

NEWS & NOTES

August 10, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Wednesday 9:30 am Friendship Circle Sewing

Staff Hours

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

Happy Birthday! ☺

Today Rachel Hooley
 Thursday Caitlin Fecher
 Jacob Meyer-Reed
 Friday Mary Ann Weber

Happy Anniversary! ☺

Tuesday Roger & Lois Hooley (35 years)
 Rich & Brenda Meyer (30 years)

BRENDA IS on vacation this week, traveling with Rich to Southern Indiana today through Wednesday, and then hosting her sister and family from California. Please contact Marian Miller with pastoral care concerns.

ANNUAL PLANS for 2008-2009 **MUST BE** sent to the church office by 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 17th. Send documents electronically to office@bentonchurch.org or put in bottom left hand drawer of the office desk.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 will be a Bolivian potluck meal following church and Sunday School. There will be several Bolivian dishes to sample. Everyone is welcome to come and please bring a dish to share. You are welcome to try making a Bolivian dish, but it is not required. If you are interested in trying to make some Bolivian food to share, please contact Roger or Lois Hooley.

AUG. 3, 2008 Regular Offering	\$2,527.00
Year to Date Needed	\$13,1085.00
Year to Date Received	\$138,066.00
Difference	\$6,981.00

WELCOME NEW BMC MEMBERS

Read about them on second page.

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

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.

ARE YOU TRAVELING to Newton, Kansas? Mennonite Mission Network Information Technology in Elkhart needs to send a large package to the Newton, Kansas office. The dimensions are 7ft X 3ft X 1ft and it would weigh about 75lbs. Mission Network will pay \$50.00 for delivery of the package. If you have space for such a package, please contact Grant Martin at grantm@mennonitemission.net or call 574-523-3012.

WELCOME NEW BMC MEMBERS

Introduction of Mary Ann Weber

by Jill Kaufman

I have known Mary Ann for almost half of my life. We met in California, both of us fresh out of college and ready to dive into voluntary service.

Mary Ann's life has been marked by service. As a 1st grade teacher, as a service worker in the Phillipines, and now as a HR director for MCC great lakes, Mary Ann has gravitated towards work that is with people and work that is service oriented.

Some of the things that I appreciate about Mary Ann include her sense of humor, wisdom, intelligence, confidence, and her ability to analyze when needed and say, "Oh, don't over think it" when that is needed.

Mary Ann is a people person, easy to be around with a big heart. I have been fully blessed to have her as a confident and partner in mischief. She is a strong, giving, independent, sharing woman who is admired by many and matched by few.

She will be a huge gift to Benton. Sure, she has tremendous gifts of leadership, nurture, hospitality, teaching, and worship, but her greatest gifts are not so easy to put a finger on and that's fitting, because Mary Ann is her own woman and cannot be boxed or labeled easily.

I wholeheartedly welcome Mary Ann into the Benton fold and encourage you to do so as well.

Introduction of Paul Shaum

by Dorvin Schlabach

About forty-three years ago, six days after the Palm Sunday tornadoes, Paul peacefully joined our family by marrying Ruth, and at that time began attending here at Benton. He was an able and experienced carpenter and I am sure he helped with the last remodeling and addition to the building.

Because he was always very concerned about his spiritual life, and that of his family, he eventually felt led to become involved with a church called "Gospel Echoes" (not the Prison Ministry), which later built at a new location and adopted Paul's suggestion for the new name "Prairie View Missionary Church". He was active in various ways there for quite a few years.

Now I am happy to welcome him into the community, fellowship and family of this congregation again.