



CROSSINGS NEWS

July - August 2023

“Loving God, loving people, and inviting all to do the same”

Supper Connections

In the interest of encouraging **good food** and **fellowship** in a small, easy to join group environment, the Crossings Leadership Team is organizing **Supper Connections** for months of September-November.



Beginning this fall, Supper Connections will involve **one evening per month** when you will show up at the Schoolhouse. You can enjoy a simple supper with a group of 6-10 others from Crossings CC. The meal will be tasty, the company intergenerational, and the outcome will be that all will be well fed, encouraged, and being better connected.

Signup information will be available in August. You will choose the **Wednesday**, **Friday**, or **Sunday** evening Supper Connections group for the period of September-November.

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Prayers of gratitude and intercession

Mexico and Central America face serious political and socio-economic conflicts. These pose serious challenges to the mission of the church. Pray for the wisdom of the Spirit as churches use Anabaptist-Mennonite lenses to rethink how to live out their presence, mission and pastoral tasks. <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers>

— submitted by Willi Hugo Perez, MWC regional representative, Central America



**Mennonite
World Conference**

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CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Pastor: Rich Nolt Elders: Marlin Martin, Tina Snyder

Erisman Sewing Circle Update

July 2023

“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 continues to actively support Mennonite Central Committee with an average of 43 comforters a month - a total of 217 comforters in the first five months of 2023. We use donated fabric pieces and scraps that we turn into blocks, strips, and triangles to create lovely designs for the comforter tops. We need three and a half yards for each back. When you do the math, that means we use 150 yards of fabric a month just for the backs of our comforters.

Fortunately, we learned about a special sale at Joann's Fabrics on Memorial Day weekend and were able to buy \$10 flannel for \$2.99 a yard! We bought \$1,017.00 worth of flannel (340 yards) to make heavy weight comforters which are mostly sent to Ukraine and Iraq. Besides the 217 comforters sent to MCC so far this year, Sewing Circle also donated 24 infant care kits, 10 relief kits, and 26 hygiene kits. Other expenses include crochet thread for knotting comforters and \$450 for 10 rolls of batting every two to three months. We would like to send more relief kits this summer as funds allow.

If you would like to donate to our on-going work, we invite you to write a check to Erisman Sewing Circle and either place it in Shirley and Jim Hershey's CCC mailbox or mail it to Shirley Hershey, 837 Mount Joy Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

We are grateful to all who continue to help us fund this work, including Crossings' generous contribution every quarter.

Janet Runion Patton
Erisman Sewing Circle Coordinator

How do you hear God's voice?

How do you hear God's voice? Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. "Hallelujah! But how often as his sheep do we listen? And do we know our Shepherd well enough to distinguish his voice from all the others?

These questions tumble around my mind regularly, and especially lately. Chuck and I long to follow God's voice. We long to be near him as I hope each of you do too. But what happens when his voice seems silent or we drown it out with busy schedules? For me, life gets messier and more stressful and before I realize it, I revert to attempting to control all our circumstances. Yikes!

At the end of May, Chuck and I traveled to Spruce Lake Retreat for a worship leader conference. There it hit me. I need silence and stillness to recognize the voice of God. Imagine always meeting a friend in a noisy coffee shop at a crowded table for five minutes each day. I doubt you would be friends for very long. Oh but how many times have I given God that kind of attention? No wonder he seems nonexistent sometimes. I have pushed him out or blared him out. This leads me to repentance. Forgive me, Lord. Forgive me for thinking I only need a drop of you each day, as if you're my supplement rather than my daily bread. I need you more than anyone else.

Back to you, friends and followers of Jesus. I pray you make time to listen to the voice of our good shepherd. We put our hope in the One who loves and creates and desires relationship with us. May we draw near to him as he draws near to us. He may be speaking amazing things! Let's not miss them.

In Christ,
Shontel Griffith



MennoLife

Former Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society

EVENTS

Rare & Used Book Auction

Join MennoLife and other book collectors on Friday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. for a Rare & Used Book Auction in the MennoLife Community Room, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster.

This auction will feature a rich variety of written works relevant to both local and historical interests.

Lots will

include Menno Simons' 1681 *Opera Omnia*

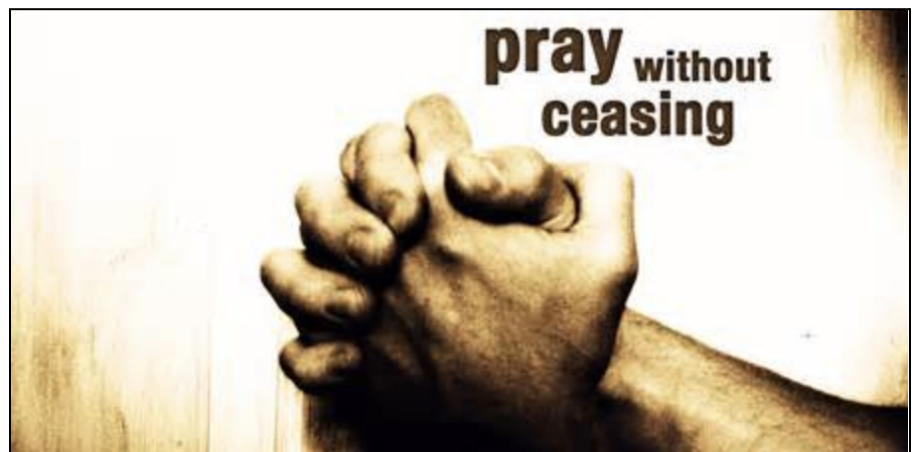
Theologica in Dutch, with original leather binding, and *'T Merg van de Historien der Martelaren*, written in 1722 in Dutch, with original vellum binding. You will also see rare finds such as *The Earth is the Lord's* by John L. Ruth and *Building on the Gospel Foundation* by Burdge and Horst, as well as an 1849 edition of the *Martyrs Mirror* and a 1768 Nurnberg Bible. The catalog also offers a wide selection of classic used books.

The full auction catalog is available for download at mennonitelife.org/events. Bids may be submitted online and by mail until Thursday, July 13. Auction books will be displayed in the Collections Building several weeks before the event.

MennoLife's vision is diverse communities connecting across boundaries by knowing and valuing their own and each other's stories of life, faith, cultures, and histories.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Income and Expenses for May 2023

Income: \$13,501.73 Expenses: \$ 7,855.83

“Schoolhouse 1884” committed to date: \$81,917.57 + \$40,000 (Capital Funds)=\$121,917.57

Projected estimated cost is \$120,000

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| July: | 4 | Rich Nolt | 28 | Ed & Linda Bentzel (1973) |
| | 11 | Ruth Kready | | |
| | 12 | Tina Snyder | | |
| | 15 | Mary Jane Breneman | | |
| | 29 | George Hurst | | |

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| August: | 3 | Doris Brubaker | 15 | Dennis & Kathy Nissley (1981) |
| | 3 | Alma Wenger | | |
| | 8 | Ann Miller | | |
| | 11 | Doris Martin | | |
| | 22 | Reba Metzler | | |
| | 24 | Abigail Nolt | | |



Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Vacation Bible School(VBS) will take place July 31 to August 5, 9:30-11:30am at the Schoolhouse. Crossings is working in collaboration with Child Evangelism Fellowship to offer fun filled 5 days all around the theme of "Jesus, My Savior and Friend". Still not too late to volunteer or 1-5 days to support this great event. Contact Pastor Rich at 717-669-0266 to get involved. Students must be register at [THIS LINK](#) or at <https://www.ceflancaster.org>



Teen Central in Manheim is seeking volunteers to plug into the lives of young folks coming to the center throughout the week. Prayerfully consider how you may be involved. Support opportunities: pray for staff, volunteers, and teens, financial giving to the ministry, encouraging and supporting existing staff and volunteers, becoming a volunteer.

Contact Activities Coordinator Shontel Griffith for more information:
info@teencentralmanheim.org | 717-664-2990

Informal Worship Night at the Schoolhouse.

This July 13 event is young adult lead and young adult focused and is a great opportunity to worship together as you make new friends. Spread the word!



7pm Thursday, July 13th
at The Schoolhouse
8 S. Erisman Rd, Manheim

invite friends!