



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

NEWS & NOTES

July 19 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7 pm

Joint Church Council/Pastoral Leadership Team meeting with current and future ministry chairs

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Friday, 9-3

Doug Wednesday 9-3,
Friday 9-5

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Today, 19, Alex Trčka

Tuesday, 21, Delores Miller

Wednesday, 22, Lois Troyer

Thursday, 23, Norma Martin

OFFERING

JULY 12 2009

Regular Offering \$1,699.00

YTD Needed \$123,722.00

YTD Received \$120,375.00

Difference \$3,347.00

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

Here at Benton

Hello from Val and Brenda in Paraguay. We had a fascinating weekend in the Mennonite colony of Neuland last week, where we stayed two nights with a family and got a whirlwind introduction to lots of history and culture. Now we're in the midst of the conference. Many languages, wonderful worship, lots of people connections, lots to think about. Looking forward to sharing more with all of you.

Brenda returns from Paraguay on Wednesday this week.

Helene Hoover's new address and phone number: 2005 E Jackson Blvd, Elkhart Indiana 46516; 574 522-7430.

Friendship Circle is sponsoring the collection of School Kits again in July and August. Rather than asking you to take bags to fill, you may bring contents for the kits. There will be a fun evening planned later to fill the bags. Contents are 4 spiral **notebooks** about 8.5" x 10.5" 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**.

"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." The complete text of the letter is posted on the bulletin board.

Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

What is the primary language of the indigenous peoples of the Chaco in Paraguay?

Answer to MWC quiz question for July 12:

Indigenous Mennonites. More than 1000 Mennonites from the Paraguayan Chaco, along with 30 Mennonites living and ministering in indigenous contexts in the United States and Canada, as well as 10 representatives of indigenous Mennonite communities in Guatemala, Panama and Peru.

In the Community

Saturday, August 1, 7-10 am

Sonshine Daycare in Millersburg is hosting a Haystack breakfast. Money raised from this event will provide needed funds for the Sonshine Children's Ministry.

Sunday, August 2, 6 pm

Yellow Creek Mennonite Church presents Concert Pianist, Andrew Lapp. No tickets needed, but a freewill offering will be taken. The church is located at 64901 County Road 11, Goshen. See the poster posted on the bulletin board. For more information call 574.862.2595.

Family Worship Center is prepping up for a clothing drive distribution day on **August 8**. We have been collecting clothing for this day for the past several months but are still in need of clothing and shoes to make this event happen. Our main focus is children's clothing for the school year, but we are also taking donations for infants and adults. See bulletin board for more details. We appreciate all the help that we have received and look forward to making this a successful event to help the needy families in the Goshen area!

Emerge Ministries, an extension of Church Without Walls, is asking for assistance for low-income Jr high and high school students by providing school supplies. The items Emerge would need is pens, pencils, papers, rulers, calculators, highlighters, folders and binders this is for students who families are unable to afford. Your time and support is greatly appreciated! We will need these supplies by **August 10 2009**. If you have any question, please feel free to call the office.

Ride the bus to Hesston College's Centennial! Hesston College is offering charter bus transportation from Goshen to Hesston Kansas 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. Sign up meetings will be held to determine if there is enough interest to fill the bus. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23 at the chapel in Evergreen Place at Greencroft at 7 pm. 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.

"Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day" is the theme for the **Women Creating Community 2009-10** retreat series at **A Quiet Place Prayer Center**, Milford, Ind. A group of women will gather once a month from September through May, dividing the time between input, silence and solitude, and sharing in small covenant groups. Cost: \$280 for eight sessions. Up to four CEUs available.

Download a brochure: im.mennonite.net/news/news.php. Contact A Quiet Place: 574 658-4831 (Camp Mack) or milfam@npcc.net.

Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Day Care seeks a director. Applicant needs an Associate or Bachelor Degree in ECE. Management skills essential. Email resume to yellowcreekdaycare@gmail.com or mail to YCDC, 64901 County Road 11, Goshen, IN 46526. No phone calls please.

Interested in immigration issues? Join the conversation at **"And you welcomed me: A consultation of the people of God on immigration,"** Sept. 18-20 at Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, **Waxahachie, Texas** (near Dallas). Anyone interested in a Christian response to questions concerning immigration is invited to attend this information-packed weekend of workshops, worship and networking. Register online at www.MennoniteMission.net/Immigration (in either English or Spanish). Register by Aug. 25 to save money; final deadline is Sept. 1. Sponsors: Mennonite Mission Network (Peace and Justice Support Network, Urban Leaders Network), Executive Leadership of Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference. Contact Becky Tyson: 574 523-3076 or 866 866-2872 or BeckyT@MennoniteMission.net

"A celebration of peace: Beyond borders," **Oct. 23-24**. Children in grades 3-7 who want to impact their homes, schools, communities and the world through positive attitudes and actions are invited to take part in a two-day conference at Bluffton (Ohio) University. Through music, storytelling, drama, art, drumming, cooperative games and multicultural interaction, students will recognize that borders are created by society to separate people and will be challenged to consider possibilities for uniting all humanity under one sky. Sponsors: The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center, Bluffton University and Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes. To learn more, see www.bluffton.edu/lionlamb/conference/ or contact Louise Matthews: 419 358-3207 or matthewsl@bluffton.edu.