



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

NEWS & NOTES

November 8 2009

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 9:30 am
Friendship Circle Sewing

STAFF HOURS

Brenda Tuesday, 9-4
Doug Wednesday, 9-11 am,
7:30-9 pm; Friday, 9-2
Steve Friday, 8-12

OFFERING

NOVEMBER 1 2009

Regular Offering	\$4,132.00
YTD Needed	\$24,975.00
YTD Received	\$25,912.00
Difference	\$937.00

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

Thanksgiving Offering

Doug Kaufman

Every year in November, Benton has a Thanksgiving offering as a way of "sharing the harvest" at a time when most of us are no longer farmers. As part of the Expanding Our Welcome Stewardship Campaign, we have committed to give 2 % of the funds raised for our own building project to assist a congregation in the Third World to build its own building.

Should we reach our goal of raising \$200,000, this would mean giving \$4,000. So this year's and next year's Thanksgiving offerings will go towards reaching that goal.

The Thanksgiving offering will take place on November 22, which is also Celebration Sunday, when we find out how much money we have raised towards the building project.

Here at Benton

Brenda will be traveling to Philadelphia for MCC meetings this week, leaving Tuesday evening and returning early Sunday morning.

*Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 am,
at the church*

Friendship Circle Guest Day
Join us for lunch. Nadine Miller, material resource coordinator for MCC at the Depot will be guest

speaker at 10:30. Invitations were put in your boxes last Sunday.

*Thursday, November 12, 4 – 8 pm, at
Millersburg Fire Station*

Clinton Benton Christian Education Association haystack supper fundraiser Come and eat haystacks and soft serve ice cream and make a freewill donation to support the Bible teacher in the Millersburg and Benton Elementary Schools. This is a ministry that the congregation supports financially and with leadership. The teacher is Arlene Hershberger's daughter-in-law, Bev.

*Tuesday, November 17, 12 noon,
3107 Mallard Lane, Waterford
Crossing, Goshen*

Women's Luncheon at Esther Kauffman's home. A hot dish and table service will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert. Please phone Esther at 537-9564 if you plan to attend.

Project Fairfield Food Pantry
Are your cupboards empty? Some people's are. This month we want to restock the Fairfield Pantry. They need non-perishable food items and other cleaning and personal supplies. They can also use baby products, especially diapers. See the list on the north bulletin board for ideas. Put your contributions in the wooden box in the foyer. Sandi Sizemore, coordinator of the pantry, will be our Moment in Mission guest next Sunday.

In the Community

Today, 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. 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. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit LaCasa. The show is appropriate for all ages. Purchase general seating tickets at the door, \$14/adult; \$9/student (premier seating is reserved for advance ticket holders).

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 Sabbatical**. 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.

Tuesday, November 10, 7 pm, Newcomer 19, Goshen College

"Through the Garden Gate in Afghanistan"
Please join us for a special Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) chapter meeting to hear Lana Mo, MEDA Afghanistan horticulture development manager. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event!

Beginning Tuesday, November 10, 6-8 pm, Center for Hospice and Palliative Care

The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care will be presenting a holiday-focused **Living With Loss Group**. The five weekly sessions will focus on tips for navigating the holiday season. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public. Contact Greg Suderman at 574.264.3321 or 800.413.9083 to register.

Thursday evening, November 12, 6 – 8 pm, Maple City Health Care Center

Maple City Health Care Center open house
See the Center's new expansion and renovation. Maple City Health Care Center

provides affordable health care for people in the north and east neighborhoods of Goshen.

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.

Students in grades 5-11 interested in exploring Bethany Christian Schools can shadow a Bethany student on Monday, November 16, 7:45 am-3:30 pm. Parents are invited to a 7:45-8:15 am conversation with Principal Allan Dueck, staff, and parents of current students, and to tour the school at 8:15 am or 2:45 pm. To participate contact Rachel Roth Sawatzky by **Wednesday, November 11**, at 534-2567 or admissions@bethanycs.net.

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 **tomorrow** at 533-7460 to make a reservation.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops has a staff position open for a part-time assistant warehouse manager. Qualified candidates will be organized, physically fit and have good interpersonal skills. Hours are somewhat flexible. Pick up an application at the Depot MCC Thrift Shops office. Applications are due by November 20. Interviews will take place in late November/early December. Starting date is December 7. For more information, please call Missy Schrock at 534-1828 or email at depotmccthriftshops@gmail.com.

MDC Goldenrod is presently taking applications for: 1) Someone to fill a 30-35 hr/week Human Resource position with back-up for specific accounting duties. Starting date: January 1 2010. 2) Immediate part-time caregiving positions for dedicated, flexible people who want to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities.