



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

NEWS & NOTES

September 20 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Benton at Greencroft
Wednesday, 7 pm
Church Council
Thursday, 4 pm
Pastoral Leadership Team
Friday
Eastern Star Restaurant
(Relief Sale)

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday, 9-2
Doug Wednesday, 9-2
Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Saturday, 26, Deanna Fecher

OFFERING

DATE

Regular Offering	\$600.00
YTD Needed	\$5,550.00
YTD Received	\$3,502.00
Difference	-\$2,048.00

*Send announcements and
bulletin information to
bulletin@bentonchurch.org.
Deadline for submitting
information is Thursday
evening.*

Here at Benton

Today Doug Kaufman, Dave Baer,
and Michael Fecher are at Amigo
Centre for Mennonite Central
Committee Bike Michiana

=====
*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 to
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.

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.

Pennies of Thanks for the relief
sale will be collected this morning.

The relief sale is in need of
donated items: toys, furniture,
antiques, household items, etc as
well as volunteers to help serve in
various areas. Drop off items the
week of the sale. Call 574.536.4387
for more information.

=====
**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: hahoover@hotmail.com.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Helene Hoover

In the Community

*Today and Thursday, September 24,
4-5:30 pm, North Goshen Mennonite
Church*

Singing men! Relief Sale Chorus
rehearsals. Any questions : Call
Darrel Hostetler, 574.537.4850 or
Matt Tschetter, 574.295.4349.

Looking for volunteers and
donations. Donations may be
dropped off at the MDC Golden-
rod office by 4 pm, September 21.
Please contact Kesley Hoover at
533-9720, ext. 7, email:
kesleyh@goldenrodonline.org

*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. Help others
have family fun and support
Peacemakers at the same
time. Buy and give tickets.
Contact Steve Thomas at 534-7118
or steve.thomas61@msn.com .

In anticipation of September 21, the International Day of Prayer for Peace, check out this “Prayer against the easy way,” written by Byron Rempel-Burkholder for **PeaceSigns Magazine**: *Lord of all enemies, critics, competitors, it’s not that we love violence; we just hate the hard work of peace. We would rather not sit with our rivals. We would rather not look them in the eye, seek to understand. ... Forgive our haughtiness. Remind us that you love them as much as you love us. That they bear your image as much as we do. That on your holy mountain, everyone finds a place. ... Give us the heart and the stamina we need to take the hard, upward road of peace.* Read more: peace.mennolink.org/cgi-bin/m.pl?i=67#a645

The International Day of Prayer for Peace arose in 2004 from a meeting between World Council of Churches secretary, Rev Dr Samuel Kobia and the United Nations secretary general, Kofi Annan. It is celebrated on September 21 or the closest Sunday. The peace churches of Goshen and Middlebury are sponsoring special, community-wide activities.

Monday, September 21, 7 pm, Goshen

In Goshen, there will be a gathering in the **Fellowship Hall, Goshen City Church of the Brethren**. The time around tables includes group worship, conversation, and prayer for peace in the midst of our local economy.

Monday, September 21, 7 pm, Middlebury

The Middlebury community will meet at the park in the center of town. An optional peace walk starts at 6:30 pm at **First Mennonite Church**.

=====
Thursday, September 24, 11 am, Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Notre Dame

The John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion & Peace: Why Does Justice Matter? The annual Yoder Dialogues will feature Nicholas Wolterstorff, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology Emeritus at Yale University. Lunch and dialogue will follow the lecture.

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, call 269.651.2811 or e-mail info@amigocentre.org.

Saturday, October 3, 8 am – 4 pm, MDC Goldenrod, 1514 College Ave., Goshen

Large Garage Sale and Car wash: To be sold: Computer, Fry Pies, Soda, Water, Holmes County Ohio Trail Bologna and much more. Car wash is by donation. All proceeds go to supporting MDC Goldenrod and their mission to better the lives of the Individuals with disabilities that they serve.

Goshen General Hospital’s Hospice is hosting a Volunteer Training in October. Hospice volunteers go wherever a hospice patient calls home—residence, nursing home, etc.—to provide comfort, support and companionship to the patient and their families. Hospice volunteers journey with those facing life’s ultimate challenge. To join our team of hospice volunteers, or to learn more about hospice, please call Karla Beasley, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 535-2700 or 1.800.446.4663. The next training program will be held on October 3, 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 6-9 pm and October 19 from 9 am -1 pm. All sessions are free and held in the Conference Rooms at Goshen General Hospital.

Saturday, October 3, 8 am to 3:30 pm, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Advent Planner workshop A workshop on advent worship resources, focusing on the theme “Bursting in and breaking out,” will be held in Elkhart. This workshop will equip pastors and worship leaders to guide their congregations into the anticipation and promise of the Advent season. Information and registration is available through the AMBS web site; visit

www.ambs.edu/workshops, or you can call 574.296.6269.

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11, Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Michigan

“Singing God’s Song in Iran”: The IN-MI Mennonite Women’s Retreat Speaker: Evie Shellenberger, who has served in Iran with Mennonite Central Committee. Music leaders: Lisa Guedea Carreño and Joanne Gallardo. Download a brochure and poster at www.amigocentre.org/Programs/Adult. Register by Sept. 22. Contact Elnora Weaver: 574.875.5664 or etweaver@maplenet.net