

SOJOURNS

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The Newsletter of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

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SENIOR SAINTS

April 2018 Birthdays/Anniversaries



Happy celebrating to our senior saints who have birthdays/anniversaries in April!

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John Lehman (76), Wednesday, April 4  
Keith/Shirley Sommerfeld (55), Friday, April 6  
Steve/Delo Gerber (35), Sunday, April 8  
Galen/Jeanette Miller (41), Monday, April 9  
John/Rozella Lehman (53), Tuesday, April 10  
Til/Bonnie Neuenschwander (25), Tues., Apr. 10  
Kenny McComas (89), Wednesday, April 11  
Margaret Wenger (78), Wednesday, April 11  
Doris Cartwright (87), Monday, April 16  
Bernice Franks (89) Monday, April 16  
Linda Horn (71), Tuesday, April 17  
Anna Neuenschwander (92), Tuesday, April 24



Try to guess who these persons are. Their names are listed on the back of this issue of *Sojourns*.

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

1. School:  
Attends Central Christian School  
Grade: Kindergarten
2. Favorites:  
School subject: Recess  
Food: Chocolate  
Book: Puppy Pool Party  
Book of the Bible: Micah  
Hymn: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
Place to visit: Florida  
Sports Team: Cleveland Indians  
TV Show: Odd Squad
3. Hobbies: Playing with her American Girl doll
4. Least favorite chore: Feeding her animals
5. Nobody knows: I cut my hair at school



Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Vocation:  
1<sup>st</sup> Job: Dishwasher in a restaurant  
Present vocation: secretary/receptionist
2. Favorites:  
Food: comfort food—mac & cheese  
Book: *The Lessons of St. Francis* by John Michael Talbot  
Book of the Bible: Psalms  
Favorite Verse: Matthew 6:26  
Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Place to visit: going for a drive in Wayne & Holmes Counties, driving on the back roads  
Vacation Destination: Mountains  
Sports Team: Cleveland Indians  
TV Show: Fixer Upper  
Favorite Musical: *Fiddler on the Roof*
3. Hobbies: Word Puzzles and sewing
4. Pet Peeve: Drivers that don't use turn signals and who don't dim their lights at night
5. Least favorite chore: Cleaning the tub/shower



## NEWS FROM OYANGUREN'S

*Dear brothers and sisters, we greet you trusting that you are receiving the God's blessings. We visited José's brother, Julio Oyanguren, a Mennonite pastor in Ciudad del Este, in eastern Paraguay, along with his wife, Wendy, and children, Jeremiah (6), Tizano (4), and Aylén (1). José preached in the Sunday morning worship service.*

*Then we moved Emilia to Cordoba, 1,000 kilometers from Castelli, to study in the university, to get her degree in design, with a special focus in photography. Church friends from Cordoba donated used items: bed, mattress, tables, chairs, desk, etc. It was a tremendous blessing. Please pray for her. She is living with a young woman from Castelli.*

*We thank God that 15 Toba-qom young men and women were able to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of education. Some enrolled in other courses of the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. To all of them we gave biblical literature: the book of Proverbs in the Toba-Qom language, evangelistic flyers, etc. We sang a song that spoke of asking God to direct our lives that we might live more faithfully. We gave diplomas to students who had graduated. Some 150 persons from the communities around Castelli attended.*

*Afer waiting a very long time, we finally received the dubbed (Toba-Qom language) DVD's of the movie the Gospel of Luke (5 hours). We are very happy for this, and*

want to tell you something surprising about their arrival. A telegram arrived at our house saying that we had to pay an import tax for a package in customs, which if not paid by a certain date would be sent back to its country of origin (United States). But we were not in Castelli and were not able to return to pay the tax. (We were 1,000 kilometers away). We understood that after the tax was paid, the package would only then be sent from the nearest customs office. (What is more, the payment form had gotten wet in the rain and came off, according to information from a neighbor.) When we returned to Castelli, I went to the post office to ask about the package and they said the package was already there. A postal worker said that it couldn't be explained how the package was sent without paying the import tax. This has never happened. We thank God for this! Now we are in conversation with the Director of Projects for the Argentine Bible Society to finalize the presentation and copies for distribution and work in the churches.

Your continued thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

—The Oyanguren's

—See letter with pictures posted in the foyer.

## NEWS & NOTES

**SONNENBERG STATION—New CD: Sonnenberg Station—In Concert:** For over a decade, Sonnenberg Station men's ensemble has shared the gift of song in many congregations. There new CD represents some of their best moments captured live in concerts over six seasons, 2015-2017. CD's are available for \$15 and can be purchased through Winfred Ressler.

**CANTATE SINGERS**, a fifty voice vocal ensemble, with members from Wayne and surrounding counties, under the direction of Laurel M. Labbe, will perform their spring concert on Sunday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. at the Cornerstone Community Church, 18600 Davis Road, Dalton. This Spring's concert will feature "Melodious Accord" a concert of praise arranged by Alice Parker and accompanied by harp and brass quartet. Additional pieces with themes of peace, hope and praise will complete the program. A freewill offering will be received.

**RELIEF MEAT CANNING ANNUAL MEETING** will be held here at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church this Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are welcome.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:** [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

- **Annual Auction:** We are so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support we received at our Annual Auction which generated over \$440,000 to continue Central's mission of growing leaders and building the church. Thank you to each one who had a part in making this day a success. God has blessed us with a wonderful community.
- **Now Enrolling New Students:** CCS is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. We invite you to schedule a visit for your child to experience a school day at CCS. Your child will have an opportunity to meet teachers, attend chapel and learn more about the Central Community. Contact Christina Lowe at [ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org](mailto:ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org) or by calling the school at 330.857.7311.

Central Christian School, continued

- **CCS Elementary School will present their spring concert, It's Cool in the Furnace**, a musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, on Friday, April 13, 7:00 pm.
- **Central Christian Middle School presents the drama, Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)** on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door.

**MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event** will be held at Kidron Mennonite Church next Saturday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship building.: Join MCC to hear stories of Vietnam with special guest speakers Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

**OHIO MENNONITE RELIEF SALE KICK-OFF MEETING** is Saturday, April 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Salem (Kidron) Mennonite Church. The meeting will start with a meal served by the Wayne County Axis Youth Group (donations will be collected by the youth for the meal). Music will be provided by the CCS Varsity Singers. As your "ticket" to the Kick-off Meeting, we're asking attendees to bring a new toy to be donated to the Children's Auction.

Speakers will be former Mennonite Central Committee staff, Dan and Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, who served as Area Directors for Southeast Asia and a total of 25 years serving in Congo, Nigeria, Indonesia and Thailand.

**OAK GROVE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS:** You are invited to Oak Grove Mennonite Church's Historical Reflections Weekend, the first of three events marking its 200th anniversary, on Saturday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. A two-century timeline, to be installed in the sanctuary, will be unveiled. Sketches of God's Faithfulness, a historical booklet by Levi Miller, will be released. Jason Kauffman, archivist of Mennonite Church USA, will speak on the importance of story. On April 15, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30, Jason Kauffman and Paul Miller will share stories of Oak Grove's heritage. Jason will present the sermon during the worship hour on "Oak Grove's Contribution to God's Work Then and Now."

**ORRVILLA Retirement Community** will host an Open House next Sunday, April 8, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., in the Maple Terrace assisted living facility and the Locust Court independent living neighborhood. Members of OrrVilla's caring staff will be available to lead tours and answer questions and the first 25 visitors will receive a complimentary gift. Light refreshments will be served while guests enjoy music performed on the Maple Terrace baby grand piano.

There will also be a performance by the John Glick Family Singers at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public, the event will take place at Maple Terrace.

Answers from today's Fun Facts  
#1 Addison Pettite  
#2 Juanita Ross  
Correction in March 18 issue:  
#1 was Ada Amstutz

The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, April 15, 2018. Please submit items for this issue by Thursday, April 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m.