



CROSSINGS NEWS

Crossings Community Church

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Pastor: Rich Nolt

January 2023

Dear Crossings CC friends,

At midnight on New Year 's Eve, we all crossed the threshold of a new calendar year. For some, this was a welcomed event that brings new opportunities and great hope of personal growth, opportunities desired, and vision fulfilled. For others, thoughts of the coming year remind of hope unfulfilled and the relentless challenge and striving to identify with the promise of hope and joy known and promised of God.



We are each somewhere along this continuum of great hope and relentless challenge. This is the stuff of life and is indeed what makes being part of Christian community so important. As we journey together as a church, we lean into His great promises of the hope of eternity and the “surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.” as Paul says in Philippians 3:8.

This year, what will you lay down at the feet of Jesus, knowing that he is your hope rather than you being your hope? This year, what will you pick up that Jesus wants you to engage with as you live in a way to reflect the glory and redemptive love of Jesus Christ? My prayer remains that together, this body of believers will continue to lean into the challenge of sharing the gospel with others while living out the gospel message with each other and the community of Crossings Community Church.

Happy New Year blessings!
Pastor Rich
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Life Groups

Come together with this monthly connection to catch up on life, and enjoy special activities and/or teachings focused on important topics for women and men. Groups will run January - May.

Women's Life Group

- Second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm in the Schoolhouse
- Contact Tina Snyder with questions

Men's Life Group

- Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm in the Schoolhouse
- Contact Rich Nolt with questions.

Crossings Youth Group

January 4: Games and Bible Study.

January 6-8: Camp Hebron Junior High Winter Retreat

January 13-15: Camp Hebron Senior High Winter Retreat

January 18: Games and Bible Study

Mennonite Disaster Service

Join Mennonite Disaster Service for our Annual Celebration on Friday evening, February 10, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Worship Center. Come for a meal followed by a program highlighting MDS stories, the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, and a performance by Piercing Word Ministries. The celebration will resume Saturday morning with additional stories about the work of MDS volunteers. The event is free and open to all. Join us for a portion or all of the festivities. Please register by January 31. Learn more at <https://mds.org/annual-celebration/>

Erisman Sewing Circle End-of-Year Report

December 30, 2022

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

Erisman Sewing Circle has been busier than ever in 2022, making and donating items to Mennonite Central Committee despite not meeting in person since March 2020. Many people (men and women!) are still making Sewing Circle happen from home: ordering, planning, cutting, pinning, sewing, knotting, quilting, finding and collecting donated fabric, getting funds to buy fabric, batting (our biggest expense) and other needed items, and hauling our finished items to MRC in Ephrata.

Besides making and donating 485 comforters in 2022, we sponsored two projects and as a result were able to donate 253 School Kits and 433 Hygiene Kits to MCC this year. For each of those kits we donated the contents as well as the 686 drawstring kit bags that had been sewn by ladies in our group. We also made and donated 24 Infant Care Kits that will be given to new mothers who need help. This work depends not only on the 14 active members doing this work but on the many others who contribute fabric and funds.

In September and October several ladies made three trips to Goodville - to Obie's Fabrics which was going out of business. Thanks to several huge donations we were able to buy over \$7,000.00 worth of fabric, most of it selling for one to three dollars a yard. Obie's also donated many more yards of cotton fabric for comforters, heavier fabric for kit bags, and two bins of items (hot pads, placemats, aprons, fabric books, etc) to be sold at the PA Relief Sale Craft Stand. We now own a store of fabric that should help keep our work going for two or more years.

Shirley Hershey, our secretary/treasurer, is an invaluable asset to our work, keeping our financial records straight, recording all that we donate, knotting comforters, and hauling our work to MCC's Material Resources Center in Ephrata.

Erisman Sewing Circle has always donated quilts and wall hangings to the PA Relief Sale Auction and Craft Stand. This year was no exception. MCC benefited from over \$1,500 worth of our wall hangings that sold at the 2022 auction. We are grateful to members of Crossings Youth Group who donated their time to the Craft Stand, helping sell items, many of which were made and donated by Erisman Sewing Circle members. The Craft Stand itself brought in over \$5,300 - all benefiting MCC's work. The next PA Relief Sale will be held March 31 and April 1, 2023.

Sewing Circle is grateful to Crossings Community Church for your on-going funding of our work, helping people in need around the world via MCC. Please remember to pray for those who will receive our comforters and kits. Let's continue to take Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40 to heart.

To donate to this work you may contact Janet Patton, 717-926-4008, jcpatton99@gmail.com. Or write a check to Erisman Sewing Circle and put it in Shirley Hershey's CCC mailbox or mail it to her at 837 Mount Joy Road, Manheim PA 17545.

Part of our fabric purchased from Obie's and located in the CCC basement.



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 6 Katrina Shenk
- 12 Jean Shenk
- 13 Linda Nissley
- 18 Joan Kellenberger
- 20 Phyllis Clugston
- 25 Erma Wenger

Anniversaries

- 26 Henry & Irene Shenk (1957)
- 27 Nelson & Alma Wenger (1973)



Winter Bible School

January-February 2023

Mark 8:27-9:50

We will meet seven times, for one hour each session. You can attend by Zoom or in person at New Danville Mennonite Church.

- Tuesday mornings at 10:30 (starting January 10)
- Thursday evenings at 6:30 (starting January 12)

For more information or to sign up contact William Higgins at whiggins@lmcchurches.org or call 717 293-5246 ext. 121.

A large white cross shape formed by many small, diverse people, with a blue banner in the top left corner that says "SAVE THE DATE!".

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LMC Celebration of Church Life

March 31 – April 1, 2023

Stewardship UNIVERSITY 2023

Your stewardship tells a story



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
March 18, 2023
Calvary Church
Lancaster, Pa.

For more info, contact:

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Register online at
everence.com/centralpenn
starting Dec. 15.

Join us as we turn a new page for a reimagined Stewardship University 2023.

Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future.

New half-day format: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- **Opening session and keynote speaker**
- **Workshop session**
- **Workshop lunch** with community leaders – current issues affecting financial wellness

Register by Feb. 9
for reduced rate.

*Pastors and spouses
register for free.*



Manheim Community Life Group

Seeking Pie Donations:

We will be auctioning off pies at our 2nd Annual Home on Ferdinand fundraising event on Friday, February 10, 2023. If you would like to donate a pie for the event, please contact Janelle Wenger at janellewenger93@gmail.com or 717-824-6704. Please have pies delivered to The Junction Center, 1875 Junction Road, Manheim, by 5:00pm the day of the event.



Global Disciples

Continue to pray for the work of Global Disciples and specifically Tim Bentsch and his work with Global Worship training. Find Global Disciples' January prayer calendar linked to the 1/1/23 Crossings CC weekly email or pick up a paper copy on the welcome table at church.