

# SOJOURNS

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The Newsletter of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

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## SENIOR SAINTS

October, 2017

Birthdays/Anniversaries



*Happy birthday to our senior saints  
who are celebrating birthdays/anniversaries  
during October!*

*Trent & Alice Metcalf (25), Sunday, October 1  
Pam Coleman (67), Thursday, October 5  
Herb/Carolyn Jackson (56), Friday, October 6  
Dan Gault (79), Friday, October 13  
Joan Steiner (82), Tuesday, October 17  
Gordon/Lorene Amstutz (54), Thurs., October 19  
David Geiser (74), Monday, October 23  
Lloyd Miller (68), Tuesday, October 31*

## 2017 MCC RELIEF CANNING, INC. KIDRON

### Food for Relief–In the Name of Christ

Globally MCC distributed USDA approved canned meat in 2016 to help reduce hunger in our world. Last year 30,000 lbs. of turkey were canned at Kidron. Ten percent was distributed locally as needs arose this past year. The rest was shipped to Akron, Pennsylvania, and then divided between both domestic and foreign countries. In Kidron, we can turkey as it is more widely acceptable globally. Donations to cover costs come primarily from local businesses, though area churches and individuals also help out.

We will be processing 30,000 lbs. of turkey again this year. There is no cutting into chunks as in the past and no more stirring the big kettle. Nice and easy. But hands are needed to pack the meat and label the cans. In the “in between times” when that is not going on, there is dried the opportunity to package dried soup mixes.

This year’s Relief Canning will be held on October 14, 16 & 17. You can volunteer to help.

- Where: Gerber Building, behind the Central Christian School, 3970 Kidron Rd, Kidron, OH 44636

- When: Saturday: 5:00 am – 8:00 pm, Monday: 5:00 am – 9:00 pm, Tuesday: 5:00 am until finished.
- Who: All ages are welcome, children under 12 need adult supervision. Youth groups are welcome, and times should be scheduled with Jesse Hamman, 330/464-3725.
- Attire: Come dressed to work; white coats, beard nets and hairnets will be provided.
- Food: Meals, drinks and snacks are provided.
- Third year: MCC mobile cannery rig with regulatory upgrades streamlines the canning process.
- Exciting opportunity running concurrently with canning operations for the second year in a row: A partnership with the 'Manna for Many: An Anabaptist Ministry'. We will be bagging dried soup for distribution locally and internationally (through CAM). Donations are needed at \$.90 per bag and each bag serves five meals. Young children through adults are encouraged to help.
- Donations for Relief Canning, Inc., Kidron are welcome & tax deductible. Funds are needed to buy, process, and deliver 30,000 lbs. of boneless turkey thigh meat to those around the world affected by war, disaster and malnutrition.
- Checks can be made payable to Relief Canning, Inc. Kidron and sent to: Relief Canning, Inc. Kidron  
414 Overlook Circle  
Dalton, OH 44618  
Attn: Doug Winkler, Treasurer

## OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sonnenberg Mennonite Women invites friends and family to attend the musical, *Our Christmas Dinner*, on Friday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek.

It’s the most wonderful meal of the year! Expect the unexpected when strangers and kinfolk show up in the middle of both a snow storm and a life storm, and no one is left the same. This not-so traditional, sports-centered, laughter-filled Christmas dinner features favorite Christmas carols and original songs, too. Brought to you by Blue Gate Musicals.

Forty tickets have been reserved, and the cost is \$36.00/person. If you would like to reserve a seat or several seats for this musical event, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Alice Metcalf (330/465-4919). A final count is needed by October 15.

## NEWS & NOTES

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:** 330/857-7311

- **Prelude and Dessert Concert:** Central Christian School's Prelude and Dessert Concert will be Friday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend. Everyone is welcome.
- **Community Service Day (CSD):** On Friday, October 20, over 250 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations, as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. Students will begin calling to secure sponsors for their service on October 2. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2017 or visit [www.cscscomets.org/GiveToCentral](http://www.cscscomets.org/GiveToCentral) to make a donation. Donations are due by November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our student service fundraiser.

**EVERENCE SEMINARS—MEDICARE & SOCIAL SECURITY**—will take place at Everence Financial in Kidron on Monday, October 9. Medicare: An overview (5:30-6:45 p.m.) will provide information on what's covered, the plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. Social Security: An overview (7:00-8:15 p.m.) will explain how benefits are calculated, the best time to start collecting Social Security, and about spousal benefits. Reservations are not required.

**MCC:**

- **MCC responds to Hurricane Irma** damage in Cuba and Haiti: Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to MCC helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. More information at: [donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response](http://donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response).
- **Quilter's Retreat:** Calling all quilters! Gather with a community of other quilters who share your passion and interest at the MCC Quilting Retreat at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan, on November 3-5. Come alone or with a group, with skills to share or interest in learning, with a project for an MCC auction or a project of your own. More information at: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/quilting-retreat).
- **MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering:** As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, at Millersburg Mennonite Church, 288 E Jackson St., in Millersburg. Special guest speaker will be Cesar Flores, current MCC Area Director for Central America and Haiti. Please RSVP at 574-312-0330 or to [jsteiner@mcc.org](mailto:jsteiner@mcc.org).

**WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS:** The Eastern Central Ohio Sanctuary Network is conducting a workshop on Saturday, October 7, "Walk in Solidarity With Our Immigrant Neighbors." Workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Canton. For more information, see flyer posted on the bulletin board. Contact person is Haroldo Nunes, 330/933-9376.

**ORRVILLE COMMUNITY CHORUS** announces the rehearsal schedule for the Chorus' annual performance of "Messiah" by G.F. Handel, to be presented on Sunday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian School. The first rehearsal is Sunday, October 29. Subsequent Sunday rehearsals will be held on November 5, 12, 19, and 26. All rehearsals will be at Central Christian School. The rehearsal time is 1:50 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 2, from 8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Persons age high school through adult are welcome to sing with the Chorus. There are no auditions, but it is requested that new members have previous experience singing choral music. For additional information visit the chorus website at [www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org](http://www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org).

**MCUSA—SEARCH FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The search committee for Mennonite Church USA's next executive director invites denomination-wide participation in a Survey Monkey questionnaire to discern essential qualities and top priorities for the job description, and to nominate potential candidates for the role. The survey is available at [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org) and is available for completion through October 16, 2017.

This is an opportunity for community discernment, and we want to encourage participation from as many people across Mennonite Church USA congregations, conferences and agencies as possible. The information collected will provide the search committee with additional clarity on the kind of person we want to invite to serve in this important leadership position in our beloved church.

The search committee invites continued prayer for their work and for the person whom God is calling to be the next MCUSA executive director. For additional inquiries or to apply for the executive director position, please contact the search committee at: [EDsearch@Mennonites.org](mailto:EDsearch@Mennonites.org).

**MENNONITE YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL** would like to invite children in grades 3-9 to join in a weekend of singing, March 10-11, 2018, in Goshen, Indiana. The church has a long and deep tradition of praising God through singing. In order for this to continue, it is up to parents and the faith community around them to encourage their children with opportunities that develop a love for music in worship. Youth of all denominations are encouraged to participate.

- 2018 Festival Dates: Practice on Saturday, March 10; concert performance on Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. (free and open to the public)
- Who: Children, grades 3-9, from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and beyond who love to sing
- Cost per Child: \$40; Registration Deadline November 15 (Music will be sent in the mail)
- Location: The Goshen College Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, in Goshen, Indiana
- 2018 Guest Director: Ardis Faber

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com](http://www.mennoniteyouthchoir.com)

**ADRIEL SCHOOL'S ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION** will be held Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. We are hosting a Family Fun evening the Friday before on the 20th with family games, activities, bounce house, entertainment, great food and a preview of the auction items for Saturday. Please join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and support of our mission of Foster Care and Adoption.

The next issue of *Sojourns* will be printed for Sunday, October 15, 2017. Please submit any items to the church for this issue by Thursday, October 12, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!