



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

NEWS & NOTES

November 1 2009

THIS WEEK

Thursday, 7 pm

Worship Ministry

Thursday, 7-8:30 pm

Barnabas Minister meeting

Saturday, 7 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Old

Mill Inn

Saturday

Church Work Day

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tuesday, Friday 9-3,
Wednesday 10-12

Doug Wednesday, Friday,
9-2

Steve Friday, 8-12

BIRTHDAYS

Today, 1, Troy Risser

OFFERING

OCTOBER 25 2009

Regular Offering \$1,184.00

YTD Needed \$22,200.00

YTD Received \$21,780.00

Difference -\$420.00

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

Here at Benton

The **Pastoral Leadership Team** meeting scheduled for Wednesday afternoon has been cancelled.

Reminder to those who attended the **Advance Challenge meeting**: Please return your pledge forms to Steve Bustos **today**.

Brenda is in Kansas with friends this weekend, returning Monday evening.

Barnabas Ministers, please plan to come to the church Thursday evening from 7-8:30 pm so we can reorganize and resource ourselves for the coming year. Anyone who wants to learn more about this one-to-one ministry is welcome to join us with no obligations.

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.

In the Community

Today, 4 pm, Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen

Harvest Mission Festival

"Practicing Mission — from Then to Today" Yemaya, a music group of Goshen College women will perform, after which author and GC history professor John D Roth will speak on "Now — Learning from the Global Mennonite

Fellowship". See poster on bulletin board for more information.

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 will be. The 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.

Tuesday, November 10, 1 pm, Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen College

The Goshen High School Advanced Crimson Choir and Crimsonaries will be featured during the **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbathical**. The program will feature the two top award-winning choirs from GHS. This concert will share a variety of music from classical choral music to standard pop tunes. GHS choirs have been under the direction of Marcia Yost for 26 years. The event is free and open to the public.

Cross Court Sports Ministries is a local sports league whose mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ using basketball as their vehicle. Your young men are invited to attend one of our tryouts, tentatively set for Tuesday, November 10, at Chandler Elementary School and Wednesday, November 11, at Parkside Elementary School. Please see our web site www.crosscourtsports.com for additional information about our JV and varsity leagues that start in early November and end with a tournament in March. Games are played at Northridge Middle School on Friday nights. Public admission is **free**.

Saturday, November 14, 4 pm – 7 pm, Antique Building/Shipshewana Auction, Shipshewana
Gospel Echoes Team Annual Festival of Praise

The evening will include a fish and chicken fry supper, music by the Gospel Echoes Harvest and New Life Teams, and special guest speaker, former inmate Larry Skrant. See poster on bulletin board for further details.

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

The Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Senior Tuesday Luncheon and Program Menu includes pork loin, sweet potatoes, corn, salad, cake, rolls and coffee/tea. 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.

Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, 7:30 pm; Sunday, November 22, 3 pm, Bethany Christian High School

The Curious Savage, a heartwarming comedy for all ages, will be presented by Bethany Christian High School. Tickets may be reserved by calling 534-2567 (\$8/adult, \$6/student). See: www.bethanycs.net/curious_savage

MDC Goldenrod has openings for part-time positions. We are looking for dedicated, flexible people who want to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. If interested, apply at 1514 College Ave, Goshen or on the company website at www.goldenrodonline.org.

Saturday, November 7, 7:30 pm; Sunday, November 8, 4 pm, Old Goshen Theater, 216 S Main St, Goshen

What Would Lloyd Do? This new show from Ted & Company TheaterWorks stars Ted Swartz

and Trent Wagler — along with Jay Lapp and a choir of local singers — and is directed by Ingrid De Sanctis. The play includes original music, lots of humor, and themes of disappointment, disillusionment, faith and hope, within the context of a church and a radio program. LaCasa and Downtown 8:08 join Ted & Company TheaterWorks in sponsoring the show; a portion of the ticket sales will benefit **LaCasa**. The show is appropriate for all ages. For tickets, call 535-0808 (Wed-Fri), order online at www.goshentheater.com, or purchase at the door. Advance tickets are \$12/adult; \$7/student (premier seating is reserved for advance ticket holders). General seating tickets are available at the door for \$2 more.

Friday – Sunday, December 4 – 6, Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt Pleasant Pennsylvania.

“Grief, Spirituality and Sexuality: Life after Losing a Spouse” During this weekend retreat for widowed persons and those walking with them, presenter Rachel Nafziger Hartzler will explore themes of suffering, lament and hope — including a ritual service addressing grief during the holiday season — while creating a space where participants can share with one another in a safe, uplifting environment. To learn more and to register, visit www.laurelville.org, call 800 839-1021, or e-mail Rachel at rach@maplenet.net.

Submissions wanted for new book on living simply and sustainably: **Simply Sustainable**, scheduled for release in fall 2010. What are you doing to live more simply and sustainably? Mark Beach and Mary Beth Lind, the authors of a new Mennonite Publishing Network book, *Simply Sustainable*, want to know. Like previous MPN books such as *More With Less* (1976) and *Simply in Season* (2005), *Simply Sustainable* will also draw on the wisdom of people around the globe. Categories people can write about include food, cleaning, energy conservation, fair trade, money and barter, recycling as well as physical, spiritual and mental health and other topics. To offer a submission, or to learn more about the book, go to www.simply-sustainable.org/.