

NEWS & NOTES

September 7, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Wednesday 9:30 am Friendship Circle Sewing

Staff Hours

Brenda Mon 1-5, Fri 9-12 (out of town T-Th)

Doug Tue – Thu 9-2

Happy Birthday! ☺

Thursday Jacob Kaufman
Allison Williams

Friday Lois Hooley

A BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER typist is needed starting next week. The position is temporary, until we find a new office secretary, and can be either paid or volunteer. Contact Troy Risser if you are interested.

BRENDA IS traveling to Kentucky this week to learn more about the MCC Great Lakes Appalachia Project as part of her work with the MCC GL board. She will be gone from early Tuesday to late Thursday.

MENNONITE WORLD Conference is coming to Paraguay next summer, July 14-19. We have a small amount designated in our budget to help someone from the congregation to attend. Might you be that person? For more information pick up a registration form under the mailboxes or go to www.mwc-cmm.org.

AUG. 31, 2008 Regular Offering	\$3358.00
Year to Date Needed	\$141,785.00
Year to Date Received	\$151,056.00
Difference	\$9,271.00

Thank you to all for your generosity that made possible this positive end-of-year balance.

OTHER EVENTS

THE MICHIANA CHAPTER of MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) invites you to join us at 6:30 p.m. this 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.

THIS SATURDAY, Sept. 13, 1-3 pm, Eric Kurtz, Stormwater Coordinator for the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District, will lead a storm drain marking session. The group will meet in downtown Goshen (location to be determined) and place a marker next to storm drains in the downtown area. The marker is a disk that says, "No Dumping; Drains to River" and is attached by an adhesive pad. There will be a brief training and orientation, and then groups will mark the storm drains. Contact Eric at 533-3630 ext 3 if you are interested in coming.

A COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY DAY walk, on Saturday September 13, will emphasize that we do not tolerate hate crimes but instead work toward peace, love and support of those who have been hurt. 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.

SALAM MEDICAL CENTER, EGYPT is the focus of a fundraising dinner on Saturday, September 13, at 6 pm at Waterford Mennonite Church. Dr. Freddy El Baiady, the founder and director of Salam will speak after the authentic Egyptian meal is served. Donations gratefully accepted. Salam is a place where people of all backgrounds and faiths can come for high quality medical care or minimal or no cost. RSVP accepted by not required to Neil or Janette Amstutz, 831-6865 or nbamstutz@earthlink.net.

AMBS AND MERRY LEA Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College are collaborating to offer a course focusing on hope in the natural world. Arts, spiritual practices and our relationship with God's creation will be part of a weekend at Merry Lea, Wolf Lake, Ind., September 19-21. An additional session at AMBS will include reflection and discussion. See more at www.ambs.edu/about/creation, or call the registrar, 574.296.6268.

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

CAR WASH: September 20, from 10 am to 2 pm the Goshen Aktion Club is doing a fundraiser car wash at the Salvation Army. The address is 1013 N. Main St, Goshen (near MMA). Proceeds will go to MDC Goldenrod, a faith-based organization that serves people with developmental disabilities. Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability. It is sponsored by the Maple City Kiwanis.

CONCERT IN THE PARK in Millersburg on Saturday, September 20, 5 - 9 pm, sponsored by Zion Community Church. Featured artists are Melissa Beechy, winner of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Talent Contest, and John Schmid of Benton, Ohio. See bulletin board for more information.

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 building at Elkhart County Fairgrounds.

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.

ASSOCIATED MENNONITE Biblical Seminary offers three study tours in 2009. January offerings include a course in Guatemala City exploring Latin American perspectives of peace and justice; and a seminar in Jerusalem, led by Patty Shelly and Doug Miller. Next summer, in connection with Mennonite World Conference, AMBS offers a study tour to Paraguay, including visits to Mennonite churches in the country. Registration deadlines are very near. See more details at www.ambs.edu/academics/courses/overseas.

GLUTEN FREE AND WELLNESS Show on Saturday October 4 from 8am to 2pm. This year's show, at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, will include gluten-free vendors, guest speakers Jill Noyes CCE M. Ad. Ed, Charlotte Weaver, Nutritionist, and a gluten-free cafe serving lunch from 10 am to 2pm, along with blood pressure checks. Ms. Noyes will be giving a presentation called "Cooking Gluten-Free; Fun and Frugal". Ms. Weaver's topic will be "Starting the Gluten-Free Diet". They will both be available the day of the show to answer any questions. Event is presented by CFMC Families Living with Celiac Disease Support Group and Maple City Market.

If you have any questions or want to participate in the show, call Tanya Trick at 574-825-3366 or e-mail dtdatrack@hotmail.com

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