

NEWS & NOTES

July 13, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Wednesday	6:30 pm Benton at Greencroft Manor II at door 17
Thursday	7:00 pm Worship Ministry

Staff Hours

Brenda	Tue-Fri 9:00 – 5:00
Doug	on sabbatical – see blog at http://amishmennoniteineurope.blogspot.com/
Janelle	Fri 8:00 – 2:00

Happy Birthday! ☺

Wednesday (July 9)	Marilyn Swartzentruber
Friday (July 11)	Steve Bustos
Saturday (July 12)	Irma Geaugh
Today	Esther Kauffman
Wednesday	Linda Hoover Ashley Fecher Michael Fecher Daniel Fecher
Thursday	Barb Meyer-Reed

Happy Belated Anniversary! ☺

Wednesday (July 9)	Barb & Lane Meyer-Reed (14 years)
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EVERYONE IS invited to go to the Deep River Waterpark, Merrillville, IN, on Saturday, August 9. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer with more details. See Donna Risser if you have any questions.

JULY 6, 2008 Regular Offering	\$4,007.00
Year to Date Needed	\$120,385.00
Year to Date Received	\$128,825.00
Difference	\$8,440.00

HEALTH KITS NEEDED. Mennonite Central Committee is experiencing a shortage of health kits. We invite congregations who have routinely collected school kits during the fall to consider switching to health kits for just this year. Also, MCC has pledged 27,000 relief kits for Iraq; please consider increasing your donations of these as well. Benton Mennonite Women/Friendship Circle will be collecting health kits here at church through August. . Bags are on the bench in the foyer as well as lists of contents. Thank you for your continued support.

From Matt, Deb, Makyla, Donovan and Laineigh family.

Hello all.

This messages comes to inform you that tomorrow (Tuesday July 8) morning Donovan will be permanently reunited with his birth father.

We are so very happy for him and rejoice with his father in this reunion. We are also sad that we will no longer have a little boy running around causing all kinds of activity in our home.

Donovan has brought great joy to all of us and to all that have met him while he's been with us and we will greatly miss him! He is such a ball of energy and happiness! Our world has been brightened with him in it.

We want to thank each of you for allowing Donovan into your life and for helping us to parent him. Thank you for treating him as one of your own. He will greatly benefit in life from knowing each of you! Thank you for loving Donovan.

We ask that you pray for Donovan as he makes this hard transition. Also for his birthfather as he takes on full time responsibility of Donovan. Lastly for us as we with bittersweet joy give Donovan his wings and let him fly!

Thank you so much for being such a wonderful support!

We love you!

OTHER EVENTS

SONSHINE DAYCARE Ministries, of Millersburg, is hosting a haystack breakfast fundraiser on July 19 from 7-10 in the morning at the center. Please come and support this important ministry.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, at 7 p.m. at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, 1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart Carol Honderich, Edith Shanholt, Marie Troyer and Marcia Wierck will share about their travels to Mongolia this spring to teach quilting to the women there. . . Marlow and Vicky Ramsay, longtime Mennonite Mission Network workers in Mongolia, will join the four women to share about their own work and experiences in living in Mongolia since 1999. This presentation is free and open to anyone interested. Please come and bring your friends to hear how God is at work in Mongolia. For more information, contact Carol Honderich at 574-523-3081.

WE ARE LOOKING for a volunteer that would be willing to come to MDC Goldenrod once a week to conduct a craft activity for a few of our residents that are home during the day. This person would need to come to our Goshen campus at 1514 College Ave. on Wednesdays and help supply the items needed for the activity. If you are interested in trying this or have questions about it, please call Hannah at 574-533-9720 ext. 6.

MENNONITE MISSION Network is seeking a Budget and Financial Manager to oversee budget development and management, manage internal reporting and controls, and be a collaborative liaison to other departments. The ideal candidate will be committed to Christian faith, Anabaptist belief and practice, and antiracist principles. He/she will have a working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and the ability to analyze financial data and prepare reports, statements and projections using automated reporting systems. A working knowledge of short and long term budgeting and forecasting is required. For more information, see Staff Opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger at (574)523-3009.

TEN THOUSAND Villages in Goshen is looking for volunteers to help with two ongoing projects. We are in need of someone who can do regular thorough cleaning of our retail, kitchen and bathroom spaces. This position will

require someone who is meticulous and can do bending, stretching and some lifting. We also are looking for help with our cardboard and paper recyclables, which would require someone who can come to the store and pick up large flattened boxes and bagged paper and deliver them to a recycling dumpster. Both positions would be a weekly commitment at a time of your choosing during store hours. For more information, please call Ten Thousand Villages Goshen at 574-533-8491 or email the store at goshen@tenthousandvillages.com.

EMERGE MINISTRIES, an extension of Church Without Walls, seeks to assist low-income Jr. High and High school students by providing school supplies. These items include pens and pencils, paper, rulers, calculators, highlighters, folders, binders - anything a student might need in a classroom, but is unable to afford. Your support is always greatly appreciated! We will need the supplies by August 1.

EIGHTH STREET Preschool, 602 S. Eighth Street in Goshen, is accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year. Eighth Street Preschool emphasizes discovery learning and social interactions developmentally appropriate for 3-5 year olds . The 3/4 classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. The 4/5 classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. Children will experience quality age-appropriate activities in art, literature, music and movement. Eighth Street Preschool welcomes a diverse population. Openings are limited and fill quickly. Financial aid applications are available. Call 533-6720 for more information.