



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

NEWS & NOTES

August 30 2009

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:30 pm

Campaign Organizational meeting

Thursday, 7 pm

Service and Witness

Saturday, 7 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Old Mill Inn

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-2

Doug Wednesday, 10-2; Friday, 9-2

Steve Friday, 8-12

OFFERING

AUGUST 23 2009

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| Regular Offering | \$1,522.00 |
| YTD Needed | \$136,425.00 |
| YTD Received | \$142,247.00 |
| Difference | \$5,822.00 |
| Sharing Fund | \$375.00 |

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

Here at Benton

I want all reports for 2008-09 BY OCTOBER 1 for editing and producing the booklet of Annual Plans & Reports. This includes all the subgroups which are listed in last year's booklet and any others who want to submit reports. NOTICE: The person who submits the first report will be eligible to win a prize. Persons who are tardy in such submission may be subjected to hounding. PLEASE supply me with your report in any readable format, either in my church mailbox or to my email address: hahover@hotmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

—Helene Hoover

Mentors past and present – If you have a copy of Steve Ropp's book *One on One: Making the most of your mentoring relationship* gathering dust on your shelf, please consider one or both of the following options: 1) Spend an hour browsing through it and getting re-inspired for a current or future mentor relationship 2) Put it in Brenda's mailbox at the church so it can be re-gifted to a new mentor. Thanks!

Brenda and Rich are at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne this morning, sharing about their experiences in the Middle East.

Thank you! Destiny Peshina-Higdon, her family and Pleasant View Mennonite Church wish to thank Benton Mennonite Church for generous participation in the

Mennonite World Conference Quiz Question

Who started Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) in 1955, and why?

Answer to MWC quiz question for August 23:

Deacons, Faith & Life, Peace and Mission. For more information on the General Commissions, go to <http://www.mwc-cmm.org> and look under Global Church, then Mennonite World Conference

Help for Destiny hog roast fundraising event. The sacrificial support of the community help raise over \$5,500 in donations. Prayers and help with ongoing medical needs continue, please make donations to the **Destiny's Fund**, payable to Pleasant View Mennonite Church. Contact Gwen Blea with questions **574-534-5408** mamagwenda@yahoo.com.

Please note Helene Hoover's new address and telephone number: 2005 East Jackson Boulevard, Elkhart Indiana 46516; 574-522-7430.

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

In the Community

Singing men! Relief Sale Chorus rehearsals are set for 4:00-5:30 **today**, and on Sundays, 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.

Tuesday, September 1, 4:15 pm, Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Notre Dame

Is Afghanistan A 'Good War'? Are U.S. military operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan ethical? Do they conform to the standards of Catholic just war teaching? Kroc Institute faculty Mary Ellen O'Connell and David Cortright will examine these questions and explore alternative means of countering Al Qaeda and global terrorism.

Tuesday, September 8, 7 pm, Clinton Frame Mennonite Church

Invitation to all interested members of churches in Clinton and Benton townships. Meeting of the General Board of the Clinton-Benton Christian Education Association. Elected representatives as well as pastors and anyone interested in the Bible programs at Millersburg and Benton Elementary Schools are encouraged to attend. Currently in need of donations in order to continue to support the Bible teacher. Contributions may be sent to: CBCEA, c/o Chris Stump, treasurer, 15082 CR 34, Goshen Indiana 46528. Make checks payable to: Clinton-Benton Christian Education Association.

Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm, Bread and Chocolate

"From MEDA to the Gates Foundation"
Come for dinner and a program by Joyce Lehman, program officer for microfinance at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Joyce will share some of her work experiences at both MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) and the Gates Foundation and will explain current microfinance projects of the Gates Foundation. RSVP by September 4 by calling 877 787-6332, e-mailing reservations@michianameda.org or going to www.michianameda.org. Cost: \$15/members, \$20/non-members, \$5/students. Please indicate special dietary needs with your reservation. Bread

and Chocolate is located at 1401 Lincolnway East, Goshen.

Creation care class offered at seminary:

Explore the theology of creation care, issues of ethics and ecojustice, and creation care practices for the church in a fall class offered by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The class, "Ecological Theology, Ethics and Spirituality," meets four weekends during the semester. For information on this and all fall AMBS classes, see www.ambs.edu/courses/fall, or contact registrar@ambs.edu.

Assets Elkhart County Business plan development program for aspiring or current business owners. Classes start September 17 2009. Register online at www.assetsindiana.org or call 535-7451 for more information.

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.

The Center for Peace and Nonviolence (CPNV) of St. Joseph County, Indiana, is hosting a screening of the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. This widely acclaimed movie tells the story of Muslim and Christian women in Liberia who came together to end the civil war in their country nonviolently and is being shown nationwide in September to celebrate the United Nations Peace Day. CPNV screenings include Sunday, September 20, 7 pm, Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Rd, South Bend (contact person: Danile Martens, 574 257-1433); and Friday, September 25, 7 pm at Little Flower Catholic Church and in DeBartolo Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, Saturday, September 12, 6:30 and 9:30 pm. For more information, go online: www.praythedevilbacktohell.com/v3/