

NEWS & NOTES

November 9, 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Tuesday - PCRC at Juniper Place

Thursday - PLT

Staff Hours

Brenda: Tue 9-11, Wed 9-2, Fri 9-11

Doug - Tue - Fri 9-2

This Month

November Church Project

Groceries for the Fairfield Food Pantry are much needed. There is a suggested list on the bulletin board. Please bring non-perishable products, paper products, soap, etc.

The **Barnabas Ministers** invite anyone who is interested to an open resource session on **depression** Monday evening, November 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Barb Meyer-Reed will lead the conversation about recognizing and living with depression in yourself or people around you.

Sunday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Offering
- Moment in Mission with Anna Hade calling from Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco
- 6 pm – Fairfield Community Thanksgiving Service at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church

The **Thanksgiving offering** will be split between a global ministry and a local ministry. The global ministry will be the Mennonite World Conference Travel Fund, which helps people from the Two-Thirds World attend the July conference at Asuncion, Paraguay. The local ministry will be the Window, a ministry of Church Women United that assists low income people. This is a way to assist the many people in our community who are experiencing the affects of the economic slowdown.

November 2, 2008 Regular Offering	\$3,495.00
Year to Date Needed	\$24,075.00
Year to Date Received	\$27,852.00
Difference	\$3,777.00

Thank you

Our Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Words cannot describe the pain we feel with Clarissa's loss. Thank you for your prayers, love, care and concern for our family. The phone calls, visits, and conversations are all part of our healing process so please continue asking and letting us talk and cry with you. Thank you for the plant that was sent to the funeral. We are trying to keep it growing and watered.

This has been a meaningful verse to our family during this time of grief: Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

Janelle, Grant, Eddie and Anita Martin

Thanks to Marilyn Heyman for a visit and flowers from the church. It lifted my spirits as I started down the path of healing from a broken arm. Marian Miller

Thank you letters for contributions made by Benton to the following ministries are posted on the bulletin board.

Mennonite Publishing Network

Bethany Christian School

Goshen College

Arlene Hershberger moved into her apartment in Greencroft Manor IV. Her new address is 1801 Greencroft Blvd., Apt. 110. Phone number is 537-4232.

Current opening for a secretary four hours a week and preferably on Friday—mainly to produce bulletin and news sheet. Knowledge of Microsoft Word necessary. If you are interested, contact Troy Risser before Tuesday.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 7

Carry-in meal followed by Galen Johns' memorized presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Saturday – Sunday, January 24 – 25

“Amish and Mennonites: Common Origins, Divergent Paths” is the theme of a history weekend with John Roth and Steve Nolt, history professors at Goshen College.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Biblical Storytelling Festival today, beginning at 2 p.m., at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary will feature the Bible's stories of food. Come and be nourished by reminders of God's abundance.

Refreshments and opportunities to tour the seminary will follow the performances. Please bring a contribution to the food pantry at Church Community Services in Elkhart as the admission fee. Youth and adults are invited. For information, see www.ambs.edu/storytelling-festival, or call 574-296-6234.

Today is your last chance to catch the Goshen College fall mainstage play, *The Saint Plays* by Erik Ehn and directed by Michelle Milne. It explores connectedness between historical saints, contemporary life, earthly existence, spirit and eternity. The production also includes an original piece written in memory of GC student Deanne Binde, who died in a car accident in May 2008. The play will be presented today at 3 p.m. in Umble Center. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 students/seniors.

For a **first-hand account from the front lines in Afghanistan** of emerging women entrepreneurs, attend an event hosted by the Goshen College Business Department this Monday at 7 p.m. Speaking at Eighth Street Mennonite Church will be Catherine Sobrevega, the manager for MEDA in Afghanistan, and Mahbooba Waizi, the CEO of the Afghan Women's Business Federation. The event is free and open to the public.

“Drop Beats, Not Bombs: Resisting Militarism through Creative Action” is the theme of a tour hosted by the Goshen College PAX Club this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday

7 p.m. Performance by Invincible – Umble Center
8-9:30 p.m. Workshops: Art in Action and Not your Soldier – Gathering and Koinonia Rooms in Church-Chapel:

Wednesday, November 12

10 a.m. Convocation with Paula Galeano, Colombian Conscientious Objector, on youth facing Colombia's armed conflict – Church-Chapel

10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Not Your Solider Workshop – Gathering Room in Church-Chapel

12 p.m. Lunch discussion with FOR staff and students – Westlawn Dining Room

See the bulletin board for more information.

Join us for "**Sing the Closing of the Year,**" the next Afternoon Sabbathical at 1 p.m. this Tuesday in Sauder Concert Hall. This concert by St. Joseph Valley Camerata centers on special times and seasons of the fall and early winter. The repertoire is drawn mostly from works by composers of the Renaissance through romantic periods. David A. Seitz is musical director and Goshen College Assistant Professor of Music Christine Seitz accompanies on the keyboard. The event is free and open to the public.

Michiana Anabaptists Historians meeting this Saturday, November 15 at Fair Haven Amish Mennonite Church on SR 4 east of Goshen. Coffee and registration at 8:30 and meeting at 9:00 regarding I-W Service. Panel discussion includes Amish, Wisler, Brethren, and Mennonite participants. There is no charge for this meeting, and it is open to all.

Gospel Echoes Team Annual Festival of Praise this Saturday, November 15, 4:00 – 7:00pm. Fish and Chicken Fry. Concert at 6:00pm at the Antique Building/Shipshewana Auction. For more information call 574-534-1561

Visit the **art exhibit** by Sylvia Gross Bubalo currently on display in the Library Gallery at Goshen College. The exhibit will continue until December 12.

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, an empowering show that demonstrates the wisdom of every age, will be presented November 21-23 by Bethany Christian High School. The Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 3 p.m. Call 534-2567 to reserve tickets—\$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) seeks an innovative, experienced promotional writer to create fundraising and advertising pieces. This full-time Marketing and Communication associate will also assist with constituency surveys and market research as well as write articles for various MMN publications and assist in creating marketing plans for MMN departments. Marketing/communication degree with writing experience/marketing emphasis preferred. Proven writing and editing skills; understanding of fundraising theory and strategies. For more information, see Staff Opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger at (574)523-3009.