

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

# CROWN HILL NEWS

## Upcoming Events

- February 2, Annual Church Business Meeting & Carry In following worship service (No Sunday School)
- February 9, Menno Table in Akron at 5pm
- February 22, Pine Wood Derby in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm

## PRAYERS

- Pray for our shut-ins and those in care facilities: Pete, Sherry, Velma, Susan, & Carolyn. Also remember the caregivers who are providing for them.
- Remember the unspoken requests that many of us carry for ourselves and for our loved ones.
- Pray for Dan and Julie as they travel to Virginia during the coming week.
- Pray for Ohio Conference as the search process for a new Conference Minister is under way.
- Pray for the Vereninov family, Ukranian refugees we have been in communication with about assisting their immigration. Pray that they will not lose hope in their search for a safe place for their family that has been set back by the recent policy changes.
- Pray for an end to hostilities and meaningful reconciliation between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine.
- Pray for the eastern region of Congo as violence continues to escalate. This is the region that many of the Congolese families in Akron are from. Pray for their family members who are hoping to reunite in the United States.

*Congregational Meeting after the worship service, followed by a carry-in meal*

Preaching: Dan

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-9

Sermon: Beware the Drift

Worship Leader: Thomas Dunn

Greeters: Keith & Julie Hostetler

Nursery: Beulah Miller & Katrina Dunn



**SUNDAY SONGS**

SJ 13 My Soul Is Filled With Joy  
Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)  
HWB 486 God Of Our Life  
HWB 504 Have Thine Own Way  
HWB 121 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
HWB 526 In The Rifted Rock I'm Resting



*The combined service at Wooster Mennonite on January 26th was a good time of gathering to worship and eat together. We are grateful to be able to be a part of such a fellowship.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pine Wood Derby, Saturday, February 22:** We encourage EVERYONE to attend and join the fun! There will be an opportunity for anyone who attends to vote for "Best in Show," try to predict a winner or just eat and enjoy the fun. Twenty cars are already officially being entered. Anyone can still request a car through the month of January. (See Lauren or Keith). Doors open at 5:00. Eating at 5:30. Racing starts at 6:00. Please bring a soup, bread or light sides to share.
- **Women's Bible Study meets on Saturdays from 8:30 am - 10 am at the church.** Breakfast & visit time at 8:30, Study and prayer 9 am-10 am. Our study is on "Deepening Your Prayer Life" by Charles Stanley. All women are welcome. Any questions see Doris or Myrna
- **The next MennoTable event that Elvis is working on is scheduled for February 9th at 5pm in Akron.** This time the focus will be on listening to the stories of the journey from Congo to Akron, Ohio.
- **Crown Hill has a tradition of separating its mission budget from its operational budget, creating two separate budgets.** These are referred to as the "General Budget" which includes all the wages, salaries and general operating expenses of the church for a year. The "Mission Budget" (or sometimes called the Mission Offering) is focused on giving to organizations and individuals that are committed to some sort of mission work. The lines between "general operating expenses" and "mission work" can sometimes be hard to differentiate, but nonetheless the church has continued to affirm the practice of having two separate budgets. The Mission Budget is collected on two Sundays a year that are clearly communicated ahead of time as a "Mission Sunday" with a guest speaker to bring a mission focused message. The General Budget is collected the other 50 Sundays a year. There are separate documents with details for both budgets included in your church mail. Here are the proposals from the Leadership Team that need congregational approval at our business meeting on February 2.
  - The proposed **General Fund Budget** for 2025 is \$167,388. Due to very generous giving, Crown Hill finished 2024 with a \$9,455 surplus! The Leadership team is proposing that the surplus from 2024 be transferred to the 2025 General Fund Budget, so our giving goal for 2025 is \$157,933.
  - The proposed **Mission Budget** for 2025 is \$26,500.
- **ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY BIBLE :** This Sunday (February 2) will be the last Sunday the Bibles are available at Crown Hill. Any that are left over will be given to other churches in the area that are interested in having a copy.
- **In 1975 James Lehman was commissioned by the church to write a history of the first 150 years of Crown Hill.** 50 years have passed since "Crosswinds: From Switzerland to Crown Hill" was published and we would like to piece together the history from 1975-2025. Instead of commissioning a historian to write this, our plan is to "Crowd Source" the next chapter of Crown Hill's history book. Your viewpoint is valuable regardless of how long you have been a part of Crown Hill! Even if you are fairly new to the church, your viewpoint of what is significant at Crown Hill is an important contribution to this history project! At this moment we do not know what the final product will look like. We may edit all the contributions together into a long form essay or we may publish everyone's writings as they are received. We are asking you to reflect and then do some writing on these prompts:
  - What are the most significant things that have happened in the life of Crown Hill in the last 50 years?
  - Who were influential people within Crown Hill over the last 50 years?
  - Write a summary of some of the significant events or influential people from the last 50 years.