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## MH Musings: Oct & Nov - New Trading Post Items, Winter Retreat Update

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## October & November In Review



Twenty eight volunteers joined us on October 3rd for our **Fall Work Day**. It was a great day to be outside and do **wood splitting and stacking**, finish **cleaning up the large Oak tree** that fell in the West Village during the derecho, **removing autumn olive** (an invasive species) in one of our prairie plantings, **reorganizing the Roundtop wood shed** by splitting the north side into two sections to provide better organization for seasoned firewood and adding a door to the west end for easier access. Some volunteers also were able to do some **deep cleaning in the dorm rooms**. It was a great to share the day with friends!



While all of our campers and guests have enjoyed the patio, **this fall in particular it was a significant blessing to be able to provide a lovely large space for outdoor eating**. The weather was so nice the first week of November that the guests used the patio to eat all of their meals. Who would have thought that could have happened in November?!?!

We started this project to take advantage of the "gift" of time during warmer weather with no guests groups (thanks COVID-19). If you would like to help fund this project, contact Doc, **donate online** or send in a gift earmarked for "patio renovation".



**Fall Family Getaway** can be summed up in one word = **FUN!** Mornings started off with devotions around the fire. Then families had a great time checking off items on Menno Haven's Fall Bucket List including: hiking, boating, climbing the climbing wall, going on a scavenger hunt, making candles, and jumping in piles of leaves to name a few. We also had a **Sole Hope Shoe Party** on Sunday morning preparing denim fabric that will be used by Ugandans make shoes for Ugandans. You can find out more about **Sole Hope** here. All in all it was a great weekend. We wish you could have joined us!



**Sunday Concerts** were a fun thing we added this fall. In October **We the Least**, a band that led worship for 2020 Winter Retreats and for several weeks of summer camp in 2019, returned for an afternoon of song and worship for in person and online participants. A month later **the Gospelaire**s, a southern gospel quartet from the Hopedale area, performed a livestream event from Lakeview Lodge. The great harmonies and timeless words were enjoyed by all who listened. If you joined us for one of these events, thanks so much for participating!



While many good things happened in October and November, it was very disappointing all the events and programs that had to be canceled ... Learning Pods, Youth Leaders Retreat, November Family Getaway, in-person summer staff recruiting at the Mennonite Colleges as well as multiple on site guest groups. While we understand why, we miss seeing you all. We will continue to brainstorm ways to serve you, your families and your congregations. (Pictured above is another picture of the October Family Getaway.)



**You've been spotted** - We love seeing photos of people wearing and using their Menno Haven merch and showing their Menno Haven love. Here we have a grandma and grandson sporting matching t-shirts. We love it!

## Winter Retreat Update



It is with great sadness we have to let you know that High School and Jr High Winter Retreats are canceled at this time. 🙁

We are still hoping some version of Young Adult Retreat will be able to run. The logistics are being worked out. It may be a similar format and may be different. Stay tuned for more details.

**Young Adult Winter Retreat Info**

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## Perfect Christmas gifts for that hard to buy for loved one!

We have a **brand new sweatshirt** and **mug** in our **Trading Post** (see photo) and we are so excited to share them with you! The mugs are technically still in production and won't be available to ship until January which is a bummer. You can email [program@mennohaven.com](mailto:program@mennohaven.com) and we can reserve one for you today. We also have hoodie sweatshirts, t-shirts, Contigo travel mugs, clear tumblers with a straw, stocking caps, and Felix the frog. We even have **stocking stuffers** such as a headbands, lanyards, sunglasses, carabiner keychains, and Menno Haven magnets. Order at our **online trading post** and we will ship it to you or stop by the office if you live locally and pick your item(s) up to save on shipping costs. .



**Christmas Gift Ideas**

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## GrandCamp Registration is LIVE!

Maybe you can't spend Christmas with your grandchildren this year **BUT you can set aside 5 days to make some grand memories together at Grand Camp 2021 - August 1-5, 2021!**

No cooking. No cleaning. No planning activities. Just spending intentional time together having fun, learning how to strengthen your grandparent/grandchild relationship as well as your relationship with Jesus, and reconnecting with each other. Sounds like the perfect vacation.



You can find more information at our **GrandCamp** page. **Check out photos here** from our most recent GrandCamp to see what you may be able to expect. Short story - expect fun!



[Find out more about GrandCamp](#)



## Thank You

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

\* **Work Day Participants:** Jenni Marner, Makai Marner, Denton Marner, Madison Snyder, Anna O'Malley, Kendall Schrock, Logan Schrock, Doug Campbell, Tyler Campbell, Allyssa Burk, Tristan Crews, Augie Calsyn, Bob Erck, Brandon Burk, Ben



## Upcoming Programs

### 2020 Events

**Family Getaway** - Dec 18-20

### 2021 Events

#### Winter Retreats

**Young Adult WR** - Jan 8-10

**High School WR** - canceled

**Junior High WR** - canceled

#### Spring Events

**Work Day** - April 24

**Women's Retreat** - May 14-15

#### Summer Events

**Rally Day** - May 31



## Ways You Can Be Involved

Talk with high school and college-aged youth you know about being a **summer staffer during 2021**. Typically Menno Haven visits Christian colleges for Camp Recruiting Days in the fall but that is not happening this year so **your word-of-mouth advertisement would be greatly appreciated!!** Or pass on names to Ashley at [program@mennohaven.com](mailto:program@mennohaven.com).

**Show your support for Menno Haven while buying things for others and yourself.** If you choose to purchase items from **Amazon.com** this year,

Burk, Karen Burk, Carroll  
Tumblin, Caleb Johnson, Lydia  
Johnson, Paul Yoder, Marge  
Weaver, Ken Wolf, Dana Wolf

- \* **Augie Calsyn** (Via de Cristo)  
- grounds & working in the kitchen
- \* **Triston Crews** - grounds
- \* **Bob Erck** - trail clearing
- \* **Shelby Frederick** (past summer staff) - Family Getaway Program Volunteer
- \* **Tanner Liestman** (past summer staff) - Family Getaway Program Volunteer
- \* **Rebecca Moyer** (First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana) - accounting
- \* **Evan Richards** (Lombard Mennonite Church) - trail clearing
- \* **Chris Wimsett** - Housekeeping
- \* **Dana Wolf** (Church of the Open Door) - electrical and grounds
- \* **Ken Wolf** (Bridge @ Beans) - welding and grounds

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

- 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 out more information\*

**click here to find out how Amazon can donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Menno Haven** (Illinois Mennonite Camp Assn Inc) with AmazonSmile.

**Purchase an item from our Amazon Wish List or downloadable Wish List**, when you're Christmas shopping for your family and have it sent directly to Menno Haven.

**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.

**Know a group that could benefit from a free month long devotional book?** We have extra **Our Daily Bread Beyond Camp** devotionals that we'd love to share with you! Just pay for shipping or stop by and pick them up at the office!

**Give a financial year-end gift** by mailing in a gift or **donating online**.

**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!**

Donate

Serving as Backyard Missionaries (Summer Staff)

Wish Lists

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