



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

NEWS & NOTES

June 28 2009

Worship Ministry's survey

By Donna Risser

Thank you for responding to the Worship Ministry's survey on June 21. The Worship Ministry will use this information as we make plans for the coming year. Many persons wrote comments on their surveys. If you want to read the comments, or if you did not complete the survey and would like to, see me.

43 persons responded to this survey.

Tabulation of Worship ministry survey from June 21, 2009

1. Worship services are planned to be 1 hr and 15 min in length. How important is it to you that they stay within this allotted time?

Not important				Very important	
1	2	3	3½	4	5
(8)	(14)	(12)	(1)	(8)	

2. Often there is fellowship and/or church business going on in the sanctuary before service begins. How does this impact your preparation for worship?

Positive impact			Negative impact		
1	2	3	4	5	
(3)	(9)	(20)	(5)	(6)	

A favorite comment Worship Ministry received was from Chelsea Risser, "The service could go on all day as far as I'm concerned."

Here at Benton

Brenda is with her parents and family this weekend in Michigan.

Please contact Marian Miller with pastoral concerns this week.

A reminder: If you have not paid your **Burial Aid Assessment**, please do so.

Sarah Hooley and James Dappen were married on May 16 at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, next door to the Hooley farm. Their address is: 110 Mary Grace Dr, Mt Vernon TX 75457.

Thanks to all who volunteered either in person or behind the scenes with the IN-MI Conference. We appreciate everyone who helped make the IN-MI conference a success here at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

*James & Sharon Brandenberger,
Local Coordinators*

Barnabas Ministers — the Caregivers want to thank you for the good work you are doing! Watch for more details about a thank-you meal in your honor July 31.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, 7 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast at Old Mill Inn

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Vacation
Doug at Mennonite Church USA convention in Columbus.
Steve Friday, 8-12

OFFERING

JUNE 21 2009

Regular Offering	\$1,972.00
YTD Needed	\$112,350.00
YTD Received	\$115,566.00
Difference	\$3,216.00
Sharing Fund	\$312.00

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

At our previous congregational meeting the pastors shared about the idea of practicing love feasts on Sundays when we have a congregational meal before a congregational meeting. At the time we anticipated that the first time this would happen would be in November, since our August meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday. However, the church council has called for a special congregational meeting on July 12. So we will have a love feast on July 12. The idea would be for as many of us as possible to gather at the beginning of the meal for a few words remembering the bread and cup as the body and blood of Christ. We will invite all gathered, whether baptized or not, to participate in this more informal form of communion. Then the juice and bread will be part of our meal.

Dear Benton friends: MCC is hosting an East-West dialogue for young adults this August. There will be Christians and Muslims meeting for eight days in Amman, Jordan. I am applying to attend and would appreciate some help. Brenda and Doug have set aside part of the peace offering, which I am thankful for. I would also like to have a haystack dinner to help with traveling costs. If anyone would like to volunteer I will be delighted to have your help hosting a buffet-style haystack dinner. July 25 and 26 are the tentative dates for the meal. Thank you.

Camry Hess

The Peace Offering next Sunday will be divided between the Peace and Justice Support Network and support for Camry's participation in the East/West dialogue. This is a change from last week's *News & Notes*

Millie Miller is living at Hope Springs Manor (formerly Checkerberry Inn) at 62535 CR 37, Goshen IN 46528. Her phone is 642-0653.

Community

Sonshine Daycare is hosting a Haystack breakfast on Saturday, July 11, from 7:00-10:00 am. Money raised from this event will provide needed funds for the Sonshine Children's Ministry.

An Elkhart family would like to hire a female caregiver for part-time, **in-home respite care**

Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

In 1932, Mennonite immigrants formed a town that still exists today. Its name is:

- a. Concepcion
- b. Mennoland
- c. Chaco
- d. Filadelfia

Answer to last week's question:

Menno, Fernheim, Neuland

sand outings for a young woman with developmental disabilities. The location is one block from AMBS, so seminary students are encouraged to contact us. Housing option available in exchange for care. Please e-mail graberf@verizon.net or call 574-522-2924 for more information and interview.

River Stewards update: The Noble County Commissioners are considering declaring the north branch of the Elkhart River a regulated ditch. On the foyer table is more information and a petition asking them not to take this action, for the sake of those down river from them. Please consider signing.

Amigo Offers 50% Scholarships for Summer Camps

Sports & Arts Camp coming up July 5-10 for 5th grade through 8th grade campers. All new registrants invited to request the 50% scholarships! There is still room for up to 15 campers. So invite your friends also. See <http://www.amigocentre.org/> Or call 269-651-2811 for more information.

Ride the bus to Hesston College's Centennial!

Hesston College is offering charter bus transportation from Goshen, IN to Hesston, KS for Centennial Homecoming Weekend 2009 Celebration, September 25-27. Alumni and friends are invited to travel on the bus and join the festivities. Base travel cost is \$150 per person with possible discount incentives available through the college's Partner Program. Contact Tonya Gaby, development officer located in Indiana, at 574-370-7774, or TonyaG@hesston.edu, for more details and to express your interest in participating.