

Calendar of Events

Staff Retreat.....	Sept. 19 - 20
First Term	Sept. 21 - Oct. 31
Post-Term Opportunities.....	Oct. 21 - Oct. 31
Wrap-up.....	Nov. 1
Second Term	Nov. 4 - Dec. 13
Christian Nurture Conference	Nov. 22-24
Thanksgiving Vacation.....	Nov. 28 - 29
Choir Tour	Dec. 13 - 20

Notice:

There are still openings for men & ladies in first, second, and fifth terms. There may also be opportunity during third or fourth term as the waiting lists are not very long.

Student Opportunities

1st Term - September 21—October 31, 2019

- Classes Offered:
- Christ In The Old Testament
 - Local Church Evangelism
 - I, II Thessalonians
 - Biblical Cultural Foundations
 - Principles of Biblical Interpretation
 - Music Theology & Ministry
 - Developing the Servant John
 - ◆ Post-term opportunities
 - ◆ Discipleship Group Program

2nd Term - November 4—December 13, 2019

- Classes Offered:
- Personal Evangelism
 - Wisdom Literature
 - Revelation
 - Growth In Christ
 - Anabaptist History
 - Genesis
 - Timothy / Titus
 - Servanthood That Enriches
 - I, II, II John / Jude
 - ◆ 1 week choir tour following term

A Long Story...

Forty-three years ago, Green Hill School was purchased by Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute. Shortly thereafter, one of the charter board members, Leroy Gehman, noted a property adjacent to the institute and said, “SMBI needs to purchase that property.” With that, he began to pray to that end. In the course of time, the property owner was approached about selling, but had no interest.

Through the years, SMBI has encountered numerous land related obstacles. First, when needing to construct sand mounds for sewage drainage, we did not have the required land area for the project. After some difficulty, God provided *just enough* land to move ahead.

When SMBI developed plans to put an addition on the front of the school- now the offices, chapel, library, and ladies dorm- more land issues blocked the way. This time the property across route 30 included a small slice of land along the front of SMBI’s property. This made the setbacks too close for construction. Again, more delays. In this case, the neighboring property changed hands and the new property owner sold the land in question to SMBI for \$1.

Later still, additional staff housing was needed. Once again, neighboring land owners were contacted, but there was no interest in selling even limited ground. This time we expanded the ground level and added a second floor to an existing structure on the campus. So, through the years, there has been repeated difficulties with property limitations.

Several years ago, Leroy expressed his continued thought that “SMBI needs to buy that property across the road.” Well, at that point, the owner didn’t share his opinion. However, he was beginning to think about selling “some time.” In the summer of 2018, SMBI was permitted to get an official appraisal of the property. Unfortunately, it was considerably less than the \$290,000 the owner indicated he would like to have for it. So, we continued to wait.



During all this time, SMBI has rented two houses adjacent to the school for staff needs from the local Methodist parish. While providing needed housing, the accommodations are not the best, water supply is limited in the one, and mold has been an issue in the other.

With continued housing needs and decisions to be made, in May, the SMBI association decided to offer \$256,000 for the purchase of the property. A counter offer of \$265,000 was received and accepted on June 17, 2019.

After making this landmark decision, the next discussion was the payment of the 10% down payment by July 31. However, what the association did not know when making their decision was that a check for the exact amount needed had arrived at the office that morning, just hours before the meeting! God’s timing is amazing, if not always as expected!

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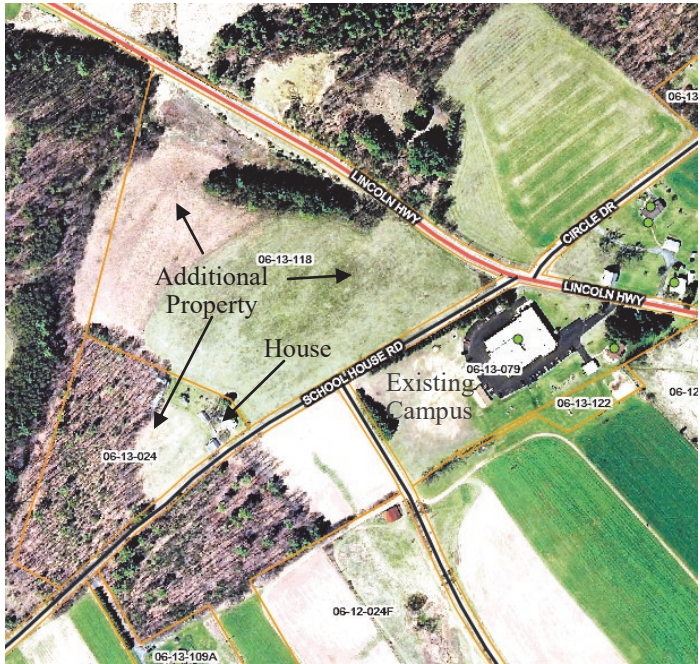
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So, that's a few details in the long story of the prayer request that is being answered 43 years later. We wait to see how God will continue to answer this prayer with the remaining funds needed. Closing for the balance of \$238,500 is July 31, 2020 or before.

The purchase of the property will add immediate housing with the current 1,673 square foot house that is on the 17.7 acres. The house was constructed in 1946, but has recently been fully renovated. Plans for the property include the development of a second house as soon as funding allows. Addi-



tional plans for use of the land continue to be discussed.

If you wish to contribute to the purchase of this property, you may mail a check to SMBI and designate your gift for the housing fund. Donors who wish to support this project anonymously

may do so through the Anabaptist Foundation. Make your gifts payable to "Anabaptist Foundation" with "SMBI Housing Fund" written on the memo line of your check. Mail these contributions to: Anabaptist Foundation, 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA, 17837. AF can also advise you in creative giving if you plan to sell real estate or sell farm commodities.



Family Week 2019



79 children ages 0-12
Classes
38 Staff
Character Training
65 Youth
Thought-provoking
60 Parents
Fellowship
Encouraging
Food
Crafts
Friends

~Births~

Kevin & Michelle (Martin) Kauffman
~Clayton Mark

Jared & Charlene (Stoltzfoos) Miller
~Antoine Victor

Robert & Elda (Penner) Dueck
~Tyquin Devon

Albert & Juanita (Riehl) Stoltzfus
~Mason Wyatt

WATER 2019

Comments from our host missions...

*They were a HUGE blessing. I miss them. It's extra work to have WATER students but always worth it.

*They were quite a blessing, not very often that you have a group of young people that you just wish they could all come back for a few years.

*She was intentional about encouraging and making the children feel special.



*He spent a lot of time with a young man from church discipling him.



*She was a blessing to us as a unit.

*She was a tremendous blessing and encouragement to us.

*We observed a servant heart, and how the students applied themselves to the tasks at hand, even though some of those were not what they would have preferred to do.

~Weddings~

Myron Eby & Valonna Miller ~ 4.27.19

Anthony Hartzler & Katrina Yoder ~ 5.4.19

Courtney Hochstetler & Laurie Stoltzfus ~ 6.8.19

Justin Burkholder & Stephanie LaSee ~ 6.8.19

Sammy Fisher & Amy Byler ~ 6.15.19

LaVon Gerber & Twila Miller ~ 7.5.19

LaVern Oberholzer & Rhonda Kinsinger ~ 7.20.19