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MH Musings: Aug & Sept Highlights

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God's Promises in August & September



August and September were a whirlwind of activity around Menno Haven. These days were filled with people enjoying the last days of summer - church groups, family reunions, men's retreats, a women's retreat, youth groups, a school group and a home school family group. It was so fun to be able to make events like these possible...filled with memory making and God moments.



The gift of different generations is that we all have something to listen, learn and teach between us. **This is why we LOVE our GrandCamp in August.** These brave grandparents bring their energetic campers here to share the wonder and joy that all generations can share. Through carpenter crafts, marble-painted water bottles, pet show, worship, biblical teaching, scripture memorization, ziplining, climbing wall, best grandparent impression dives in the pool, shuffleboard, boat rides, and of course time at Eagle Wing Activity Center, God was praised. All ages participated and left with a closer connection with their family. **We hope you'll plan to join us next year with your grandkids. Check out GrandCamp pictures and video here!**



All the **metal for the Lakeview Lodge roof finally arrived** in August. We had an **amazing set of volunteers** who installed the metal on one of the hottest weeks of August. What a gift!! Our volunteers also figured out that their average age was well above 45 (maybe add a decade or two on there) but you wouldn't have guessed it by how quickly they got the work done. **We are so blessed by all who contributed to this project** - with prayers, with finances, and with physical labor. Thanks for literally putting a roof over our heads. **To check out pictures of our hard working volunteers, click here.**

While we are so blessed to have a local metal company donate half of the materials for this project (a savings of around \$7000!), this project is still not fully funded. If you would like to **give to reroofing Lakeview Lodge, you can donate online here** and memo your gift "Reroof the Lodge".



Thank you for joining us in prayer for our next Housekeeper. We are so thankful when God answers prayers even when it's not in the way we expected it. Starting in mid-August a local Christian-run cleaning crew has partnered with us to keep our facilities clean for you. This has been a significant blessing for our year round ministry team during this time of being short staffed.



Most notable this past August for us as year round staff and for the running of the Menno Haven ministry was the absence of a Food Service and Housekeeping Manager. **We as the year-round staff pulled together to fill the roles and responsibilities** of this position. We were also **blessed with many volunteers and part time workers** who helped to cover the needs of the midweek and weekend guest groups in August. (Check out the above photo.) The first 21 days were particularly intense - cooking meals for all but 4 of those days and cleaning during and between groups - but we were glad to be able to serve those who were here. And while the immediate needs were taken care of (guest meals, cleaning, etc.), many of our non-urgent tasks had to take the back burner as we only had so many hours in a day. **Thank you for your grace and patience with us** during this time.



While the new patio has been an amazing place for people to gather during the day, **a little more light was just the ticket to make this space more inviting for guests to gather at night time. Thanks to a wonderful donor** who helped make this happen! Just this past weekend, a family reunion was out for hours enjoying each other's company and could actually see each other's faces. It was wonderful to see their community bonding in the quiet night air with the help of just a little light.

Before we continue on with other phases of this project, would you consider **giving a financial gift to cover the rest of the patio renovation** so we can continue to keep developing this space for you?



At the beginning of October, **we said goodbye to Jon Tumblin**, our Guest Group Coordinator. While we are excited for him to move closer to family we will miss him as part of the Menno Haven team. **We pray a blessing on Jon's future endeavors and are so thankful for the ways he has blessed Menno Haven the past 2+ years with his gifts.**



You've been spotted - Thanks to this summer camper for showing your Menno Haven love while helping your mom build a fire pit (we hope your campfires help you to remember summer camp!)

While this shirt is one of our newest shirts in our **Menno Haven trading post**, do you have anything from the past? We'd love to see your vintage Menno Haven gear on Facebook or Instagram. Is there anything we should bring back?

Employment Opportunities

Menno Haven is currently seeking applicants to join the ministry team in the role of Guest Group Coordinator & Food Service Manager. These positions are open effective immediately.

Guest Ministry Manager



This year-round, full-time position supports the planning and delivery of high quality retreats for all Menno Haven's guest groups. Specifically this position oversees the marketing and booking of guest groups and coordinating guests' needs before they arrive on site as well as managing the office including bookkeeping tasks. Excellent oral and written

Food Service Manager



This year-round full-time position oversees the operation of a full service kitchen including the hiring and supervision of cook's assistants, kitchen assistants and volunteers; menu creation; ordering; and dietary need accommodations. Interested candidates should have experience ordering, and preparing nutritious meals for groups (25-150 per seating).

communication and organizational skills as well as basic computer experience are imperative. Prior office and/or customer relations experience is preferred.

Prior experience with large quantity cooking is preferred and experience in a camp setting is helpful. The Food Service Manager helps exceed guest expectations of the overall camp experience by providing healthy, timely meals and a quality dining experience.

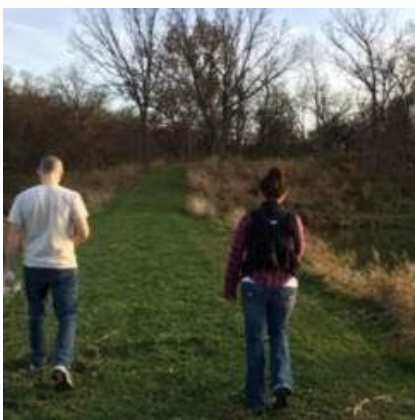
Salary, housing, and benefits are provided with these positions.

Candidates must have a strong commitment to serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, a heart for service and a deep commitment to Menno Haven's mission; as well as have a willingness to lead and mentor teens and young adults; willingness to lead and work with volunteers; and possess strong organizational, planning, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

Submit letter of interest and resume to Doc Johnson at execdir@mennohaven.com.

If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time or interim Guest Ministry Manager or Food Service Manager position until these full-time roles are filled, contact Doc. For more information, click on the link below.

More Information on Employment Opportunities



Youth Leader Retreat - "It's All About Relationships"

Are you a parent or part of a church who want terrific healthy leaders to guide and teach your youth? If so, this retreat can help you. By sending/inviting your youth leaders for this time to rest, recharge, and reenergize, they **will come back to you a refreshed leader ready to serve another year**. Serving youth has always been a unique call and especially today it can weigh heavy on the heart of a leader. We are **inviting youth leaders** to gather alongside other youth leaders and find community to **grow** and **brainstorm** with. Our speaker, Randy Keeler, Professor of Religion and Academic Dean at Bluffon University, will be leading us through scripture speaking to how this work of leading youth is all about relationships. If you are a youth leader, you are invited! We'd love for you to come! If you know a youth leader, would you consider sharing this opportunity with them? If you want to take it a step further, would you consider financially giving this retreat to the youth leader you know?

****The deadline to register for this event is this Friday, October 22nd, at noon.****

[Click Here For Info & To Register](#)

Christmas Family Getaway

At the end of our Christmas Family Getaway last year, we heard a child ask their parent, "Mom, can we come back next year?" and another participant say, "Maybe this could be our family's annual winter getaway." So who are we to squash those dreams? **We are hosting this getaway again so any member of the family of God can come and enjoy a slow weekend at our campus.** We will have some **classic Christmas activities** as well as a **service activity** to gift a family outside of our grounds with warmth for the cold winter to come. To **celebrate the birth of the most important baby in history with other believers**, what could be better than that? Yes, camp food, winter sports, warm fires in the fireplace, snow snacks, and breakfast in bed is great too, but you know what we mean ;) The price for this event is \$115/person or \$325 for a family of 3 or more for a weekend of fun. We hope you can join us!



[Click here for More Info](#)



Thank you so much to all who gave to our 2021 Fiscal Year End Appeal this past September. Pre-audit figures seem to show that we ended this fiscal year in the black/positive. Praise be to God!!



Thank You

We have been blessed the past August and September by many faithful friends who helped to fill in the gaps left by open positions. You are appreciated more than you can know!

- * **Dean Bachman** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) cleaning
- * **Augie Calsyn** (Via de Cristo) kitchen & maintenance
- * **Dave Colter** (Hopedale Mennonite Church) - install metal for Lodge reroof
- * **Eldon Eigsti** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) housekeeping
- * **Marilyn Eigsti** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) housekeeping
- * **Bob Erck** guest hosting & maintenance
- * **Adrienne Erickson** (Evangelical Covenant Church) kitchen
- * **Beth Gerig** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) cleaning
- * **Caleb Johnson** (staff family) housekeeping & kitchen
- * **Ed Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) housekeeping & kitchen
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) housekeeping & kitchen
- * **Lydia Johnson** (staff family) housekeeping & kitchen
- * **Jim Klingbiel** (camp friend) ropes course
- * **Dan Litwiller** (Hopedale Mennonite Church) - install metal for Lodge reroof
- * **Darrel Miller** (Hopedale Mennonite Church) - install metal for Lodge reroof
- * **Ken Moyer** (First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana) - install metal for Lodge reroof
- * **Wanda Nelson** (Via de Cristo) kitchen
- * **Evan Richards** (Lombard Mennonite Church) guest hosting
- * **Elias Rose** (Lombard Mennonite Church) kitchen
- * **Dale Thomas** (Hopedale Mennonite

Upcoming Programs

Fall Events

- Youth Leader Retreat** - Nov 5-7
- Association Business Mtg** - Nov 13
- December Family Getaway** - Dec 17-19

Save the Date for Winter Retreats!!

- * **Check out speakers & info here***
- Young Adult WR** - January 7-9
- High School WR** - January 14-16
- Junior High WR** - January 21-23

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2021
Program Calendar

Click on the event name to find out more information

Ways You Can Be Involved

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Encourage your pastor to take advantage of Menno Haven's offer for free lodging and day use for a pastoral personal retreat. Pastors can come alone or bring their spouse or family as well. October is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of this! Lodging is based upon availability.

Summer Staff recruiting is just around the corner. Our program manager Ashley, will be **traveling to some Mennonite colleges** at the beginning of November to recruit for summer staff. **If you know any students at EMU, Bluffton, Goshen, Hesston, Bethel, or Tabor, tell them to go say Hi** and tell her their favorite part about college!

SPREAD THE WORD about our open Food Service Manager and Guest Ministry Manager positions.

Help in the kitchen as dishwashers or as cook's assistants.

- * November 11-14
- * December 3-4
- * December 17-19
- * December 28
- * January 3-7

Guest Host Help host weekend or weekday groups and learn more about our retreat ministry. Thanks to those who have already signed up to help!

Available dates are:

- * December 27 - 29
- * January 3 - 7

Start your Christmas shopping early.

Check out our Trading Post for one-of-a-kind Menno Haven apparel and gear.

Purchase an item from our Amazon Wish List **downloadable Wish List** and have it sent directly to Menno Haven.

PRAYER - Our team is working overtime until we get staff positions filled; pray for us

Church) - install metal for Lodge reroof

* **Ken Wolf** - install metal for Lodge

reroof

* **Anna Zehr** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) climbing wall

We are so thankful for your help! We would not be able to minister to our guests without volunteers like you!

as we serve in new rotations and capacities AND pray for God to lead the right persons to us for these positions. Email sheena@mennohaven.com if you would like to be put on our prayer team.

Email Sheena Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at sheena@mennohaven.com or call the office at 815-255-4649 if you are interested in helping with any of these activities.

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