



# Menno Haven Impressions



THE NEWSLETTER OF MENNO HAVEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER ~ FALL 2012

## 2013 Winter Events

### Jr. High Winter Retreat

Jan. 11-13

### High School Winter Retreat

Jan. 18-20

### Family Winter Retreat & IMCA Annual Retreat

Jan. 25-27

Bring your family or  
youth group to our  
winter retreats!

## Calling All IMCA Members!

This year we will be having a weekend retreat during family camp. Bring your families, enjoy the weekend and speakers and then sit in on the Members Meeting on Saturday afternoon.



## *FELLOWSHIP 55*

Menno Haven and the Fellowship 55 attendees were blessed by the presence of Jan Gleysteen, a Mennonite historian from Holland. Jan's input included slideshows (yes, with actual slides, not Powerpoint) of various topics including Christian and Anabaptist history, Menno Simon's life, the Hutterites, and Holiday's in Europe. Jan also shared about his life during World War II and the Nazi Occupation. The war came to life as Jan explained his family's experience with hunger during those years and the different tactics that the Nazis used to convince the Jews to go to the camps and showed everyone real newspaper articles, pictures, and flyers from the time. Around 20 people were present throughout the week to hear Jan's presentations.

Other activities included the traditional hayrack ride, campfire with kettle corn, a hymn sing, and service projects. Wednesday night Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook held a concert in Lakeview Lodge. They held the attention of almost 60 people as they dazzled us with their voices and instruments, many of them homemade.

Consider joining us next year October 1-3, 2013 to listen to Elsie Rempel, a Mennonite Church Canada Faith Formation Consultant and author of Please Pass the Faith: The Art of Spiritual Grandparenting. Before you think this book doesn't apply to you, consider Rempel's words, "Spiritual grandparenting is relating to those in the first third of life, with the willingness to be spiritual companions or co-pilgrims... this book is for anyone in the last third of life who cares about the faith growth of those in the first third."

## Winter Retreat Speakers

### Junior High Winter Retreat: **Matt Hickman**

Matt Hickman, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life at the Mennonite Church of Normal (IL), is a convinced Anabaptist from southern Indiana. He specializes in Christian Formation of children 0-18 and their families.

### High School Winter Retreat: **Maria Hatfield**

Maria Hatfield is pastor of Amor Viviente—Living Love in East Peoria, IL and is the liaison for Hispanic pastors & congregations. Maria serves by relating directly to Hispanic pastors and congregations of the IMC conference.

### Family Winter Retreat and IMCA Annual Retreat: **Bob and Pamela Yoder**

Bob is campus pastor of Goshen College. Pamela is pastor of Community Life and Pastoral Care at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. They both enjoy being part of their children's lives, as well as running, biking, and the Pittsburgh Steelers!



# MENNO HAVEN IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE!

**Thank you  
Metamora  
Mennonite  
Church**



Before

Metamora Mennonite Church donated new windows for the entire lodge building! Volunteers from Metamora came in late September and worked with our staff to install 23 windows in

about 6.5 hours! The windows look beautiful and will significantly reduce our energy bills. Thank you for your wonderful donation!



After

Thanks to Hopedale Mennonite Church, the Farm House Garage Project is nearing a finish. We hope to have it done before the snow comes!



## Future Projects:



New Lighting in Lakeview Lodge



Remodel Dining Hall Bathrooms



A New Walk-in Cooler/Freezer in the Kitchen

## Interested in Helping?

Come volunteer anytime! Just give us a call at (815) 646-4344. You could:

- ♦ Help host guests during a weekend
- ♦ Help install siding on the garage
- ♦ Learn how to lead the adventure course



And much more!



There is a new set of cement steps leading from the parking lot up to the bunkrooms and hotel buildings.



They are a very welcome change as the old railroad tie steps were becoming a safety hazard.

## Menno Haven Year Round Staff

Doc (David) Johnson,  
*Executive Director*  
Paul Yoder,  
*Facilities Director*  
Ben Bouwman,  
*Program Director*

Rachel Bastian,  
*Food Service Manager*  
Yasi Bouwman,  
*Admin. Assistant*

Rebecca Hovde,  
*Guest Group Host*  
Melissa Cook,  
*Housekeeper*  
Evie Yoder,  
*Grounds-Keeper*



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**Join us for the First Ever**

**Menno Madness**

**3v3 Basketball Tournament**

**Sat. March 2,  
2013**

**More info to come!**

