

NEWS & NOTES

August 3, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Tuesday 1 pm Caregivers
4 pm PLT at Marian's
Wednesday 7 pm Bible Memory leaders meeting
Saturday Deep River Water park

Staff Hours

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

Happy Birthday! ☺

Tuesday Andrew Buschert
Saturday Anita Martin

Happy Anniversary! ☺

Friday John & Lyn Buschert (27 years)

ANNA HADE'S contact information:

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San Francisco, CA 94117
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ANYONE IS invited to go to the Deep River Water park, Merrillville, IN, this Saturday, August 9. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer with more details. See Donna Risser if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ALL children's Sunday School teachers, mentors and youth sponsors: There will be a meeting to go over the Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse policy and for general orientation August 20, 7:00 at the church. Please mark your calendars and make plans to come. It will not be a long meeting and there will be REFRESHMENTS!
Thanks--Nurture Ministry

JULY 27, 2008 Regular Offering	\$2,452.00
Year to Date Needed	\$128,410.00
Year to Date Received	\$135,539.00
Difference	\$7,129.00

OTHER EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 10th Annual MDC Goldenrod Benefit Auction. The date is August 22 and 23, 2008. The location is at the corner of CR 16 & 43, 1 ½ miles east of Middlebury. Come on August 22 from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm to see all the awesome items that have been donated. There will be several tasty snacks for purchase. Bake sale items and bologna and cheese will also be sold Friday and Saturday. Project Promise Chime Ringers will be giving a short inspirational program. Come, snack and enjoy the evening.

Saturday morning begins with homemade cinnamon rolls at 6:00 am, haystack breakfast at 8:00 am and the auction at 9:00 am. There will also be Holmes County, Ohio bologna and cheese, bake sale items, BBQ pork sandwiches, and the Silent Auction. We have had many locally made items donated and we want to personally thank all of you who participated in this way. For information or to make a donation, please contact the MDC Goldenrod Office at (574) 533-9720 ext.5 or e-mail nedrag@goldenrodonline.org.

ON THE FIRST four Sundays in August, the Hallmark Channel will be airing documentaries produced by Mennonite Media at 7:00am ET. The documentaries being aired are: Finding Hope in Recovery: Families Living with Addiction (Aug. 3), Hunger No More: Faces Behind the Facts (Aug. 10), Journey Toward Forgiveness (Aug. 17), and Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change (Aug. 24). You are encouraged to take in these moving stories. For more information on these and other Mennonite Media projects, visit www.mennomedia.org.

RASOUL RASOULIPOUR of Teheren, Iran to Speak Sunday, Aug. 3, Rasoul Rasoulipour of Teheren, Iran, will meet with interested people at 2 p.m., in the Koinonia Room at College Mennonite Church, for conversation on the shared interests of Iran and the U.S. Rasoul, who is studying at the University of Notre Dame this month, has been a resource person for the MCC learning tours in Iran. This meeting is sponsored by JustPeace Seminars. All interested persons are invited.

MERRY LEA Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College will hold its annual Autumn Hope Conference on Sept. 19-21, 2008. This year's theme is "Beyond the Front Porch: Finding Our Place in Nature." The conference is a mixture of worship, discussion, time outdoors with environmental professionals and time outdoors on your own. Presenters include Luke Gascho and David Miller, both of Merry Lea, and Ann Hostetler, who teaches poetry at Goshen College. To register, visit www.goshen.edu/merrylea/upcoming.php or e-mail jenniferhs@goshen.edu.

PLEASANT OAKS Preschool (a ministry of Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church) in Middlebury, Indiana seeks two teaching assistants (one position is for 25 hours/week and one position is for 6 hours/week) for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Qualifications include a vibrant Christian faith and a love of children; training and/or experience in early childhood education; ability to be flexible and to be a team player. Contact Robin Tahara Miller at 825-7691 for more information or to apply. The preschool will begin its 38th year of operation this fall. The excellence of the program has led parents to enroll children early each year so that classes are full and waiting lists typically are begun in March of each year.

GOSHEN COLLEGE is looking for several host families for international students this fall to share their homes and lives with (a closer relationship than landlord/tenant). Families will need to live close to the college (a mile or two) so that transportation wouldn't be needed. Some financial support could be available. If being a host family to an international college student interests you, contact GC International Student Adviser Skip Barnett (carleb@goshen.edu or 535-7548).

OVER THE PAST five years, 2.8 million people have fled their homes for safer locations within Iraq. These displaced people are in desperate need of basic necessities. Mennonite Central Committee is responding to this crisis by sending 20,000 urgently needed relief kits. Please join MCC Great Lakes in reaching our goal. For more information and a list of kit contents, go to mcc.org/iraqrelief. In addition to the relief kit contents, please include \$10 to help cover the cost of the pail, shipping and distribution costs.

AMIGO CENTRE is looking for persons or a couple interested in hospitality ministry in a camp & retreat center context on some Weekends and weekday evenings. Good people skills, and some light maintenance skills are needed, along with a desire to serve others and help them connect with God, creation and others. Housing could be part of the compensation for your work. To find out more information or receive and application, contact Kent Miller at Amigo Centre, 269-651-2811 or kent@amigocentre.org.