



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

NEWS & NOTES

October 25 2009

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7 pm

Gifts ministry at Helene Hoover's

*Wednesday, 6 pm**

Benton at Greencroft

Wednesday, 7 pm

Church Council

Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Nurture Ministry at Mary Ann's

**This is a change from our usual time.*

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-2

Doug None

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Wednesday, 28, Helene Hoover

OFFERING

OCTOBER 18 2009

Regular Offering \$2,772.00

YTD Needed \$19,425.00

YTD Received \$20,596.00

Difference \$1,171.00

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

Here at Benton

This Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Greencroft Manor II, meeting room by door 17

The **Benton at Greencroft** monthly gathering will focus on memories of and wisdom gained from past Benton building projects. Come to hear stories and reflections from our senior members, and to talk with them about what past learnings might be instructive as we move ahead in our current campaign. All are welcome.

Thursday, November 5, 7 pm, at the church

Barnabas Ministry resource and reorganization meeting. If you are interested in this ministry, come check it out!

Saturday, November 7, 8 am - 12 noon

The fall church workday
There will be work inside and outside. Bring yard tools and gloves. Snack and beverages will be provided.

Three "**thank you**" letters, from Bethany Christian Schools, Mennonite Central Committee, and Mennonite Publishing Network, are posted on the bulletin board.

In the Community

Tuesday, October 27, 7 pm, Bethany Christian Schools

Bethany Christian Schools will present "**A Night at the Movies**".

This fall instrumental concert will include middle and high school orchestras and ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

Friday, October 30, 4:30 to 8 pm, Bethany Christian High School
Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry! Come for an evening of fellowship, homemade pie, and all the fish you can eat. Tickets are available from all Bethany seniors or at the door. The cost is \$8.25 for adults and \$5.25 for children in grades 1-6. Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

Friday, Saturday; October 30, 7:30-9 pm; October 31, 11 am to 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. 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 to help meet the needs in the community. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

A **Hacienda Day** will be held Monday, November 2, to benefit Bethany Christian Schools. Hacienda will donate 20% of purchases for food, gift certificates, and carryouts all that day with presentation of a token. Tokens may NOT be distributed inside or outside the restaurant that day. Tokens are available below the poster on the bulletin board.

Monday, November 2, 6:30 pm, East Goshen Mennonite Church

Mennonite Disaster Service The annual Indiana/Lower Michigan Unit meeting begins with dinner (\$10.00 donation suggested), followed by Jerry Grosh as the guest speaker. An offering will be lifted as well. If you would like to go, contact Jerrol Shaum. He will send in the head-count for the meal.

Paw Ball Bethany Christian Schools will hold a developmental basketball experience for youth in grades 4-6. Boys’ sessions will run Saturdays November 7 to January 16; girls’ sessions will run Saturdays January 23 to February 27. Participants will have a 90-minute session that includes a time of instruction followed by a game. Registration is \$10 per child. For more information and registration forms see www.bethanycs.net/pawball or contact Bryan Kehr at 534-2567 or bjkehr@bethanycs.net during school hours.

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

Tuesday, November 17, 12 noon, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church

The Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Senior Tuesday Luncheon and Program Cost is \$5 per person paid at the door. The program is Thanksgiving Memories and sing-a-long. If you would like to attend, contact Esther Martin by November 9 at 533-7460 to make a reservation.

It's the beginning of the meat canning season, with canning in Indiana — in Montgomery January 11 and 12 and in Goshen January 19-29. We encourage you to support this concrete way to share food with hungry people during challenging economic times for poor people across the globe. Send your donations to your regional canning committee or to our MCC Great Lakes office (1013 Division St, Goshen IN 46528) designated for meat canning and plan on joining us during the canning days.