

NEWS & NOTES

Date

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Today 2:30pm Edith Johns funeral at the church
 Wed. 9:30am Friendship Circle sewing at the church
 6:30pm Junior Youth at Bethany Christian
 Thurs. 7:00pm Service & Witness at the church
 Sat. IN-MI Delegate Cluster meeting, Saginaw, MI

Staff Hours

Brenda Tu-9:00-1:30; W-9:00-3:00; F-9:00-1:00
Doug M -11:00-2:00; Tu-9:00-11:30; W&Th-9:00-2:00
Steve F-8:00-12:00

Happy Birthday! 😊

Monday – Teresa Chupp
 Wednesday – Dave Miller

A request for updated email addresses has been sent out via the church email account (office@bentonchurch.org). Please take a few minutes to check the list to see if we have your information correct. Please send any changes to the church email account by **February 27, 2009**. We will be publishing an updated list sometime in March. If you have questions or did not receive the email, please contact Grant Martin at gpmibenton@gmail.com or 574-238-5548.

New contact information for Lane Meyer-Reed:

Email Address - lanemr65@gmail.com
 Cell Phone - 574-606-9230

Change in email addresses:

Janelle Martin - gjmartin@bnin.net (same as before)
 Grant Martin - gpmibenton@gmail.com (new)

The Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) Sharing Funds provided \$1,271.13 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Orv Yoder serves as the MMA advocate in our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Clinton-Benton Christian Education Association General Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 7:00pm at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Elected representatives as well as pastors or anyone interested in the Bible programs at Millersburg and Benton Elementary Schools is encouraged to attend.

During the Feb. 10 Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical at 1:00pm in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall, Professor of History Steve Nolt, author of "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy," which explores the aftermath of the 2006 Nickel Mines school shooting, will highlight recent developments in Amish society, including population growth, occupational change and schooling. The event is free and open to the public.

Volunteer Information Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 6:30pm at the Depot. Have you ever wondered what you could do as a volunteer at the Depot MCC Thrift Shops? Come on Thursday evening to an informational meeting to find out where your gifts are needed. We need clerks, pricers, sorters and repair people as well as quilters, sewers and rug makers. Call Joan or Missy at 534-1828 for more information.

Bethany Christian Schools' Fun Fest will be held March 27. You can help by donating items for the benefit auction. You may notify your Fun Fest rep, Lyn Buschert, of contributions you intend to donate or contact Bethany at 534-2567 today, for inclusion in the catalog.

Tickets for *Rags*, a musical based on the book by Joseph Stein with lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and music by Charles Strouse, go on sale Monday, Feb. 4, at Bethany Christian High School. The musical will be performed Feb. 26-28 and March 1. Thursday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., the Friday performance at 8 p.m., and the Sunday performance at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and may be reserved by calling the school at 574 534-2567.

Michiana congregations related to Mennonite World Conference (MWC) are warmly invited to any of three events in Goshen with an international MWC team: a youth gathering at 7 PM on March 4 at Eighth Street Mennonite; a gathering at 8:30 AM on March 5 hosted by the Mennonite Mission Network Auxiliary at Greencroft Senior Center; and a World Day of Prayer potluck supper at 6:30 PM on March 6 at Silverwood Mennonite (bring a dish to share; table service and beverages provided). Team members are Cynthia Peacock (India), Tigist Tefaye (Ethiopia), Bert Lobe (Canada), and Dr. Pakisa Tshimika (Congo and California). Call 574 266-7684 or see online: im.mennonite.net/news/news.php.

Students in grades 5-11 interested in exploring Bethany Christian Schools can shadow a student for a day on Monday, Feb. 16. Interested students must register ahead by calling Sarah Yoder at 574 534-2567 or emailing admissions@bethanycs.net.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) is seeking additional volunteer office assistant(s) to work 4-12 hours per week in its office at College Mennonite Church. The ideal person will have good organizational skills and be familiar with common computer applications. If you are interested, please contact Paul Leichty at (574)535-7053.

All Hesston College alumni and friends are invited to submit recipes for the Centennial Cookbook as a part of the college's "Living The Vision" Centennial Celebration during 2009-10. Recipes can be submitted until March 31 on-line at <http://cookbook.hesston.edu> or mailed to: Centennial Cookbook, Hesston College, Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062. More information is available at www.hesston.edu/centennial. Cookbooks will be available for purchase during Homecoming 2009, September 25-27.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Search Committee: The members of the Search Committee for the next Mennonite Church USA Executive Director met Jan. 15. Acknowledging the importance of our assignment, it was agreed that the prayers of the whole church need to be a vital part of the process. We ask that all individuals and congregations of Mennonite Church USA identify times and ways to join in prayer during the next months for the process and for the person to be called. Please pray for God's wisdom and the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit throughout.

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders will be presented August 3-7, 2009 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The institute is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. It also includes a component on congregational intervention and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. For registration information, call Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at 630-627-0507 or visit the website - www.LMPeaceCenter.org.