



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

NEWS & NOTES

August 16 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 7 pm

Congregational meeting

Thursday, 10 am

Caregivers at Marian's

Saturday, 9 am

River Stewards water testing
at the Meyer-Reeds

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Monday 9-2,
Wednesday 9-4,
Friday 11-2

Doug Wednesday, Friday,
9-2

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Friday, 21, Edwin Martin

OFFERING

AUGUST 9 2009

Regular Offering	\$3,530.00
YTD Needed	\$131,075.00
YTD Received	\$137,289.00
Difference	\$6,214.00

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

Here at Benton

Sunday morning Doug will be officiating at Jeff Mumaw's ordination at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Brenda is in Iowa this weekend for Karla Stoltzfus' wedding.

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**.

Wednesday, August 26, 7 pm

Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse is a document that our church has put together in order to consider this issue. Those who work with children, such as Sunday school teachers and mentors, as well as others who are interested, should review the document on a regular basis. Join some Nurture Ministry members for a review at the church.

Fairfield Food Pantry is accepting donations of fresh garden produce. If you have produce to share please call Sandi Sizemore at 831-2184 (work) or 831-2545 (home).

Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

What cities host the four current Mennonite World Conference offices?

Answer to MWC quiz question for August 9:

Democratic Republic of Congo (216, 268), United States (368,280) [MWC 2006 survey]

In the Community

Just Help: Elkhart County Legal Advocacy Center invites applicants for Executive Director and for Lead Attorney. This new nonprofit will open in Goshen, IN in early 2010 to fill the gaps in availability of affordable legal services for low income and Spanish speaking residents of Elkhart County. Send resumes or inquiries to info.justhelp@gmail.com. If you would like to know more about this new organization you may email Michelle Shelly at info.justhelp@gmail.com. or call 574-329-3469.

Support Bethany Girls Soccer Game to Help Destiny Join others at the game between Bethany Christian Schools vs Goshen High School varsity girls soccer. A portion of the ticket proceeds go to Destiny's Fund,

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 pm at Bethany Christian School on South Main. For tickets and information call 574-534-2567 or Gwen Blea 574-534-5408 mamagwenda@yahoo.com

Sunday, August 23, 11:30 am, 4 pm, Pleasant View Mennonite Church

Help for Destiny: A “dine-in or “take-out” hog roast with live musical entertainment, sponsored by friends and family of Destiny Peshina-Higdon, daughter of Jim & Ruth Peshina. Pork Barbecue meal includes buns, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, desert, and beverage. Donations for Destiny’s Fund help meet cost related to her cancer treatments. A sign-up sheet is available for “take-out” meals on the table in the foyer. See poster on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Gwen Blea, 574-534-5408 or mamagwenda@yahoo.com.

Come to the 11th Annual MDC Goldenrod Benefit Auction. Proceeds benefit persons with developmental disabilities served by MDC Goldenrod. Come and bring the whole family on **Friday, August 28.** The evening begins with the Project Promise chicken BBQ dinner at 4:30, Les and Gwen Gustafzon-Zook music program at 6:45. (If you have never heard them, you will really enjoy it!) On **Saturday, August 29,** locally made cinnamon rolls at 6 am, a traditional Amish

haystack breakfast at 7:30, and the live and silent auctions at 9 am. KettleKorn, BBQ pork sandwiches and drinks also served. Bid on hand-crafted quilts or furniture, and take home cheese or baked goods.

Friday-Sunday, September 18–20, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center

Annual Autumn Hope Conference: “At home with God’s wild side: Finding our place in nature” How does our faith shape our relationship with the natural world? David Miller, chair of Goshen College’s biology department, and Luke Gascho, Merry Lea’s executive director, will lead the event. Merry Lea is in Wolf Lake, Ind. See www.goshen.edu/merrylea or call 260 799-5869.

Beyond Words: Imagining a Visual Spirituality is a retreat gathering for artists and anyone interested in connecting to God in visual ways. The weekend will include visually-focused worship, artist-led workshops, as well as open time and space for rest, reflection, and fellowship. Friday – Sunday, October 23-25 2009, at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt Pleasant PA. Register by September 1 to receive \$10 discount per person. Registration deadline is October 10. For cost options, call 800 839-1021 or email info@laurelville.org.