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The Newsletter of the Sonnenbera 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: freshman
 2. Favorites:
School subject: Zoology
Food: Pizza
Book of the Bible: Luke
Hymn: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Place to visit: Colorado
Sports Team: Cleveland Cavs
 3. Hobbies: Playing soccer and attending MYF
 4. Least favorite chore: Cleaning barn stalls
 5. Nobody knows: I made kids in my preschool class cry because I told them Santa was dead.
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Who am I? _____

1. Vocation:
1st Job: K-Mart cash office
Present vocation: receptionist/
administrative assistant for Metals USA
2. Favorites:
Food: seafood
Book of the Bible: Psalms
Song: *God Is Here Among Us, WB #16*
Place to visit: Beach (Put-in-Bay)
Vacation Destination: Beach (Beaufort, North Carolina)
Sports Team: Any team Jaromir Jagr (professional hockey player) plays for the Calgary Flames
TV Show: BBC's Sherlock
3. Hobbies: Cooking, reading, keeping stats for Central
4. Pet Peeve: Poor grammar
5. Nobody knows: I want to learn how to fly planes.



MAPLE SYRUP MISSIONS FESTIVAL

This year's Maple Syrup Missions Festival was a great success thanks to the organization/help of many people! This year we netted 12,373.10 (after expenses) and served 675, a new record. Mission recipients of funds raised include: Camp Luz, Bridge of Hope, Lighthouse, Open Arms, Joel/Ruthy Miller, Linda Horn, MCC Kits, with additional distributions in the next few months. With maple syrup funds and other O&S income, we will be able to distribute at least \$16,000 this year to mission projects. A letter to Ken from a new MSF fan:

My husband and I drove down Saturday and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast! Thank you for sending us an invitation. I've wanted to attend for several years; however, we typically have a meeting on the first Saturday of each month. We didn't this year! The food was delicious and we brought home some extra syrup, sausage and even a pie and muffins!

Your church does great work. It was wonderful to look through the displays and talk to the people manning each booth. My heartfelt congratulations and thanks for the good work you all are doing.

We made a day of it, wandered through Lehman's and took back roads home. Todd is a Freemason and doing good work is something we value. We were glad to support your causes...and enjoy a wonderful breakfast! God Bless!

Regards, Renée Onesti, Kent, Ohio

EMBRACE PEACE

Did you know that 28% of your federal taxes go toward supporting the US military? As a historic peace church, we are committed to Jesus' teachings that violence is not a solution. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

Mennonite Mission Network and the Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) are calling for all of our supporters to give to embrace peace. This coming week, from April 16-20, we are seeking donations to the *I Choose Peace* fund.

This campaign seeks to support peace work around the world, and to give those of us committed to peace a way to offset our taxes that support war.

Billions of dollars are still paying for a war that we are still fighting in Iraq. Will you be one of the 100 donors needed to raise \$10,000 for the work of PJSN, Christian Peacemaker Teams, and other peace organizations?

Follow Mennonite Mission Network on Facebook from April 16-20 to learn more about acts of peace, your taxes, and the work of Mennonite Mission Network and the Peace and Justice Support Network.

All donors to this campaign will receive a peace pin as a way for you to publicly show your support for the work of peace. To learn more or to give, visit:

<https://www.mennonitemission.net/ichoosepeace>

Join us in the work of peace today!

Matt Lehman Wiens, Director of Donor Relations
Mennonite Mission Network

NEWS & NOTES

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 this evening, 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.

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. Their 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.

WAYNE DALE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "Annie Get Your Gun" in their final performance this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. See Emma Zuercher in the lead role as Annie Oakley, and Bethany Masters who is part of the ensemble. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults, and can be purchased at the door.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: www.ccscomets.org

- **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 or by calling the school at 330.857.7311.
- **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.
- Central Christian Middle School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concert on Friday, May 18 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Central Christian School's 57th Annual Commencement is Sunday, May 27, at 2:30 pm. The Class of 1968 will join us for this celebration.
- Central Christian School offers sports camps and music camp during June and July. Information will be available on the CCS Website by May 1.

CAMP LUZ is in need of summer staff to help run programs for children ages 7-18. For information regarding qualifications, pay, and application visit the summer staff page at www.campuz.com.

EVERENCE SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON SOCIAL SECURITY: Everence Financial will host a special seminar on Thursday, April 26 (7-8:30 p.m.) at the Pines Golf Club & Restaurant, 1319 N. Millborne Road, Orrville. Making the most of your Social Security will explain how benefits are calculated, the best time to start collecting Social Security, and about spousal benefits. The seminar is free but space is limited! Reserve your spot by April 23. Contact Angie Hostetler at (330) 857-9988 or angela.hostetler@everence.com.

ORRVILLA EVENT: Join us at OrrVilla Retirement Community on Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., for a rousing performance by New Sound, a bluegrass band out of Sugarcreek, Ohio. An offshoot of the regionally popular Holmes County Bluegrass Band, the group makes use of a wide range of stringed instruments in their work including acoustic guitars, twelve-string banjo, fiddle and stand-up bass. The evening concert promises tunes ranging from gospel to country—all with a bluegrass flavor. Free and open to the public, the event takes place at OrrVilla's Maple Terrace, 333 E. Sassafras Street, Orrville. For more information please call 330-683-4455, visit www.orrvilla.org or follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.

Answers from
today's Fun Facts
#1 Ethan Ross
#2 Priscilla Spiker

The next issue of *Sojourns* will be printed for Sunday, May 6, 2018. Please submit items for this issue by Thursday, May 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m.