

NEWS & NOTES

March 22 2009

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Tuesday, 7 pm, Gifts Ministry at Bruce's
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Benton at Greencroft (Manor II)
Wednesday, 7 pm, Church Council
Wednesday, 7 pm, Library Committee
Thursday, 7 pm, Pastoral Leadership Team at Marian's

Staff Hours

Brenda Tuesday, Wednesday 9-4 Friday 9-11
Doug Tuesday – Thursday 9-2
Steve Friday, 7-11

Happy Birthday! ☺

Jennifer Bustos, Friday, March 27

Announcements

The Community Good Friday service this year is a special service with a children's drama at Rock Run Church of the Brethren. Those children interested in participating in a dramatization of Jesus' final hours are invited to come at 5 pm for a rehearsal and meal. The service begins at 7 pm.

Sunday, April 5 at 7 pm there will be a **Messiah sing-along** here at Benton in place of our usual Messiah concert. Come to sing or listen; bring your friends and family, and a Messiah score if you have one. Darrel Hostetler will be leading, and there will be string and piano accompaniment.

Our congregation will furnish grocery, paper, and personal items for **MDC Goldenrod** in mid-April. A suggested list from MDC is in your mailboxes. You can begin bringing your items anytime.

Offering

March 15 2009 Regular Offering	\$1,172.00
Year to Date Needed	\$74,900.00
Year to Date Received	\$77,814.00
Difference	\$2,914.00

IN THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of **Center for Healing and Hope** and the many patients that we serve, we would like to thank you for your generous gift. Your commitment to helping the uninsured in our community is sincerely appreciated. We could not continue doing what we do without the support of churches like yours.

- Dale L Wentorf, Executive Director

The Bethany Christian Schools on-line auction is open through Monday, March 23. Whether you're looking for something unique for yourself, searching for a gift for a special someone, or looking to add a little adventure to your life, you're sure to find something in our [on-line auction catalog](#). To view the **over 500** donated items that will be sold at **Fun Fest** on March 27 visit www.bethanycs.net. Every bid helps support Bethany students.

Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm, College Mennonite Church

The fourth ecumenical Lenten Centering Prayer service. Signs on the door and in the hallway will lead you to the youth room where we are meeting for just this one night. Parking is available on the south side.

It begins promptly and will last about a half hour, followed by a teaching via DVD about contemplative prayer practice. Fathers Thomas Keating and Richard Rohr will be heard in the series. Both men are writers and teachers about growth in our spiritual lives. Our time together will end around 8:45 p.m.

The gift of being with others on this journey of faithfulness together in Centering Prayer is one way to challenge our spiritual lives. Centering Prayer allows us to "be with God" in silence. The focus is deepening our relationship with the Living Christ. It is a guided time of prayer. Come to any or all of the remaining sessions each Monday. Invite other friends who may also be interested.

Friday, March 27

Bethany Christian Schools' **Fun Fest benefit auction.** All proceeds are used to benefit Bethany students. Please join us for the auctions, carnival, and food. You may call

Bethany at 534-2567 for more information or check www.bethanycs.net.

Sunday, March 29, 4 pm, East Goshen Mennonite Church

Marv Graber in Concert. Marv is a well-known Goshen resident who lost his sight at the age of ten. His love of music is portrayed in his singing and playing the autoharp, guitar, and crystal glasses. An offering will be taken for the church's building fund; light refreshments will be served.

Wilderness Wind is offering canoe trips, cabins, yurts, and retreats this summer. A Mennonite camp based in Ely, MN near the Boundary Waters, an encounter with the Creator and creation is perfect for families, friends, and youth groups. New this year — a Writer's Retreat canoe trip with Jeff Gundy, Survival Skills (outdoor challenges) with Cheryl Mast, Seniors in Denial canoe trip, and a Quilter's Retreat. Check www.wildernesswind.org or call 316-217-1129.

Daryl and Cindy Byler, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) representatives for Iraq, Iran, Jordan and Palestine, will be in the Goshen area updating interested people about the latest developments in the Middle East and how these impact the work of MCC. You are warmly invited to attend several public presentations, which include Goshen College Convocation, March 30 at 10 a.m.; and Faith Mennonite, Goshen, April 5 at 5 p.m. On Saturday, April 4, the Bylers will be the main presenters for a JustPeace Seminar held at the Goshen Public Library, 9 a.m.–noon. Contact Les Gustafson-Zook: 574 534-4133 or GLGustafson-Zook@mcc.org

Tuesday, April 14

Enjoy an Egyptian meal and learn about this interesting country at noon in the College Church Fellowship Hall for the annual **Afternoon Sabbatical luncheon**. President James Brenneman, Terri Plank Brenneman, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Will Jones, and Director of Major Gifts Jim Caskey will introduce us to the fascinating Egypt they experienced during a trip in 2008 that included everything from classical pharaonic sites to modern day political leaders. To register for the \$20 luncheon, call (574) 535-7566 or send an e-mail to edutrael@goshen.edu by the registration deadline of April 3.

Bethany Christian Schools' **Bright Time summer camps** for youth entering grades 1-8 include Camp Invention, Survivor Bethany, athletic, and other special interest camps. The early registration discount deadline is April 15. Brochures are available at Bethany or

www.bethanycs.net/BrightTime. For more information, contact Sarah Yoder at brighttime@bethanycs.net or 574 534-2567.

Friday and Saturday, April 3 & 4

Gospel Echoes Team Annual Benefit Friday's schedule includes a Haystack Supper from 4-9 pm and a concert at 6 pm. On Saturday, there will be a breakfast at 7 am and the benefit auction will begin at 9 am.

March 29-August 14 at The Library Gallery, Good Library, Goshen College

Full Circle: Old and New Quilts and Quilters

Mennonite and Amish quilts from the collection of Rebecca Haarer set a historical context for original quilts designed by Edith Shanholt, lifelong resident of Elkhart and LaGrange counties, and Clair Baker, native of California. The exhibit demonstrates continuity in the local tradition as well as influences to and from quilters who come from around the world to quilt circle gatherings in north central Indiana. Call 535-7427 for gallery hours.

BETHANY SEEKS ENGLISH TEACHER for junior and senior English courses, including *AP English 12*. Qualifications and interest in one or more of the following would be desirable: theater, speech/debate, journalism, and creative writing. Applicants should hold or be qualified to obtain Indiana licensure in secondary English. This is a full-time position for 2009-10. To apply, submit a resume and letter of application to Allan Dueck, principal, 2904 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526. Contact: 574 534-2567 or akdueck@bethanycs.net.

Menno-Hof needs your help as a volunteer in two areas: 1) persons to serve as host/hostess for guests visiting Menno-Hof, 2) help plant and maintain the quilt flower garden this summer. A volunteer orientation is scheduled for March 23, 9-11 AM at Menno-Hof. For more details call (260) 768-4117.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops are in need of clothing, household and furniture donations to continue supporting the local community and Mennonite Central Committee. While you are spring cleaning, consider donating your used but useful items to The Depot MCC Thrift Shops, 1013 Division Street, Goshen. You will receive a tax receipt along with the satisfaction of knowing you are helping those in need and caring for God's creation through recycling. For information about large item pick ups, call Denny at 534-1828.