

# The Air Hill Breezes



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Mr. Aesop once told this fable:

A Hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow.

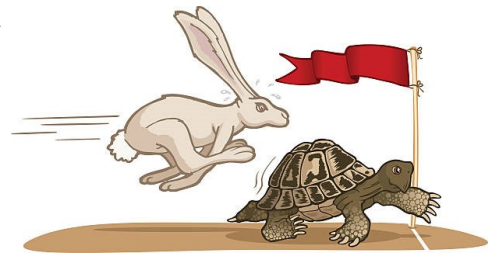
“Do you ever get anywhere?” he asked with a mocking laugh.

“Yes,” replied the Tortoise, “and I get there sooner than you think. I’ll run you a race and prove it.”

The Hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So, the Fox, who had consented to act as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the Tortoise feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.

The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but steadily, and, after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his swiftest, but he could not overtake the Tortoise in time.



The race is not always to the swiftest.

In September the Air Hill family begins its Wednesday night children’s clubs and youth group. Many people volunteer in these ministries. These ministries are an eight to nine-month race. How will we approach these ministries, like the hare or like the tortoise? Our culture honors ministries that run like a hare; they are big, showy, event oriented. Sometimes there seems to be little follow up, and the event is about the event and not about the people. However, this parable, of sorts, teaches us to be more like the tortoise; slowly and carefully teaching children/people what it means to know, love, and obey Jesus.

We do not race in a sprint. We race a marathon. We do not race to lose; we race to win.

Out of God’s love that we have received for ourselves, and that is overflowing from us, we pass it on to others. People don’t always initially desire to receive God’s love. They might have barriers to receiving God’s love for various reasons. Some times those barriers are broken down by a slow consistent drip of love. Thus, our ministry of sharing God’s love as a congregation of Air Hill, or as an individual in our community, might often look like a marathon and not a sprint, a tortoise and not a hare.

Let me close with thoughts from the apostle Paul:

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (1 Cor. 9:24-25, cf. vv. 26-27).

“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:13-14).

Let’s run to win.

(Pastor John)

# Shepherd Ministry

## Annual Flock Family Picnic

Sunday Evening, July 22 at 6 pm our shepherds and their flock families enjoyed a "Country Hoe-down" at the Fellowship Hall.

Due to rain we did not meet at the Greene Township Park. Many came in their country attire.

Pastor Jason opened with prayer after which we enjoyed a menu of fried chicken and many delicious hot and cold dishes that were brought and shared by our families. 60 people, young and older shared in a time of games and fellowship.

Six candy counts were available to guess. Adults, including children hit the count right on the nose. One child was Zane Wenger and his brother Corban. Lasso the cow was played by men and women. The men did the best and scored 22 to 7. A hobby horse relay and hot balloon pass was played by many listening to country music.

Even though it was raining outside, we had a fun and relaxing evening in the dry.

Todd Bender closed our evening with prayer.

If God is calling you to pray and care for families of our congregation, please say yes.

Submitted by Rozanna Myers.

## Church Board Highlights

- Motion to accept the idea of a monthly Praise/Prayer Service.
- The office will be staffed by someone Mon-Fri from 8-12
- Sandy's day off is Tuesdays
- Pastor John's day off is Wednesdays
- Pastor Jason's day off is Thursdays
- Property Managers will prioritize a work list needed
- This was Warren Hoffman's last board meeting with Air Hill and he presented the board with a summary report on Air Hill strengths and growing points with potential action steps.

## Mission Auxiliary

If you look in the “Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church 2018 Council Book” you will find a report of the Mission Auxiliary’s products from our sewing days. Here is a little history of the Auxiliary.

In 1960 the BIC Church formed a Women’s Mission Sewing Auxiliary (WMSA) to provide funds and supplies for the Bronx, bedding for San Francisco Mission and African Hospital gowns. At that time probably most of the churches in Pennsylvania had a group sewing for local needs. WMSA planned to utilize these sewing circles of the BIC churches. Patterns were supplied by WMSA to the Regional Conferences with requests for the number of infant gowns, pajamas, maternity tops and covers each Conference was to provide.

The Committee for our Conference would have the gowns cut and sewing days scheduled in the various churches. Air Hill, Antrim, Montgomery and Chambersburg were some of the Franklin County churches that joined to construct the needed items. At the time of WMSA as many as twenty ladies would gather at Air Hill for the day of sewing. The Committee traveled to Big Valley and Everett also. Later men were encouraged to be part of the projects, so “Women’s” was dropped from the name. After a number of years, shipping costs and tariffs to the overseas hospitals made it expedient to send the money for the work to be done locally or to pay for the hospital supplies. In time, the number of churches having sewing circles decreased and “sewing” was dropped from the name.



We are still doing mission sewing, though not for Africa. Now it is more in providing covers to missions or to the Cumberland Valley Relief Center to be used in disaster areas. This past year over nine bed covers were sent to our Mission in New Mexico. They need covers for the residential Over Comers program and Bryon’s House of Hope where released prisoners are taught life skills and the Christian Way of life.

September 10 we begin our year: September to May. Most of the sewing done at church is hand knotting three layers of material together to make a sturdy cozy bed cover. We could use you.

Ruth Lehman

## LADIES PRAYER

Our Ladies Prayer, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening at Rozanna Myers' home begins September 25th @ 6:30 pm. All ladies are welcome to be part of this prayer time.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The 2nd Tuesday of every month, all men are welcome to attend the Men's Breakfast at Greenvillage Restaurant. Meet there at 8:30 am for food and fellowship.





**AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

“To grow a healthy, loving, Christ centered church family that has a passion for reaching the community and the world for Christ”

**2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Gym in Use</i>
2 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	3	4 <i>6 pm Prop. Mgt. 6:30 Basketball</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>10-3 Funfest</i>
9 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	10 <i>8:30 am Sewing 7 pm Church Board</i>	11 <i>8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Basketball</i>	12 <i>6:30 Youth/ Children's Club</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	17	18 <i>6:30 Basketball</i>	19 <i>6:30 Youth/ Children's Club</i>	20	21	22
23 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	24	25 <i>6:30 Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</i>	26 <i>6:30 Youth/ Children's Club</i>	27	28 <b>Youth @ CRC</b>	29
30 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i> <b>Youth @ CRC</b>						