

HOPE MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP  
27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Teachers' Institute



*To be held Lord willing*

July 28–30

2026

EBENEZER MENNONITE

BIBLE SCHOOL

*137 Rampike Hill Road  
Bendersville, PA 17306*

# Tuesday, July 28, 2026

## TUESDAY MORNING

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Singing and Opening**

**9:10 – 9:45 Topic #1**

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Steadfast and Unmovable–1 Cor. 15:58 –*Cole Schrock*

**9:45-10:00 Announcements**

**10:05 – 10:55 Workshop #1**

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A. New Teacher Orientation #1 –*Henry Martin*

B. Developing Students' Phonemic Awareness (Elementary) –*Carissa Matthews*

C. Developing Students' Oral Reading (Middle School) –*Gary Horst*

D. Developing Students' Vocabulary (High School) –*Justin Ebersole*

E. **SPECIAL ED** Defining Success and Measuring Progress –*Jackie Wideman*

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**11:05 – 11:55 Workshop #2**

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A. How to Have Story Time –*Gary Horst*

B. Come to Math Class (Elementary) –*Crystal Faus*

C. Come to Math Class (Middle School) –*Veanna Nolt*

D. Come to Math Class (High School) –*Neil Weaver*

E. **SPECIAL ED** Routine, Rhythm, and Rest –*Jackie Wideman*

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**12:00-1:10 Lunch**

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

**1:10-1:40 Chorus** –*Kendrick Funk*

**1:50 – 2:40 Workshop #3**

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A. Practical Vocal Techniques (Part 1) –*James Hostetler*

B. *Beginning Steps to Reading* (Part 1) –*Heidi Stauffer*

C. Teaching Astronomy (Part 1) –*Dana Atkinson*

D. Deliberate Devotionals (Lower) –*Crystal Faus*

E. Deliberate Devotionals (Upper) –*Neil Weaver*

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**2:50 – 3:40 Workshop #4**

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A. Music Class Out Loud (Part 2) –*James Hostetler*

B. *Beginning Steps to Reading* (Part 2) –*Heidi Stauffer*

C. Teaching Astronomy (Part 2) –*Dana Atkinson*

D. Productive Classroom Procedures –*Anita Weaver*

E. Healthy Classroom Rapport –*Linford Horst*

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**3:50 – 4:30 Topic # 2**

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Does Your Teacher Do That? –*Kendall Sensenig*

**4:30 Dismissal**

**4:30-5:30 Networking and Idea Sharing**

Shop for books / Visit with other teachers /

Bulletin Board, Art, and Idea Exchange

**5:30 Supper**

## TUESDAY EVENING

**7:00 Singing and Devotions**

**7:15 Astronomy** –*Dana Atkinson*

# Wednesday, July 29, 2026

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

**9:00 Singing and Opening**

**9:10 – 9:45 Topic #3**

Always Abounding–1 Cor. 15:58 –*Cole Schrock*

**9:45-10:00 Announcements**

**10:05 – 10:55 Workshop #5**

- A. New Teacher Orientation #2 –*Henry Martin*
- B. Neatness, Sloppiness, and Speed –*Jolene Martin*
- C. Poetry Appreciation –*Gary Horst*
- D. Art Class (Part 1) –*Martha Stoltzfus*
- E. Learning to Read –*Connie Zimmerman*

**11:05 – 11:55 Workshop #6**

- A. Come to Science Class (High School) –*Kendrick Funk*
- B. Come to Science Class (Elementary) –*Monica Yoder*
- C. You Can Teach Science Class (Middle School) –*Vincent Burkholder*
- D. Art Class (Part 2) –*Martha Stoltzfus*
- E. **SPECIAL ED** Reading Intervention –*Carissa Matthews*

**12:00-1:10 Lunch**

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**1:10-1:40 Chorus** –*Kendrick Funk*

**1:50 – 2:40 Workshop #7 – Personal Enrichment**

- A. First Aid/CPR (Part 1) –*Randy Snyder*
- B. Apologetics and the Christian Life –*Steve Long*
- C. Virology –*Kendall Sensenig*
- D. America: 250 Years Later –*Lyndon Martin*
- E. Composing for Beginners –*Austin Miller*

**2:50 – 3:40 Workshop #8**

- A. First Aid/CPR (Part 2) –*Randy Snyder*
- B. New Teacher Orientation #3 –*Henry Martin*
- C. Come to Writing Class (Elementary) – To Be Supplied
- D. Come to Writing Class (Middle School) –*B. Jean Meyer*
- E. Come to Writing Class (High School) –*Ryland Zimmerman*

**3:50 – 4:30 Topic # 4**

You Do WHAT After School? –*Dervin Witmer*

**4:30 Dismissal**

**4:30-5:30 Networking and Idea Sharing**

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**5:30 Supper**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

**7:00 Singing & Devotions**

**7:15 Physical Therapy** –*Steve Long*

# Thursday, July 30, 2026

## THURSDAY MORNING

**9:00 Singing and Opening**

**9:10 – 9:45 Topic #5**

Your Labor is Not in Vain–1 Cor. 15:58 –*Cole Schrock*

**9:45-10:00 Announcements**

**10:05 – 10:55 Workshop #9**

A. New Teacher Orientation #4 –*Henry Martin*

B. Just the Facts? The Research Processes the Create the Content You Teach  
–*Cory Anderson*

C. SCHOOL BOARD Grappling with Technology –*Kirby Witmer*

D. Long-term Teaching –*Justin Ebersole*

E. Recess Reset –*Monica Yoder*

**11:05 – 11:55 Workshop #10**

A. Receiving Criticism Humbly; Giving Counsel Lovingly –*Raymond Peachy*

B. Common Denominators in Middle Grade Math –*Veanna Nolt*

C. SCHOOL BOARD Serving the Vision, Serving the Servants –*Brian Yoder*

D. Has Teaching Verb Tenses Left You “Swimming”? –*Vincent Burkholder*

E. SPECIAL ED Less Autistic About Autism: Connecting with the Spectrum  
–*Jennifer Anderson*

**12:00-1:10 Lunch**

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

**1:10-1:40 Chorus** –*Kendrick Funk*

**1:50 – 2:50 Panel Discussions**

**3:00 – 3:30 Topic #6: Summing It All Up**

Does Your Teacher Pray? –*Brian Yoder*

**3:30 Dismissal**

### Teachers' Institute Committee

Keith Nolt – *Chairman*

Gary Horst – *Asst. Chairman*

Norman Martin – *Secretary*

Wendell Martin – *Treasurer*

Henry Martin

Curt Nolt

### Additional Planning Committee

Jason Burkholder

Vincent Burkholder

Weston Nolt

Kendall Sensenig

**Workshop Descriptions are found on page 6.**

**Registration Form is found on page 10.**

## REGISTRATION

Registration Is Requested

By July 24, 2026

Register Online at [HTI2026.eventbrite.com](https://HTI2026.eventbrite.com)

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OR Fill out the form found inside

and mail to the secretary:

Karla Martin, 66 Deck Drive

Myerstown, PA 17067

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OR Fax the form to 717-933-5542

OR Email [hopeteachersinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:hopeteachersinstitute@gmail.com)

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## NOTICES

*Please come dressed for worship.*

**All meals will be provided at the institute.** If you are not staying at the institute but planning to come for breakfast, make sure to let the secretary know ahead of time.

Contact us if you need directions to the institute.

Any other questions, call 717-679-5837.

## LODGING

Lodging is available at the institute. Private rooms will be reserved for married couples first of all. Reservations can be made at registration or by calling Lynn Horst at 717-253-3675.

**Bring your own bedding and towels.**

## DONATIONS

*Suggested donation of \$25.00 per person per day;  
also \$25.00 per person per night.*

Donations may be given at the institute or mailed to: Hope Mennonite Fellowship,  
c/o Matt Weaver,  
26 Temple Road, Richland, PA 17087

## IDEA ROOM

Feel free to bring your own bulletin board, science, teaching, and art ideas for the idea room.

Make sure to take your items home again.

**This will be updated soon with workshop descriptions**

Registration Is Requested  
 By July 25, 2025  
 Register Online at  
[HTI2025.eventbrite.com](http://HTI2025.eventbrite.com)

OR Fill out this form and mail to the secretary:  
 Karla Martin, 66 Deck Drive  
 Myerstown, PA 17067

OR Fax the form to 717-933-5542  
 OR Email the information to  
[hopeteachersinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:hopeteachersinstitute@gmail.com)

Name					
Address					
Street		City		State	Zip
Phone					
Email					
Position (Teacher, Principal, Pastor, Board Member)					
Years of Experience			Grades (that you teach)		
School Name					
School Affiliation					
School Address					
Street		City		State	Zip
School Phone					
<b>Workshop Selection - Write the letter.</b>					
1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	
Evening Sessions?			Panel Discussion?		
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<b>Days of Attendance</b>			<b>Nights of Lodging</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday			<input type="checkbox"/> Monday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday			(prior to Institute)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday			<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday		
(All meals provided.)			<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday		
<b>Lodging Accommodations</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Dorm			<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Dorm		
(Call 717-253-3675 to reserve private rooms; married couples get the first choice of private rooms)					