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Serving with the Sickler's

Prayer and Praise

- * **Wisdom in ministry and personal decisions**
- * **Needed resources to be obtained personally and organizationally**
- * **Praise for God's faithfulness**
- * **Praise for mission teams willing to serve**
- * **Prayer for personal health issues**
- * **Prayer for ability to reach out to neighbors in need, and the neighbors to be receptive**
- * **Praise for faithful financial and prayer supporters**
- * **Need commercial ice machine and refrigerator**
- * **Need volunteers for maintenance and repairs to the CRCC**
- * **Funds needed for new roof and wood burner**



2018 Plans

Well winter is finally over and spring has begun. We had our first mission trip of the season. Emmanuel Lutheran School's Eighth Grade class trip led by Stephanie Boyd and World Servants. This might team of 8th graders tackled various jobs—replace a rotted deck, stained deck and pavilion, patched a roof, and did some interior painting. A family also stopped by for a couple of days and worked on the farm transplanting seedlings, and stained a handicapped ramp for a local church

We have several more teams lined up to come serve our community and neighbors this summer. In June Highland Presbyterian in PA and New Beginnings in MI. In July Pleasant Hills in PA, Peters Creek in PA, Awake America!365 in FL and Peace United Church in MN. In August Sicklerville UMC in NJ will be here and in the month of September we have a husband and wife team with us the whole month! It will be a busy mission season!

There are some big jobs that need to be completed at the Chestnut Ridge Community Center. The entire roof needs to be replaced. We have many leaks that the recent rain storms have showed us. We are able to purchase shingles at a good price. We need to have volunteers to be able to tear off old roof, replace rotted wood and install new shingles. We will also have a dump fee to get rid of the old roof. If you are interested in helping with the roof of the community center, let us know.

Our wood burner boiler is on its last leg. Jeff has limped it along this past winter with welding holes and cracks when they showed up. The cost to replace this boiler is \$30,000. When the boiler finally does give out, we will have to winterize our buildings and close them up until we can heat them. This will basically shut down the organization. If you are interested in donating to the boiler fund or know of any grants that maybe able to help us with this project, please let us know.

We are also looking for a mission minded couple who would be interested in raising their support and become the caretakers of the community center. They would be responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the building, setup and cleaning of building for hosting mission teams and events, upkeep of the lawn and play area and other duties as needed. If you are anyone you know would be interested, please let us know.



Personally.....

Winter was so long this year—accumulating snow in April!! Although we did not have lots of snow to plow over the winter. Now it is like summer here—hazy, hot, humid and rainy! We were able to grow greens all winter long in the high tunnels. We now have tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini and melons growing in the high tunnels. If the rain quits we will be able to plant out in the fields. We had an excellent Mother's Day on the farm. Many hanging baskets and flats of flowers were sold over the weekend. We are looking forward to strawberry season. We have 1/2 acre of berries and will be opening up for You Pick!

The grandchildren are growing like weeds. Ashton is 11 and is in 5th grade. Benjamin is 8 and in 3rd grade. Connor is 4 and the twins are two! Jeffrey has gotten married to a girl who has a 7 and 4 year old. Out of 7 grandchildren we only have one girl! She is going to be a princess or tough like the boys =)

We have been battling some health issues. Jeff has Afib and has undergone a procedure to control it. Lisa has had pleurisy for about 5 weeks and now a summer cold. Prayers for healing are appreciated.

We sure do appreciate you all. Our doors are always open to you. Why not plan to visit?

Willing to serve,

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