

# NEWSLETTER

## Eat The Manna, More Will Come

by Wayne Speigle

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This newsletter belongs to all of us. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to submit articles to the editor.

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### **Mission Statement**

*As we encounter God's heart of love, our hearts are made new by God's Spirit. We invite people to experience Christ's love, welcoming each one into a caring fellowship, serving Christ with our gifts and resources.*



I heard recently about an opportunity in a worship service to summarize a life lesson in six words, a task resisted by the writer until the words came to her: "Eat the manna, more will come." The message of course – God has provided, trust that God will continue to provide.

Manna was the "daily bread" (or whatever it was) provided to Israel as it travelled in the wilderness. Enough was found for each day, twice as much on the sixth day so that there were leftovers Sunday. No use saving it, take it as it comes.

As summer arrives I find myself every year remembering the concept of Sabbath – a good idea one day out of seven and even more appropriate in summer. Though some of us tend to work harder this season, most of us also take time to "vacate," allow space. We might ease up a bit on expectations of how much we will get done, or at least apportion some time to do less, if not nothing.

Why? For rest, of course, and as importantly, to actively confess that we depend on God. This was the lesson of the entire wilderness

experience with its individual parts – manna, quail, water. God will lead and God will provide. We do not need to keep our nose to the grindstone at all times.

There is a tension, of course there is: "God has no hands but our hands." I am a firm believer in making our best efforts, going extra miles (though 100% is sufficient – how can you give 110%!).

Then regularly, because it is good for us and because God works while we rest and sleep and play, we find time for Sabbath. Even a week or two of it.

## WISDOM FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

BY PAUL MARTIN

### PSALM 119

#### vv 113–120

#### IN AWE OF GOD'S JUDGEMENTS

I hate double-minded men,  
but I love your law. (v 113)

Away from me you evildo-  
ers, that I may keep the  
commandments of my  
God. (v 120)

A number of times in this psalm the writer refers to evil and evildoers. Here in the two verses above he mentions them again, implying that he desires to not associate with such double-minded persons so he can more freely keep the commandments of his

God.

The Apostle James in his gospel (1:6-8) also uses the descriptive term double-minded to describe persons who “straddle the fence” trying to get through life without commitments to anything. James says such persons will receive no reward for such inaction.

How firm are we in our convictions and commitments? Would the psalmist want to associate with us, or would he say, “stay away from me”. Might our lack of dedication to our calling

classify us with the persons the apostle and psalmist mention here as unworthy of any reward? What further commitments are we being called to make toward the growth of God's kingdom here in our town?

#### PRAYER

Lord, forgive me for my weak commitments. Help me to commit with my whole heart and being to the part of kingdom work to which you have called me. AMEN

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Remembering those in our church family  
who went to be with our Lord  
in a previous June.*



Viola Ruth

June 7, 1979

John H. Ennis

June 14, 1990

Ruth E. Andrew

June 20, 2003

Cloyd G. Good

June 7, 2004

Ruth Herr

June 19, 2004

# LT HIGHLIGHTS

BY JENN ESBENSHADE

**Pastoral Search Update** – Dawn's sermon will be uploaded and some extra CD's will be made available for those unable to attend the service on June 22. The website address for the sermon will be put in the bulletin. The LT will be open to any questions or concerns that the congregation may have.

**Spanish/English Relationship** – On Saturday, May 24, a delegation from both NHMC and Spanish Mennonite visited a church in Norris-

town that has multiple ethnicities worshipping together in order to get ideas of how our relationship might proceed.

**Bulletin and Worship** – Worship Commission will be meeting and will begin discussions on how to organize the bulletin. Wayne will also have a Sunday School class focusing on worship and getting people's opinions.

**Elder of Christian Education** – Bob A.'s second term expired

in April. He is open to stepping down if someone else wants to come in. Bob agreed to extend his term for three years and also be open to looking for someone to ease into the position. A suggestion was made that the LT should also be open if there needs to be some reshuffling of elder roles of commissions.

**Clean up of membership role** – The LT will send letters to those being moved from the active to inactive. The letters

will be followed up with phone calls.

**Poverty workshop and financial guidelines** – Chuck Holt is being contacted about holding a poverty workshop for our congregation and helping in the development of guidelines for working with those in poverty.

## EARLY LEARNING CENTER NEWS

BY PEG JACKSON

Reflections of 23 years at New Holland Early Learning Center. This will be my last newsletter article as director here at the center and bear with me as I remember and reflect on my time here. They have been very good and rewarding years. My love of children has been a very important part of my journey here. I was very fortunate to be able to stay at home with my children when they were young as I watched children in my home for 11 years before I took this job. This job has stretched me and my gifts. But God has been with me through it all. Early on I remember reading there are many kinds of leaders and you can be who you are. Romans 12:8 says "If God has given you leadership ability take the responsibility seriously." Did I really have this ability? The Board seemed to think I did, so I decided to give it my all. I read many different articles about being a good leader. Some leaders have a forceful style, some reluctant, some are all business. I think I'm a combination of all of these. I found you need to look to the greatest leader of all, Jesus Christ. Jesus never wrote a book on leadership. He was never elected to public office and never ran a company. He did speak to five thou-

sand people once before giving them a free lunch. He focused on his disciples and preferred to relate to people one at a time. He was very concerned about leaders and he knew his disciples would need to carry on his teaching after he was gone. He told them in Luke 22:26 "Those who are the greatest should take the lowest rank and the leader should be like a servant." So the greatest leadership principle is if you want to lead you have to serve. I feel that the Early Learning Center has taught me this. I see this as a true mission of this community and everyone in the center and the church are servants. There have been so many staff, church members, parents, and friends who have worked, volunteered and served to help keep this place running. My loving and caring staff have watched many babies learn to roll over, sit up, take their first steps, heard them say their first words. They have watched mothers cry as they leave their children, seen children cry when their mother's leave. They have taught them their colors, numbers, shapes, letters and how to zip, and ride a two wheel bike. They have also given out many hugs, kisses, cookies, and band aids. Many volunteers washed dishes,

cleaned, did hundreds and hundreds of loads of laundry, fixed toys, made bibs, made toy boxes, coat racks, fixed holes in the walls, rocked babies, make subs, read stories, picked up food, sang with the children, picked up milk, fixed the playground, painted and painted some more. I feel the children are the winners in all this as they have learned about Jesus through stories, songs and bible verses. For many of them this may be their only chance to learn about the Bible. This is a safe place for them to come and see the same familiar face and have the same routine and know that they are loved. Everyone here has had a part in that and we all have made a difference in that child's life. Thank you to everyone who has made this a great 23 years. I'm sure the next 23 will be great as well as we continue this wonderful service to our community.

Please pray for Wanda as she takes over the director position. Also remember to pray for safety for all the children and staff as they spend more time outside in all the beautiful weather. Thanks and may God Bless.



