



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

NEWS & NOTES

August 23 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Benton at Greencroft

Wednesday, 7 pm

Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse training for teachers

Thursday, 7 pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Friday and Saturday

Goldenrod Auction at Shipshewana

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-2

Doug Wednesday, 9-2; Friday, 9-11

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Monday, 24, Sofia Johar

Wednesday, 26, Kristina Trčka

Wednesday, 26, Donna Risser

OFFERING

AUGUST 16 2009

Regular Offering \$3,436.00

YTD Needed \$133,750.00

YTD Received \$140,725.00

Difference \$6,975.00

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

Here at Benton

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. On Sunday, September 20, following lunch, you are invited to an intergenerational bag-filling party. 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.

This is it! This Friday evening and Saturday morning, August 28 and 29 2009 is the 11th Annual MDC Goldenrod Benefit Auction and Haystack Breakfast. It will be held at the Shipshewana Auction Barn on SR 5 south of the four-way stop in Shipshewana. Come to an open house Friday evening featuring a BBQ Chicken meal by Project Promise and a musical program by Les & Gwen Gustafzon-Zook. If you have baked goods to

Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

What are the four international General Council Commissions of Mennonite World Conference?

Answer to MWC quiz question for August 16:

Strasbourg, France; Asunción, Paraguay; Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; Clovis, California, United States.

contribute, please bring them by Friday noon to the MDC Goldenrod Office in Goshen or to the auction site by 4:00 pm. We need lots of bake sale items so please bring what you can! Saturday August 29 begins with homemade cinnamon rolls at 6 a.m., an Amish Haystack Breakfast at 7:30 am, and both a silent and live auction at 9:00 am. Come join the fun at the Shipshewana Auction Barn, located south of the four-way stop on St Rd 5 in Shipshewana. Bid generously on quilts, indoor and outdoor furniture, wooden toys, crafts, and more. Take home cheese or other food items. Proceeds benefit persons with developmental disabilities served by MDC Goldenrod. For more information, please contact the MDC Goldenrod Office at (574) 533-9720 ext. 5 or email nedrag@goldenrodonline.org.

In the Community

Today, 11:30 am – 4 pm, Pleasant View Mennonite Church

Help for Destiny: Join with others for a “dine-in” or “take-out” hog roast meal with live music, 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. Destiny grew up in Goshen and was active in the community including Bethany Christian School activities and more. Recently married, she now lives in Macon, Georgia, where she had served in volunteer service projects.

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 pm, Bethany Christian School

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. Tickets information call 574-534-2567 or Gwen Blea 574-534-5408 mamagwenda@yahoo.com.

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 pm, Goshen College
Achieving Financial Stability workshop, developed by Elkhart County Works Together. Participants at this free workshop will get a workbook listing local resources, as well as a presentation about how to respond when job loss happens. There is information regarding location and ways to sign up for this workshop at ecwt.org, or contact David Schrock-Shenk at 534-0903 or info@ecwt.org.

Singing men! Relief Sale Chorus rehearsals are set for 4:00-5:30 on Sundays, August 30, and September 6, 13, 20, and Thursday, Sept 24 at North Goshen Mennonite Church. Mark these dates on your calendar. Any questions : Call Darrel Hostetler, 574-537-4850 or Matt Tschetter, 574-295-4349.

Simply Give The local Dunlap Meijer store has chosen The Window to be the recipient of the “Simply Give” program. Take a Donation Card to Meijer with you on your next shopping trip, present it to the cashier, \$10.00 will be added to you bill. This \$10.00 donation will be transferred into a \$10.00 gift card PLUS Meijer will match it with \$10.00 MONETARY donation to The Window! Your donation will have doubled! Meijer will make a dollar-for-dollar contribution up to \$100,000 for every donation. You can pick up a donation card at The Window. This program runs until September 26th. The Window appreciates your support.

Bethany Christian Schools is taking applications for substitute teachers for this school year. For more information or to apply, contact Hank Willems at jhwillems@bethanycs.net or 574 534-2567.

Saturday, September 12, 8 am

Bethany Christian Schools’ 5K Run/Walk and 2.5K walk. Registration forms and additional information are available at www.bethanycs.net/5K09.

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.

Interested in immigration issues? Join the conversation at *And You Welcomed Me: A consultation of the people of God on Immigration*. Anyone interested in a Christian response to questions concerning immigration is invited to attend this information-packed weekend of workshops, worship, and networking. September 18-20 2009, Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, Waxahachie, Texas (near Dallas).