

NEWS & NOTES

May 17 2009

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Wednesday, 7 pm, PCRC at Juniper Place
Thursday, 7 pm, Worship Ministry

Upcoming Events

- ✠ *Sunday, June 7* — Sermon on the Mount Sunday at Merry Lea in Wolf Lake.
10:30 am, Worship
12 noon, Lunch
1 pm, Sermon on the Mount activities
- ✠ *Tuesday – Sunday, July 14 – 19* — Mennonite World Conference in Asuncion, Paraguay
- ✠ *Friday – Sunday, September 11-13* — Congregational Retreat at Amigo Centre

Staff Hours

Brenda Tuesday 9-3, Wednesday 9-1
Doug Tuesday – Thursday 9-2, Friday 9-11
Steve Friday, 8-12

Happy Birthday! ☺

Monday, May 18, Martha Williams

Announcements

Friendship Circle is giving a comforter to Sarah Hooley and her husband as a wedding gift from the church.

The Caregivers have purchased a share at the Mill Race Farmer's Market again this year. If you are interested in using the share, contact Brenda or Marian.

Ralph Martin's phone number was mistakenly omitted from the last phone sheet. Please add his number: 537-4776.

Offering

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| May 10 2009 Regular Offering | \$1,659.00 |
| Year to Date Needed | \$96,300.00 |
| Year to date Received | \$98,878.00 |
| Difference | \$2,578.00 |

On the bulletin board are two notes of thanks, from **Mennonite Women USA** for Edith Johns Memorial and also from **Bethany Auction Quilt Committee**.

On Sunday June 7, we will have our **annual worship service at Merry Lea**. This year we will focus on the Sermon on the Mount, celebrating those who have memorized all or part of it. Come search for Mount Merry Lea.

The Southeast Goshen Area Council, of which Benton is a part, will be hosting **IN/MI Conference** this year on June 18-20 at Clinton Frame. There are many ways for you to serve during this time. We are looking for volunteers for the following areas: Wednesday evening set-up, Saturday clean-up, child care, children's activities, ushers, kitchen help for prep and serving, healthcare, and a Steward of the Earth Coordinator. Please call the local coordinators, James and Sharon Brandenberger, at (574)825-7567 or (574)333-9588 with the area(s) you'd be willing to serve in and the times you are available. Thanks for your help.

The early registration deadline for **Mennonite Church USA Convention 2009** in Columbus, Ohio, has been extended to May 22. The earlier announced deadline was April 30. Convention 2009 will be June 30 to July 5 in at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, and include gatherings for children, junior youth, youth, young adults and adults. The convention also will include the biennial Delegate Assembly July 1 to 4 and a special one-day learning event for Mennonite Church USA pastors and their spouses June 30. For more information or to register for Convention 2009, visit www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, May 20, 9 am to 5 pm

How many comforters can be finished in a two-day effort for Mennonite Central Committee's overseas comforter program? Mennonite Women of College Mennonite Church in Goshen, is sponsoring a **"Comforter Blitz"**. All are welcome (women, men and children) to join this come-

and-go time dedicated to getting comforter tops off our shelves, knotted, finished and delivered to MCC. Enter any door at College Mennonite Church and follow signs to Gathering Rooms 141 and 142. Any amount of time will contribute to getting warm bedding to persons in need. Please contact Edna Reed at 574-773-3622 with questions.

Thursday, May 21, 7 pm, Bethany Christian school chapel
Bethany Christian Middle School will present its **spring concert**. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

Friday, May 22, 7 pm, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, AMBS
Commissioning Service for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary graduates.

Saturday, May 23, 2:30 pm, College Mennonite Church
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary **Commencement Service**. Dorothy Nickel Friesen, conference minister for Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA, will be the speaker.

Saturday, May 23, 8th Street Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall
The **Mennonite Historical Society** will hold its annual meeting, beginning with a dinner 6:30 pm, followed by an address by John D. Roth, entitled "From Zurich to Addis Ababa: Reflections on Anabaptism as a Global Movement." This meeting of the MHS is open to everyone. Cost of the dinner is \$10, payable Saturday evening. **Please register for the dinner by Monday, May 18**, with Leonard Gross, 533-4057, or leonardg@goshen.edu. Persons interested in only the after-dinner address by Roth are welcome to come at 7:15 pm.

Thursday, May 28, 8 am – 12 noon, Greencroft Goshen Senior Center
Senior Health and Wellness Fair is being held as part of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging's Homecoming Week celebration. More information on bulletin board.

Saturday, May 30, 7:30 pm
Vesper Chorale Spring Concert performing with Children's Choir of Michiana and Vesper Chamber Orchestra at St Matthew Cathedral, 1702 Miami, South Bend. Pre-concert lecture at 7 pm. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 seniors, and \$8 student. To purchase tickets, visit www.vesperchorale.org, call Kern Road Mennonite Church (574) 291-0924, or Shirk's Piano & Organ (574) 255-7889.

Saturday, May 30, 6 pm, Goshen City Church of the Brethren
Godspell! Members of three Chicago-area churches will present the rock musical *Godspell* by Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz. *Godspell*, based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, is a joyous and ultimately powerful show, depicting Jesus's life in a modern setting. Featuring such famous numbers as "Day By Day", "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", and "Turn Back O Man", *Godspell* follows Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist through the gathering of his disciples and his many teachings and parables to, finally, his death on the cross.

Saturday, June 6, 7 am, Island Hills Golf Club, Centreville Michigan
Amigo Centre's St Joseph County Camp Scholarship Golf Scramble Cost is \$85 for green fees, cart and lunch for one person. Please register by *May 29* to ensure your spot. Hog roast lunch will be held at Amigo Centre. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 269 651-2811.

Saturday, June 6, 6 pm, Rieth Recital Hall, Goshen College
Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Board and Michiana MEDA Dinner Allan Sauder, MEDA president, will speak on "Business Solutions to Poverty: The Gift of Peace." Dinner will be catered by Bread and Chocolate with music provided by the Goshen College jazz ensemble. Cost: \$20/ticket, payable at the door. RSVP by May 26 to Kathleen Yoder: 717 560-6546 or kyoder@meda.org.

Sunday, June 14, 10 am
East Goshen Mennonite Church cordially invites you to the dedication of their expanded facilities. Included will be a worship service, lunch, and prayer tours. Please RSVP (574 533-7161 or egmc@eastgoshenmc.org) if you plan to be present for lunch.

Want to learn Spanish? El Buen Pastor Mennonite Church is having classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 - 8 pm in the church basement. For information, call Valentin Almaray at 312-5032.

Waterford Mennonite Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Oct. 9–11, 2009, using the theme "Pillars Along the Way". Former attenders and any other interested individuals are invited to join the congregation in remembering the past, celebrating the present, and looking to the future. To receive updates via mail or e-mail, contact the church: 574 533-5642 or wmc@waterfordchurch.org.