



TRANSITIONS

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre, New Hamburg, ON, has hired Brent and Mary Anne Musser to fill the newly created role of Facilities and Environmental Stewardship Director. In September they moved from Lancaster, PA with their four children, began the role in October and have since started getting comfortable learning about how camp operates and everything that comes with maintaining the facilities. They look forward to begin connecting with churches, schools, campers and other groups to share about how we can all be good stewards and take care of God's creation.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Washington, IA, is excited to introduce Jill Hartzler as the Office & Guest Services Manager. Jill recalls one of her first experiences at Crooked Creek enjoying the toboggan runs. The staff is looking forward to Jill's enthusiasm and sharing her contribution to the team.

2018 RECRUITING

Wednesday, Feb. 7 - EMU
Thursday, Feb. 8 - Bluffton
Friday, Feb. 9 - Goshen
Monday, Feb. 12 - Hesston
Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Tabor
Wednesday, Feb. 14* - Bethel
Thursday, Feb. 15 - McPherson

* February 14 is Ash Wednesday, so there will not be a camp-related chapel that day.

2018 BI-NATIONAL

Find your way to the 2018 Bi-National MCA Gathering at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan on March 19-22, 2018 featuring speaker Dr. Luke Gashco of Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. Register online at <https://friedenswald.org/programs/mca-2018/>

CAMP UPDATES

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, ON, www.hiddenacres.ca
by Chris Pot, Program Director

Camp-to-Camp Encouragement

"Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out." (Hebrews 10:24 - The Message)

Encouragement at camp is so important. I think we all know how tiring and challenging camp can be at times. But, in those moments, when someone takes the time to encourage us, it brings life and rejuvenates us in a way that can provide what we need to continue pressing through.

This summer we experienced some unique encouragement as a camp. Two different camps, on two separate occasions, sent letters to encourage us to continue serving our campers well. They came with exactly what we needed in those moments. The staff felt loved. They also became aware that there are people outside of our camp who knew what they were experiencing and were praying for them. It was great!

I know that as I work on plans for the summer of 2018, I will ask our staff to think about how can we be encouragers to those around us both near and far? It may end up taking a similar form to what we received this past summer and maybe it won't, but we will strive to be encouragers. And that is my challenge to you; to think about ways that you can be an encourager. You might want to take this idea and use it at your camp this summer or you may come up with other inventive ways, but regardless of what you do, my hope is that you may both encourage others well while also experiencing the life-giving encouragement of those around you.



JOB OPENINGS

Shekinah Retreat Centre, Waldheim, SK, is welcoming applications for an Executive Director. Applicants will be reviewed starting January 2018 and the position will be filled by March 1, 2018. The Executive Director provides vision, direction, and ongoing support to staff and board members; and facilitates stakeholder relations in accomplishing the goals and objectives of Shekinah Retreat Centre. The Executive Director is responsible for all aspects of planning, fundraising, and programming; along with fulfilling administrative and financial responsibilities. The Executive Director is responsible for maintaining positive public and staff relations. An entrepreneurial and creative approach is essential. Interested parties can visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more details. Applications can be sent to Board Chair, Sarah Unrau, sarahuis@hotmail.com.

Spruce Lake, Canadensis, PA, is looking for self-motivated, creative, mature adults to be facilitators and belayers in their Adventure Program. Accepted applicants will receive top-of-the-line training for safely setting up climbing systems on specific activities, as well as skills in risk and group management. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and enjoy people. CPR/First Aid preferred. This is a part-time, year-round opportunity. For information and to apply, go to <https://www.sprucelake.org/about/employment>, or call Youth Ministries Director at 800-822-7505 x 117.

Merry Christmas!