education & Discipleship Hour from 10:40-11:40 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.