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MH Musings: Sept-Nov Review & Upcoming Events

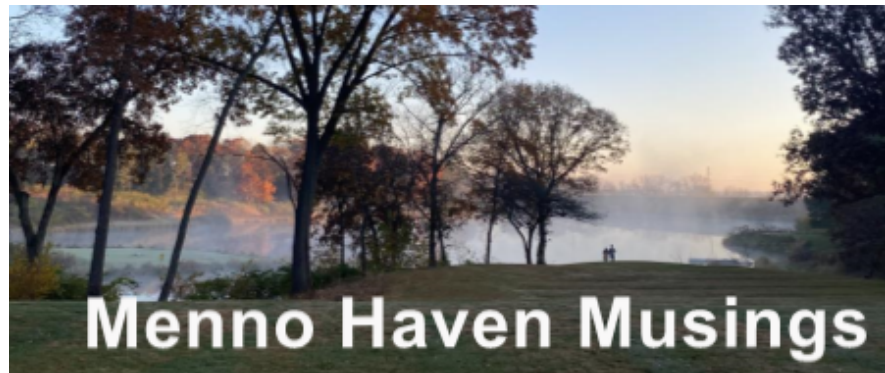
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September, October & November In Review



We love it when our donors get creative and think outside the typical donation box. We have three families who did just that.

1) One family found several hammocks at their house in storage and wondered if we could use them. Yes, please! Guests, campers, and summer staff love these additions around camp.

2) Another friend who owns a countertop business made and donated new bathroom counters / sinks to replace the pedestal sinks in the campground bathhouse (see photo above).



Fall Work Day Volunteers - We had a great group of friends who came on a beautiful day in October to help in various ways at camp. There were two big projects for the day: (1) forest restoration / removal of invasive species between the Lodge and the Lake and (2) taking down 15 dying / unhealthy trees along 1575 East St (the road along the main drive) and cleaning up all the debris.

We also had friends winterizing flower beds, transplanting perennials, helping in the kitchen, splitting firewood, retrofitting metal crates to hold firewood, and deep cleaning of dining hall chairs and upper Lakeview Lodge chairs.

3) A youth group who volunteered this summer saw that we could use [more picnic tables](#). So they are making them at home and will bring them to Menno Haven when they are completed.

Many thanks to these friends who are helping with improvements to our facilities!



November volunteers - We love it when groups organize their own volunteer times.

Lombard Mennonite Church Youth created their own volunteer weekend. Thanks for bringing in the boats in for the winter and retrofitting fluorescent lights to LED lights. The campground pavilion and shop lights are now more energy efficient and are much brighter.

The men who attended the **Morton United Methodist Men's Retreat** spent a couple hours of their weekend retreat giving back to Menno Haven. Thanks for taking time from your retreat to split and stack firewood. Your time and work is greatly appreciated!

[Check out photos of these two groups here.](#)



Thank you to all who came and served this day!

[Click here to see pictures of what happened at Fall Work Day.](#)



November has found Ashley, Sheena, & Bekka driving across the US, visiting colleges and past summer staff, and talking with students about [working at Menno Haven during Summer 2023](#). While it was great to talk with students at these locations, our best recruiters are YOU.

Can you talk with the awesome college and high school aged youth you know and tell them what you love about Menno Haven? If you ever worked at camp, can you tell them why you made that decision and what you enjoyed about the summer? We'd love to hear from you on social media: tag us and encourage others to apply for Summer 2023.

Also be watching for posts from our 2022 Summer Staff for their thoughts about serving at Menno Haven as we highlight one every Friday on our social media.



Thanks to all our guests who visited Menno Haven the last 3 months. We love being a location where you can meet as family groups, men's or women's groups, leadership teams, and church groups. We love serving you!

You've been spotted - This shirt traveled all the way to college with one of our part time kitchen staff members!

To all of our summer staffers, campers, and school aged friends, we pray the end of this semester goes well for you.



Here's the thing: we know y'all are awesome and there are so many opportunities for summer service. We also know from direct experience that we have sooo many opportunities **we can help you add to your resume** while you are serving alongside us. The best part is you get to fill your resume, while also **growing deeper in your relationship with Jesus**. Our *Summer Staff Discipleship Team* is amazing and *we would love for you to join for this upcoming summer*.

Applications are open now! If you are interested but have questions, email Ashley at program@mennohaven.com or call/text 815-527-8545. If you know you are ready to apply, click the link below and fill out an application today.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Events

Christmas Family Getaway - December 16-18, 2022



Come join us for a holiday weekend this December!

Christmas Getaway

December 16-18, 2022

Check In @ 7pm

More Info & Link to Register on Website



Tentative Schedule

Friday
 7pm - Check in at Lakeview Lodge
 8pm - Welcome Games & Decorating
 8:30pm - Snack & Free Time

Saturday
 8am - Breakfast
 8:45am - Morning Reflection
 10am - Adventure Time
 12pm - Lunch
 Free Time
 5:30pm - Supper
 7:30pm - Hymn Sing-a-long
 8:30pm - Movie in our PJs

Sunday
 8am - Breakfast
 8:45am - Morning Reflection
 Free Time
 11am - Service Activity
 12pm - Lunch
 1pm - Check-out

Why would we plan a program during what can be the busiest time of year? Well, we're glad you asked! This program is not just about relative families, but for all members of the Family of God! The truth is we know the holidays can be overwhelming for some depending on what season you are in in your home. We love providing a space for families to slow down during this season beside each other. Staying in one place for 38 hours while also remembering the reason for the season! We already have some families registered and would love you add your name to the list! Here's a remix of a holiday classic to get us in the mood.

(to the tune of Carol of the Bells)

Hark how the bell
 Strong golden bell
 It seems to say
 Throw cares away

Mealtime is here
 Bringing good cheer
 To young and old
 Warm and the cold

Snack-Eat, Snack-Eat

That is the beat
With joyful ring
All renewal-ing

One seems to hear
Hymns of good cheer
From each montage
Filling the lodge

Oh, how they bound
With snow all around (*hopefully*)
O'er hill and dale
Telling His tale

Loudly they laugh
While people craft
stories of good cheer
Christmas Getaway is here
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas (x2)

Wav-ing to friends
'Til next year's end
Jesus Christ's shalom
To every home...

Click-Click-Click-Registering..... 😊🧐

[More Information](#)

Winter Retreats

It's almost time to register your youth for our Youth Group Winter Retreats! We have two weekends to attend based on school grade: High School-Grades 9-12 (January 13-15, 2023) and Junior High-Grades 6-8 (January 20-22, 2023). Join us in praying for snow for these weekends! No matter if there is snow or not, the best part of these weekends are witnessing to community built across geographical lines. We look forward to sharing more information next month.

Information will be sent out to Youth Leaders explaining the new registration process when it is ready. If your youth does not have a youth group they belong to but would like to attend, email program@mennohaven.com.



[Find out more here](https://mennohaven.com/winter-retreats)



Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to all who took time out of their busy schedules and volunteered in September, October, and November.



Upcoming Programs

2022 Events
Christmas Family Getaway -
Dec 16-18



Ways You Can Be Involved

Talk with the college and high school aged youth you know about being a summer staffer during **2023**. Encourage them to check out

- * **Jay Bachman** - Work Day
- * **Tim Beyer** - Work Day
- * **William Beyer** - Work Day
- * **Zeb Beyer** - Work Day
- * **Augie Calsyn** - Work Day & general maintenance
- * **Dave Colter** - Work Day
- * **Nathan Detweiler** - Work Day
- * **Bob Erck** - Work Day
- * **Chris Ewert** - Lombard MC Youth Group
- * **Donna Grove** - Work Day
- * **Hal Gustafson** - Work Day
- * **Ed Johnson** - Work Day
- * **Esther Johnson** - Work Day
- * **Caleb Johnson** - Work Day & general maintenance
- * **Lydia Johnson** - Work Day
- * **Kate Kortemeier** - Work Day
- * **Kim McGlaughlin** - Work Day
- * **Mack McGlaughlin** - Work Day
- * **Rebecca Moyer** - office & accounting work
- * **David Needham** - Work Day
- * **Jim Parrot** - Work Day & general maintenance
- * **Noah Rhodes** - Lombard MC Youth Group
- * **Davis Richards** - Lombard MC Youth Group
- * **Evan Richards** - Guest Host
- * **Mona Richards** - Guest Host
- * **Deb Rowland** - Work Day
- * **Izzy Simmering** - Work Day
- * **Lexi Simmering** - Work Day & marketing assistant
- * **Kathy Springer** - Work Day
- * **Keith Springer** - Work Day
- * **Cameron Steelburg** - Lombard MC Youth Group
- * **Tom Sutter** - Work Day
- * **Morton United Methodist Church Men's Group**
- * **Ken Wolf** - Work Day

2023 Events:

Winter Retreats

High School - Jan 13-15

Junior High - Jan 20-22

Association Business Meeting - Jan 28

Spring Events

Spring Work Day - April 22

Women's Retreat - April 28-30

Summer Family Events

Family Camp - May 26-29

Rally Day - May 29

5k Run/2k Walk - May 29

GrandCamp - July 30 - Aug 3

Youth Summer Camps

Cottontail Camp - June 11-14

Blue Jay Camp - June 18-23

Jr High Camp - June 25-30

(includes Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks)

Sports Camp - July 2 - 6

High School Camp - July 9-14

(includes Wilderness & Cardinal Tracks)

Downloadable
2023
Program Calendar

our [summer staff page](#) for what to look forward to during their summer at Menno Haven.

Summer Staff Recommendation

Grant - If your family recommends a new summer staff member to Menno Haven and that staff is hired, your family will receive a \$150 grant towards your child's Menno Haven Youth Summer Camp Registration fee. [Click here for more details about this grant.](#)

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 will donate 0.5% of your purchase price](#) to Menno Haven (Illinois Mennonite Camp Assn Inc.) with AmazonSmile.

Purchase Menno Haven swag for your hard-to-gift family members and friends. Check out our new [coffee mugs](#), new [leather patch beanies](#), new [travel mugs](#) and a reorder of our [logo sweatshirts](#) in new colors ([navy](#), [heathered gray](#), [garnet](#), [antique sapphire](#), & [azalea](#)).

Purchase an item from our [Wish List](#) and bring it with you the next time you come to Menno Haven.

Guest Host - help host weekend or weekday groups and learn more about our retreat ministry.

Available dates are:

* December 27 - 29

* January 2 - 6

* January 13 - 15

* January 20 - 22

* January 27 - 29

* **Micah Yoder** - Lombard

MC Youth Group

* **Paul Yoder** - Work Day

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

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

* If you would like to participate in any of the above activities or have any questions about them, contact Sheena at 815.255.4649 or sheena@mennohaven.com.

Donate

Serving As Summer Staff

Wish List

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