



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

# NEWS & NOTES

July 5 2009

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 pm

Nurture Ministry

Wednesday, 9:30 am

Friendship Circle Sewing

## STAFF HOURS

**Brenda** Tue, Wed, 9-3

**Doug** Tue, Fri, 9-5

**Steve** Friday, 8-12

## BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, 9,

Marilyn Swartzentruber

Friday, 10, Anna Baer

Saturday, 11, Steve Bustos

## OFFERING

### JUNE 28 2009

Regular Offering \$2,862.00

YTD Needed \$115,025.00

YTD Received \$118,428.00

Difference \$3,403.00

Send announcements and bulletin information to [bulletin@bentonchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@bentonchurch.org). Deadline for submitting information is Thursday evening.

## Here at Benton

On Wednesday Doug plans to travel to Indianapolis to visit Troy in the hospital.

Brenda and Val Martin fly out of Chicago on Thursday evening for Paraguay. They will spend the weekend with a group visiting Mennonite colonies in the Chaco.

Those interested in keeping up with Martha Williams in the UK can log on to her blog at [marthaintheuk.blogspot.com](http://marthaintheuk.blogspot.com).

**Friendship Circle** is sponsoring the collection of School Kits again in July and August. Bring contents for the kits. There will be a fun evening planned later to fill the bags. Contents are 4 spiral **notebooks** about 8½" x 10½" and 70-80 sheets; 4 unsharpened #2 **pencils**; 1 **ruler**, flexible plastic indicating both 30 cm and 12"; 1 box of **colored pencils** (12-24); 1 **large pencil eraser**.

So far this year our church has received \$4,513 in **MMA matching grants** for our congregational assistance and activities in supporting people and programs both in the congregation and in the local community. Those who received assistance were five families, MYFers and Junior youth for participation in service activities at MC USA Convention, three community agencies, and the pastors for continuing education activities. We applied for matching grants for our assistance to four additional

community ministries but have been informed that these requests will not be funded because MMA's funds for this year have been depleted. However, MMA has made \$50,000 in additional funds available for matching grants on a \$1 to \$3 basis (\$1 for each \$3 the congregation provides) for assistance to those who have been unemployed or underemployed because of the recession. If you are interested in any further information, please contact me.

—Orv Yoder, MMA Advocate.

## In the Community

Saturday, July 11, 5 pm, Elkhart County Fairgrounds

**Gospel Echoes teams** "Under the Tent" For information contact Gospel Echoes at 533-0221

**Sonshine Daycare's** Haystack breakfast has been postponed to Saturday, August 1.

## Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

Approximately how many Mennonites are there in Paraguay?

- a. 5,000
- b. 30,000
- c. 10,000
- d. 50,000

Answer to MWC quiz question for June 28:  
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