

SOJOURNS

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The Newsletter of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

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2010 PINWOOD DERBY

Nineteen participants designed, painted, and prepared cars for the 2010 Pinewood Derby Race, including three racers who joined us again from Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church again this year. The children showed a lot of creativity in the wide variety of cars that were made. Following the race, Pastor Mel Hathaway led in a devotional. Trophy winners were as follows:

Top Speed

- 1-Brandon Swartz *
- 2-Evan Zuercher *
- 3-Adrianna Hershberger



Most Original Design

- 1-Rebekah Amstutz (Bath tub)
- 2-Gabriel Raber (Sailing vessel)
- 3-Katelyn Amstutz (Farm)

Best Paint Job

- 1-Emma Zuercher (Dutch shoe)
- 2-Sarah Ressler (Pencil)
- 3-Elijah Steffen (Green bolt) *

Best Model Car

- 1-Jason Reinhardt (Porsche)
- 2-Rowena Zuercher (Mater tow truck)
- 3-Hope Houchins (Silver & gold racer)

*Participants from Chestnut Ridge

Congratulations to each of the racers for a job well done!

THANK YOU

To : Sonnenberg Mennonite Church
Dear Friends,

We thank you very much for the financial help you have provided for our school here in Haiti. It has for several years allowed us to continue existing. We also thank you for the money you sent last December.

In September 2007 we were able to obtain a grant from the Swiss to renovate the school and the construction project was completed for this school year. Now we have

six secure classrooms, and a secure food storage area (to store school food from the World Food Program). Without your support we could not exist.

About the Earthquake : The school building stands but there were three fatalities and many wounded. Material loss was large among our population. I lost my 24 year old son.

I hope you will be able to continue helping us in these difficult times. I want to express again our deepest gratitude.

Joianns Loussol, Directeur
LaSalle Community School of Haiti

LIFE AT SONNENBERG

DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know that Katelyn Amstutz, daughter of Michael and List Amstutz, representing the Wayne County Christian Homeschool Educators of Ohio, won first place during a nationally-sponsored geography competition on January 8. The event took place at West Hill Baptist Church, where she competed against other home-schooled fourth through eighth graders throughout Wayne County. Katelyn is in the 7th grade. Congratulations, Katelyn!

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Peter Dyck, storyteller, lives on through his legacy of books. The following titles can be found in our church library:

Books

- Getting Home Before Dark
- A Leap of Faith
- Up from the Rubble
- The Great Shalom

Videos

- Expect a Miracle (Volume 1)
- Old Bread Is Not Hard (Volume 2)
- A Plain Fool (Volume 3)

NEWS & NOTES

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 330/857-7311

2010 AUCTION: Central Christian School's annual auction will be held on Saturday, February 27. There will be a pancake breakfast hosted by Central's softball team from 6:30 to 9:00 that morning and the auction will begin at 9:00. The auction has been matched 100% up to \$90,000 revenue. Your support in helping Central to meet this goal would be much appreciated. For a complete list of auction items, check Central's website: ccscomets.org.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT OPEN HOUSE: Central Christian School is holding a prospective student open house on Monday, February 15. Scheduled events will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students will attend classes, chapel and lunch. A tour of the school facility will be given to students and parents. To register or for more information, contact Doris Risser at (330) 857-7311.

TASTE OF CENTRAL: Central Christian School's fourth annual Taste of Central event will be Friday, February 19, starting at 5:30. Twenty chefs will prepare their favorite dish and guests can enjoy a taste-testing extravaganza and vote for their favorites. You will not go home hungry! Tickets are on sale for \$15 each at Central. For more information, contact Kristen Conrad at (330) 857-7311.

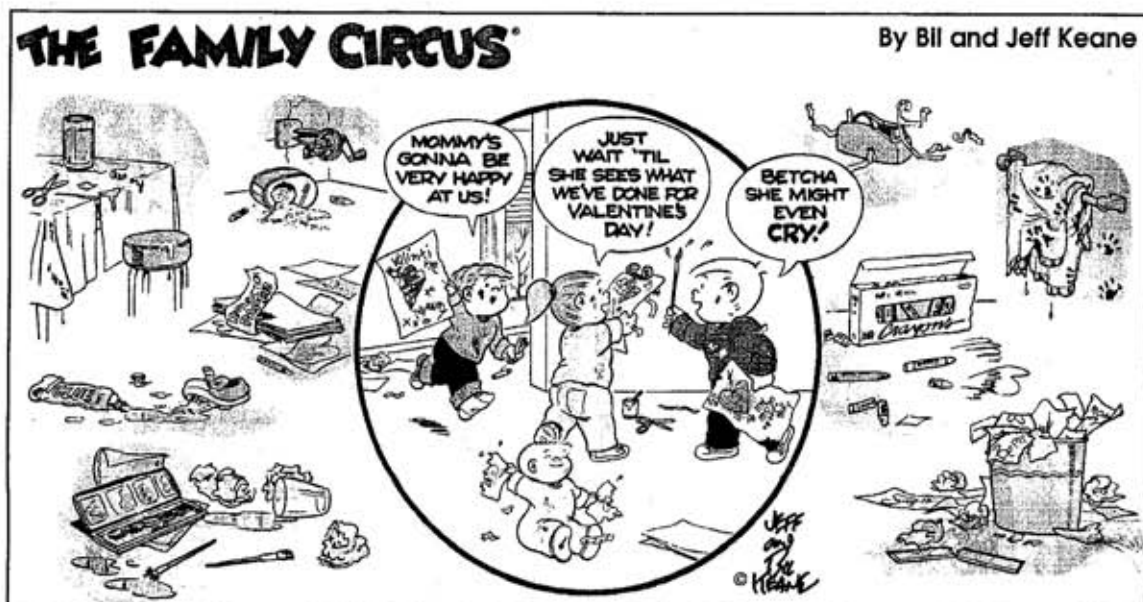
ORRVILLA COMMUNITY EVENT: OrrVilla Retirement Community will host a Community Event on Thursday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. at Maple Terrace. The event will feature Phil and Amber Buchwalter from Orrville. This talented couple will sing songs from the 30's, 40's and 50's. Everyone is welcome—admission is free. Refreshments will follow the program. For more information, call 330-683-4455.

CAMP LUZ PRESENTS...A Sweetheart Banquet: Experience the romance at Camp Luz during a candlelight Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$30/couple. Space is limited, so call now to make your reservation. 330/683-1246.

P. GRAHAM DUNN SPRING CELEBRATION will be held on March 23, 7:00 p.m., at the Central Christian School Performing Arts Center. A special worship service will include music from local musicians, Sonnenberg Station, and the Sommers Sisters. Guest speaker, Tony Evans, founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, will give a message that will inspire and encourage us on our Christian journey. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER BIBLE INSTITUTE will be held February 14-15 at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville with guest speaker, Rev. Timothy Gakunju. Pastor Timothy, along with his wife Anne, and their four children, is a recent immigrant to the United States. He is formerly Pastor of Ruiru Christian Church, Ruiru, Kenya, has been a church planter, served for more than ten years as Principal of the Christian Bible Institute (CBI) of the Christian Church International (CCI), Founder & Director of Emanuel Health Center, Ruiru, Kenya, and is a visiting adjunct professor at Rosedale Bible Institute, Rosedale, Ohio. A gifted communicator and passionate follower of Jesus, Pastor Timothy has served on various mission teams in evangelism and church planting for the Christian Church International in Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Congo, India and the United States. Sessions will be held on Sunday, February 14, 10:30 & 7:00 p.m., and on Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The next issue of *Sojourns* will be printed for Sunday, February 21, 2010. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!



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