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MH Musings: Dec & Jan, Phase 4, & Summer

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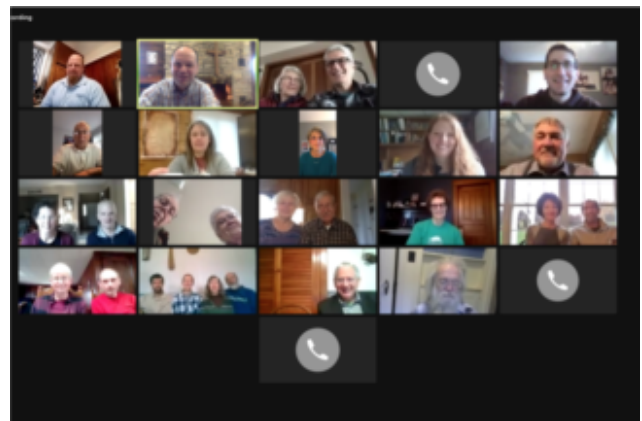
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December & January In Review



In December and January several individuals and a couple families came for a personal retreat or a weekend away for their family. It was great to see people experience the beauty of Menno Haven in the winter and with snow. **Fun fact** - we have had snow on the ground ever since December 29.



History was made this December with the **first ever virtual annual business meeting of the Association** on December 12, 2020. Thanks to all who participated. While we would have loved to have met in person, it was great to see you all and be able to do the official business of Menno Haven even if it was through a computer screen.



Program update: Our **December Family Getaway** was a weekend of fun. As one participant said "Hikes were walked, hayrides with Christmas Carols were done, rock walls were climbed, good old fashioned spinning things were spun (the merry-go-round in the ballfield), cookies were decorated...it **was like a Hallmark Christmas movie** except for no town festival or tree lighting but all the awesome." Requests were also made to have this become a yearly thing. We are so glad we could provide this weekend for your families! **Check out photos of this Christmasy weekend here.**

We were very disappointed to have to **cancel all of our Winter Retreats** this year. The young adults wanted to virtually gather so a **Young Adult Bible Study was started** and is currently meeting on **Wednesday nights at 7 PM**. Contact Ashley (program@mennohaven.com) if you'd like to join this group.



As of January 25, **our Region is now in Phase 4**, of covid mitigations which means **our Dining Hall is open** and **we can have up to 50 people per group** meeting on site. We are so excited to have the opportunity to see and serve more people!

If you are interested in coming to Menno Haven yet this spring, contact Jon at info@mennohaven.com or 815-255-4649 and he can talk details with you. **We have mid-week and weekend openings in February, March, and April.** We also have some summer dates open as well. Call today to get your space reserved now.



Back in November a tree fell on nearby power lines creating a **large power surge resulting in damage**



Thanks so much to an anonymous donor(s) who ordered items off of our **Amazon Wish List** and had them sent to the office. What a Christmas surprise! We are so blessed!



in multiple buildings. Most significantly it fried the geothermal units which heat and cool Lakeview Lodge, the mini-split heating and cooling units for all the hotel and dorm rooms as well as the commercial washing machine in our housekeeping room.

The geothermal units in the Lodge had enough damage and were old enough that it made the most sense to replace these units. We are still waiting to hear from our insurance company before we can proceed with repairing or replacing the units at the hotel buildings and the commercial washing machine. Thank goodness for electric baseboard heater backups to keep the hotels rooms warm in the middle of the winter and extra washing machines to keep the laundry clean!

We would appreciate your prayers that this can be resolved as quickly as possible.



You've been spotted - This shirt is at least 31 years old and was first worn by the sons of Rod and Betty Detweiler, the Executive Director and Food Service Director respectively in

the 1990s. The little guy in the photo is the third grandchild to sport this awesome shirt and plans are in the works to pass it on to the littlest grandchild too. We love generations sharing a love for Menno Haven together. We'd also love to see if you have any vintage Menno Haven apparel still in use today.



Thank you to all who gave 2020 year end gifts and/or 2021 monthly pledges. We greatly appreciate your strong support and prayers the last couple months. With your gifts and our limited income, we have met our budgeted expenses for this past quarter. Thank you for standing in the gap for us!

February Family Getaway - Feb 12-15

We miss seeing faces so much we're inviting families back again in February. **Spend the long weekend of Feb 12-15th at camp with your family** and enjoy the wide open spaces. Huddling around a fire after a snowy/cold hike, playing board games, ping pong, indoor shuffleboard, volleyball, playing the piano...there's just too many ideas to name here. Most importantly, enjoy meals made for you! **The deadline to register is Feb 5th at 8am!**

Disclaimer: we can't promise there will be snow, but we're gunna pray for it!



[**More Information & Register Here**](#)

Summer Camp Registration opens this Friday!

Campers and parents - you have had to wait at least 566 days since you were at Menno Haven for youth summer camp. Your wait is coming to an end!! (Are you as excited as we are?) **Register this weekend to reserve your spot** for an a-m-a-z-i-n-g week of Menno Haven summer camp.

If coming as a family is more your thing, Family Camp is returning this year with registration opening this Friday, February 5th as well.

Save Money & Get Free Stuff

* Save \$15 if you register and pay in full by March 16*

* **NEW** * Receive a \$150 grant towards your 2021 MH youth summer camp registration if you **recommend a new summer staffer** that applies by March 16 and is hired.*

* Get a free 2021 Menno Haven Summer Camp T-shirt if you register and pay in full by May 1*



More Information & Register Here

You only have 138 more days until summer camp starts!!!

We are hiring Summer Staff!



We are seeking persons who have **a desire to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ** to serve as **backyard missionaries** sharing their faith with campers through their words and lifestyle. We are looking for applicants to be dependable, hard-working, service oriented, teachable, able to follow guidelines for work tasks & community life, and well suited to working with children and adults.



Thank You

We have been blessed by some wonderful friends who took time and volunteered this December and January sharing their skills and time. We are so blessed.

- * **Allyssa Burk** (staff family) - welding & general maintenance
- * **Doug Campbell** (Aledo Baptist Church) - maintenance
- * **Julie Kern** (summer staff & year-round program helper) - December Family Getaway assistant
- * **Caleb Johnson** (staff family) - snow clearing
- * **Ed Johnson** (Willow Springs MC) - mailing
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs MC) - mailing
- * **Lydia Johnson** (staff family) - snow clearing
- * **Jim Schrock** (Cazenovia MC) - assessing heating systems
- * **Evie Yoder** (Christ Community Church) - mailing
- * **Paul Yoder** (Christ Community Church) - repairing roof leak at EWAC, installing insulation and drywall



Upcoming Programs

2021 Events

Family Getaway - Feb 12-15

Spring Events

Work Day - April 24

Women's Retreat - May 14-15

Summer Events

Rally Day - May 31

Family Camp - May 28-31

Cottontail Camp - June 20-23

Sports Camp - June 23-25

Jr High Camp - June 27 - July 2

(includes Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks)

Blue Jay Camp - July 4-9

High School Camp - July 11-16

(includes Wilderness & Cardinal Tracks)

GrandCamp - August 1-5

Fall Events

Men's Retreat - Sept 10-11

Fall Work Day - October 2

Association Business Mtg - Nov 13

Downloadable
2021
Program Calendar

*Click on the event name to find



Ways You Can Be Involved

Recommend a new summer staff member that we end up hiring and **get a \$150 grant** towards your child's 2021 youth summer camp registration fee. [Click here for more details.](#)

Check out Menno Haven's online Trading Post for **new items** and fun **gift sets**. These are great ideas for birthdays, Valentine's Day, or thinking of you gifts....or just a fun treat for yourself.

Check out the upcoming 2021 Program Calendar, and put the Menno Haven events on your calendar. Pray for these events specifically and plan to come if you are able.

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!**

We would also like to specifically
thank our **prayer partners in our
Rally In Prayer for Menno Haven
group**. Prayer is so significant
in bringing the ministry and our needs
before God.

out more information*

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

Donate

Serving as Backyard Missionaries (Summer Staff)

Wish Lists

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