

Oh, we come from Kingview Mennonite
With a hymnal on our knee.
We're goin' on an ocean cruise
Way down in Tennessee!

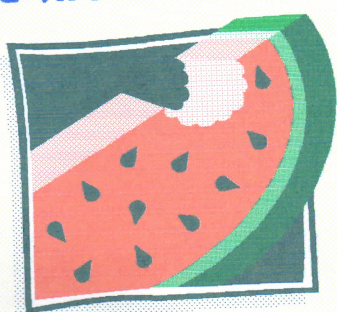


It snowed all day the night we left
The ship was high and dry.
We got sun burned and froze to death
From looking for the sky!

Oh Scottsdale Mennonite
We're sorry you can't go.
We're on a sunny ocean cruise
In a foot of fallen snow!



The boat it had a spiritual crew
The captian rowed behind.
The cook she did aerobics
And the engineer was blind!



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Oh, what an ocean crew
A singing all the day.
We journeyed for a thousand miles
And never went away!

Missions celebration at Carpenter Park

An interesting and inspirational missions celebration was held at the Carpenter Park Mennonite Church on November 3. Liz Hunsberger addressed the subject of "Missions From Us." Liz is an alumnus of the Mennonite Central Committee, having served overseas and in the office headquarters in Akron, PA. The congregation was challenged by hearing her experiences.

Letus Nyati, a member of the Brethren-in-Christ church in Zimbabwe enlightened us on the growth and vitality of the church in his native country. As the director of music in his home church, he very capably led us in a familiar hymn. Letus is presently living in Scottsdale. He is here under the auspices of MCC's visitors exchange program. He spoke on a topic entitled, "Missions To Us."

Mike Martin shared his experience of assisting with farm work on an Ebensburg farm when on spoke on the subject, "Missions Among Us." The farm, which is owned by two elderly gentlemen, will be donated to Mennonite Central Committee. Meanwhile, they have requested help to operate the farm. Mike and his wife Kim responded to this request, which was channeled through MCC. In addition to farming responsibilities, Mike is also busy making repairs to deteriorating buildings.

The children from the church eagerly handed food items to Liz Hunsberger and our assistant pastor, Steve Kriss, as they packed a Christmas food box for Yugoslavian refugees. The items had been purchased by our missions coordinator, Florence Blough. In addition, the congregation contributed \$765 for additional boxes. While the box was being packed, Carl and Norma Fisher added more meaning to the service by singing, "Freely, freely, you have received; freely, freely give."

Appropriate scriptures were read by Florence Blough and Ernie, Diane, and Beth Hol-sopple.

—Lorene Saylor, Carpenter Park

Kingview invites friends to outreach activities

As a church, Kingview wants to come closer together as a body of worshipers and open the doors to welcome new people. We have recently done both of these things as we went to our annual campout and at a later date put on the first Olde West Night at Kingview Canyon.

On October 12 and 13, we stayed at Camp Sunrise on the Pennsylvania and Maryland border. The church spent a relaxing and enjoyable weekend playing volleyball and table games, visiting, going on walks in the beautiful autumn mountains, and worshipping together.

There is a tradition at our campout of having a Saturday night activity that involves the whole church. This year, one of the small groups organized everyone into improvised Dr. Seuss skits. The Sunday worship was led by Charles Sherk, our new interim pastor, and incorporated members of the church sharing how they saw God. The weekend served as a time for contemplation, relaxation, and getting to know each other in an informal setting.

The Olde West Night at Kingview Canyon took place on the evening of November 2. Members were encouraged to bring friends and neighbors, and we were pleased to see many new faces. Western attire was encouraged and many came decked out in the clothes of the cowboys, pioneers, and Native Americans which inhabit the stories of the old West.



Left: Kingview Canyon's Jenny Hiebert, Mary Meyer, June Schrock, Laurie Weaver, Cindy Miller are "frontier belles" who turn into the Dry Gulch Gang, cleverly in disguise (below).

After a time of visiting, everyone sat down to enjoy the saga of the Lost Posse's search for the Dry Gulch Gang. Being Mennonite, both gangs naturally sang in four-part harmony, so the audience was entertained by humorous and melodious music. At the end of the night, prizes were awarded to the best family, couple, and individual costumes.

—Deborah Scott, Kingview

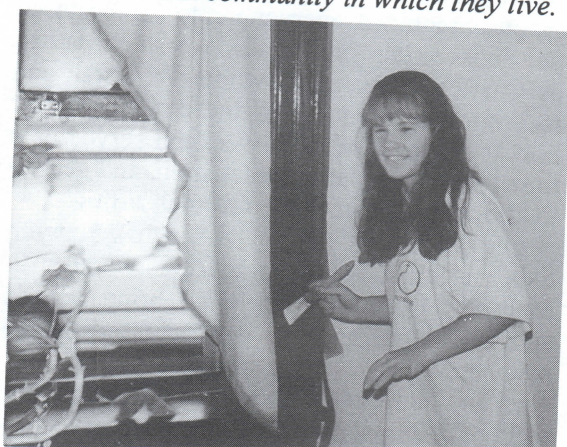


Allegheny Conference News

Young adults serve in Service Adventure

Shereen Alwine and Shelby Moyer began serving their term in Service Adventure in September. Service Adventure is a program run by Mennonite Board of Missions for young adults between the ages of 18 and 20. They serve for ten and a half months within the church and community in which they live.

Shelby Moyer painting the kitchen at the house where she and Shereen Alwine are living. This picture was taken before she spilled paint all over herself.



For our time of service, we were assigned to Norristown, Pennsylvania, where we live, grow, and are getting to know the people within the community and the church. The church we attend is Norristown New Life Mennonite Church.

New Life is a multicultural and bilingual congregation. On any Sunday morning we have the option of attending a Spanish or an English service.

On United Sunday, we experience Spanish and English-speaking people together through a translation. We sing a lot of Spanish songs, which is frustrating, especially for those who don't know Spanish very well. The services are very interesting.

Shelby is an elementary student in a school program. She is also working at an elementary school as a volunteer on Sunday mornings. She is part of the church choir. Involvement with the youth group is another major part of her weekends.

Service Adventure is a great opportunity. God has really blessed us in the few months we've been here. We would encourage anyone who wants to do some volunteer service after high school to look into this program. In Service Adventure, we have the experience of

living with a group of people from different parts of the United States. It is a great opportunity to broaden our horizons and grow closer to God.

—Shereen Alwine (Weaver) and Shelby Moyer (New Life, Somerset)

Calcutta welcomes World Conference

Calcutta, the "City of Joy," is hosting the thirteenth assembly of Mennonite World Conference January 6-12, 1997. India 1997 is rooted in the conviction that Anabaptist Christians from around the world have something essential to learn from each other, and that the gathered global church can invigorate local church life.

The theme for India 1997 is "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches!" It is taken from the invitation to seven churches in Asia at the end of the first century, as recorded by John in the book of Revelation. For India 1997 participants, it is an invitation to listen and respond to the work of the Spirit in Anabaptist churches worldwide at the close of our own century.

India 1997 has two main parts. Assembly Gathered is the "conference" portion of the Assembly—a gathering of several thousand participants from around the world. It provides opportunities for both fellowship and work. Times for fellowship include gathered worship and singing, morning and afternoon tea breaks, and informal meetings in the Global Church Village. Many opportunities are available to make international, intercultural connections.

Assembly Scattered is an occasion for smaller, more intimate gatherings, with local Christians across India and neighboring countries. Through these visits, participants will experience everyday life in the homes and churches of brothers and sisters in other parts of our world.



India

Dear Jeni & David,
I was going through a box of old papers & found these. I apologize for misspelling your name, Jeni! Good photos, though. And I thought the lyrics with Addy's designs were a nice blast from the past. Sorry to miss you on this visit! Next time ~ Debbo