



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

NEWS & NOTES

October 18 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 1:30 pm

Caregivers at Dee's

Thursday, 4 pm

Pastoral Leadership Team at the church

Thursday, 7 pm

Creative Gifts Seminar

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Monday 12-3,
Thursday 2-5,
Friday 9-1

Doug Monday 9-2,
Wednesday 9-11

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Wednesday, 21, Pat Baer

OFFERING

OCTOBER 11 2009

Regular Offering	\$3157.00
YTD Needed	\$16,650.00
YTD Received	\$17,824.00
Difference	\$1,174.00

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

Here at Benton

Today, 12:30 pm, at the Bustos home

Advance Challenge meeting for Church Council, Pastoral Leadership Team, Building Committee, and Campaign Leadership Team. Childcare provided at the church.

Martha Williams is requesting photographs from recent church-related activities (baptisms, retreat, etc). Please put them in her mailbox by **today**, so they can be included in the church scrapbook.

Thursday, October 22, 7 pm

Antiques to Zinnias . . . trash to cash . . . Come to the **Creative Giving Seminar** at the church and learn how to contribute creatively to the building campaign. You may attend one of two sessions: 1. Giving from Assets, and 2. Giving from Income. Door prizes will be awarded!

A number of children, women, and men worked together to gather items for the **MCC school kits**. We completed 115 kits which were delivered to the Depot for shipment. After our fast work, ice cream bars were enjoyed.

For future school kits, would you rather complete your own bag of school supplies or bring only items and have a group assemble the kits like we did this year? Talk to someone from the Friendship Circle sewing group. Thanks.

In the Community

October 22, 23, 24, and 25, Little Eden Camp

Looking for a weekend getaway that includes fun, fellowship, service and all the free food you can eat? Young and old alike are invited to help close up **Little Eden Camp** for the winter. There is work for all ages. Come the whole weekend or just part of the weekend. Contact Little Eden Camp at admin@littleeden.org or call Gary/Robin Wyse, 419.445.9881.

Saturday, October 24, 6 pm, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen

MCC Alumni International Potluck. The speaker will be Steve Steiner, who will be reporting on a recent learning tour to Southern Sudan and the significant work MCC is supporting there. Bring your favorite international dish and enjoy the fellowship, stories and updates from MCC. Please RSVP to MCC Great Lakes at 534-4133 or gg@mcc.org.

Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m, at the home of Henry and Carolyn Yoder, 10525 West 325 North, Shipshewana

Annual Business Tour: Amish Entrepreneurs Join Michiana MEDA when we hear from a group of Amish entrepreneurs in LaGrange County. Freeman Miller works with many Amish-owned small businesses in northern Indiana and will discuss how he

helps to promote their businesses and the challenges they face. A tour of three Amish-owned businesses will follow the meal. **Space is limited, so RSVP by Monday, October 19** by phone, 877.787.6332, email reservations@michianameda.org or online www.michianameda.org. Program and meal costs are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$5 for students. Please indicate any special dietary needs with your reservation.

Saturday, October 24, Goshen College

Students of Goshen College invite you to join in their call for global climate action. The day is titled “350” to promote a stable atmospheric level of 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide, a level at which humans can continue to survive on Planet Earth. Goshen will join with more than 1000 communities in 100 nations to visually represent the number “350” in various ways (with bodies, leaves, trash, large signs, bicycles, etc) to show world leaders that environmental care should be a priority on their agenda. Join the Goshen community inside the East Union Gym for free lunch at 12:00, a bike/walk to the courthouse at 1:30, and a broader demonstration downtown with a speaker and music at 2:00. Annali Smucker is among the organizers. Come and be apart of this global movement.

Beginning Saturday, October 24, 8:15 am, The Living Room, First Presbyterian Church, Goshen

Weekly support/healing group for those who have experienced difficulties as a result of alcohol and/or other drug use. Any person struggling with substance abuse issues is encouraged to participate. Meetings will begin promptly and end by 9:45 am. The Living Room is located in the lower level of First Presbyterian Church, 215 E Lincoln Av, Goshen. The entrance is located on the west side of the sanctuary. Signs will guide you. For additional information, call 533-7845.

Saturday, October 24, 4 - 7 pm, Clinton Brick Mennonite Church

Haystack Supper Donations for the cost of the meal helps support the Sonshine Daycare Children’s Ministry.

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 Missiologists. Dr Molobi, Senior Researcher at Research Institute of Theology and Religion, University of South Africa (UNISA), is recognized as a key specialist on African Initiated Churches, also known as Zionist or Messianic movements. Dr Molobi is an ordained minister in the Apostolic Faith Mission in Danville-Tshwane (Pretoria). These Lectures are open to the public at no charge.

Friday, October. 30, 7:30 pm, Holy Cross College Chapel, South Bend

Dr. Mary Jo Leddy will speak on “Jesus and the Power of Peace,” as part of the 4th annual St Marcellus Celebration. Marcellus was a third century Christian who was martyred because he refused to continue to fight in the Roman army. His relics are preserved under the altar of the Basilica at Notre Dame. Other St Marcellus day activities include a 2 pm pilgrimage from Seitz Park in South Bend to the basilica, visitation of the relics at 4 pm, a celebration with music and testimonies from contemporary conscientious objectors at Holy Cross College Auditorium at 5 pm, and a 6:15 soup supper.

Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm, Little Flower Catholic Church, South Bend

Dr. Mary Jo Leddy will lead a workshop on “Christian Spirituality and Discipleship in the Heart of Empire”. Registration for the workshop is required (see flier on bulletin board). Leddy is a scholar, professor and activist who lives and works with refugees in Toronto. More details at www.cpnv.net. The St Marcellus Celebration is sponsored by the Center for Peace and Nonviolence of St Joseph County which seeks to explore, practice and promote Jesus’ nonviolent way of righting wrong.

Saturday, October 31, 5 – 8 p, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church

Yellow Creek Community Carnival You and your family are invited to a free evening of food, fun, and games for the whole family. Activities for all kids, ages 1-100. Children, please remember to bring an adult with you (and please no scary costumes). You are also invited to bring a nonperishable food item which will be donated to the Family Christian Development Center in Nappanee. See poster on bulletin board.