



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

NEWS & NOTES

September 27 2009

THIS WEEK

Thursday, 7 pm
Service and Witness

STAFF HOURS

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

BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, 1, Dee Swartz
Friday, 2, Rich Meyer
Saturday, 3, Perry Miller

OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 20 2009

Regular Offering	\$5,092.00
YTD Needed	\$8,325.00
YTD Received	\$8,594.00
Difference	\$269.00

*Send announcements and
bulletin information to
bulletin@bentonchurch.org.
Deadline for submitting
information is 7 pm, Thursday.*

Here at Benton

Next Sunday six Goshen College students who attend Benton will share about their summer experiences. Three who were part of Ministry Inquiry Program, exploring pastoral ministry, will share during worship. Maria Byler served with an immigrant church, Philadelphia Praise Center, and worked with Franconia Mennonite Conference in the New Sanctuary Movement, an immigrant advocacy organization, Hannah Miller served with the Early Church and Our Community Place in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Annali Smucker served with Oxford Circle Mennonite Church and Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association in the Philadelphia area. Three others will share during a joint Sunday school class. Camry Hess attended a Mennonite Central Committee-related conference in Amman, Jordan, titled East West Dialogue. Melody Musser served in Service Inquiry Program at the Roberta Webb Child Care Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia and Sarah Rody served at Camp Luz with the Camping Inquiry Program.

See the note of appreciation from the Theron Schlabach family on the bulletin board.

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

Thank you for your gift!

Mennonite Mission Network staff very much appreciate your prayers and financial support as we continue to share the message of God's love across the street and around the world. Letter is posted on the bulletin board.

In the Community

In an effort to conserve financial and natural resources, Bethany Christian Schools is distributing the fall issue of the **BCS Bulletin** electronically rather than in print form. You may download a copy at www.bethanycs.net/bulletin.

*Thursday, October 1, 5 – 8 pm, The
First Presbyterian Church,
215 E Lincoln Av, Goshen*

Open House for "The Living Room" Programs Dedicated to Healing and Recovery. The public is sincerely invited to attend. Individuals interested in learning more, participating in any of the groups, or volunteering in this healing ministry are encouraged to attend, and/or contact the church at 533-7845. (Direct access to The Living Room

is through the outside door on the west side of the church.)

Friday, Saturday; October 30, 7:30-9 pm; October 31, 11 am-noon; AMBS, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount

Role of Churches in Post-Apartheid Africa

Victor S Molobi, PhD, will present lectures which form a central part of a conference sponsored by the Mission Studies Center of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the Association of Anabaptist-Mennonite Missiologist. These Lectures are open to the public at no charge.

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

Orus Eash Architecture This exhibit commemorates the architectural works of Orus Eash (1915 – 2008). He attended Goshen College and studied architecture at the University of Michigan. His son John has selected designs and renderings from the 500-plus buildings designed by his father, including nine Goshen College structures. The exhibit will be on display October 2 – 17 2009 in the Library Gallery located in the lower level of the Harold and Wilma Good Library, Goshen College. Reception is October 3, 2 – 4 pm.

Goshen General Hospital's Hospice is hosting a Volunteer Training in October. Hospice volunteers go wherever a hospice patient calls home—residence, nursing home, assisted living facility, or hospital—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 free and are 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 on in Elkhart, Ind. 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.ams.edu/workshops, or you can call 574.296.6269.

Please pray for our pastors, and let them know you appreciate them! **National Clergy Appreciation Day** is October 11.

Friday – Sunday, October 16 – 18, Amigo Centre

Celebrate Amigo Support and celebrate the ministry that happens throughout the year at Amigo. Silent and live auctions along with time to explore Amigo in autumn make up the weekend.

“Mennonite education: Why and how?”

Anyone interested in Mennonite education and in shaping its future is invited to participate in the second Mennonite Education Symposium, to be held October 16, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart Indiana. Hosts: Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) and Mennonite Schools Council (MSC). The event is free and open to the public. To learn more, see

www.MennoniteEducation.org/symposium. Pre-register online by October 1, call MEA at 574.642.3164, or e-mail info@mennoniteeducation.org.

Mennonite Disaster Service Don't wait until winter to volunteer! There are still spaces for short-term volunteers this fall in California and space is available to volunteer at an RV site. Call Sarah Yoder at 800.241.8111.

Menno-Hof needs volunteers for general office tasks, mailings, and other duties. Also needed is a person to assist in computer tasks such as facebook, web site and other computer communication possibilities. Menno-Hof is a great place to meet people from around the world. For additional information contact LeRoy Mast, 260.768.4117 or email, lmast@mennohof.org.