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connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

- “The Same Amazing Water that the Cows Drink” at Menno-Hof June 23, 25, 26, 27
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The Jones Family and Menno-Hof present an original new play on believer’s baptism: “The Same Amazing Water that the Cows Drink.”

- June 23 (for youth)
- June 25 & 26 at 7 p.m.
- June 27 at 3 p.m.

Under the tent at Menno-Hof, Shipshewana, Ind.

To reserve free tickets: call 260 768-4117 or e-mail info@mennohof.org

When the exhibits at an Anabaptist Museum come to life, a modern youth, trapped inside for the night, faces the real commitment and cost that comes by saying “yes” to following in Christ’s footsteps. Written by Joel Kaufmann and performed by Jones Family Productions of Shipshewana, the play takes a refreshing and honest look at Believer’s Baptism from Bible times to the present, and pays special attention to the baptismal commitments made during the Anabaptist movement that took place during the Reformation. –*Joe Yoder, Director, Menno-Hof*

Young adults and MYFers – volunteer this summer at the Depot Thrift Shops:

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone’s life, spend some time building new relationships and have fun all at once? Why not consider volunteering a morning or afternoon of your time this summer at the Depot Thrift Shops? Please contact Doug Hernley at 574 534-1828 if this mission field sparks an interest.

The annual Goshen College Golf Outing will be held Wed., July 21, at Maplecrest Country

Club in Goshen, Ind., with tee off at noon. All are welcome! Register as an individual (\$120) or as a foursome (\$480, only \$450 if registered by July 1). Proceeds will support Goshen College's student-athletes. For more information and to register please go to www.GoLeafs.net or call 574 535-7491. --*Behany Swope, Church Relations Coordinator, Goshen College*

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is looking for volunteers for several high-need placements in the 2010-2011 season:

- a paralegal for ProBAR in Harlingen, Texas. **Fluency in Spanish is required.** ProBAR is an organization that helps guide refugees through the political asylum process.
- a program assistant for the Computers for Youth program in New York City

For information about these opportunities, or to apply online, please visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net. MVS orientation is scheduled for August 8-13, 2010. Persons who wish to be placed for the 2010-2011 season should submit their applications by July 1, 2010. MVS cannot guarantee placement for persons applying after July 1.

News items of interest from MCC Great Lakes:

- Kathy Troyer's visit to Goshen went well and she showed an informative PowerPoint presentation giving updated information on the work being done in Haiti through MCC. If any churches are interested in seeing this presentation, we have the PowerPoint and would be happy to come to your congregation to give an update.
- Gwen has returned from her recent Migrant Trail walk through the deserts of Arizona and would be happy to share her experiences with groups who are interested. Contact her for available dates.
- For those of you in northern Indiana, the Michiana Relief Sale Board undergoing transition and is looking for a new chairperson. Anyone with a passion for the work of MCC who would enjoy serving in this way should contact current chair, Dave Yoder, at 574 536-4387.
- Thanks for your continued trust in and support for the work of MCC, done as an extension of you in the name of Christ. –*Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook, Regional Associates, MCC Great Lakes*

From Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): ways to assist Gulf Coast residents affected by the oil spill. As oil continues to gush into the Gulf waters, MDS friends, partners, and clients in the Gulf are asking for our prayers and support...We invite you to show your support for our Gulf Coast neighbors through:

- **Cards:** Send personal cards to residents of the Gulf Coast affected by the oil spill, giving them a word of encouragement. Let them know that you are thinking of and praying for them. Please address cards to "Gulf Coast Residents." After you write your card, please send it directly to the MDS Akron office in Pennsylvania. Once your card is received, it will be delivered to individuals in communities along the Gulf who are directly impacted by the oil spill. **Please mail you cards to:**

Mennonite Disaster Service
Care and Prayer Cards
1018 Main Street
Akron, PA 17501

- **Prayer:** Pray for the following as residents ask for prayer during this time:
 - The oil leak will soon be stopped
 - Health and welfare of clean up workers
 - Meaningful income for families
 - Wisdom in allocation of public and BP resources
 - Listening ears for our volunteers
 - Hope and healing after the clean up phase
 - That leaders place safety before financial gain
- **Volunteer:** MDS will be re-opening the Diamond, Louisiana project and will continue rebuilding homes affected by disaster. We can be a listening, supportive presence in Diamond during a time of great uncertainty and environmental catastrophe. Skilled volunteer leaders are needed through September to continue work on the homes that were started by MDS in Plaquemines Parish. To volunteer, please call 800 241-8111 (US) or 866 261-1274 (Canada).

Cyclist on 10,000-mile ride to raise awareness of MDS. In a continuing campaign to raise awareness of disaster relief efforts throughout our nation, Neal Friesen has embarked upon Cycle MDS, a 10,000-mile solo tour of the continental United States—including a brief jaunt into Canada—to highlight and promote such efforts undertaken by Mennonite Disaster Service and the Disaster Management program at Hesston College in Hesston, Kan. He started—and will end—his journey in New Iberia, La., where a team of Hesston students are working at an MDS site.

Friesen is cycling without the aid of a support vehicle and will carry all 80 pounds of his equipment in a pack strapped to his bike. He plans to cover about 400 miles per week, entering each of the contiguous 48 states at least once on his journey. Friesen may be all on his own, but he does have support and encouragement from family, friends and those interested in his journey; many are following him as he documents his experiences on his blog at cyclemds.blogspot.com.

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