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Menno Haven Musings: October & November In Review

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Oct & Nov In Review



Work Day was a great time of working together with friends. It is always fun being with people who care about Menno Haven. Great things happened - deep cleaning in the dorm rooms and Eagle Wing Activity Center, mattresses moved out of cabins, electrical work, networking & wifi upgrades, wood splitting and plywood hung in the Shop. **Look here to see pictures of this fun day!**



We love our guest groups. It has been wonderful the last 2 months to hear and see families and friends connecting, fellowshiping together around a dining room table, playing nine square in the air, enjoying a night out under the stars, and singing and worshipping our Creator. We are so thankful for you and that we are able to serve you! (Pictured above is a men's camping group that was here in October.)



While we love serving guest groups, it's a humbling experience to have guest groups serve us. A men's retreat composed of men from First Mennonite Church of Morton and Morton United Methodist Church spent 2 hours of their Saturday afternoon retreat moving boats, picking up lawn games, and splitting wood. What a blessing these men were!! Thanks so much!!!



Menno Haven's annual Business Meeting for our Association Members happened on November 2 this year. In the morning, members and staff completed work projects. Following a delicious lunch the Association Members met to reflect on the past year and to look ahead to 2020. It is always good to gather with people who love and care for Menno Haven.

If you love Menno Haven, maybe becoming an Association Member is a good next step. **Click here to find out more information on what being an Association Member entails.**

It's never too early to think about summer!! Jeremiah and Jon traveled many miles in October and November to Mennonite, Anabaptist and Christian colleges to meet and talk with potential summer staff. **We are looking for summer staff!!** Spread the word!!



If you or someone you know would enjoy spending 5+ weeks in summer 2020 sharing God's love with summer campers, spending time outdoors, creating lasting friendships, and growing in leadership skills, then contact us at program@mennohaven.com! For more information or if you know you're ready to apply, click the link below and fill out an application today.

[More Information](#)



Staff Changes: Additions and Subtractions

The Menno Haven "Staff" increased by 1 in

October because we added a baby! Lucas Daniel

Graham was born on October 16th to Jeremiah, our

Program Manager, and his wife Nicole. He joins older siblings Emma and Jackson.

The Year Round Staff will be decreasing by 1 at

the end of the year. After much prayer and discernment, Jeremiah has resigned as Program Manager effective this December. Jeremiah and his family have sensed a clear calling to pastor at a church. While he and Nicole are sad to leave Menno Haven, they are excited to follow where God is leading them. Keep Jeremiah, Nicole and family in your prayers as they have many new transitions this fall and winter.

New Phone Number - 815-255-4649

We are in the process of changing the Menno Haven phone system and phone provider and unfortunately are not able to keep our current phone numbers. We wanted you to be the first to know. While it's hard to give up the phone numbers that has been associated with Menno Haven for many years, it is the best decision to update our phone system and provider: fiscally, physically (the local landline provider has no plans to replace or update the physical phone lines beyond Tiskilwa), and for constituent relations (no more static on the lines).

Our new information: Office Phone number: 815-255-4649 Fax Number: 815-290-0043

This will be a 6-9 month long process. For now when you call our old phone numbers, the call is forwarded to 815-255-4649 so service should be seamless. Please save this information and start transitioning to using these updated phone and fax numbers now. Thank you!

Upcoming Events



[Menno Haven Winter Retreats](#) are the perfect winter getaway for your youth group and young adults. Come have fun and let us do all the planning, presenting, and cooking.

Have time - for your youth to connect with each other, with you as sponsors, with new & old friends from other churches and with God. **Have fun** - at the indoor climbing wall, basketball, volleyball, and game room, as well as ice skating, tubing, and cross country skiing, weather permitting. **Grow in faith** - during the 4 worship / speaking sessions and throughout the weekend. Our goal is to partner with your church and family to help encourage the faith development of your youth and young adults. **Leave renewed** in your love for Christ and ready to spread His love to each other in your youth group and in the community you live (and if we're honest, you may leave a little tired too).

[Check out the Winter Retreat page](#) for prices, to register and for the most up-to-date information including our speakers names, topics and bios.

[More Information](#)

[Ministry Team Openings](#)
Program Manager & Facilities Manager

Menno Haven is currently seeking applicants to join the ministry team in the roles of Program Manager & Facilities Manager. The Program Manager opening is as of January 1, 2020. The Facilities Manager opening is available immediately.



The Program Manager is responsible for oversight of summer youth programming and year-round programs for all ages, including the Adventure Education Program. This person should have a heart for camp ministry and will work closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the vision of Menno Haven's ministry.



The Facilities Manager oversees new construction, repairs existing structures, keeps transportation moving, insures forest/prairie/lake health and beautiful grounds, and maintains all equipment for our 231 acre/228 bed year-round ministry.

Both candidates must have a heart for service and a deep commitment to Menno Haven's mission; possess strong organizational, planning, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

Salary, housing, and benefits provided. Submit letter of interest and resume to Doc Johnson, execdir@mennohaven.com.

If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time or interim Facilities or Program Manager position, until this full-time role is filled, contact Doc.



Thank You



Upcoming
Programs



Ways You Can Be
Involved

We have been blessed by some wonderful friends who took time out of their busy schedules and volunteered the past 2 months.

- * **Eli Schrock** (East Bend Mennonite Church) Work Day, Housekeeping, Kitchen, Program, & Maintenance
- * **Rebecca Moyer** (First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana) - Office / Bookkeeping
- * **Jim Schrock** (Cazenovia Mennonite Church) - Repaired Geo Thermal Units
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Office
- * **Doug Groves** - Custodial Work
- * **Work Day Volunteers:**
 - **Ashley Litwiller, Simon Kauffman, Kendall Schrock, & Logan Schrock** (Arthur Mennonite Church)
 - **Jim & Linda Schrock** (Cazenovia Mennonite Church)
 - **Ken & Cindy Schrock** (Freeport Mennonite Church)
 - **Dave Colter, Dan Litwiller, & Dale Thomas** (Hopedale Mennonite Church)
 - **Evan Richards, Davis Richards, Linea Richards, Simone Eby, Bob Erck, Chris Ewert, Tray Harshbarger, Elena Klingler, CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder** (Lombard Mennonite Church)
 - * **Marge Weaver & Jenell Ulrich** (Mennonite Church of Normal)
 - * **Andrew Stocking**
 - * **Randy & Carroll Tumblin**
 - * **Eldon Eigsti, Meg Foxvog,**

Winter Retreats

Young Adult WR - Jan 3-5
Jr High WR - Jan 10-12
High School WR - Jan 17-19

Spring Work Day - April 18

Summer Camps

Cottontail - June 21-24
Jr High - June 28 - July 3
(includes Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks)
Summer Staff Homecoming - July 2-5
Blue Jay - July 5-10
High School - July 12-17
(includes Wilderness & Cardinal Tracks)
GrandCamp - August 2-6

Fall Work Day - October 3
IMCA Annual Business Meeting - November 14

2020
Program Calendar

Encourage youth from your church to come to Winter

Retreats, maybe even sponsor them to make it more affordable to come. Check the **Winter Retreat link** for up-to-date information.

Talk with college and high school aged youth you know about being a summer staffer during 2020.

Help with Maintenance Projects.

There are construction, drywall, electrical, plumbing, vehicle, and grounds related activities.

Show your support for Menno Haven while buying things for others and yourself.

If you choose to purchase items from Amazon.com this year, **click here to find out how Amazon can donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Menno Haven** (Illinois Mennonite Camp Assn Inc).

Check out our updated Wish List.

When you're Christmas shopping for your family, maybe pick up an item for Menno Haven and send it along with the Winter Retreat participants from your church.

Guest Host - help host weekend or weekday groups and learn more about our retreat ministry. Thanks to those who have signed up to host this fall.

Available dates are:

- * January 6-10
- * January 24-26
- * January 31-February 2
- * February 15-16
- * March 13-15

Have a youth that is hard to shop for on your Christmas list? Give a gift of amazing memories and

**Caleb Johnson, Ed & Esther
Johnson, & Phil Kaufmann**
(Willow Springs Mennonite
Church)

Association Member

Volunteers:

- **Dale & Dana Bastian** (Freeport
Mennonite Church)
- **Jan Stewart** (Metamora
Mennonite Church)
- **Beth Gerig, Ed & Esther
Johnson, & Simon Zehr** (Willow
Springs Mennonite Church)

Morton Men Volunteers:

- **Aaron Yoder, Paul Walles,
Tom Linderman, Gary Nabors,
Todd Leander & Duane
Swartzendruber** (First
Mennonite Church of Morton)
- **Gary Feldman, Steve Barrow,
Don Chapman, Gabe Wanck,
Charles Miller, Eugene Maison,
Andy Sullivan, John
Ackerman, Ray Schmidt, Lynn
Losey, Dale Hall, & Bob Barrick**
(Morton United Methodist
Church)

Thank you, thank you for all your
help the past 2 months. We could
not do what we do without faithful
help from our volunteers.

spiritual enrichment - give a gift of
Menno Haven Summer Camp or
Winter Retreat.

Pray - [click here](#) to join a group of
people who commit to praying for
Menno Haven and get regular
updates for prayer requests - **Let's
Rally in Prayer for Menno Haven!**

* If you would like to participate in
any of the above activities or have
any questions about them, contact
Sheena at 815-646-4344 or
sheena@mennohaven.com.

[Donate](#)

[Serving as Backyard Missionaries \(Summer Staff\)](#)

[Wish List](#)

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