

NEWS & NOTES

December 28 2008

HERE AT BENTON

This Week

Thursday, New Years Day

Saturday, 7 am, Men's Prayer Breakfast at Old Mill Inn

Staff Hours

Brenda Vacation

Doug Irregular, contact Doug at home

Steve Friday, 8-12

Happy Birthday! ☺

Doreene Tyler January 3

Upcoming Events

- ✠ Sundays, January 11 to February 22, Sermon series: "What makes us Mennonite?"
- ✠ Special Sunday School sessions January 11, 18, February 1, 8 on relationship of baptism and communion to membership
- ✠ Saturday-Sunday, January 24-25, Amish and Mennonites: Common Origins, Divergent Paths with John Roth and Steve Nolt as special guests. See brochure on foyer table or at www.bentonchurch.org. Please register in advance for the Saturday lunch. Please give registration forms to friends and family who might be interested in joining us for this weekend.

Announcements

Brenda is with family at Camp Friedenswald this morning, and on vacation this week.

See the thank-you card from Fern Yontz on the bulletin board.

Everyone is invited to the Buschert's for New Year's Eve. Bring a snack, and a game, a puzzle, or a second rate sci-fi

Offering

Date Regular Offering	\$1,792.00
Year to Date Needed	\$42,800.00
Year to Date Received	\$45,224.00
Difference	\$2,424.00

movie, and yourselves at 9 pm. Hot and cold drinks provided. Happy New Year!

Mennonite Education Agency "Prayers for Faith and Learning" and Mennonite Mission Network "Prayer Vine" are available to those who are interested. If you want to receive either or both of these regularly, please email office@bentonchurch.org or drop a note in the "Church Office" box and indicate whether you prefer to receive it via email and/or in your mailbox.

I am creating a new list from scratch, so please let me know if you want to continue to receive either or both of these, or if you want to be added to either list.--*Steven Johns*

IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 8 am

Please join the **Mennonite Mission Network Auxiliary** at the Greencroft Senior Center to hear about the work of Tom and Disa Rutschman. Tom and Disa are middle-school and high-school teachers in the town of Jokkmokk, Sweden, located on the Arctic Circle. They have been involved in the leadership of Jokkmokk Free Church since 1983. The congregation has an active youth ministry through a youth center and coffeehouse. Short-term teams sent by the Mission Network often assist them with youth outreach. A light breakfast will be provided.

Tuesday, January 13, 9-10 am

The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. invites mature individuals to register for its upcoming **Hospice 101 Community Volunteer Orientation**. This your chance to learn about the volunteer opportunities available, requirements, and benefits of becoming a hospice volunteer with no strings attached. Contact Jackie at 574 243-3127 or boyntonj@centerforhospice.org for information, location, and registration. A snow day is scheduled for January 20.

The Center for Hospice and Palliative Carre, Inc. is a premier not-for-profit, community-based agency improving the quality of living through hospice, home health, grief counseling, and community education. Through offices in South Bend, Plymouth, Elkhart, and Mishawaka, the center serves St Joseph, Marshall, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaGrange, La Porte, and Starke counties.