



For we are strangers no more... *Ephesians 2:19-20*

# NEWS & NOTES

September 6 2009

## BMC Campaign Teams Kick Off

By Steve Bustos

Fall is quickly approaching. The first weekend of college football is now over. And finally after years of hard work by many people BMC has begun a capital campaign for our future building project. This past week the process began for getting organized. On Monday all the team leaders of the campaign got together for an organizational meeting. And on Thursday each team leader met with our consultant Bill Walters and Steve Bustos to review everyone's responsibilities. Team leaders expressed excitement and energy for campaign and I must say that BMC is blessed to have such a gifted and committed team. Even though the visible part of the campaign won't begin until mid October, there is much work to happen between now and then. So, we invite all of you to keep your campaign team in your thoughts and prayers as we channel our energy in getting ready for the visible part of the campaign. Your campaign team includes the following people:

Steve Bustos, *General Chair*  
Sharon Erb, *Arrangements Team Leader*  
Helene Hoover, *Communications Team Leader*

Doug Kaufman, *Pastoral Representative*  
Grant Martin, *Campaign Secretary*  
Lane Meyer-Reed, *Advance Commitments Team Leader*

Brenda Meyer, *Spiritual Emphasis Team Leader*

Marian Miller, *Reminder Team Leader*  
Bruce Nofziger, *Creative Gifts Team Leader*

Lorna Troyer, *Presentations Team Leader*

## Here at Benton

On Friday Doug will be at Goshen College to welcome new students.

Next Sunday is church retreat at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan. See Donna or Troy if you need directions. There will be no worship at the church, but you are welcome to join us for the 11:15 worship at Amigo and ice cream social following.

**On Sunday, September 20** plan to stay after lunch for a work party assembling school kits for MCC. Participants young and old can look forward to an hour or two of intergenerational fun, the satisfaction of serving others, and a tasty treat to top off the afternoon. (Sponsored by the Friendship Circle)

**From Lowell and Velorous Hoover:** Thank you for remembering us as we grieve the death of our son Richard. We very much appreciated the flowers, cards, quartet music, memorial service, meal and other expressions of sympathy.

**An "M & MCouragement" from the treasurer:** Thanks to all who gave generously throughout the year. It is always nice to finish the year above budget in offerings received.

—Pat Baer

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 4 pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Wednesday, 9:30 am

Friendship Circle Sewing

## STAFF HOURS

**Brenda** Tuesday 9-4,  
Wednesday 9-3,  
Friday 9-1

**Doug** Wednesday 10-2

**Steve** Friday, 8-12

## BIRTHDAYS

Today, 6, Katie Meyer-Reed

Today, 6, Chelsea Risser

Friday, 11, Allison Williams

Friday, 11, Jacob Kaufman

Saturday, 12, Lois Hooley

## OFFERING

### AUGUST 30 2009

Regular Offering \$2,404.00

YTD Needed \$139,100.00

YTD Received \$144,651.00

Difference \$5,551.00

Send announcements and bulletin information to [bulletin@bentonchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@bentonchurch.org).  
Deadline for submitting information is Thursday evening.

## **I want all reports for 2008-09 BY OCTOBER**

**1** for editing and producing the booklet of Annual Plans & Reports. This includes all the subgroups which are listed in last year's booklet and any others who want to submit reports. NOTICE: The person who submits the first report will be eligible to win a prize. Persons who are tardy in such submission may be subjected to hounding. PLEASE supply me with your report in any readable format, either in my church mailbox or to my email address: [hahover@hotmail.com](mailto:hahover@hotmail.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

—Helene Hoover

Mentors past and present – If you have a copy of Steve Ropp's book *One on One: Making the most of your mentoring relationship* gathering dust on your shelf, please consider one or both of the following options: 1) Spend an hour browsing through it and getting re-inspired for a current or future mentor relationship 2) Put it in Brenda's mailbox at the church so it can be re-gifted to a new mentor. Thanks!

*Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26 2009, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds*

**The 42nd Annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** open house is Friday evening from 5 – 9 pm. Sale day, Saturday, runs from 6 am to mid-afternoon. Come and make this weekend a family event. For more information about the sale or to download printable forms, [www.mennonitesale.org](http://www.mennonitesale.org). To pre-register for an auction bid number, return a pre-registration postcard, or email your request (please include name, address, phone number, and email address) to [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com) by September 18.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer for food, working in restaurant, and pies, as well as pans and bags and labels for baked goods. Please label all food items that are sold.

## *In the Community*

The 2009 MDC Goldenrod Benefit Auction was a success! Sales were \$45,000. That is a bit lower, but expenses were lowered by having the auction at the sale barn in Shipshewana. Therefore, net income was up! Our ministry serves people with disabilities, and proceeds go to

## *Mennonite World Conference Quiz*

*Answer to MWC quiz question for August 30:*

North American businessmen who wanted to help Mennonite refugees struggling to survive in the Chaco region of Paraguay.

services like Project Promise that are not government funded. A huge thanks to those who helped pay for auction costs, contributed an item or volunteered their time. Thanks also to the 2,500 who came and made a purchase. God bless you all!

Singing men! Relief Sale Chorus rehearsals are set for 4:00-5:30 on Sundays, September 6 (today), 13, 20, and Thursday Sept 24 at North Goshen MC. Mark these dates on your calendar. Any questions : Call Darrel Hostetler, 574-537-4850 or Matt Tschetter, 574-295-4349.

*Tuesday, September 8, 7 pm, Clinton Frame Mennonite Church*

Invitation to all interested member of churches in Clinton and Benton townships. Meeting of the General Board of the Clinton-Benton Christian Education Association. Elected representatives as well as pastors and anyone interested in the Bible programs at Millersburg and Benton Elementary Schools are encouraged to attend. Currently in need of donations in order to continue to support the Bible teacher. Contributions may be sent to: CBCEA, c/o Chris Stump, treasurer, 15082 CR 34, Goshen Indiana 46528. Make checks payable to: Clinton-Benton Christian Education Association.

**Simply Give** The local Dunlap Meijer store has chosen The Window to be the recipient of the "Simply Give" program. Take a Donation Card to Meijer with you on your next shopping trip, present it to the cashier, \$10.00 will be added to you bill. This \$10.00 donation will be transferred into a \$10.00 gift card PLUS Meijer will match it with \$10.00 MONETARY donation to The Window! Your donation will have doubled! Meijer will make a dollar-for-dollar contribution up to \$100,000 for every donation. You can pick up a donation card at The Window. This program runs until September 26th. The Window appreciates your support.

*Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm, Bread and Chocolate*

“From MEDA to the Gates Foundation” Come for dinner and a program by Joyce Lehman, program officer for microfinance at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Joyce will share some of her work experiences at both MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) and the Gates Foundation and will explain current microfinance projects of the Gates Foundation.

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](http://www.bethanycs.net/BART) or contact Lisa Weaver at [bart@bethanycs.net](mailto:bart@bethanycs.net) or 875-6825.

*Saturday, September 12, 8 am, Bethany Christian School*

Bethany Christian Schools' 5K Run/Walk and 2.5K walk are 8 a.m.. Registration forms and additional information are available at [www.bethanycs.net/5Kog](http://www.bethanycs.net/5Kog).

*Friday-Sunday, September 18–20, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center*

Annual Autumn Hope Conference: “At home with God’s wild side: Finding our place in nature” How does our faith shape our relationship with the natural world? David Miller, chair of Goshen College’s biology department, and Luke Gascho, Merry Lea’s executive director, will lead the event. Merry Lea is in Wolf Lake, Ind. See [www.goshen.edu/merrylea](http://www.goshen.edu/merrylea) or call 260 799-5869.

*Tuesday, September 15, 1 pm, Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen College*

Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical. Dr Rebecca Hernandez, director of GC’s Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning, will speak on “Educational Access for All: My Journey to Goshen College.” Dr Hernandez has been working on Latino issues throughout her career. The event is free and open to the public.

The Center for Peace and Nonviolence (CPNV) of St. Joseph County, Indiana, is hosting a screening of the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. This widely acclaimed movie, which tells the story of Muslim and Christian women in Liberia who

came together to end the civil war in their country nonviolently, is being shown nationwide in September to celebrate the United Nations Peace Day. CPNV screenings include Sunday, September 20, 7 pm, Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Rd, South Bend (contact person: Danile Martens, 574 257-1433); and Friday, September 25, 7 pm at Little Flower Catholic Church in the parish hall, 54191 N. Ironwood Rd, South Bend (contact person: Veidre Thomas, 574 277-2293). The movie will also be shown in DeBartolo Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, Saturday, September 12, 6:30 and 9:30 pm. See online:

[www.praythedevilbacktohell.com/v3/](http://www.praythedevilbacktohell.com/v3/)

*Wednesday, September 23, 7 pm, Goshen Middle School*

Want to enjoy a magical night with your family or group to support children learning peace? The “Art of Imagination,” voted as the #1 family attraction in Las Vegas, will help to raise funds for Peacemakers to teach children in our schools how to deal with conflict and violence. Want to help families who can’t afford a night out? Buy and give them tickets. Help others have family fun and support Peacemakers at the same time. For tickets, contact Steve Thomas at [stevethomas61@msn.com](mailto:stevethomas61@msn.com) or 534-7118.

*Friday-Sunday, September 25–27, Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Michigan*

Scrapbooking retreat Come enjoy a weekend of scrapbooking with your friends, with the option of going to the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale on Saturday morning! See [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org), call 269 651-2811 or e-mail [info@amigocentre.org](mailto:info@amigocentre.org).

Be Our Guest Hesston College is celebrating 100 years of “Living The Vision” education during the 2009-10 school year. The anchor event is Centennial Homecoming Weekend, September 25-27. Alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend. Go to the alumni page at [www.hesston.edu](http://www.hesston.edu) for more information and/or to register. Please call the alumni relations office toll free at 866-437-7866 for questions.

Interested in immigration issues? Join the conversation at *And You Welcomed Me: A consultation of the people of God on Immigration*. Anyone interested in a Christian response to questions concerning immigration is invited to attend this information-packed weekend of

workshops, worship, and networking. September 18-20 2009, Lakeview Camp and Conference Center, Waxahachie, Texas (near Dallas).

Beyond Words: Imagining a Visual Spirituality  
Friday – Sunday, October 23-25 2009, at  
Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt  
Pleasant PA. Saturday workshops provide  
opportunities to interact with art through hands-  
on experiences and conversation. Registration  
deadline is October 10. Call 800 839-1021 or email  
[info@laurelville.org](mailto:info@laurelville.org).

Colors of Fall: Quilters, Scrapbookers, and  
Creator's Retreat, Oct. 1-4, Wilderness Wind, Ely,  
Minnesota. Let your laughter join that of the  
loons as we quilt, create and bask in the  
spectacular colors of fall. Activities include:  
knitting, sewing, hiking, and quilting on baby  
quilt for MCC Relief Sale. Contact:  
[kathy@wildernesswind.org](mailto:kathy@wildernesswind.org), or 218-365-5873.