



For we are strangers no more... *Ephesians 2:19-20*

NEWS & NOTES

June 14 2009

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tue 9-3, Wed 9-1

Doug Tue, Wed 9-3

Steve Fri, 8-12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wed, Jun 17, Bethany Loberg

OFFERING

MAY 31 2009

Regular Offering	\$2,682.00
YTD Needed	\$104,325.00
YTD Received	\$106,039.00
Difference	\$1,714.00

JUNE 7 2009

Regular Offering	\$2,890.00
YTD Needed	\$107,000.00
YTD Received	\$108,929.00
Difference	\$1,929.00

Send announcements and bulletin information to bulletin@bentonchurch.org. Deadline for submitting information is Thursday evening.

Thursday to Saturday are Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference annual sessions at Clinton Frame: "Once upon a time ... signs and wonderings"

Throughout the weekend, we will focus on listening to and sharing stories about God's work in IN-MI Conference.

All worship sessions are free and open to the public. Please join us! (Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, 63846 CR 35)

Thursday opening worship (1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary): "Once upon a time ..."

We will celebrate gathering together as a conference body, sing praise to God, hear about abiding in God's love and enter playfully into our theme for Annual Sessions.

Thursday evening worship (7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary): "Bringing what we have."

This will be a time to reflect upon what we "bring" with us as we gather together. Dan Miller, lead conference minister, will share our message and give people opportunity to respond in a creative way.

Friday evening worship (7:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall): "Signs and wonderings."

Gathered around tables, we all will listen together to several stories of God at work throughout

our conference, then share and reflect with one another as "table groups" in story, prayer and communion.

Saturday morning worship (11 a.m. in the sanctuary): "And here we go!"

We will celebrate what we have heard and shared during Annual Sessions. John Troyer, pastor at Clinton Frame Mennonite, will provide summary reflections from the weekend. As participants prepare to return to their congregations, they will be given opportunity for anointing and be sent with a blessing.

New Look for News & Notes

By Steven Johns

With this issue, as you can see, there is a new look to the *News & Notes*.

As most of the *News & Notes* are being sent out electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF), I felt the time was right to begin doing a version of the *News & Notes* using color. Most computers these days have a color screen, and I would guess that most people have color printers, if you choose to print it out.

The print version, however, will continue to be black on green paper, as the office printer/copier only prints in black.

I hope you enjoy this new color version of *News & Notes*.

Here at Benton

The special congregational meeting scheduled for June 17 has been postponed to Sunday July 12 at 1 pm.

“Thank you for the use of your church for our Moms In Touch meetings each week.”

—Fairfield Moms In Touch

A thank you letter for the congregation's contribution to Mennonite World Conference is posted on the bulletin board.

In the Community

Would you like to get to know an international student? Goshen College is looking for host families for some of our students to live with for the academic year. Interested families should live within a mile of the college and have a spare room in their house. Financial support of \$100-150/month could be available. If interested, please call (535-7548) or email (carleb@goshen.edu) Skip Barnett, International Student Adviser.

Tuesday, June 16, in the Oak Court Social Room, Greencroft, Goshen

Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo (*Mission Mosaic, p 72*) will be speaking about their work in Mongolia. They are sent to Mongolia by the Mennonite Church Muria Synod of Indonesia (GKMI). Petrus teaches philosophy, world religions and biblical courses at the Union Bible Training Center in Ulaanbaatar. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a carry-in meal. Bring table service and a dish to share; drinks will be provided. All are welcome to this event sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network Auxiliary.

Seminary Open House set for June 22 A summer Open House at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary is scheduled for June 22. This is a valuable time of exploring classes, experiencing worship with the community and learning about everything from financial aid to community life. You can see an invitation with details at www.ams.edu/open-house, or send an

Mennonite World Conference

Quiz Question

Name the three countries which border Paraguay.

Answer next week.

invitation to someone you know with gifts for ministry at www.ams.edu/open-house/share.

Friday, June 19, 8 am, Spring Meadow Farm Golf Club

5th Annual **Golf Outing** to benefit **Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network**. Entry fee is \$300 per team of four and includes 18 holes of golf with cart and lunch. Shotgun Start, Florida Scramble.

Monday, June 22, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Open House, a day planned for people to explore seminary life. The day will include sitting in on classes, worship with the seminary community, lunch with faculty and students, and tours of the library, bookstore and campus housing. The seminary will provide meals and lodging. For information, contact the admissions office by [e-mail](mailto:) or toll-free phone number: 1 + 800 964-2627.

August 3–7 2009, St Barnabas Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn Illinois

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders Designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict, it 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 www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Waterford Mennonite Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Oct. 9–11, 2009, using the theme “Pillars Along the Way”. To receive updates via mail or e-mail, contact the church: 574 533-5642 or wmc@waterfordchurch.org.