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Spiritual formation group opportunity Anxiety as a Doorway to Vitality

This is a unique kind of spiritual formation group, especially for those who are interested in using anxiety as an opening into deeper spiritual and personal vitality. Instead of seeing anxiety as an enemy, something to rid ourselves of, we will seek to see it as a friend, learning to embrace it and be open to the invitations in it.

Since fear is one of the most common human emotions, it follows that it can also be one of the most useful. Unchecked, anxiety limits the outflow of healthy emotional energy and restricts freedom to love, whether that is individuals or groups, or nations. Noticed and used to deepen trust in that which is present, dependable, and life-giving, it frees one to love (value everyone/everything) more and more fully, which is the greatest gift we can be given.

In this group we will learn to talk about, accept and embrace anxiety, however it is presently experienced in the myriad of ways it manifests, and use the sense of non-judgmental presence with each other to explore the paths towards greater release and freedom to live.

God is never anxious because God is Love, and there is no room for anxiety (fear) in love. The Body of Christ is meant to be a place where we can honestly own and face our fears and with the support of each other be transformed into passionate lovers of all that is good.

The group will meet once a month for a year, beginning the third Thursday evening in February 2017. Contact Sheldon Swartz if you have interest in being a part of this group and/or want more information.

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Steve and Kristen Snyder

Steve grew up in Pickerington, Ohio (near Columbus), and he attended Miami University of Ohio majoring in music education. Kristen grew up in Wabash, Indiana, and attended Indiana Wesleyan University also majoring in music education. They met in grad school at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. After marrying, they lived in the greater Fort Wayne area before moving to Goshen in the summer of 2015.

Steve taught band and choir in Coshocton, Ohio for 10 years before moving to Indiana. Currently, Steve teaches choir and guitar classes at Goshen High School. Kristen taught elementary music for nine years before taking some time to stay at home with their son Nathaniel. Currently, Kristen is giving piano lessons and training to work for the early childhood music program "Music Together."

Nathaniel is 17 months old. He is always on the go and enjoys playing outside.

Steve is an avid disc golfer and Kristen enjoys cooking and experimenting with new recipes.





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JYF Snow Camp

First Picture: Teresa Ross Richer, Lindsey Daniels, Camila Perez-Deiner, Leah Birkey, Jeremy Stutzman, Colin Birkey, Jordie Ross Richer, Elise Yoder

Second Picture: Leah Birkey, Pastor Katie Misz, Camila Perez-Deiner, Elise Yoder, Lindsey Daniels

Third Picture: Jeremy Stutzman



MMN Youth Venture Program

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is offering youth, ages 14-22, an opportunity to learn and serve in Benin this summer. From July 10-26, James and Jeanette Krabill will be leading the group who will join the ministry of La Casa Grande, a Christian home for children. Youth Venture participants will help staff the summer camp through which La Casa Grande reaches out to children in the surrounding community. Participants' gifts and skills in teaching, music, drama, sports, and art will be welcomed, as will the even more important ability to simply play and be present to the children. Trips to places of cultural significance will be interspersed with service. For more information, contact Lynda Hollinger-Janzen, or <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/units/youth%20venture/Benin%202017>

Thank You

Thank you so much for visiting Dad and especially for the wonderful dinner. It provides such a great time to connect with family and friends. Also thanks for the poinsettia planter. –Family of Melvin “Mel” Cross

Apply for MEF Now

It's time to apply for Mennonite Education Funding for the 2017-2018 school year!!! The applications have been e-mailed out for Waterford Mennonite Church students attending Mennonite schools next school year (4th grade - college and seminary). Applications are due on February 28th. Please contact katie@waterfordchurch.org with any questions. –Pastor Katie Misz

MYF Auction

The annual MYF service auction is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at 6 p.m., but you can plan on coming for a meal prior (starting at 5:15)–menu “under construction” by chef Greg Hire. The MYF welcomes contributions of services and items from others in the congregation. If you have a service or item to donate, contact Kevin Miller or email wmcmyf316@gmail.com. Also, if you purchased an item/service last year and have not yet received it, contact the MYFer responsible or check with Kevin.