

Connecting with David and Sally Wise

Sally and Dave drove off from their summer wedding in 1986 with a unique sign across their car: Finally Married! This summer they celebrated thirty years of marriage with a hiking adventure in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Dave and Sally came to AMC almost thirty years ago on the recommendation of a Lutheran friend. They were coming back home after graduate school and Dave was inquiring about a church that practiced his philosophy of caring for the earth and caring for each other.



They feel that they made a wise choice. They both were drawn to life at AMC: its music, lay leadership, open prayer, international connection, and focus on service. Dave and Sally chose to be baptized as adults, coming from churches with infant baptism. Their house church gathered at their home with Urbane Peachey for this sacred time.

Dave and Sally have added richness to our growth as a community, offering their gifts and commitment to serve our youth and beyond. Their two children, Peter and Annie, grew up among us and treasure this heritage as they spread their wings beyond our walls.

Sally and Dave were classmates at Ephrata High School, and began dating in their senior year. Sally was cheerleader for the soccer team, and Dave was the captain. They made a charming couple at Homecoming. The die was cast.

Dave grew up in Ephrata, youngest of three children. He attended Lincoln Elementary and became active in sports in high school. Dave's sports activities beyond soccer included the track team, where he participated in the triple jump and relay. He was Salutatorian in his class with major interest in art.

Sally Brugger was an Akron girl, a long way from the Ephrata crowd, so it took a few years for Dave to get her attention. She is the third of four children and attended Akron Elementary.

Sally was on student council in high school, as well as cheerleader. She spent a high school summer in Germany, which eventually led into a German major in college, with art history minor.

Dave and Sally graduated together in 1979, but chose separate paths for the next five years. They kept their romance alive long distance as she studied at Ursinus College, spending a year in Germany. They connected for two summers when they served as camp counselors in Vermont.

This Northeast Kingdom of Vermont holds deep and warm memories for Sally. She spent weeks there with family each summer for as long as she can remember. This made it extra special to share that magical space later with Dave.

Dave chose Penn State University for his undergraduate studies. He focused on environmental resource manage-

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ment to nurture his connection to nature. Hiking the Appalachian Trail was one of his adventures during these years, as well as spending a summer in Glacier National Park.

Graduate School took Dave to University of Wisconsin-Madison. It was between these two years of study that he and Sally were finally married, as sister Cindy noted on the bridal car. They honeymooned in Austria.

Dave thoroughly enjoyed his time writing his thesis, noting that this was the first time he learned something that wasn't for a test! He chose Biblical Land Ethic with the intent to find what is in Christian teachings that can be a basis for how we treat the planet.

The gift of this study is that Dave found a new definition of righteousness. It is not a moral condition, but encompasses all dimensions, is inclusive, and a part of everything. It very much includes how we treat Mother Earth. This interest drew them to find AMC in 1987 when they moved home to Lancaster County.

Dave was invited to teach at Lancaster Mennonite High School where he and Sally lived on campus. He taught there until 1997 when he joined the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

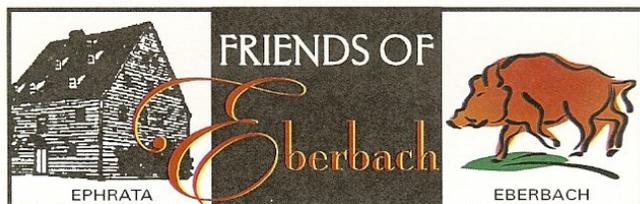


CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Sally went back to school for her teaching certificate and taught at Manheim Township until 1995 when Peter was born. She enjoyed her role as full time mom to Peter and later Annie for ten years.

Family time was important, and they were happy to be close to extended family. A traumatic time for all was Sally's father's death the same year that Annie was born.

There were weekends at the Wise cabin in Sullivan county. There were family travels to Vermont, Maine, Canadian Rockies, Sanibel Island and Switzerland. They found a house church with other families of young children.



Sally tiptoed back into teaching part time at Ephrata School District, and increased to fulltime, becoming involved with the exchange program and friends of Eberbach, Germany, sister city of Ephrata.

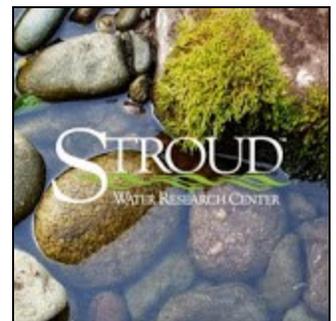
This exchange program has gained momentum each year that Sally takes a group of students to live with families in Eberbach. This summer was the best ever with the stellar

students who eased into life with their German peers and made lifelong connections. The enthusiasm that Sally brings to this program is a catalyst for the next classes to do well and earn their way in 10th and 11th grades.

Dave currently finds satisfaction in his role with Stroud Water Research Center. His focus is water quality restoration by giving farmers resources to plant trees to keep cows out of the streams. A major part of Dave's time is writing grants for money to fund this service of keeping our water clean.

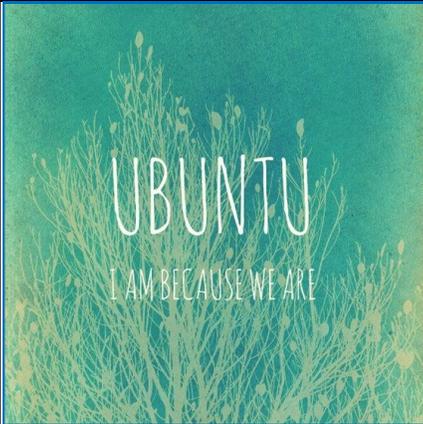
Sally and Dave share many interests that drew them together in the beginning. They thrive on the outdoors, fishing, canoeing, hiking, wild flowers, birding, and the arts.

Together they designed and built their lovely home on the edge of Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. With the help of Jan Brubaker, the dream came true, and today it is a wild life paradise. The acre of land feeds Dave's passion to grow wildflowers and native plants in abundance.



Dave and Sally show how common goals and interests bind them in a deep abiding relationship as they enjoy this stage of life with an empty nest.

~Priscilla Ziegler



“Ubuntu” is a word/philosophy from southern Africa that roughly translates “I am because we are”. That sounds a very different note than the one we most often hear from the dominant American culture about how our individuality is all-important. When I read Jesus’ words, I hear a call for us to embrace community and our vital connections with one another. In fact, Believers in the Anabaptist tradition have a long history of embracing community as part of following Jesus.

As this month begins we have a special opportunity to also acknowledge our connections with far-flung Believers as we celebrate World Communion on October 2. Communion is a worship time that serves to heighten our awareness of Jesus’ continuous presence among us and to remind us of our call as Jesus followers. When we participate in communion, we are accepting community. Communion is an objective symbol of the unity we have with Jesus *and* with each other. We model our communion on

Jesus’ last supper. He “broke bread”—served food—for them. The focus of the meal was not on the private experience of “eating” bread, but on the communal sharing of the bread. Seen this way, World Communion gives us opportunity to celebrate the connectedness of all Believers as part of the worldwide community following Jesus.

As individuals within the AMC body of Believers, our connections feel more intimate. Over the years, we have woven a strong web of support, nurture and caring among us and this year without a pastor has enabled us to strengthen that web. Four years ago we added Deacon Care as a thread of connection in the AMC web. During this year of transition, many Deacons have even more clearly strengthened our ability to respond to pastoral care needs among us. For all of the threads weaving us into a connected community that helps to give identity to each of us, I give thanks.

Later this month, we will each have an opportunity to participate in a congregation-wide check-in to see how each of us experiences Deacon Care. Please accept the invitation to help guide the Deacon Care Ministry. Individually, we will be invited to participate in a Deacon Check-in. “What do you really appreciate about your relationship with your Deacon?” “What would you like to change about the way you and your Deacon relate?” We will be invited to add to future vision for Deacon Care. “Who would you like AMC to invite to serve as a Deacon within the congregation?” We look forward to your honest responses and suggestions which will help Deacons continue to strengthen AMC family connections.

Because we are connected within our Believers community, we want to be free to take off the masks that the culture around us expects us to wear. We want to share who we are, what gifts we have, our strengths and our weaknesses. We want to be connected with a web that weaves us into a whole so that others will know from our love that are a community of Believers, a place where each of us is stronger because we are. ~ *Melody Rupley*

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 Al Claassen Honey (Marilyn) Hernley
 Carolyn & John Horst Becca Martin Paul & Dorothy Martin
 Phillip Rutt Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank

October's Preaching Theme: **Covenant and Commitment**



Earlier this year, Ron Guenther, Melody Rupley and I looked at possible resources for preaching themes. One resource found in Menno Media's *Leader* magazine caught our attention. It was titled "Covenant and Commitment." As we explored the content and looked at the months ahead, we felt that the four weeks in October would be a good fit, especially in the space AMC found itself.

Some churches have an annual commitment renewal service and others have an occasional renewal service. In preparing for accepting new members two months ago, I found some Recommitment sheets that AMC had used in the early 2000's. While it is yet to be determined if that will be repeated, it seems timely for us to ponder and hear more about covenants and commitments in our life today.

The first week (October 9) will be an overview of covenant and commitment using the story of God's covenant with Abraham and name changes for Abram and Sarai. The second week (October 16) will focus on Christian commitment in a world of pluralism. Week three (October 23) will name the reality and pain of broken commitments.

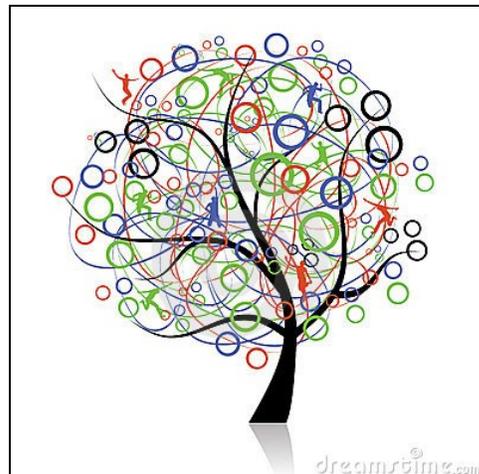


The following is a list of questions found in the resource material mentioned above. You might want to ponder and "sit with" these questions in the month of October.

- ◆ What have your experiences been with commitment or covenant?
- ◆ What was the first commitment you can remember making (to a friend, a job, to take care of a pet, to babysit, to watch someone's home, to do chores at home ...)?
- ◆ When were you unable to fulfill a commitment? What thoughts and feelings come to mind in reflecting on that time?
- ◆ Was there ever a time when a particular commitment or covenant was no longer life-giving for you? How did you handle that? Were you able to shift things, or did that commitment need to end?
- ◆ Was a particular commitment ever hard for you to make? Did you ever not make a commitment because you were afraid? What did you learn from that? How has that shaped you?
- ◆ Did someone ever break a commitment made to you? What emotions does this memory evoke? How do you think about that time now? How did you move on from that time?
- ◆ What difference has commitment made in your life? What have you committed yourself to? What difference has that made?
- ◆ Is there a particular person you associate with the word *commitment*? Who taught you about commitment? Who was an example of commitment to you? How and why?
- ◆ How do you think about your own covenants and commitments when relating to people who have made different choices (i.e., different life choices, different financial commitments, different faith traditions and commitments)?
- ◆ Was there ever a time when two separate commitments seemed at odds with each other (i.e., family versus work or extended family versus immediate family)? How did you handle that? What thoughts and emotions does that memory stir?
- ◆ Have you ever been too committed to something? When did you realize that you were too zealous or eager in a particular commitment? How did that soften or change with time? ~ Pat Martin

Connect!

Our Connect! Program is underway! The first session began with fellowship around a shared meal, followed by music and singing led by Jon Clemens. The opening song was sung with movement and hand motions: "Peace Like a River". We were up and moving! Next was an interactive weaving loom activity led by Nancy Chapman. Four people worked the loom at the same time, creating a space for conversation, creativity and connection. The session ended with a closing song: "What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." From Micha 6:8. Check out the tapestry in progress as it rests on the loom in the foyer. Next sessions will hold an opportunity for a Scripture Study through the book "Extreme Virtues" written by David Fillingim. Copies are available on the welcome table.



We have been created in the image of a relational God and were made to live in community. We want to develop genuine friendships with those in and outside of the church because we believe that God is best discovered in relationships. We are called to share our faith in Christ. Using common threads, we will build a tapestry of our experiences through our time together at Connect!. Each week at the beginning and end of our sessions, the weaving loom will be open for your contributions. Come and weave a piece of material perhaps from a blanket of t-shirt with special meaning. Strips of cloth, feathers, or string of beads are also options. Use your imagination! There are no mistakes in weaving this tapestry!

It will be amazing to watch this work of art come to life as each of you has your hand in it. The loom will be open from now through the month of May. Encourage those around you to contribute and bring a friend to weave into our AMC community. ~ Karyn Nancarvis

Keep watching for new photos of the weaving to see how it develops over time

Photos courtesy of Karyn Nancarvis



FLIP gets off to a great start for 2016-2017!

The FLIP program hosted its Kick-off Event on Saturday, September 24th with a Bike Ride on the Northwest Lancaster county River Trail in Columbia hosted by the Nolt family. "What is FLIP?" you ask. F.L.I.P. (Family Life Is Precious) is an inter-generational family program that includes ShareLife Mentoring Partners. Its goals are to build community and become united and nurtured, through family-planned activities and events. FLIP meets twice a month: once on a Saturday, and once on a Sunday afternoon. The activities so far include a bike ride, music concert, sporting event, and a Journey Through Bethlehem around Christmas time, among others. Sign up to host or create your own event. Mark your calendar to attend any of these upcoming events:

- * Sunday, October 16th Football tailgate party @ CV High School vs. Warwick
- * Saturday, October 22nd Fall Fest, Details to be announced
- * Saturday, November 5th, Mission Festival Family Event @AMC Chicken Bar-b-que 5:00pm and Steven Courtney Concert 6:30pm *See bulletin for meal sign up information
- * Saturday, December 3rd, MYF Babysitting 4:00 -7:00pm @ AMC
- * Friday, December 16th, Journey to Bethlehem @ Woodcrest Retreat 6:00-8:30pm
- * Sunday, December 18th AMC's Annual Christmas Program and Tea 6:00pm @ AMC.

Contact persons are: Dawn Nolt & Karyn Nancarvis.





NEWS FROM BECCA

The following are excerpts from a letter Becca Martin wrote to her AMC advocate, Karen King, on August 28:



... It's amazing how busy I've been! . . . My fellow MVSers and I have also been making our mark on the house: rearranging furniture, deep cleaning, etc. Although I'm still in training at UNHCR, last week was the first week that they somewhat let me loose to start addressing matters as I see fit. Every day I speak with detainees either on the phone, via letters/emails or even a few family members in person at the office. The first time the phone rang and I answered I remember thinking to myself: there is no way I am qualified to speak to this individual. I am a listening ear as they share about the hardships back home (torture, sexual abuse, corrupt governments, war) as well as about their difficulties in the United States (detention conditions, separated from family). A challenge for me will be learning how to take care of myself emotionally as I work closely with detainees to provide them with information for their asylum applications and other court hearings. When 5 o'clock rolls around it's hard to stop what I'm doing and leave because I know that if I stay for 15 minutes more and get another packet of information out to a detainee, it will truly make a difference. At the same time, my coworkers remind me that burnout is very real in this field and it's important to balance our desire to help others with also taking care of ourselves.

Coworkers: The people I work with are wonderful! Sometimes I feel like I need to pinch myself when chatting with my coworkers at lunch. I work with senior UN officials who share stories of being on mission in war torn regions and their take of a current political situation in a particular country mixed with the latest gossip about a Secretary General wannabe. Many of my coworkers have lived in half a dozen countries and the majority are not from the United States. All of them, however, are friendly and incredibly helpful.

My job: I had mentioned "packets" before. The UNHCR office in DC is strictly an informational resource. Other units in the office do PR and litigation/policy work, but my unit works directly with detainees to make them aware of their rights and help them navigate the US asylum system. Awareness of rights and access to a legal library vary greatly from detention center to detention center. My job is to figure out where in the process they are and provide them with the proper applications and information needed. At first I wondered how helpful this really was to those in detention; it seemed so minor. However, we often receive calls from detainees asking for that packet of information that their buddy two beds over got.

Thanks again for your prayers! The past few weeks have been challenging - working with detainees is not easy, but it has been incredibly rewarding and I'm learning so much.

Best wishes to you (and everyone at AMC!) from DC,

Becca

In a letter of thanks from MMN for AMC's contribution toward Becca's support, MVS Director Neil Richer writes,

"Thank you for the role you have played in the past in supporting and encouraging Becca toward a mindset of service ministry, and please continue to hold the MVSers in your prayers as they seek to follow God's will by living out our mission of service."

Being Church to Those with Dementia

Melody Rupley attended a workshop on disabilities at Landis Homes, resourced by Philhaven. She came away with the following notes on dementia. Melody was struck by the focus on the role of church communities for and with those whom we label as disabled.

Here are excerpts from stories shared:

Dementia is a “journey of grief”. There was the story of a parishioner who sobbed through the whole service each Sunday and was finally able to verbalize that he felt his “shrinking brain” was cutting him off from the church family more and more each week. How can congregations be “dementia-friendly”?

A vivacious, extroverted member of a congregation had recently moved to a locked unit for those with diagnosed dementia. Family and church members worried that she would feel abandoned by everyone and despair because she couldn't go out to be with others. When her Deacon walked into her room the first time, the woman looked up and smiled. “I knew you would come,” she said.



Uncle Willie lived with relatives. A child in the family asked her mother why he never came to church with them. “Oh,” said her mother, “he used to come, but a couple times before he learned how to manage himself, he peed on the cushion of the pew.” When it came time for the regular recovering of the cushions, the Ladies Aid of the congregation replaced the old ones with new ones. And the next Sunday the leader of the Aid asked Uncle Willie not to come spoil the new cushions.

A woman in a dementia unit resisted all staff attempts to help her manage her incontinence. The pastor continued her weekly visits with the resident who always wanted to go to the chapel to pray. She prayed silently, crying as she prayed. One day the pastor said, “It’s OK to be open with your feelings—God will understand.” “Oh no! I could never do that!” But after lots more gentle conversation, the resident started out loud in a burst of tears and words, “Oh Lord, I’m in a pickle! Help me with my peeing problem! And be with staff who don’t know what to do with me.” Some days later, she was able to talk to a staff person who worked with her to manage “her peeing problem”.

Let’s ask ourselves: Is our congregation a safe place for wounded/broken people?

It’s important to remember that those among us in our congregations whom we see as disabled aren’t just to be accommodated—they are a source of inspiration for us. “The weakest, most broken are indispensable to the church!” Jean Vanier of l’Arche And that sounds like Paul in his letters to the churches in the Bible!



~ article by Marilyn Langeman; notes by Melody Rupley

If you have a submission for the November newsletter, please send it to amc@akronmench.org no later than Monday, October 24.
Thanks.





Christian Peacemaker Teams Fundraiser

On Saturday evening, October 29, at 6:30 pm another great Ted and Company program will come to AMC.

“Peace, Pies and Prophets” is a fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams—CPT, a place where Mennonites (and all others) can put their dollars to work for peace.

Subtitled “I’d Like to Buy an Enemy,” the show is a funny, prophetic, and satirical show which educates and inspires with the radical Christian message of nonviolent peacemaking.

Here are reasons you should come and invite others (and not only Mennonites) to come:

- ⇒ see the relevance of Jesus’ world-changing message with new eyes
- ⇒ be reminded why AMC is a church with an attractive vision, which people are actually looking for
- ⇒ get some help with how to think about the national election process and the empire which is staging it
- ⇒ have some fun and laughs with a group excited about supporting Christian Peacemaker Teams

Pie donations are needed. Sign up on the bulletin board. The pie auction is a great part of this event—a kind of side show but more than that! Remember this event 4 years ago at AMC?

And you pie bakers...send along a short story or description of your pie. Something which the auctioneer can pick up to show how special YOUR pie is! ~ John Stoner





AMC Fall Fest November 5 and 6 with Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC)

Put Saturday evening and Sunday morning November 5 and 6, 2016, on your calendar for the AMC Fall Fest (formerly the AMC Missions Festival Weekend). We will celebrate DSECC's caregiving role for children in the community and AMC and DSECC's partnership together since 1970.

Saturday evening will begin with a chicken barbeque at 5 p.m. DSECC parents and children will be our guests for the meal.

AMC folks: Please sign up for the Saturday evening chicken barbecue by October 26 so we know how many AMCCers to expect. The sign-up sheet is on the AMC bulletin board.

Please bring one of the following (enough to serve 12 people) according to your last name. Healthy options are appreciated!

A – G hot dish (vegetable, casserole, rice, beans, etc.)

H – R salad

S – Z dessert

The concert by Steven Courtney starting at 6:30 p.m. is open to everyone in the community, so invite your friends and neighbors!!

*Many of you already know Steven Courtney's music.

Please join us as the Fall Fest joint celebration between DSECC and Akron Mennonite continues on Sunday morning. The Worship and Discipleship Hour will feature special presentations about Akron Mennonite's partnership in the mission and programs of Diamond Street Early Childhood Center.



Steven Courtney and friends

Outreach Commission



Photo courtesy of H.A. Penner



Photo courtesy of Lloyd Chapman

To Akron Mennonite Church,

On behalf of the Akron Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to thank you for the generosity that you showed to us and our community by allowing our public service organization the use of your property to house our fire engines, gear and personnel during our recent construction project that was much needed. Within the 6 weeks of being on the church property we ran 27 emergency calls, held our weekly trainings and gatherings on your property. Our members appreciated being able to respond to a property close to the actual fire company as many of our members ride bikes, although I'm sure it was noticed that they respond in anything they can when duty calls, tractors and all. Everything went as planned during the construction process and we were able to move back into the fire station 2 weeks prior to the initial plan. Melron Industries (an Akron-based business) did a great job keeping the progress moving forward. The nice weather played a big part as well. Again, AVFC would like to thank your staff, congregation, Diamond Street employees and parents for the time and space granted to help us protect our wonderful town. Blessings to you all,

The Volunteer Fire Company
of Akron, Pennsylvania

Below: Sopa Sol and the Nzabarinda family perform for a full sanctuary during the September 11 benefit concert. The concert raised more than \$10,000 that evening.

Photo courtesy of Lloyd Chapman



Above: On September 20, members of the Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee and AMC staff gathered to express appreciation to Randall Justice for his work as Council Chair during the past three years.

Photo courtesy of Lloyd Chapman

October (and beyond) at AMC & In the Community

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4 Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
- October 5 Library Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- October 5, 19, & 26 Connect! @ AMC @ 6:00 pm
- October 6 Men's Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m. @ Udder Choice; Don Good, presenter
- October 6 Council meets @ 7:00 pm in Rm. 133
- October 16 Sunday Soup @ AMC
- October 16 CROP walk
- October 22 FLIP fall fest at the farm of Dale and Dot Hershey
- October 22 Annual ACC Assembly at Ridgeview Mennonite Church
- October 23 55+ lunch meeting @ noon at AMC
- October 29 Ted and Co. to present "Peace, Pies and Prophets" @ 6:30 pm @AMC

SAVE THESE DATES

- November 5-6 AMC Fall Fest celebrated with DSECC
- November 20 MYF Sunday
- December 18 AMC Christmas Program and Tea
- January 15-18 AMC Winter Bible Study
- January 28 MYF Spaghetti Supper
- March 18 MYF Auction

Nominations now being accepted for Christmas Thank Offering



Each year an offering is taken at the AMC Christmas program to provide financial support to projects addressing human needs at the local, national, and international levels. Proceeds from the offering are also used to support AMC members in voluntary service with Mennonite organizations. You are invited to nominate organizations or projects to be considered for distribution of the **2016 Christmas Thank Offering**. You can use the form placed in your mailbox or sent to you by e-mail attachment to submit your nomination. Nominations will be accepted until October 10. Please contact Mary Ellen Martin at [717-381-2736](tel:717-381-2736) or willmem606@gmail.com if you have questions.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 16

Location: Hope United Methodist Church, Ephrata
 Registration 1:00 pm Walk Start: 1:30 p.m.
 Funds will be divided between Ephrata Area Social Services, Peter's Porch, and OMPH Food Pantry

NICKELS for NEIGHBORS



New York Mennonite Immigration Program

The *Support for Fleeing Families* project benefits vulnerable immigrant children who have had to flee their homes in Central America due to a recent wave of death threats and gang violence. The project helps Mennonites in New York City provide legal support and referral services to benefit children and families seeking asylum in the U.S. The project also helps communities find solutions that will keep families together when immigration raids and deportation orders threaten to separate children from their parents.



AMC'ers: Donate through October 16 by bringing your coins to the jar in the church foyer.



Women of all ages, seasons of life, conferences, & denominations - join us for a life giving night of dinner, music, and storytelling with Frances & Helen Miller. Original poetry by young adult, Emily Herr. Friday, October 21st, 6-8:30 PM at Ridgeview Mennonite Church: 3723 Ridge Rd, Gordonville, PA 17529. \$15 per person (if cost is an issue, PLEASE let me know & I will work it out!). Event coordinated by ACC's Mennonite Women Committee.

Register preferably by Oct 15: atlanticcoastconference.net/women or ACC office: 717-394-8107.

General Questions? Contact Julie Bushong - julandyler@gmail.com

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

- **Book talk and signing event with Ken Reed**—Come to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for a talk and book signing event with Ken Reed, author of the new novel *Both My Sons*, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, at 2215 Millstream Road., Lancaster, Pa. *Both My Sons* is about Mennonites who migrated from the Palatinate in modern Germany to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the mid-1700s, about the same time of the Scots-Irish migration. Historian John Ruth and Commander of the Regiment of Colonial Re-enactors, Chuck Faust, will also speak.
- **Maize and Snitz Fest**—Celebrate the Eastern Woodland Native American and local PA German cultures through artisan demonstrations, traditional food and good old-fashioned fun. Maize and Snitz Festival takes place on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum, 1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street. Tickets at the site cost \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 7 to 12, and free for children 6 and under.
- **Natural Dyeing Class**—Learn how to create colorful fabrics from natural dyes during this folk art class on Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum. The class costs \$35; registration is due October 7.

The Craft Stand coordinators want to remind crafters to begin creating for the 61st annual PA Relief Sale which will be held *the first weekend of April*, Friday and Saturday, March 31 & April 1, 2017, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking crafters who work with fabric, wood, paper, yarn, thread, or jewelry to make and donate quality crafts. Yes, the sale is still six months away, but well-made crafts take lots of time! Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring to the Craft Stand during the sale. Feel free to call or email us with your questions or comments. Remember: all proceeds benefit MCC.

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P E N N S Y L V A N I A

RELIEF SALE

Celebrating Community. CREATING HOPE.



Stay tuned for details on ACC/MCC's grocery box project

Later this month you will have the opportunity to donate groceries through ACC's grocery bag/box project. Details in October 16 bulletin.

October Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Lynne Beth Geraldine Ebersole Randy Newcomer
2	3 Joanne Dirks	4 Don Good Dennis Lapp	5	6	7	8 Doug Dirks Phil Rutt
9 Cole Leaman	10	11	12	13 Earl Horst	14 Ryan Nolt	15
16	17	18	19	20 Nancy Chapman	21 Leone Wagner	22
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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.