

The Taftsville Chapel Current

God calls us as followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a community of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to our world.

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"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

-- John 3:8

The Gift of Love At Work

by Randy Good

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

This simple truth from the book of Romans is the basic message of the Gospel -- the Good News of Easter. Lent, the seven weeks leading up to Easter, is typically a time spent reflecting on our own sin and our need for a Savior. We seek to remember that, apart from Christ's righteousness, we are still sinners. The intent of the Lenten season is to recognize our mortality and our dire need of Jesus' gift of righteousness. By observing Lent, His life for our sakes on the Cross becomes more poignant; His Resurrection becomes personally meaningful.

We have been studying the Christian doctrine of non-resistance from our human perspective:

- * Is this truly what the Bible teaches?
- * What does it mean for me to follow this teaching?
- * But what if this or that were to happen?

It may be becoming clear that this way of loving emerges from the nature of God, from His character. It's not a natural, human reaction. It is Super-natural; in other words, something of God Himself. This Lenten season we are looking at Jesus as one who lived true to His character. This year, rather than focusing on our sin, we're hearing stories that help us to remember His love for us, while we were still sinners.

Jesus instructs us to "turn the other cheek", "go the second mile", "repay evil with good", "do good to those who hurt you", "love your enemies", "pray for those who mistreat you". We consider these instructions and try to be faithfully obedient. But this Lenten season, let's learn to become aware that this is

Jesus' attitude toward us. In the many small ways each day that we think a selfish thought or do a selfish act, we are behaving as an enemy to Christ. Let's seek to remember that, even in those moments, Jesus is loving us, praying for us, doing good to us, laying down His life for us. He loves us that much.

On Sunday mornings during Lent, we are hearing true stories of men and women who somehow had access to the grace of God during a difficult or terrifying moment, enabling them to respond with love during their experience with an "enemy", someone who intended harm. We're hearing about the gift of love at work; the Holy Spirit gift of loving an enemy. As we listen to these stories, let's remember the One who loved us, and demonstrated his love for us, while we were yet sinners.

Editor's Note by Caren Swanson

This issue of the Current has taken on it's own focus of bringing us up to date on our extended church family and the projects they are participating in, both near and far. As we awaken from our winter slumber and stretch our hearts and minds, as well as our bodies, there is much to take stock in. Even as green shoots try to push through crusty leaves, promising new life, the crisis in Japan weighs heavy on our hearts. In all of this, we have the promise of God's presence, and the Good News of Easter! Happy Spring, and if you need a little inspiration of what's coming, enjoy this picture from Ruth Ann Glick from last summer! *Alleluia, Christ is risen!*



Church Life

The Taftsville Family

Our church family not only consists of those that regularly attend at Taftsville Chapel but extends to those people who have been with us in the past or are away for a short while: as close as Randolph, Harrisonburg, and Arizona to India, Indonesia and Haiti. Praying for our family and friends in the work that they participate in is a powerful way to support them but we should also pray for the lives that they touch. May we also be touched by their stories and be moved to some sort of transformation in our own lives.

Health in Harmony

Taftsville regularly sends our support to Health in Harmony, an organization making a difference in people's lives in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. When Kinari Webb and her husband Cam were members at Taftsville in the late 1990's, Kinari had a vision for a holistic approach to health care and the environment, and a longing to return to Indonesia. That dream became a reality as Kinari finished medical school, and Health in Harmony was born. Today Dr. Webb oversees a growing organization that has served over 15,000 patients



Dr. Kinari Webb with a patient.
Photo from HiH web site.

since its inception in 2007. They have also started an organic farm training program to assist community members in establishing better livelihoods, better nutrition, and a healthier relationship with the natural environment. To read the latest

news about Dr. Kinari

Webb and Health in Harmony, visit the website at: <http://www.healthinharmony.org>



Regina, Brent, & Erin Beidler with Dr. Kinari Webb on the docks in Pontianak which is the gateway city to fly through into Borneo.

The Beidler Family Farm

Brent, Regina and Erin Beidler, past members of our congregation, own and operate an organic farm in Randolph, VT. They recently become Third Place winners in Stoneyfield's Grant a Farmer's Wish Campaign. Congratulations! To follow their farm adventures you can visit their website, www.beidlerfamilyfarm.com (Here is an excerpt)

We are expanding our connection to the local food system by diversifying into other food production here on the farm. A number of small grain crops provide food for local consumers and our cows and the straw from these crops provides essential bedding for the cows. It is our long term goal to be as independent as possible of outside inputs by being able to produce as much animal feed and bedding and energy inputs here on the farm as we can. Other diversification includes a small beef herd and some small-scale vegetable production for the local school and retail outlets. We know the valuable connection between our farm and those who buy the food we produce. Thanks for being our partner.

Besides milking cows and growing wheat, Brent also serves on the Board of **Health in Harmony**. The Beidler family recently returned from an adventure in Borneo, visiting Cam and Kinari Webb.

Regina shares about their adventure in Indonesia:

March 2011

Our minds are full of impressions and things we want to remember as we return home from Indonesia. Here is what we saw and did during our time in Borneo.

Cunung Palung National Park –

The work of Health in Harmony is focused on the villages that surround this 200,000-acre national rainforest park, which is home to 10% of the world's remaining orangutans. This forest is the watershed for 60,000 people and is an important and challenged resource. Illegal logging is monitored in the park and although there are incentives to not log it continues unabated. We saw several factors that impacted the continued logging.

- West Kalimantan (regency or equivalent to our states) was recently divided in two with Sukadana (where clinic is located) as the new seat for one of those halves. This has created a bit of a building boom and, in the absence of Home Depot, wood is needed for building.
- Birds Nest Soup is a delicacy in Asia with premiums paid for the bird nests. Local folks have discovered that 3 story swallow houses can be constructed and insulated providing cool habitats for swallows that allow them to harvest the nests. People are paid \$1500/kg which is huge money compared to what they earn in the local economy. These houses are mushrooming up everywhere and are taking building materials plus making an undetermined impact on the local swallow population.
- People continue to run into huge medical care bills for care at hospitals outside of the clinic. These bills are way out of whack with what people earn and what they can pay. For instance, one woman had some complications after a c- section that required her family to cut down 90 Durian trees

(averaging 30-50 meters or 100-150 feet tall) to pay the bill. Trees are part of a family's savings account and people often destitute themselves in order to pay for medical care.

We heard from Cam that rainforest trees grow, on average, 2 mm per year. If you figure out the replacement time for first growth forest we are talking hundreds of years. Conservation efforts are happening but the impact will be long term rather than short term.

We had the chance to go hiking in the forest one weekend. We traveled 45 minutes by motorbike to the trailhead and then had a two-hour hike up to a camping spot. The first third of the hike was moderate hiking and we were lucky to spot an orangutan high up in a tree- a rare spotting. The second third was up more steep terrain with some scrambling required. The final third was aided by knotted ropes that one could use to pull oneself up. We were glad to get to the top at dusk and spent the night in a treehouse listening to the night noises of the forest. We also saw red leaf monkeys, gibbons, a hornbill and lots of insects and plants that showcased the diversity of the forest. Coming down was much easier and we were able to admire the series of waterfalls that flanked the trail.....

Read more of the Beidler's story on Taftsville's website [http://taftvillechapel.org/2011/04/...](http://taftvillechapel.org/2011/04/)



Rainforest seedlings await planting at Project ASRI, one of HiH's projects.

Photo from HiH website.

THE CURRY CHRONICLES:

Laura Beidler in India

Laura Beidler is spending four months in India with Eastern Mennonite University's Cross Cultural Program. Here is an excerpt from her blog:

April 1, 2011

While we were out west in the state of Rajasthan we did many exciting and rather "India-esque" things, such as:

- elephant rides through the jungle
- tours of many forts and gorgeous palaces
- camel rides through the Thar Desert
- jeep safaris through the sand dunes of the Thar Desert
- an evening of traditional Rajasthani dance and music

All in all, Rajasthan was a rather exciting place to be. OH! I almost forgot. Before we arrived in Rajasthan, we stopped in Agra to see the Agra fort and the TAJ MAHAL! It was more gorgeous than it looks in photos and I know that I do not have nearly the skill or vocabulary to describe it with words. All I can say is that to really understand the majesty of the Taj, you need to visit it.

After our time in Rajasthan, we returned to Delhi for a few days before a whirlwind trip to Amritsar. We took a train to the city on day, toured the city and saw the Golden Temple and India/Pakistan border the next and then took a train back to Delhi and then to Hardiwar the next day. It was quite a lot of traveling and train time. :)

In Hardiwar, which is in the foothills of the Himalayas, we went white water rafting on the Ganga river. It was so much fun. Even an overly cautious individual like me had a blast. We all got to get out of our rafts and swim in the frigid water too. Don't worry, the Ganga is still safe this far north! [... *Continued on blog*]

Laura would love any updates from home! You can read her blog at:

<http://currychronicles2011.blogspot.com/>
or send her an e-mail at laura.beidler@emu.edu

LEAH BEIDLER IN HAITI

Leah Beidler and her sister Caitlin have a heart for the children of Haiti. They venture to Cite Soliel to distribute Bibles, organize summer Bible camps, and create murals with the children. Here are excerpts from Leah Beidler's blog, <http://camphopehaiti.blogspot.com/>

February 24, 2011

Today was an amazing day. This morning we got to visit St. Joseph's Home in Port-au-Prince. It is a home that was built 25 years ago for boys off the streets. So neat to be there, hear the vision, meet the boys, and hear about the journey they have walked through. A man gave us a tour, 26 now, came to the home at 6 as a restavek. (In Creole it means, "stay with"--it is child slavery) He spoke about his journey to St. Joseph's and upbringing at the home. He spoke passionately about giving back to his people, his fellow brothers, the home, and the director of the program. He told us about when the earthquake hit he was on the roof of a 7 story building that came crashing down. He was able to jump onto a tree, which saved his life because he did not go down with the rubble. Following that story he said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." He really challenged me today. It was a blessing to hear his story, but see the power of Christ in his life, the strength of the human spirit, and the power of prayer. I left encouraged and feeling grateful for the opportunity to walk in and out of the home.

I asked him how the home got started and he told me that it started 25 years ago with a man named Michael who had a calling to start a home for street boys. He moved to Haiti with \$1,000.00 and started with just five boys living in a home with him. 25 years later they run a home for street boys, a school for the disabled, a bakery/coffee house that employees mothers, and a school. So neat to see the fruit of labor and the Lord's blessings. It was also encouraging as Caitlin and I have felt the calling of starting a home for street boys. It was a beautiful gift to be able to walk through the home today and meet some of the men that grew up at the home, look at their artwork, hear their stories, and see how this home and family brought life and joy into their lives.

Spring Globe-Bank Offering Project Supports Living Hope Native Ministries in Ontario

by Virginia Schlabach

Some of us may remember hearing of Northern Light Gospel Missions at Red Lake, Ontario, a Mennonite ministry which dates to the 1950s. A couple from Taftsville, Ivan and Rachel Ramer, served at Red Lake at one time, and Bob Rosenberger spent two of his childhood years at Red Lake, where his father was a bush pilot. Look on a map of western Ontario above Minnesota and follow routes 71 and 105 to the end of the road at Red Lake. Beyond that, you'll see Pikangikum, Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, and North Spirit Lake but no roads! In the early days, the mission was to "Indians", today called Canada's First Nations - which indeed they were and are - and today the mission has a new name, Living Hope Native Ministries. The basis of the ministries, which are built on "relationships and service", is a partnership of Native and non-Native Christians who are "dedicated to expanding the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ among Canada's first Peoples." (See brochures on the Millen Room bulletin board for a full description. Also check out the children's bulletin board in the basement, which has a map and photos.)



Living Hope worker Coleen Estese with Pikangikum children

Bob continues to be interested in the on-going ministries at Red Lake and the surrounding area, and it was his suggestion that our spring globe-bank loose change offerings might be used to help provide food for First Nations children in

Pikangikum. Bob's friend, Colleen Estes, often finds herself "helping to feed the hungry kids." When parents' money runs out at end of the month, children come to Colleen for food and she makes meals for them. Bob talked to her recently and she told him she purchases a lot of pasta - "spaghetti, that sort of grub." As there is only one store in town to serve 2500 people and supplies come by airplane or boat, a gallon of milk costs \$10.00 and a 5-lb. bag of potatoes is 14.99!

Our globe bank offerings will be taken during worship on April 17 and all Sundays in May, and our children will measure the offerings by pasting food items - one item for each dollar - on a mural in the church basement. To introduce the project, Bob has shown the children a short video sent by Colleen and shared his childhood memories and photos of Red Lake; he also plans to make a video of our kids to send to Canada.

To learn more visit

<http://www.livinghopenativeministries.org/>



Bob Rosenberger at Red Lake in 1957

AVAILABLE IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS:

True Stories of Faith and Adventure
Compiled by David. H. Siegrist

This book is a compilation of stories and photos from the early days of Northern Light Gospel Missions - stories of airplanes and ice and moose as well as stories of God at work in the lives of people. Bob Rosenberger also has a personal copy he is willing to lend. He says: "Ivan Ramer has a story in the book...a sad one to be sure...of an incident that took the life of their son soon after arriving in Slater Falls."

SHATTERED DREAMS:

God's Unexpected Path to Joy
by Dr. Larry Crabb (November, 2010)
Review by Lynda Knisley

A short book, and a quick read, and *then*, long term thinking which might change us where change matters most. SHATTERED DREAMS, by Larry Crabb, moves rapidly through the story of Naomi and Ruth; from grief to hope. God revealed His love for them and despair turned to celebration. They checked "worry" off the "to do list" for the rest of their lives. Right? This is just not that kind of book at all. Dr. Crabb met some resistance from publishers who thought his perspective on man's relationship with God was a bit gloomy. Risk that and read it anyway. The reward comes with a healthy after-shock. You may finish reading and have new questions about old answers.

We find credibility when an author's thesis on suffering is born from his own experiences. We also accept the principle that Christians *will certainly have* dreams shatter merely by living in an unpredictable world. But what if a loving God remains distant when we most need Him to move in and repair the damage? What if tragedies senselessly multiply, and pain seems all out of proportion with prayers for a solution? What do believers *do* when *nothing* they do coaxes God to comfort us or even to restore confidence in His power?

Familiar Bible verses portray a God who heals, delivers, fixes, and gives Himself lavishly. Dr

Crabb peels a few layers from these assumptions, and there it is; God does give lavishly...on His own terms. SHATTERED DREAMS prompts reflection; what could God possibly want *more* for His children than happiness and peace?

YOUTH UPDATE

Bridges to the Cross: Pittsburgh 2011

The biennial Mennonite Church USA national convention takes place, July 4-9, 2011, in Pittsburgh, PA. Convention is a time to gather and worship, meet new people and see old friends, to celebrate what's happening across our denomination and to find out where we are going. It's a time and space for Mennonite Church USA to come together for fellowship, learning and lots of fun!

The theme for Pittsburgh 2011 is "Bridges to (the) Cross" and the Scripture text is 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20:

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Pittsburgh, known as the City of Three Rivers, is connected by 446 bridges. This theme has a twofold message. . . First, that as instruments of Christ's reconciliation, we too have many bridges to cross. Second, God calls us to shape our culture as ambassadors for Christ, instead of continuing to have our culture shape us. We are called to serve as bridges to Christ.

<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention/Pittsburgh2011/tabid/1441/Default.aspx>

Many Taftsville Youth will be attending and are in the process of raising money for the trip. Please see Alison with how to help!

BETHANY BIRCHES CAMP

It's hard to imagine that summer will ever arrive seeing we still have snow on the ground! However, with the warm sun shining on spring-like days, it's only a matter of time before we will be thinking of summer activities like camp at Bethany Birches.

Each summer we choose a nature-oriented theme to help us gain deeper insight. What camper doesn't like an object lesson?

Have you ever looked at a fire and been unable to take your gaze away from it? The glow of fire is captivating. Fire is a powerful force in nature. Fire provides warmth, energy for heating and cooking, and light. Fire is Aglow.

This summer we are using FIRE to help us look deeper into matters of faith and to invite the Originator of fire to join us. Will you please join us too?

Bethany Birches Camps:

- * Pioneer – Ages 8-10; June 19-24
- * Pilgrim – Ages 9-11; July 17-22
- * Friendship – Ages 6-8; July 11-13
- * Voyager – Ages 10-12; July 24-29
- * Voyager Extended – Ages 10-11; July 17-July 29
- * Discover – Ages 11-13; June 26-July 1
- * Discover Extended – Ages 12-13; June 26-July 8
- * Explorer – Ages 12-14; July 3-8
- * Sojourner – Ages 14-18; July 31 – Aug. 5

Is Bethany Birches in your future? Check out the possibilities for this upcoming summer:

<http://www.vtchildrenscamp.com/summer-staff-opportunities/>

UPDATE FROM AMENA IN NORTH CAROLINA

Amena McShea Rees was a vibrant member of our congregation until retiring with husband Jake to Etowah, NC in 2009. Recently she went "live" with her new venture as a Board Certified Master Christian Life Coach. From her new brochure, Amena says her "passion and calling is to blend her Christian faith with her profession....With a compassionate heart and an open mind, Amena lends all her knowledge and skill to the coaching process." You can visit her website <http://coachamena.com/>. Congratulations, Amena!!

MMN UPDATE FROM JAPAN

Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) reported that all of its workers and associates in Japan are safe from the recent tsunami, but urged prayers on behalf of their ministries and the people of Japan. Raymond Epp, MMN associate, Sapporo, Japan says, "[Since March 11], it is no longer strange to talk in public about God. This could be the beginning of a change in which the forces of globalization come to a halt and people work together to create a more humane and livable world, the work of reconciliation. God in Christ is reconciling all humanity and all creation, and the church is invited to participate in the reconciling work."

This prayer was created from their prayer requests.

When All Creation Groans and Quakes: A psalm of compiled prayer requests from Mennonite Mission Network personnel in Japan

God,
What to say?
What to pray?
Our past and future swept away.

Is the good earth toxic?
Will life-giving water poison us?
We stumble through a living nightmare.

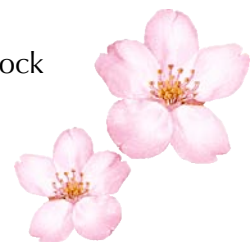
Our power sources betray us.
Our life foundations have been demolished.
Our loved ones are lost, gone.
Our tears increase the flooding.

All that remains are the hands and hearts
Of those willing to accompany us
In this unspeakable tragedy.

What to say?
What to pray?
We seek a foundation that will not crumble or dissolve.

In the name of Jesus, our Rock
and Cornerstone,

Amen



UPDATE FROM TED AND ELINOR IN TUCSON *from their March 27 newsletter*

Hi Everybody,

...[One] day we had two jobs in the same area to the south of town. Strangely enough both clients had the first name of Guadalupe. Both were families of four with incomes of only \$200 to \$300 per month. They both lived in very old mobile homes in need of just about every kind of repair. At the first place we did some trouble-shooting, then installed a light fixture in the bedroom, replaced a faulty outlet and installed a light fixture in the kitchen. A church had donated an air-conditioning unit to them but they can not run it because it is too big--it trips the breaker every time they try to run it. Their furnace does not work because there is no gas piping to the furnace.

After the first job we attempted to find the second job which according to the address should have been near-by. When we got to the place where we thought it should be, there was only an empty field. We circled around on various dirt roads trying to find the right spot. We made repeated calls to our office, who contacted the client and then us again (so the client would not be making phone calls to our NH cell phone). Finally we resorted to stopping and asking anyone we saw outside. First I talked to a young woman. She could not speak English but by pointing to the address on my work order she understood what I was looking for. She indicated we were not even close to the right house number. I found another woman outside her home and she could not speak English either. Again I went through my pointing to the work order routine--with the name and address. I asked, "Guadalupe?" And she nodded yes and pointed to herself. I said, "You are Guadalupe?" And she answered affirmatively again so I thought we had somehow stumbled onto the right place. She took me inside but seemed puzzled. I said, "Electricidad?" She was even more puzzled so she called someone who could speak English on her cell phone. Through this translator I asked her to show me what was wrong with her electricity. To which she replied, "There is nothing wrong with my electricity." At this juncture I realized I had run into the third Guadalupe of the day. I apologized and left.

(Apparently Guadalupe is as common as Mary in the Hispanic community.) After a few more phone calls, we did find the right Guadalupe--nowhere near the house number and street address that we had. (Heaven help them if they ever have an emergency and call 911.) At this home we replaced several broken and charred outlets and installed a hall light all the while gingerly stepping over spongy areas in the floor that were about to break through. They also had multiple broken windows--not a nice thing when it gets into the thirties at night.

Our temps have been in the mid-to-high 70s and in the mid-40s at night, right now. Nice temperature to work in.

Hope that you all have had a good week.
Elinor



Randy, Elinor and Ted at CHRPA headquarters in front of their RV "home" in Tucson, AZ

Welcome to the Newest Member of the Kishbaugh Family!

We extend our congratulations to Tara Kishbaugh and her husband, Aaron, on the birth of her son, Fionn Alexander! Fionn (pronounced "fin") was born Thursday, February 10 at 11:40 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. He is 18.5 inches long. He is also welcomed by big brother Willem.

Our dear friend Joan Alderfer passed away on Friday, March 18, 2011 in her home in Archbold Ohio. She was a long time cherished member of Taftsville, and brought up her three children here. Her daughter Mary Beth (husband Kerry Beck) and their three children were also members of Taftsville until they moved to Archbold in 2007. Prior to her retirement she had worked as a private duty Registered Nurse. She also volunteered at 10,000 Villages in Archbold. She thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren who called her "Oma", and she also enjoyed trips to the Jersey shore, gardening, music, reading and birds. We will miss you, Joan. See you 'There'!



Joan Alderfer in her Ohio home with the friendship wall hanging from Taftsville Chapel - July 2008



*Happy 50th
Anniversary to the
Hackmans*

Denny and Marie celebrated 50 years of marriage on February 11. Congratulations on this momentous occasion! We look forward to celebrating your 50 golden years together in May. The flowers were sent by their children in honor of this milestone.

Come Celebrate Resurrection Morning!

On Easter morning, April 24 at 7 a.m., we will gather at the chapel to remember and reflect on the familiar story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Join us for this most meaningful time, as we carry our big wooden cross to the top the the hill. Songs of resurrection will ring through the beautiful valley; and then we will return to the chapel to share a wonderful breakfast together before our regular worship service begins at 9:30. If you aren't able to come on the early morning cross walk, you are still invited to join us for breakfast at 8:00. There will be a sign-up list for breakfast items to bring. Second hour will be canceled on Easter morning.

(to see pictures of our 2010 Cross Walk, visit the March 2011 post at Taftsville's website <http://taftsvillechapel.org/2011/03/>)

TAFTSVILLE TIDBIT TRIVIA

Do you remember when...

40 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 9, 1971

The profile of the Taftsville Congregation which Richard Glick and Murray Beidler composed was read for evaluation. Richard was appointed chairman for locating a minister.

March 28, 1971

A note from Mr. & Mrs. Allen Guntz reads, "We wish to thank each one who helped us on our new house, and with babysitting and moving. We extend an invitation for you to come visit us in our new home."

35 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 2, 1976

It was brought to our attention that the library space is full and a few more shelves could make the library a little neater.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 3, 1981

Six women from Andover fellowship and six of our women met at the chapel for a quilting bee from 10-2. Lunch was supplied by the Taftsville women.

March 15, 1981

Treasurer Mary Guntz advised that by placing the Educational Fund monies in a 2 1/2 year certificate we could almost double our interest rate. It was decided that this would be a good move to make.

25 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 25, 1986

We discussed the matter of building a bathroom in the Millen Room. It is recommended that the trustees go ahead with this. The congregation will be asked for approval of this project

15 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 9, 1996

The Vermont cluster of Mennonite churches will host an afternoon and evening with Paul and Ann Gingerich, Peace Evangelists, at the Mid-Vermont School gym.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH

March 1, 2001

There was discussion about the need for new chair cushions, as our current cushions are getting too worn and torn. Carie volunteered to look into prices and availability for this.

40 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 28, 1971

Candlelighters will meet at the home of Annie Lind. Miss Davis will speak to us about making a will - a subject that concerns everyone.

35 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 6, 1976

For an estimated \$400-\$500 it would be possible to trench and lay drainage pipe around our building. It would be a real convenience to have a dry basement floor.

30 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 19, 1981

Ken Stoltzfus [Ruth Ann's brother] prayerfully considered a call to come to serve as our pastor. He does not feel the Lord is leading him to do that at this time.

25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 25, 1986

Friday evening twenty-five members from the Christopher Dock Mennonite High School will present a music program at the Woodstock Congregational Church. Overnight lodging will be needed.

20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 9, 1991

We started planning to purchase new worship hymnals. Our goal is approximately 50 new books plus a piano edition.

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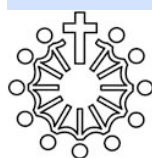
10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

April 1, 2001

Come to our Talent / Hobby Night with something to share!

Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship

Located in the village of Taftsville, VT, one block south of Rt. 4 on Happy Valley Road.



Randy Good, Pastor

<http://www.taftsvillechapel.org/>

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