

# SOJOURNS

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## THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

*Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God.*

### ***Ironic Reasons to Be Thankful...***

- for the teenager who is watching TV, because that means he/she is at home.
- for the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.
- for the mess to clean up after a party, because that means I have been surrounded by friends.
- for my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.
- for the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.
- for my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.
- for the pile of laundry, because it means I have clothes to wear.
- for dishes to wash because it means I have food to eat.
- for children making lots of noise, because it means I can hear.
- for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

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## LIFE AT SONNENBERG

### MENTORING 2009-2010

The mentoring program at Sonnenberg is alive and well. What does it mean to have a mentor? Any young person in grades 7-12 can choose to have a mentor. A mentor is basically an adult friend to share with and do things together. This person would be another adult friend that is interested in them in addition to their parents.

Mentoring pairs get together as often as they choose, to do a variety of things such as Bible studies, going to sporting events, baking, shopping, service projects, etc.

There are planned activities for all mentor/mentee pairs at least twice a year in the fall and the spring.

Recently this group of mentor pairs met at Bill & Corrine Helmuth's for an evening of fun, games and some inspirational thoughts led by our leader, Ora Shetler. As usual, Ora can make fun out of the simplest things – like a balloon blow relay; a timed ice cube melt; and then a bit more challenging game of “never have I ever”. One of our new mentor pairs, Katelyn Amstutz and Anna Knutson left the rest of us in the dust as they each maneuvered those chopsticks to move cheerios from one bowl to another – over 30 of them while some of us managed to move only 15 or less in a timed event. A part of our refreshment time was making edible pilgrim hats from a cookie, Reeses peanut butter cup, a chicklet and frosting.

The following mentor pairs look forward to more times of interaction and perhaps a few more will join us as time goes on.

Katelyn Amstutz & Anna Knutson  
Hope Houchins & Pam Taylor  
Rowena Zuercher & Janice Kratzer  
A.J. Conrad & Trent Metcalf  
Chloe Raber & Corrine Helmuth  
David Yoder & Keith Sommerfeld  
Derek Bunker & Chip Coleman  
Emily Raber & Eileen Lehman  
Luke Houchins & Gordon Amstutz  
Olivia Ressler & Jane Miller  
Ben Lehman & Dave Ross



*Praise & Thanksgiving  
Let everyone bring  
Unto our Savior  
for every good thing.*

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRIMARY-JUNIOR LIBRARY

- God's Amazing Book, K. Ruckman
  - The Peace Book, T. Parr
  - The Boy of Color, S. Nelson
  - My First Story of Easter, T. Dowley
  - Quiet Magic, P. McKinnon
  - Larry Burkett's All About Money, K. Miller
  - Larry Burkett's All About Time, K. Miller
  - Larry Burkett's All About Talent, K. Miller
  - Our Dad Died, A. A. D. Dennison
  - Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul, H. Canfield & D. Hanson
  - God Keeps His Promise, C. Lehn
- Stop in at the library and check these books out.
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## LINDA HORN'S HOUSE IS FOR SALE OR RENT

Linda Horn's home located at 11482 Emerson Road, is available to rent or buy. Linda's present tenants will be moving at the end of November. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in renting or buying this property, please contact Ellis Miller.

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## NEWS & NOTES

**SONNENBERG STATION (THE WINTER CONCERT)** under the direction of Tim Shue, will be performing mostly a cappella music. Through their name is inspired by a historical Wayne County landmark, their music draws inspiration from a variety of styles and composers. Come and be inspired through the timeless art of choral music. Members from Sonnenberg include Matt Eshleman, Ellis Miller and Winfred Ressler.

- **November 16, 7:30 p.m.: Malone University Recital Series**, Randall Campus Center (the Barn), 515 25<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Canton, Ohio
- **Saturday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. Orrville Community Event** at Maple Terrace. Admission is free – everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information, call 330-683-4455.
- **November 29, 7:00 p.m. Maple Grove Mennonite Church**, 2121 Smith Kramer St., Hartville, Ohio
- **December 13, 7:00 p.m., Dalton High School Auditorium**, 177 Mill St., N, Dalton, OH

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S** annual auction date has been changed to Saturday, February 20, 2010.

**LET'S SPEAK SOME SPANISH!** All ages and levels are welcome to Spanish classes at Salem Mennonite Church (Wooster). Come on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for twelve sessions starting December 3. Mike and Mattie Marie Mast are the instructors. Direct questions to 330 828 0491.

**SAILING ACTS:** This evening, November 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Mennonite, you are invited to experience "Sailing Acts" with Linford and Janet Stutzman. From May 2004 - August 2005, the Stutzman's lived aboard their sailboat, "Sailing Acts," sailing the sea routes and retracing the land routes of the apostle Paul. Using a multi-media Power Point presentation, they share the adventure of the voyage interweaving personal learning, theological insights, biblical discovery, challenges and conclusions about Paul, the world and the Christian faith.

**CLASSICAL GUITARIST,** Jonathan Crissman, is performing at Summit Mennonite Church on Saturday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. Crissman will perform works of Bach, Regondi, Asencio, and Lauro. Summit Mennonite Church is located at 939 Norton Ave., Barberton, OH 44203. There is no admission fee. CD's will be sold; and donations may be left at the door. Everyone is welcome.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS:** Volunteers are needed to help the Salvation Army ring their bells at Lehman's Hardware during the Christmas season. If you would be interested in volunteering your time to do this, please contact Jennica Shaffer at the Orrville Salvation Army, 330/317-4342.

**SWAP COORDINATOR NEEDED:** Mennonite Central Committee seeks a Location Coordinator for its Appalachia SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program. This position coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults to provide housing repair for low-income families. The Location Coordinator will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. This is a three to five year service worker position ideal for a married couple, to begin May 2010. To see a job description, go to [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org). For additional information contact Mary Ann Weber at [mweber@mcc.org](mailto:mweber@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.

**SAVING HOME ENERGY:** First the Facts and Then the Audit will be held Thursday, December 3, 7-9:00 p.m., at the Local Roots Building, 140 S. Walnut St., Wooster. Learn practical and affordable ways to save energy, money and the environment including: reducing cold and hot water use, correcting insulation and air sealing materials and techniques, improving heating and cooling systems, reducing electrical energy use, modifying occupant behavior, and the benefits of and the opportunity to sign up for an energy audit of your home.

The program will be presented by Allen Zimmerman, OSU-ATI professor, and students in the Construction Management Program. Tools & techniques used in conducting an energy audit presented by Keith Speirs, Architect, Speirs Architectural Design, and Ben King, Instructor of Construction Technologies, OSU-ATI. This is a free event sponsored by Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network. [info@wcsen.org](mailto:info@wcsen.org)

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**The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, December 6, 2009. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!**