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Summer is upon us and so are the activities of summer: District Assembly, NMI Convention, Family Camp and camps for youth and children. We are looking forward to some great times of gathering together. You will be blessed in your time at the district events.

A couple of announcements to help you plan: The Minster and Mates retreat will be September 22-25 at Laurelville Mennonite Center. We have had to make a change in speakers, as H. B. London will not be available. The speaker this year will be Jay Akkerman. We will also have CPE/CPC/CT/BAM (Church Planting Essentials/Churches Planting Churches/Certified Trainers/Becoming a Mentor) training September 29-October 3. If you think God is calling you to plant a church, assist in planting a church or just get involved in planting a church, I would

encourage you to come and be a part of this movement. Then, if you have received a local license and are wanting to receive a district license, or you have a district license and are wanting to move towards ordination, and have not been through the district assessment, you will want to contact Rev. David Edwards at revdavidedwards@yahoo.com to get the information. Assessment this year is November 20-22. There are many more items on the calendar and I encourage you to look at it often.

Just a little thought as I close out this letter: As I have been doing some reading through the Old Testament, specifically through Kings and Chronicles, a couple of phrases can be seen dealing with the kings, "He did evil in the eyes of the Lord..., and provoked the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger" or "He did right in the eyes of the Lord..., and there was peace in the land." Those who chose to follow what the Lord had commanded lived peaceful lives. This did not mean there was no trouble, it simply meant, in the midst of the battles, the people held fast to the godly example of their leaders and God brought them through. On the flip side, those who did not follow the commands of God struggled all of their days. It may have appeared that life was not a struggle, but it was and God's anger would burn because of their disobedience. While these passages spoke about kings, we can recognize this as speaking to all people.

Who are you following? As a Christian, do you have your eyes set on God and are willing to do as He asks, or the world. Following the things of the world may seem right, but if they go against what God's Word says, you need to flee from that kind of life. Is it an easy thing to do? No it is not. However, the Lord never promised it would be easy, He just promised to go with us through it. I take walking in obedience over my own way. What do you say?

Co-laboring together, J Bret

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Find Us Faithful

I was reading the story about the young rich man in Mark 10: 17-27. He wanted to know how to inherit the Kingdom of God and Jesus tells him that he has to keep the commands. The young rich man said “I have kept all of the commands since I was a boy.” Jesus recognized the man’s earnestness. His response was not intended to shame him by exposing failure to understand the spiritual depth of the commandments, but was an expression of genuine love.

One thing you lack, Jesus said in verse 21. “Go sell everything.” The young man’s primary problem was his wealth and Jesus’ prescription was to rid him of it. In giving away his wealth, the young man would have removed the obstacles that kept him from trusting in Jesus.

There was a spiritual problem in this young man’s life. 1. He didn’t want to give up his wealth to follow and trust Jesus. And, 2. He thought there is no possible way that I could give everything to the poor. In verse 27, Jesus says “With man this is impossible but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

We should hold on to verse 27 because we all go through doubts and experience fear in our life. Whether it is in teaching a Sunday school lesson, preparing for a sermon, discipling someone, working at our marriage, raising children, being a pastor, or just trying to work out our salvation from day to day, Jesus promises us that “all things are possible with God.” If you need any encouragement, let this passage encourage you that there is nothing too big or too small for Him to accomplish in our lives.

Just a Reminder:

Write this on your calendar now. Saturday, July 26th, is a day you will not want to forget! It is our District Sunday School Rally. It begins at 10 am. We are excited to have Pastor Kerry Willis share with us. This will be a refreshing time for us spiritually and trust me, you will not want to miss out on this day’s activities. We will be having special sessions to help you not only in your ministries but also your personal life.

Rev. Terry Weyman, Sr. – “How to deal with the loss of a loved one”

Rev. Richard Wise – “Continuing Lay Training and Discipleship Website Information”

Colleen Smith – (Women’s) – “How to organize an event for women’s ministry”

Christine Siordia – (Children’s Ministries) – “The message of Jesus for today’s kids”

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

Get ready, get set, LET’S GO! Well, that’s not quite what God commanded Moses and the Israelites, but we can find out what *did* happen as we study **EXODUS** this year. Purchase your Leader’s Guide, Student Study Book and the newest NIV version scripture reference at wordaction.com. And don’t forget to purchase the Memory Verse CD from HideandKeep.com. That resource is worth it’s weight in gold!

All children grades K thru 6th grade, including those from other denominations, are invited to participate so invite your neighbors! Let’s get God’s Word out to EVERYONE!

E-mail Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages: pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com

PRIME TIME – 2014

Here are some events that your Pittsburgh District Prime Time Committee has been working hard to prepare for 2014! We are very excited about them, and encourage you to mark your calendars! Forms are available with your Pastor or local Prime Time Director OR contact Rob and Jane Lute to forward forms to you.

PRIMETIME DAY AT CAMP MEETING

On Wednesday, July 30, all Prime Timers are invited to a “**HILLBILLY FUN TIME**”. Beginning with lunch in the Multi-purpose Building, a hillbilly theme will include a homemade kitchen band, plus surprises. Please bring your band instrument, dress as a hillbilly, and join in the fun. Details will be available later. **(If you have some pint canning jars that you can donate or dispose of, please contact Joan Weible at 814-797-1443.)**

BANQUET and CONCERT with MARK MURPHY

Come and join us for a very special event! Everyone is invited! Saturday, September 20, a banquet and concert will be held in the MPB, beginning at noon. Cost is \$25 per person with a choice of entrée of apple/walnut stuffed pork loin, or braised steak. Mark, well-known song evangelist, will bring us an inspiring concert that you won't want to miss. Tickets are now available – make reservations early!

LANCASTER – MOSES!

LANCASTER – HERE WE COME! The annual Prime Time bus trip to Sight & Sound is set for Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18. This year the presentation of Moses is sure to be A #1! Included with the trip is a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village, hotel, family style dinner, “MOSES”, and a tour of Gettysburg on the way home. This is a great trip for \$245! Ages 16 and above. Registration is open – due by August 1.

IDEAS? SUGGESTIONS?

The Prime Time Committee would like to hear from you. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please sign up at the PRIME TIME table in the tabernacle at District Assembly, NMI Convention, or Family Camp!

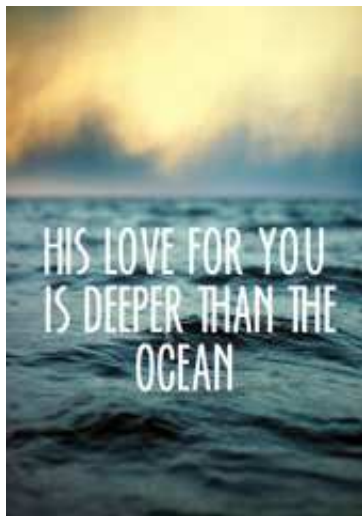
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Women's Ministry

Come visit the Women's Ministry table at District Assembly. We will have coffee, baked goods and books available for purchase. All proceeds go to Women's Ministries and help us to keep our costs down. We will also have information on our next event scheduled for Saturday, September 13.

The point of walking with God is to keep going.

Baby Dedication



On April 20, Bradlee Hepler brought Mommy and Dad to church and Rev Lillie dedicated him (and them) to God.

Rev. Marshall Lillie,
Conneaut Valley Church of the Nazarene

College Hill "Walk and Roll"

College Hill Churches of Beaver Falls PA hold their first "Walk and Roll" event on Friday, April 25. Participants were encouraged to decorated anything with wheels or walk close to 1 mile from the beginning church to the others and



back. A progressive dinner was conducted with stops at each of the 5 churches. As you can see from the photo on the right, some people chose to decorate themselves as



well. College Hill Church of the Nazarene provided hot dogs for the approximately 100 individuals who participated. Not even the rain that night could keep the eager group from showing their support of the College Hill area.



District Assembly, NMI Convention and Family Camp lodging:

District Assembly: June 6-7, 2014
NMI Convention: June 20-21, 2014
Family Camp: July 27-August 3, 2014

Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To arrange lodging for these events, contact Julie Beckley on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at 724-872-5058 or jabeckley04@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot guarantee you will receive your first choice of lodging. Also, requesting an application does not mean you are registered. You still need to mail the form and a deposit.

Boswell Baptisms!



From left to right: (closest to Pastor) Kyler (little girl in Dad's arms - Mom and Dad weren't baptized), Colton, Savannah and her mom, Vanessa. **Seated left to right:** Correy, Cameron, Collin, Elwood, Jr., not pictured is Elwood, Sr. (he got cut out of the picture). Those three little ones were baptized at the altar by pouring. The rest were baptized in our baptistery.

NMI Convention 2014

The NMI Convention Schedule is looking this way but subject to change a little:



June 20th, 2014 Friday

7:00 pm - Meet and Greet Our Missionaries

- Praise and worship
- Introduction of Speakers:
Annie Gorman, her dad Joe Gorman, Rob Prescott
- Introduction of presidents
- Missionary Sharing time

8:30 pm - Break out Session

- Decorating cupcakes (Dining Hall)
- Pictures/slides

June 21, 2014 Saturday

9:00 am - Registration and voting

9:30 am - Singing and Praise (March of flags)

Prayer and Welcome
Greetings from India - Terri Metcalfe
Announcements

10:00 am - Call to Order

10:15 am - Annie and Joe Gorman (*Ghana*)

Prayer

11:20 am - Reports

Presidents
W&W 7-10 minutes each

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm - Lunch

Menu: Barbeque Pork, Baked potatoes, baked beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw, vegetable, pie and beverage **\$9.00**

1:25 pm - Reconvene:

Singing and specials
More reports if needed

2:10 pm - Bob Prescott Work in Cuba

3:10 pm - Prayer

3:20 pm - Kiss the Pig

3:30 pm - Grease the Pig

2014 Family Camp

Missionary in Residence

Linda Braaten



South Africa

Born in United States

Home District: Metro New York

Home Church: Manhattan Lamb's

Summary of Service Record: 1998 to Present – South Africa

Home Assignment Dates: Jul 1, 2014 to Jun 30, 2015

Biography

Linda has served as a global missionary with the Church of the Nazarene at the Regional Office in Johannesburg, South Africa, since January 1999. She works in Education and Clergy Development as project manager for the Africa Region Books for Pastors project, coordinates the annual meeting of the Association of Nazarene Education Systems in Africa (ANESA), the African Theological Think Tank, the Africa Region Course of Study Advisory Committee, and the Africa Region Education Committee, and is recording secretary for all meetings as well as editor for Africa Regional Office projects.

During her time in Africa, Linda has also served for six years as editor of the e-news letter, Out of Africa, and in Communications in development, publishing and maintenance of content for the Africa Region Web Site, as centre manager for Nazarene Communications Network – Africa with responsibility for producing radio programs, video script writing and production, text editor, and coordination and quality control for all radio, video, graphics, news and web projects; administrator for Africa Region JESUS Film/Video Partnership and regional discipleship coordinator responsible for the development, translation, printing and distribution of discipleship and follow-up materials to JESUS Film teams; and regional discipleship and resource development coordinator in Education Services.

Miss Braaten received a B.A. degree from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, and earned the certificate of cross cultural ministries from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Prior to her missionary assignment, Linda spent five years as executive director of an American charitable organization in Minsk, Belarus, which provided medical and food aid to the victims of Chernobyl in the republics of Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. She worked 20 years at Avis Rent-A-Car in management training and development, rental operations, and reservations training. She managed course development and training teams in the United States and Australia, and the computer based training development and writing team for the USA, Canada, and International operations. From June to December 1998, Linda worked with the JESUS Film Partnership in Kansas City, Missouri, assisting in public relations and the JESUS Film Partnership Prayer Network.

Mercer Community Church of the Nazarene Easter Egg Hunt

This was the 8th year in a row that Mercer Community COTN held their Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. Each year we have had hundreds of people attend, and this year there were near 500 in attendance. Our church family over the past 8 years have stuffed many eggs, donated numerous prizes and volunteered their time to help with this community outreach.



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This year we stuffed over 10,000 eggs with candy, Bible verses and there were over 175 prizes and 4 grand prizes, all donated by our church family. Our focus is sharing Christ with all that attend and we have even had families start attending the church because of this outreach.



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Every year we have been successful in reaching our community with this free and fun family time. We even had our local Fire Department bring a fire truck this year for the children to climb on, blow the horn and

enjoy sitting in the driver's seat.



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We have also reached out to our community for the past 7 years with our Annual Car Cruise held every September. Our goal every year is to shine the Light of Christ into our community and to let them know that Jesus loves them and so do we. Mercer Community Church will continue to strive to share the Love of Jesus with all who come. We look forward to next year's hunt and what the Lord has in store for the future of Mercer Community Church.



District Events Schedule: **

- June 6-7:** District Assembly
June 8: District-Wide Worship Service
June 14: NYI Convention
June 20-21: NMI Convention
June 23-28: NYI Teen Camp
July 26: SDMI Convention and
Sunday School Rally
July 27-August 3: Family Camp
August 8: Nazarene Day at PNC Park
August 16-20: Kidz Camp
September 13: Women's MTO
(Minister to Others) Day
September 20: Prime Time Event with
Mark Murphy
September 25-28: District Scrapbook
Retreat
October 3-5: *Victim to Victor* -
Women of Worth Retreat
October 17-18: Prime Time to Sight &
Sound (Lancaster PA)
December 6: Annual Mt. Chestnut
Snowflake Craft Show
****Dates are subject to change.**

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DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS:

Thank you for your faithful giving to the District Ministry Fund and the other allocations. Please remember to send your district allocations into the District, SDMI, NMI and NYI. If you haven't started giving, it's never too late!

Payments can be made to the following:

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