



Dee's News

New Babies: Welcome to Our World!

Baby Boy Yoder



Jonas and Mary Yoder welcomed a new baby boy to their family. Thomas Justin Yoder was born on March 10,

2014. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. Congratulations to the Yoder family!

Baby Girl Slabaugh



Mose and Katrina Slabaugh welcomed a new baby girl to their family. Analiese Slabaugh was born on

March 12, 2014. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Congratulations to the Slabaugh family!

Baby Boy Kennedy



Cody and Malinda Kennedy welcomed a new baby boy to their family. Thomas Michael Kennedy

was born on February 3, 2014. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Congratulations to the Kennedy family!

ADSF Awards 2013

Two college students who are very familiar to the MAP Ministry and the former Amish in the Ashland, Ohio area, were awarded scholarships from the Amish Descendant Scholarship Fund in the fall of 2013. Barbara Gingerich is studying at Ashland University to be a nurse. Lydia Miller is studying at North Central Technical College to be a teacher. Congratulations Barbara and Lydia!

Fannie Slabaugh Earns Her GED



Fannie Slabaugh went to classes and worked hard to earn her GED. As a mom, there was a lot of juggling to do to keep the household running and fit her school work into her busy schedule. But her persistence paid off and she earned her degree in late spring of 2013. Congratulations to Fannie!

A Thank You from Dee

To those who so graciously sent me a note on Facebook or by email and to those who phoned me to show appreciation for Dee's News, thank you! I was encouraged and uplifted and enjoyed hearing from each of you. What a blessing!

I will be continuing Dee's News, with two issues per year:

A Spring/Summer and a Fall/Winter issue.

Thank you for sharing your lives with me—

I consider it an honor.

God Bless you, Readers!

Dee Yoder



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Cross Point: Friday Night Worship !

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him. Psalm 68:5



A fresh wind of worship has blown through the Cross Point groups since January. The worship services are hosted by Perry and Maryann Keim in the pole barn at their home in Ashland, Ohio.

In January the speakers and worship leaders were Uriah Shetler and David Mast. After the worship, fellowship, snacks, and games were enjoyed by everyone.

In March the guest speaker was Brandon Quail and worship was led by Eric Johnson. Food, fun, and fellowship followed the worship service.

This quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was a theologian put to death by the Nazis during World War 2, shares a wise observation about worship: "It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song."

What a glorious way to think of worshipping the Lord through music!

PBS American Experience *The Amish: Shunned*



On February 4, 2014, a documentary produced by Callie Wisner, featured former Amish from across the U.S. Here is a quote from the PBS website about the film:

"What is it like to be cut off from your faith and your family? The Amish: Shunned follows seven people who

have chosen to leave their closed and tightly-knit communities for the outside world, knowing they can never return. Each has paid deeply for their decision. Estranged from loved ones, these former Amish find themselves struggling to make their way in modern America."

Familiar faces to many MAP readers featured in the documentary are Joe Keim, Levi Shetler, Saloma Furlong, Naomi Kramer, and Katie Troyer.

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