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MH Musings: September; Upcoming Concerts & Retreats

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September In Review



Thanks to all who gave financial gifts towards our fiscal year which ended September 30th. **With your help \$27,401 was raised!!!** We are blessed, humbled, and so grateful.

As we look towards this fall, winter, and spring, we will continue to need \$30,000/month in income and/or donations to care for this place and the year-round staff as we host guests on site as well as plan and prepare future programs and events in order to stay poised and ready to serve the multitudes of people who we hope can return next summer.



Guests this September kept our campground busy. One church group in particular was thinking ahead when they planned their family camping weekend. They weren't sure they would be able to meet inside and celebrate Christmas together this December so they had 🎄🎆🎁 "Christmas in September" 🧡🎉💖 complete with a Christmas decoration contest for each family's campsite! It is so fun to be part of stories like this.

How are you being creative with your friends and church family to find a time and space to meet together? If you are looking for some ideas, check out our upcoming events below including

You can help in this upcoming season by:

- **coming yourself or organizing a group to come** and take advantage of all the opportunities Menno Haven has to offer.

- **giving a monthly pledge** of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more for the next 10 months.

These things will be what helps keep Menno Haven viable as well as ready for the future.



Menno Haven's mama tortoise Sally the Smilin' Snapper's eggs hatched this September!!! One day after a big rain, baby turtles could be found making a dash for the water from the flower beds by the office. God is amazing - these little creatures were created to know just what to do even when Mama Turtle is no where in sight.

We had to help a few turtles who almost took a dive in the pool and so we snapped a few pictures for our **Facebook & Instagram** stories. Did you see them? If not, make sure you're following us as we share fun happenings like this with you on these platforms.

concerts, fall family getaways, and a youth leader's retreat.

As of this writing, we also have openings in our hotel and dorm rooms as well as tent and RV sites for guests in October and November. Contact Jon at info@mennohaven.com or 815-255-4649 if this sounds interesting to you.



You've been spotted! It has been fun this past month spotting people showing their Menno Haven spirit and posting pictures of themselves wearing their MH apparel while out hiking, preserving food, and spending time together with family. **If you are missing these wardrobe necessities, you can go to our **online Trading Post**** and order a cozy sweatshirt perfect for fall weather or a summer tshirt to bring back memories of summer fun.

A throwback to summer: a family who came to our Family Camp this summer caught this amazing footage of their time here and it's so cool. **Check out the video here!**

Family Getaways - Fall 2020

****Thursday, Oct 15th is the last day to register for the Oct 23-25 event!****

You are invited! Get away with your family to camp one more time this year! There are three weekend dates planned (October 23-25, November 20-22, & December 18-20). These weekends will have a relaxed schedule with some planned activities but also providing time and space for your family to choose your favorite camp activities to do together! Or if you want ideas, we can give you our Menno Haven Fall Bucket List for activities on the Menno Haven property you might not have thought of. Space is limited; first come, first serve.

[For More Information](#)



Sunday Concerts 🎤 🎵 🎸 🎹 🎶

We want to enjoy as much outside as we can before the winter season hits so we're excited to announce our end of the season social distance Sunday Concerts at Menno Haven this Fall!

**END OF THE SEASON SOCIAL DISTANCE
SUNDAY CONCERTS AT MENNO HAVEN**

2PM @ LAKEVIEW LODGE LAWN

OCTOBER 25	NOVEMBER 22
	
WE THE LEAST	THE GOSPELAIRES

Whether your family wants to extend their Family Getaway weekend, or you want to come for the day, or if you want to join the concert via livestream (make sure to RSVP to get a link to the livestream), we are excited to host these musical groups to share with you all!

If you come in person, we'll be spread out on our Lakeview Lodge Lawn so bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket. A free will offering will be taken for the Ministry of Menno Haven. For more details click the button below.

Sunday Concert Details



Thank You

We have been blessed by some wonderful friends who took time and volunteered this past September installing outlets on the east side of the Dining Hall and at the Lawn Care Shed, helping with a mailing, and cleaning up downed trees and limbs after the major storm in August.

- * **Augie Calsyn** (Via de Cristo) - Grounds
- * **Triston Crews** - Grounds
- * **Marilyn Eigsti** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Bob Erck** - Electrical & Grounds
- * **Beth Gerig** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Caleb Johnson** (Staff Family) - Mailing
- * **Esther Johnson** (Willow Springs Mennonite Church) - Mailing
- * **Lydia Johnson** (Staff Family)



Upcoming Programs

Fall Events

- Family Getaway** - Oct 23-25
- We the Least Concert** - Oct 25
- Youth Leader Retreat**
- Nov 13-15
- IMCA Annual Business Meeting** - Nov 14
- Family Getaway** - Nov 20-22
- Gospelaire's Concert** - Nov 22
- Family Getaway** - Dec 18-20

Downloadable
2020
Program Calendar

Click on the event name to find out more information

SAVE THE DATE **2021 Winter Retreats**

- Young Adult WR** - Jan 8-10
- High School WR** - Jan 15-17
- Junior High WR** - Jan 22-24



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.

Participate in events at Menno Haven. Check out the Upcoming Programs and pick one or more you think would be fun to attend.

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!!

If you are a past Menno Haven Summer Staffer, email

- Mailing

* **Evan Richards** (Lombard
Mennonite Church) - Electrical &
Grounds

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

2021 Summer Events

Rally Day - May 31

Family Camp - May 28-31

Cottontail Camp - June 20-23

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

program@mennohaven.com and give
Ashley a 1-3 sentence blurb about what
you loved about serving at Menno
Haven for a summer.

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

**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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