

# NEWS & NOTES

October 12, 2008

## Here at Benton

### This Week

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, PCRC at Juniper Place  
 Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Benton at Greencroft (Manor 2)  
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, All worship teams meeting at Rissers,  
 supper provided.

**Visitation for Deanna's mother**, Marilyn Schrock, is today 1 – 7 pm at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home. Funeral is Monday at 10 am at the funeral home, followed by burial at Benton Cemetery and a meal here at the church.

### Staff Hours

Brenda Tue 11-4:00, Wed & Fri 9-2:00  
 Doug Tues-Fri 9-2:00

### Birthdays

Lori Bustos Oct. 13 Doug Kaufman Oct. 16  
 Vi Hartzler Oct. 14 Dave Hartzler Oct. 17

Service & Witness is creating a **care package for Anna Hade**. We would like to send a full box to Anna on October 27. Anything is welcome: cards, books, candy or other snacks...anything you think an MVSer would enjoy receiving. Please have your contributions to the church by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Items can be placed in the Dell box on the bench in the south foyer

**Social Night for everyone**, Friday, October 31, 6:30-10:00 at Greencroft, Manor 2 dining room. Bring games.

**Work Day**, Saturday, Nov. 1 here at the church. We will be working inside and outside and need all the help that we can get. Thank you. –Perry Miller

### October 5, 2008

Regular Offering	\$2502.00
Year to Date Needed	\$13375.00
Year to Date Received	\$14766.00
Difference	\$1391.00
Sharing Fund Offering	\$205.00

## Web Update

Doug recently completed his sabbatical blog, called Amish Mennonite in Europe. You can read his final reflections by following the link with the congregational web site, [www.bentonchurch.org](http://www.bentonchurch.org). Also, if you missed any of his three-part sermon on the authority of Scripture, you can read one of them in the sermon archives, where you find Brenda's and Doug's sermons, and also Michael Fecher and Jerrol Shaum's sermons from this summer. You can also borrow a CD to listen to the entire service.

We have an **opening for a secretary** to work 4 hours a week preferably on Friday forenoon. The main tasks will be producing the Sunday bulletin and weekly news sheet. Knowledge of Microsoft Word is necessary. To apply for this job or for more information contact Troy Risser at 260-894-7517 or 260-894-1157 or send an email to [tdrisser@maplenet.net](mailto:tdrisser@maplenet.net).

**Congratulations to Daniel Buschert** who helped Bethany Christian Schools make history with their first tennis sectional win ever last Saturday.

**Thank you from Mennonite Mission Network** for our Peace Sunday offering of \$1212. Half was for the Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network and half was for the Military Counseling Network.

## Community events

**From your MMA Advocate:** You are invited to discover the peace and contentment that comes from managing your financial resources according to God's purposes and principles. Plan now to attend the Good Sense Budget Workshop on Saturday, November 8 at Downtown at 808 in Goshen. A registration brochure has been put in some of your mailboxes. Several are also in the rack to the left of the mailbox. A poster is on the northeast bulletin board. Talk with LaJane in my absence if you have further questions. –Orv Yoder

**Bethany Christian High School's Senior Class Fish Fry** on Friday, October 24, is less than two weeks away! Come between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m. 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 for adults and \$5 for children in grades 1-6. Preschool age is free. Carryout is also available with adult tickets only.

You are invited to join in a **memorial service for Elizabeth Leigh** at Assembly Mennonite (1201 S. 11th St, Goshen) immediately following a light lunch at 12:30 pm on Sunday, October 19. Please RSVP to Joy Buschert at 533-3057.

**Evening Song and Prayer** will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at 9 p.m., at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart. This service in the AMBS chapel will combine scripture reading, singing, prayer and silence. For information call AMBS, 574-295-3726

#### **Michiana MEDA**

Join us Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. at La Iglesia Menonita del Buen Pastor (523 S. 6th St, Goshen) for "Demanda toda la comunidad: Negocios latinos (It Takes a Community: Latino Businesses)." Come for presentations by three Hispanic business owners - Maria Hernandez, owner of Novedades Hernandez; Rolando Ortiz, owner of Closet Craft; and Christian Velazquez, a Global Compliance Officer at Inter-Cambio Express - who will discuss their business and its scope, how they got started, and the challenges they face. RSVP by Monday, October 13, by calling 87-RSVP-MEDA (877-787-6332), by emailing [reservations@michianameda.org](mailto:reservations@michianameda.org) or by going to [www.michianameda.org](http://www.michianameda.org). Meal and program costs are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$5 for students.

**The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care** invites mature individuals to register for its upcoming volunteer training by stopping in the Elkhart office, 2901 East Bristol Street, or by calling Kathy Frey, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at (574) 264-3321 or [freyk@centerforhospice.org](mailto:freyk@centerforhospice.org). The next Volunteer Training in Elkhart begins Thursday, October 16. The training will focus on the hospice philosophy, communication skills, spirituality, family dynamics, patient care, bereavement, and much more. Following training, volunteers may assist

patients and families with respite, transportation, laundry, errands, companionship, or bereavement.

**James Nelson Gingerich** will be the Theological Center Guest at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, October 21-23. He will reflect on the interaction between his convictions about the church and his two decades with Maple City Health Care Center, Goshen, Ind., a community-based organization devoted to the health of its neighbors and neighborhood. The public is invited to three sessions: Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 11:15; Lecture on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.; and Forum on Thursday, Oct. 23 at noon. A light lunch is available Thursday at 11:30 a.m. for \$5. For information, see [www.ambs.edu/theological-guest](http://www.ambs.edu/theological-guest).

**Project Promise, a program of MDC Goldenrod** is hosting their annual Chicken BBQ Dinner fund raiser on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Maple City Chapel, Goshen. They will serve carryout chicken and drink for lunch 11:30-2:00 pm. The full dinner as well as carry-outs will be served 4:00-7:00 pm. The full dinner includes; BBQ chicken, baked potato bar, vegetable, ice cream, and drink. The suggested donation for the carry-out lunch is \$5.00 and dinner is \$7.00. Tickets are not required. Call 574-533-9720, ext 1 for more details.

**A marriage reconciliation seminar** for pastors, lay leaders, counselors and therapists will be held Friday, November 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at North Clinton Mennonite in northwestern Ohio (831 W. Linfoot St., Wauseon, Ohio). Authors Joe and Michelle Williams will speak on how to form partnerships that provide an immediate and reconciliation-focused response to couples in crisis. Register by Oct. 29 (\$20 per person). To learn more, call 419 337-4776 or see [www.shalomworks.org](http://www.shalomworks.org) (click on "Relationships").

**Bethany Christian Schools alumni serving Mennonite World Conference.** Three Bethany alumni living in three different countries have major roles with Mennonite World Conference, which is preparing for the next global assembly, July 14-19, 2009, in Paraguay. Read the reflections of Larry Miller ('67), Strasbourg, France; Karen Martin Schiedel ('96), Kitchener, Ont., Canada; and Sarah Thompson ('02), Elkhart, Ind., U.S.A.; and learn more about the upcoming assembly at [www.bethanycs.net/mwc\\_2008](http://www.bethanycs.net/mwc_2008).