

# THE MUSTARD SEED

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## FMH Hosts Job Fair

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual FMH Job Fair, organized and coordinated by the Education Committee, was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the roughly sixty business invited, forty-three came and participated in the event. Approximately 140 upperclassmen from five schools attended, including Ephrata Men-



nonite School, Faith Mennonite High School, Lebanon Valley Christian School, Schaefferstown Mennonite High School, and Terre Hill Mennonite High School. Businesses were invited to set up a display in the gym and give students a chance to ask about job opportunities.

Students sat through a number of workshops that looked at different aspects of business and career and also had time to stroll through the gym and look at the many displays. The breakout sessions included "Business and Ministry" by Chris Stoltzfus, "Navigating the College Scene" by Esther Swartzentruber, "Running a Family Business"

by Dave Rotelle, and "Teaching Careers" by Glen-don Strickler.

The two workshops that students found most helpful were "Navigating the College Scene" and "Running a Family Business." "I liked how Dave Rotelle got out and tried new things and took chances," said Bradley Nolt. Brianna Sensenig added, "[Dave's] speech inspired me because of the way his business started. He didn't know about anything with farming. I feel that his faith in God made him stronger through that experience." Miss Swartzentruber shared stories from her college experiences and gave students a good

idea of what life might look like while in college. Elmer Stoltzfus replied, "I liked this session because I am thinking about college, and that's what she talked about." Barb Glick responded, "I learned a lot through this session. I loved how she talked about college and following our dreams."

Students were attracted to the interactive businesses the most. Gap Power's nail gun contest was a favorite. Many

also liked Fence Experts' "cool gifts" and creative display featuring all the employees who were FMH alumni.

Teachers find this event valuable because it gives students a small window to the job opportunities available to them after graduation or as a beginner in the work force. It also provides a glimpse into career options and further education to accomplish goals for the future. The job fair is helpful in giving students a general idea of possibilities for their future and a head start in finding ways to carry out their dreams and goals.

*Kelsey Garman, Editor*

## Students Speak Out

What weird food combinations do you really enjoy?



**Benji Glick  
Freshman**

*I like mixing sodas, if that counts.*



**Craig Stoltzfus  
Freshman**

*Raisins in grilled cheese sandwiches.*



**Matt Stoltzfus  
Freshman**

*Microwave marshmallows with Doritos and cheese for nachos.*



**Marlea Yutzey  
Freshman**

*I like celery and cream cheese.*



**Tim Siegrist  
Freshman**

*Celery and peanut butter.*



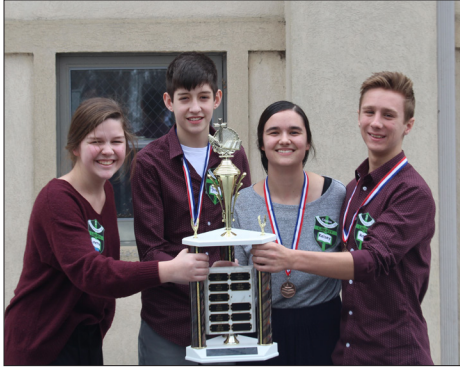
# Editorial

While Jesus’ physical birth was an important event in history, nothing was so life-changing as his death and resurrection. Without Jesus’ sacrifice, there would be no forgiveness or redemption for us. His resurrection makes it possible for us to live and to have a relationship with the Father. His birth was an incredible event, but it merely preceded an even greater moment in history. Humanity has now been offered life and a cure from sin disease.

As Christians, our appreciation for Easter should go far beyond a chocolate cross or bunny. It should even go beyond one extra church service. What if we went caroling for Easter like we do for Christmas? Or set up Easter plays, banquets, and parties? Many are aware that Christmas has a special meaning and the classic manger scenes are set up everywhere, but most don’t have a clue what Easter is all about. Easter is really the completion of the Christmas story, so why don’t we share it like we do the Christmas story? What makes Easter less important then Christmas?

Maybe it’s because Easter goes beyond the easy gift-giving style of Christmas. Maybe it’s because we are too comfortable with our prosperous circumstances to think seriously about changes that need to take place. Christmas emphasizes gifts, but Easter is about sacrifice and it seems we shy away from the thought of giving up of our pleasures and personal preference. We’d rather keep a firm grasp on our convenient lifestyle and all that we’ve been blessed with. But a life that truly reflects Christ is one of constant sacrifice and service – one of selflessness. So how can we make Easter as important as it should be? What are some ways you can sacrifice this Easter sea-

# Quizzers Podium at Retreat!



It is proven that memorization challenges the brain and keeps it fit. It is also proven that memorization helps to improve your focus. Bible Quizzing offers these benefits, as well as others, as 9<sup>th</sup> grade quizzier Lynette Smucker said: “Quizzing establishes great relationships and is very beneficial to life.” Overall this year, Quiz Team brought home six trophies. At retreat alone, they brought one first-place and two third-place trophies. The coaches this year were Miss Beiler, Miss Crystal, Ryan Lapp, Myron Stoltzfus, and Kristina Smoker. The sophomore team, Faith Elect, won first place in B division. On that team was, Sarah Stoltzfus, Daniel Lapp, and Sean and Gabrielle Sensenig (two students who quizzed for Hope previous years), with Miss Crystal as their coach. Kristina Smoker’s junior team, Faith Manifest, got third place in A division. She coached Darin Stoltzfus, Amy King, and Gina Glick. And last, Miss Beiler’s freshmen team, Faith Liberty (Matt Stoltzfus, Trevor King, and Lynette Smucker), got third in C division.

They all had a good season and are looking forward to their next years, those of them that have that opportunity. Yes, quizzing is a lot of work, but they say it is definitely worth it. So, if you’re interested, don’t shut the idea down! Talk to someone who has quizzed if you need motivation. Like Darin said, “Do quizzing, it’s fun!”  
*Ashley Zook, Staff Writer*

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son in honor of all the Christ gave up for you? We received life from Him and it only makes sense that we, as professing Christians, offer all that we have and all that we are back to Him.  
*Kelsey Garman, Editor*

# Calendar

Apr	1	Report Cards Due
	9	PTF/Business Meeting
	12-20	Senior Trip
	19-22	Easter Vacation
May	26	Progress Reports Due
	9-13	Chorale & ET Tour
	16	Spring Concert
	30	Last Day of School
	31	Graduation

# Alumni Feature

Eileen (Bontrager) Faus graduated from Faith Mennonite High School in 2007. She taught at Weavertown Mennonite School for six years where she was a teacher’s aide, a music teacher (grades 1-3), and a tutor. Eileen enjoyed singing in in choirs for eight years, going twice to Poland on three-week singing tours. In 2014, Eileen married Nate Faus. They now live in New York where they dairy farm and sell some puppies. They



have a daughter, Danielle, and are expecting their second child in August! Eileen explains how FMH was beneficial to her: “I learned a lot in Music Theory, Sight Singing, and Chorale that’s been beneficial for me in singing with various choirs and ensembles, as well as teaching music as WMS. Current Events and several other classes were valuable and influential in helping shape my worldview and in giving me a Biblical view of society.”

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