

NEWS & NOTES

January 4 2009

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Tuesday, 7 pm Pastoral Leadership Team

Wednesday, 1 pm Caregivers

Wednesday, 7 pm Service and Witness

Staff Hours

Brenda Tuesday, Wednesday 9-3; Friday 9-12

Doug Tue, Wed 10-2, Thu 12-2, Fri 9-2

Steve Friday, 8-12

Upcoming Events

- ✠ Sundays, January 11 to February 22, Sermon series: **"What makes us Mennonite?"**
- ✠ Special Sunday School sessions January 11, 18, February 1, 8 on relationship of baptism and communion to membership
- ✠ Saturday-Sunday, January 24-25, Amish and Mennonites: Common Origins, Divergent Paths with John Roth and Steve Nolt as special guests. See brochure on foyer table or at www.bentonchurch.org. Please register in advance for the Saturday lunch. Please give registration forms to friends and family who might be interested in joining us for this weekend.

Announcements

Mennonite Education Agency **"Prayers for Faith and Learning"** and Mennonite Mission Network **"Prayer Vine"** are available to those who are interested. If you want to receive either or both of these regularly, please email office@bentonchurch.org or drop a note in the "Church Office" box and indicate whether you prefer to receive it via email and/or in your mailbox.

I am creating a new list from scratch, so please let me know if you want to continue to receive either or both of these, or if you want to be added to either list.--*Steven Johns*

Offering

Dec. 28, 2008 Regular Offering	\$1,479.00
Year to Date Needed	\$45,475.00
Year to Date Received	\$46,703.00
Difference	\$1,228.00

IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 8 am

Please join the **Mennonite Mission Network Auxiliary** at the **Greencroft Senior Center, Goshen**, to hear about the work of Tom and Disa Rutschman. Tom and Disa are middle-school and high-school teachers in the town of Jokkmokk, Sweden, located on the Arctic Circle. They have been involved in the leadership of Jokkmokk Free Church since 1983. The congregation has an active youth ministry through a youth center and coffeehouse. Short-term teams sent by the Mission Network often assist them with youth outreach. A light breakfast will be provided.

Greetings from Amigo Centre! As we move into the new year, it is time to start looking for volunteers for January through April 2009. Your Amigo Centre church representative has posted the dates we need help in our Kitchen and Dining Hall. Please see the north bulletin board in the BMC lobby. If you are interested in working on other projects, please contact the Amigo front office at (269) 651-2811 for more volunteer opportunities. Thanks!

Saturday, January 17, 8:30 am

Michiana MEDA Annual Business Tour: Trading Place America

Join us at the Sale Barn/Auction restaurant located at 345 S. Van Buren St. in Shipshewana for breakfast and a program. Kevin Lambright, owner of the Farmstead Inn and Antique Gallery, will discuss his businesses and their relationship to Trading Place America. We hope that you'll join us to learn about this historic business and popular Midwest destination that dates back to 1922. See www.michianameda.org for more information.

RSVP by Monday, January 12, by calling 87-RSVP-MEDA (877-787-6332), by emailing reservations@michianameda.org or by going to www.michianameda.org. Meal and program costs are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$5 for students. Please note any special dietary needs.