



# Menno Haven Impressions



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

## 2012 Fall Events

**Fellowship 55**  
October 2- 4

**Fall Work Day**  
October 13

## 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

We would like to extend  
special Thank Yous to  
**Ron Adams**  
**Doane Brubaker**  
**& Cal Zehr**  
for sharing their wisdom  
and guiding our campers as  
Camp Pastors.

## Encountering Jesus

The word *encounter* has, as with many words of the English language, evolved and slightly changed meaning throughout its existence. What used to mean a "confrontation" or a "meeting of adversaries" has slowly changed to become what we now understand an encounter to be, a meeting. The parts of the word taken separately actually mean "in" (en) "against" (counter), but has come to mean "in with", or "in front of".

This summer at camp we have been discussing different ways that people of the Bible have been "in with", or "in front of" Jesus. As with the word *encounter*, these people were changed for the better. Many had a life of hardship or confrontation, but after they encountered Jesus, they led changed lives. The woman who had been bleeding for 12 years was not only healed, but also allowed back into society because she was no longer "unclean" because of her illness. Zaccheus dined with Jesus, repented his ways, and brought salvation to his house by repaying those he had cheated. The Samaritan woman at the well had been living an empty life, but after being filled with living water, she found meaning

and fullness. Even after his ascension, Jesus confronted Saul on the road to Damascus, and Saul, soon to be Paul, was in with Jesus because of his encounter.

While these stories are all fine and dandy, what does it have to do with us? How can we encounter this man who walked the earth over 2,000 years ago? Fortunately, we have been left a handbook about just that— the Bible. Through reading these stories, we are able to have our own encounter with Jesus. We are left instructions on what we can do when it happens. We can clothe the naked, feed the hungry and visit the prisoner.

**-Aaron Kaufmann, Summer Program Director**



## Rally Day 2012



We had another wonderful Rally Day this year! There was a little bit of rain, but not enough to disrupt our activities. The day kicked off with a worship service including the introduction of our summer theme, full-time staff and summer staff. We all shared a delicious meal followed by an



afternoon of climbing wall, swimming, lawn games and a concert! We were blessed to have Canadian singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman and IMC Conference Minister Chuck Neufeld come and perform for us! The concert was interactive and fun for all ages. Over 120 people that came out for Rally Day and helped us raise about \$1,069 for Camper Scholarships.





## From Our Kitchen to Yours

### Zucchini Bread:

From MH Cookbook

3 c. flour  
 2 1/2 c. sugar  
 1 1/4 c. canola oil  
 4 beaten eggs  
 1 1/2 Tbs. vanilla  
 1 Tbs. cinnamon  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
 4 c. zucchini  
 1 c. pecans (optional)

Mix in order given. Blend all ingredients well. Grease bottom of 2 loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for about 50 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.



## Look Who's Coming



**Les and Gwen  
Gustafson-Zook**

**Wednesday Oct. 3, 2012**

Les and Gwen are an entertaining and energetic folk duo. Their music reflects values gained in years of work with Mennonite Central Committee and is great for all ages.

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Concert starts at 7 pm

## Spring Work Day 2012

Thank you to all of the volunteers that came in April to help us get ready for the summer season. We had over 80 volunteers from 9 different IMC churches doing many different projects. We were



able to get the pool mucked out, spread mulch, chop honeysuckle, deep clean facilities, put together a mailing and cook lunch for everyone! Thanks again to everyone who came to volunteer. We could not have done it with out you. We look forward to seeing you at Fall Work Day on October 13 as we prepare for winter!

## Being a Counselor

Menno Haven has always been a big part of my life whether as a camper or now as a staff member. I now get to enjoy the privilege of being a counselor for the second year in a row. This summer, once again, proved to be packed full of fun experiences. I enjoy working with youth because they bring a new



perspective to life. One night at campfire, one of my campers said she didn't like the song we were singing. When I asked why, she said it was because she did not understand the meaning of the words she was singing. I was very thankful for the opportunity to explain what the song meant. As well as helping the camper understand, the song became more meaningful to me. This is just one example of the many refreshing experiences a camp counselor may encounter throughout the summer. **-Hannah Bachman, Head Cabin Counselor**



**Come join us on Oct. 2-4, 2012**

for the 6th Annual **Fellowship 55 Retreat** to hear **JAN GLEYSTEN, well-known Mennonite Historian**, provide the worship time input! We will also spend time doing service projects, taking a field trip to a local tourist site, and enjoying a concert by **Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook**, along with other activities.





## Praises

- A wonderful and safe summer
- All of the donations of time and money to help improve our facilities
- An increase in camper numbers
- The great churches and ministries we partner with as guest groups who come on retreats.

## Thank you !

to all of you who have gifted the ministry at Menno Haven with your gifts of volunteer time, resources and prayers! We could not do all that is done here at Menno Haven without all of your help!

## Wish List:

- Front Loading Washer & Dryer
- Chain Saw
- Plain Colored T-shirts
- Dehumidifier
- Corelle Serving Bowls
- Laptop Computer  
(5 years old or newer)
- Volunteer Guest Hosts

## Future Projects

New lighting and windows in Lakeview Lodge

Remodel the walk-in cooler and freezer in the kitchen

Replace the steps from the parking lot to the bunkrooms

Remodel the downstairs bathrooms in Lakeview Lodge

## CHECK OUT OUR IMPROVEMENTS

### Refinishing Lakeview Lodge Floor

East Bend Mennonite Church funded the restoration of the upstairs wood floor. A professional flooring company sanded off the old wax, repaired holes and sealed the floor with a high traffic finish. This provides greater protection of the floor and it brightens up the room significantly.



### Low Voltage Path Lighting

Lombard Mennonite Church MYF has been busy lighting up Menno Haven. This past April they came out and replaced the path lighting from Lakeview Lodge to the hotel rooms and bunkrooms. They also put in new lights from the parking lot to Green Cathedral campfire ring.



### Remodeling the Upstairs Bathrooms

The Menno Haven staff and volunteers were hard at work last February renovating the upstairs bathrooms in the Lodge. We completely gutted the bathrooms and replaced everything from floor to ceiling. We redesigned them for a more spacious feel and also installed motion sensor lights.



### Farm House Garage

Currently the Maintenance Shop & Farm House garage are housed under the same roof. In order to provide increased shop space, a new garage is being built attached to the house. This will then allow the maintenance staff to use the full shop building; increasing work space by 30+% and good parking for new tractor.





### Menno Haven Staff Photo:

Front Row (Left to right): Lisa Kay, Rachel Bastian, Sarah Lake-Rayburn, Leah Landes, Ella Lubienski, Lydia Johnson, Evie Yoder, Yohanna Graham, Kiah Costilow, Rachel Evans and Simon Zehr. Second Row: Melissa Cook, Ryan Miller, Ben Bouwman, Michelle Moyer, Hannah Bachman, Paul Yoder, Caleb Johnson, Eryk Hovde, Kaitlyn Bettner, Rachael Hovde, Samuel Foxvog, Matthias Joireman, and Nathan Kennell. Third Row: Sarah Sutter, Hannah Blackwood, Yasi Bouwman, Aaron Kaufmann, Doc Johnson, Sheena Johnson, Bryn Hovde, Rebecca Hovde, Nicholas Peebles, Petey Biddle, Brock GunderKline, Brad Sandlin. Not Pictured: Sawyer Biddle, Samuel Flannigan, Meredith Satchwell and Michael Horst



Menno  
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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*

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*Guest Group Host*  
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Evie Yoder,  
*Grounds-Keeper*



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## MOUNTAINS MOVED

When Joe Bachman, Sr. of J&D Farms and Buzz Bender of Bender Land Improvement heard of a generous donor giving \$10,000 towards new road rock, they got busy. These men

from Cazenovia Mennonite Church organized 12 semi-trucks, 3 tractors, a small dump truck and a skid loader to move the rock here Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. By the time they left, Menno Haven was heavier by 1,700 tons of gravel. The semi's hauled 70 loads of CA-2 rock. By 3pm, it was all finished. In that time, they put 3-4 inches of stone over every road, lane, and parking area on site. They even expanded both the main parking lot and Eagle Wing Activity Center parking. **THANK YOU to all who volunteered that day!**

