

# buzz

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## Summer Plans for Several WMC College Students

**Alisha Christner**, *Goshen College graduate* — In the fall I am going to be the assistant girls soccer coach at Northridge High School. I have accepted a 5th grade teaching position at Heritage Intermediate School. I am so blessed and excited to begin my teaching career in the fall!

**Dana Christner**, *Goshen College graduate* — I'm studying to take my boards to get my nursing license. My plan is to take the boards on July 1st, then apply to hospitals for jobs. I'm not sure where at this point, but I'm keeping my options open.

**Aaron Kauffmann**, *Goshen College graduate* — At this moment, I'm interning with Goshen Colleges Agricultural Ecology Intensive. In two weeks, I will begin my year long internship with Siemens in Mishawaka. I will be helping with testing of the diabetes diagnostic tests that they produce. I'm uncertain what will happen after this coming year.

**Jared Miller**, *Goshen College graduate* — Since April, I have been studying for the CPA exams and will continue to study for this until September. In September, I start to work full-time with Crowe Horwath.

**Daniel Graber**, *Goshen College graduate* — This summer I am focusing on studying to take 2-3 portions of the CPA exam before starting full-time at Crowe Horwath in Elkhart in September.

**Mandy Schlabbach**, *Goshen College senior this fall* — This summer I am working at Rachel's Bread as well as doing some traveling. I will be at home in Tucson for a couple weeks and then will fly to Seattle with the rest of my family for Laura's wedding in the middle of July!

## Wildflower Hike

The raindrops were falling when we awakened Sunday morning, June 8, but a small group of us from Waterford were determined to join John Smith for a wildflower hike at 8:00 a.m. on the Waterford Wetlands trails. Fortunately, the rain stopped as we began our trek! Most of us had some knowledge of local wildflowers, but we were amazed when John identified the bladderwort, which is a carnivorous plant growing right at the water's edge where our baptisms take place every year! No, you don't need to be afraid that you will have a bite taken out of your ankle when you step in the water! Tiny yellow snapdragon-like flowers show up on the surface of the water. On the underside of the leaves in the water are tiny, bladder-like structures that are actually small vacuum traps which catch minute (one-celled) organisms.



Another exciting flower John identified was the Shining Lady's Tresses, which is in the orchid family. These flowers are extremely rare to find! We also learned there are more species of orchids in Indiana than in Hawaii. I, for one, hope there will be several more hikes throughout the summer. Who knows what other extraordinary finds await us!

—Rachel Brenneman

## A View From the Pew by John C. King

Waiting. I don't like to wait. We associate waiting with idleness, and idleness is the devil's workshop. (I think that's in the Bible, but I haven't found it yet.) Doing a task is one thing. Now the unspoken task of the work place is multi-tasking. One of the greatest compliments a Mennonite can give another one is "They are a hard worker."

To not be on the move is not a sin. There can be a very important reason for it. One is found in Isaiah 40:28-31. It begins, "They that wait upon the Lord..." Now don't wait for me to tell you the rest. Look it up!

God puts a high value on waiting if it will help us to interact with the only One who can give us what we need at any stage of our lives. Wings for the young, endurance for the middle aged, and graceful living for the elderly. What more could we ask?

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## In the Nurture Wing ...

Today in Sunday school, children in preschool through eighth grade explored this lesson. Consider using this information for conversation that nurtures your child's faith.

**Text:** Luke 8:1–3; John 19:25; 20:11–18  
Mary Magdalene

- 1 | Read John 20:11–12. Imagine how Mary felt when she looked into the tomb.
- 2 | Mary stood at the cross when Jesus died. How could you comfort someone without using words?
- 3 | Draw a picture of Mary on large paper. Around the picture, write and draw to show things Mary saw, said, or did.

### Did you know?

The Church of St. George in Lalibela, Ethiopia, is carved completely from stone in the shape of a cross.

### Prayer for the week

*God, even when things are difficult, help us remember to follow Jesus. Amen.*



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But what about Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." Isaiah speaks to the issue of meeting the crush of life's daily challenges. Psalms speaks of meditation and reflection. The first addresses active involvement. The second is focused on building the foundation for the first.

Sounds good, right? But we want what God has to give without accepting the means provided to attain it. We want what we want—yesterday. We need to slow down, but we have to hurry up to do that. We pass this kind of thinking on to our children. "Are we having fun now?" "Are we on vacation now?"

Why can't we and God together work things out? It's not that we can't. It's because we find God in the realm of the eternal, and God finds us in the realm of the temporal. It is only when these two realms are merged in the purposes of God that this will take place.

Waiting? I still don't like to wait. However, there is one I gladly accept. In this I join hands with God's children everywhere—the return of His son, Jesus. It is then that the dividing line between the temporal and the eternal will be no more. Maranatha! Even so come, Lord Jesus.



## Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

What do "Singing our Praises," "Games<sup>3</sup>," "Characters Come to Life," and a "Scavenger Hunt" all have in common? Or what do s'mores, homemade strawberry jam, trail mix, and popcorn have in common? Well on the surface you might answer to either question: "Not much!" However, the common link is that each of these will be part of our special monthly enrichment activities during our Year of the Bible. A task force (Krista Allen, Melanie Hire, Chris Judson, Audrey Oostland, Lorraine Reinford, Amanda Stoltzfus, and Cindy Voth) has been utilizing their creative energies to outline plans for a special monthly activity to take place during the months of September 2014–May 2015.

These activities will take place on the second Sunday evening of the month from 5–6:30 pm at the church. The task force is excited about the diversity of activities (see list below) as well as the ways we hope these activities will be engaging for people of all ages—children, youth, and adults. More details will be coming later this summer, but for now please make note on your calendars (paper or electronic) and plan on participating in these fun enriching activities as part of our Year of the Bible!

- Reflecting Creation (September)
- Characters Come to Life (October)
- Singing our Praises (November)
- Children's Christmas Program (December)
- Movie Night (January)
- Trail of Friends (February)
- Games<sup>3</sup> (March)
- Scavenger Hunt (April)
- Experiencing the Living Word (May)

—Cindy Voth, pastor