

# NEWS & NOTES

September 14, 2008

## HERE AT BENTON

### This Week

Wednesday 6:30 Benton at Greencroft, Manor 2

### Staff Hours

Brenda - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 – 2:00

Doug – Friday – 10:00 – 2:00

Doug is in Austin, Texas until Thursday night, with the College of Pastoral Leaders.

### Happy Birthday! ☺

Monday - Lyn Buschert

**MICHIANA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE** – On the table in the foyer there are sign up sheets for workers needed on Friday evening, Sept. 26 at the restaurant. We need servers & cooks. We also need pies baked in advance. Penny Power containers are still available and will be collected next Sunday.

New this year at the 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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CONCERT IN THE PARK** in Millersburg this Saturday, 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. Sonshine Daycare is having a silent auction at this event. If anyone has anything to donate, please let Perry Miller know. See bulletin board for more information.

**PAID IN FULL**, the Southern Gospel Horizon group of the year, will be performing at Fairfield High School auditorium next Sunday at 2 pm. Freewill offering.

## 606

Written by Lindsay Glick on her blog,

<http://lindsayrg.blogspot.com/> and posted on August 24

So today was my last Sunday at Benton Mennonite Church, my home-at-college church. Its been quite a great place for me, and I've been realizing this summer just how much the people mean to me--and how very sad I will be to leave it behind. At least, as I promised several people today, I'll be back next August because some dear friends are getting married in Goshen then. As one last request from my Benton family (as if they haven't fed me, talked to me, given me rides, counseled me, prayed for me, and generally supported me enough already) I asked that we sing 606. I knew it would be not only my last Sunday there for a long time, but probably my last Sunday at a Mennonite church for about a year. So instead of the planned benediction, the worship leader had everyone turn toward me (a little strange at first, but very powerful, and it sounded amazing) and sing. Most people didn't use the hymn books, even--we all have it memorized. The bench beside me was vibrating from a few strong basses, and I could hear each part, beautifully swelling about each other. It may or may have made me cry a bit. Afterward so many people came up to me to hug me, kiss me, wish me luck, give me their blessing, wish God's blessing on me, thank *me* for requesting the song, because it was so beautiful and so much fun to sing and hear. Several elderly people gave me hugs and told me how much they've enjoyed having me come to Benton, even if they didn't speak with me often. I felt more love and more loved all at once than I have in a long time. We then had a good Sunday school and an fantastic Bolivian-food pot-luck congregational meal. It was the best last-Sunday that I could have hoped for. Like Emily (housemate, now in Denver) said... why am I leaving? ... I guess I am leaving because I have an amazing opportunity ahead of me, and because leaving one beautiful, amazing community does not mean that others do not await me in other times and places of life. But Benton, thank you for everything. I love you. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

## OTHER EVENTS

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK:** Dennis and Connie Byler will speak at the Mission Network offices; 1601 W. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, on Thursday from noon to 1 pm in the World Room. They will talk about their work in Spain. Dennis teaches at a Protestant seminary near Madrid and edits "El Mensajero," the monthly paper of the Anabaptist network of churches in Spain. Connie is an elder on the leadership team of the Burgos Mennonite Church and provides spiritual companionship to many people, including some who are living with AIDS. You may bring your lunch to eat during their presentation.

**BETHANY'S 5K RUN/WALK** and 2.5K Walk is 8 a.m. this Saturday. Registration forms are available at [www.bethanycs.net/run\\_walk\\_2008](http://www.bethanycs.net/run_walk_2008). The run/walk starts at Bethany Christian Schools' athletic fields.

**CAR WASH:** This Saturday, 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.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Next Sunday a documentary film, *The Power of Forgiveness*, will be shown at 3:00 at the Hermitage in Three Rivers, MI. The film is a collection of short stories that explore the role of forgiveness in various faith traditions and examines the physical and mental benefits of letting go of grief and resentment. To register call 269-244-8696 or email [thehermitage@juno.com](mailto:thehermitage@juno.com).

**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.

**THANK YOU.** The Center for healing and Hope has sent a thank you letter for the donation of \$315.00 which Benton sent. See the letter on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**CREATION CARE: KEEPERS OF THE EARTH** by Luke Gascho of Waterford Mennonite, Goshen, Ind., is a "fresh off the press" book published in cooperation with MMA. Beginning with a biblical and spiritual perspective, Luke invites us to put our faith into practice on issues like air and water quality, energy use and climate change. Each chapter ends with probing questions for discussion and personal reflection. *Creation Care* makes a great small group study or alternative quarter of study in Sunday school. It's a must-read for any church leader. The book is available online at [www.mma-online.org/q.aspx?id=1832](http://www.mma-online.org/q.aspx?id=1832) or by calling 800 348-7468 ext. 269.

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

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](mailto:info@amigocentre.org) for more information. You may also visit our website at [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org)

**FALL ART & FAITH WORKSHOP** at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. You are warmly invited to join like minded creative types in a newly conceived weekend workshop **October 24 - 26** at the beautiful Laurelville Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA (*near Pittsburgh and Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water*). "**Beyond Words**" is especially designed for artists, lay-people, pastors or anyone interested in the Art and Faith dialogue. Check the PDF brochure at: <http://www.laurelville.org/Program/beyondwords/index.htm> or phone 800-839-1021. We'd love to see you there!