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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 23) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$5,339.00
- Program Fund \$325.00

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE COIN OFFERING

**For the month of December,
the children will be collecting coins
during the worship service
for Mennonite Disaster Service.**



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 6, 2019—Message from Pastor Tom

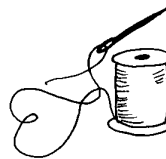
"Welcome to the Lord's table" - Communion



January 13, 2019—Message from Pastor Tom

Sewing Circle

Since the first Tuesday in January 2019 is New Year's Day, Sewing Circle will meet on the second Tuesday, **January 8 at 9:00 am** at the church.



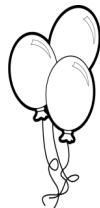
We received a thank you note from the family we sponsored for Christmas.

*"Thank you for blessing
our family" #122*



Happy Birthday

Ella Mae Martin—Saturday, January 5
Kayley Eshleman—Sunday, January 6
Faye Woods—Tuesday, January 8



Happy Anniversary

Leon and Lydia Martin—Monday, December 31
Dave and Dawn Moore—Friday, January 4

Welcome home Norma!



Norma Rutt is home from her vacation with family in Georgia. She would like to thank you for the cards she received while she was there.

CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!

Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board outside the coat room. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop in New Holland. Please clearly mark items: **"Quilter's Attic"**.

*Donations accepted during business hours,
All Year Long!*



Copies of the 2019 Birthday & Anniversary calendar are available on the information table in the lobby. Please help yourself to a copy if you'd like one.

SAVE THE DATE—January 26, 2019

Authentic Moroccan Meal

On **Saturday, January 26, 2019** an authentic Moroccan meal will be served banquet style in the Fellowship Hall of **Stumptown Mennonite Church**, 2813 Stumptown Road, Bird in Hand. Angelica and Andres, with the help of friends, will be the hosts and will be serving tajine (main dish of chicken), a fresh salad, French bread, fresh fruit and mint tea accompanied by scenes and music from Morocco!

The meal will be at 5:00 pm.

The dinner will serve as a fund-raiser to support Andres as he seeks to extend by two years, through 2020, his term of service with Eastern Mennonite Missions. Andres is a member of the “Christian/Muslim Relations Team: Peacemakers Confessing Christ”, led by Dr. David W. Shenk and with teammates Jonathan Bornman, Angie Brenneman and Grace Shenk, and serves as consultant to churches of many denominations in the US and worldwide, teaching and leading seminars on building bridges of dialogue, witness, peacemaking and hospitality toward Muslims.

(see www.emm.org/peacemakers)

A freewill offering will be received. Reservations are required as places are limited. All are welcome!

**Call, text or email Mag Nolt at 717-575-3119
or magnolt47@gmail.com
by January 22, 2019 to reserve your place.**

Berg Family Update

The year has been full of victories, full of challenges, and full of evidence of God’s faithfulness, and we are so tremendously grateful for all that God has done! We are really thankful for our family and friends who have walked with us on this journey.

We are thrilled to announce Kristen’s engagement to Jason Kang! More details will come in future letters.

Stop by the missionary bulletin board and see the pictures and read their newsletter.



MDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mennonite Disaster Service is looking for volunteers to go to Ponce, Puerto Rico, to help rebuild after Hurricane Maria. Weekly volunteers are needed January through March 2019. The



work may mostly be demolition and will definitely be hard labor. Skilled labor is always welcome. MDS offers up to \$200 in flight reimbursement for anyone who serves for a week (5 consecutive work days) or more in Puerto Rico. Please complete a Volunteer Registration Form online at mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration-form/ (make sure to specify the Ponce location in the comment section of the application.) MDS staff and the Puerto Rico Coordinators will work together to assign volunteers to project locations on the island. Your location request will be taken into consideration.

*If you have questions, please contact
Deanna Frey of MDS at 1-800-241-8111
or email dfrey@mds.mennonite.net.*



Save the Date!

Church Retreat at Woodcrest

July 12-14, 2019

Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend. We have 10 campsites reserved. Invite your family and friends to go camping with you.

