

NEWS & NOTES

August 31, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

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| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Pastoral Leadership Team |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Barnabas Ministers |
| Thursday | 7:30 pm | MYF at the Meyer-Reeds |
| | 7:00 pm | Service & Witness |

Staff Hours

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| Brenda | Tue – Fri 9-2 |
| Doug | Tue – Fri 9-2 |

Happy Birthday! ☺

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| Saturday | Chelsea Risser Katie Meyer-Reed |
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Happy Anniversary! ☺

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| Today | Matt & Deb Hickman (6 years) |
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I'VE MOVED to Madison, Wisconsin! Don't have a job yet, but I'm hard at work looking for a position as a full-time graphic designer while my sister goes to grad school. Thought you might care to have the contact info below:

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| AUG 24, 2008 Regular Offering | \$2,352.00 |
| Year to Date Needed | \$139,110.00 |
| Year to Date Received | \$147,698.00 |
| Difference | \$8,588.00 |

OTHER EVENTS

SINGING MEN! Relief Sale Chorus rehearsals are set for 4:00-5:30 on Sundays beginning today through September 21 and 25 at North Goshen Mennonite Church. Mark these dates on your calendar. Any questions: Call Darrel Hostetler, 574-537-4850 or Matt Tschetter, 574-215-4416.

THIS WEDNESDAY, September 3rd at 7:00pm MCC Great Lakes, along with Silverwood Mennonite Church, will be hosting an international visitor from Colombia. He is a Mennonite economist who has worked closely with indigenous communities on issues of social economic justice. Speaking from his personal faith perspective, he will talk about the role of Christians in the United States in supporting justice and peace in Colombia. The meeting will take place at Silverwood Mennonite Church (1712 W. Clinton, Goshen, IN). We hope many of you will be able to join us for what should prove to be a very interesting and informative evening. Please spread the word 5within your faith community.

NEXT SUNDAY, the Board of directors of the Window: Church Women United, invites everyone to a farewell reception honoring Eber Rice-Smucker. The event will take place in the fellowship area of the First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Lincoln Ave, Goshen.

THE MICHIANA CHAPTER of MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) invites you to join us at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Amish Acres Restaurant Barn (1600 W. Market St., Nappanee) for the 2008-09 program year kick-off event. The Amish Acres' Thresher's Dinner will be followed by a presentation by Jerrell Ross Richer of Goshen College and Gordon Moore of McCormick Motors, Inc., about how McCormick Motors has implemented energy-saving ideas and realized cost benefits, and about the partnership forged between Goshen College and McCormick Motors to form a small business lab site. RSVP by Sept. 8: call 877 787-6332 Meal and program costs: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$5 for students.

A COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY DAY, Saturday September 13, walk will emphasize that we do not tolerate hate crimes but instead work toward peace, love and support of those who have been hurt by hate crimes. The walk, coordinated by the Indianapolis-based group Unity Being United, will begin at 1 p.m., on the campus of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart, and will end at the plaza in downtown

Elkhart. A brief program will conclude the event, with community speakers, music and entertainment. For more information, see www.ambs.edu/news-and-publications/events-and-news/solidarity-day.

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.

AMIGO CENTRE has a busy fall with lots of opportunities for you to connect with God, each other and creation!

- Sept. 12-14 - Scrap Booking Retreat
- Sept. 19-21 - MCC Bike Michiana
- Sept. 20th - Fall Woodcutting Day starts at 9:00 AM
- Oct. 10-12 - IN-MI Mennonite Women Retreat
- Oct. 17-19 - Celebrate Amigo Homecoming
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2 - Couples Retreat with John & Naomi Lederach - NEW Date!
- Nov. 7-9 - Pastoral Leadership Retreat with Alan Roxburgh
- Dec. 5-7 - Quilting Retreat with Carol Honderich

Be sure to mark your calendars and contact Amigo (269) 651-2811 or info@amigocentre.org for more information. You may also visit our website at www.amigocentre.org

BETHANY'S 5K RUN/Walk and 2.5K Walk is 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Registration forms are available at www.bethanycs.net/run_walk_2008. The run/walk starts at Bethany Christian Schools' athletic fields.

NEW THIS YEAR at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, September 26 & 27, is a recycled quilt corner. What will be accepted in the quilt corner: fabric, magazines, books, unfinished projects, etc. See the north bulletin board for more possible donations. Things to be included can be delivered Friday, Sept. 26 after 8:00 am at the quilt bulding at Elkhart County Fairgrounds.

EIGHTH STREET Preschool, 602 S. Eighth Street in Goshen, has openings 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. Call 533-6720 for more information.

THE DEPOT MCC Thrift Shops has an urgent need for clerks in the furniture shop. Clerking shifts are 9 am - 1 pm and 1 pm - 5 pm. We currently have openings on Thursday mornings, Friday afternoons and Saturday afternoons (12:30 - 4), although other times may also be available. Please call Joan Shetler, volunteer coordinator, at 534-1828 or stop by the Depot at 1013 Division St, Goshen. You can make a difference as a volunteer at The Depot MCC Thrift Shops!

INTERESTED IN having a portion of your shopping at local restaurants and businesses reduce the tuition of a current or future Bethany student? Over 75 local and national businesses donate a percentage of your purchases to benefit a student through the Bethany Association for Reducing Tuition. For more information, see www.bethanycs.net/BART or contact Lisa Weaver at yllwcrk@maplenet.net or 875-6825.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA Historical Committee and Michiana Anabaptist Historians are sponsoring a conference for congregational historians, to be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen. The Historical Committee is the historical ministry of Mennonite Church USA, and Michiana Anabaptist Historians is an inter-Mennonite and Amish organization of people with an interest in church history in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. Anyone with an interest in congregational history is welcome to attend.