

## Events & Announcements | Feb. 16, 2011

### *Connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference*

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**Haystack supper and bake sale at Clinton Frame Feb. 25.** The community is invited to a haystack supper and bake sale to benefit Norm and Lori Bontrager at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, 63846 CR 35, Goshen, Friday, Feb. 25, 4 – 8 p.m. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go directly to Norm and Lori to help cover medical costs related to Norm's kidney transplant. Norm was co-founder of Crossroads Bus Co. Contact the church at 574-642-3165 with any questions –*Diane Lockwood, CFMC administrative assistant*

**MCC Great Lakes gathering at East Goshen Feb. 27.** MCC Great Lakes is inviting youth ministers, sponsors and other interested people to a gathering with Titus Peachey, MCC US's Director of Peace Education. The event will be held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at East Goshen Mennonite Church. Titus will be sharing resources and stories from his recently written document on the spiritual and practical concerns related to military enlistment, titled *Behind the Camouflage: A Primer on Military Enlistment for Youth Pastors, Mentors and Counselors*. For information or to RSVP call Les Gustafson-Zook at the MCC-GL office at 574-534-4133 or e-mail [gg@mcc.org](mailto:gg@mcc.org). –*Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook, regional associates, MCC Great Lakes*

**Celebrate creation care at Indianapolis gathering March 5.** Join people from multiple faith traditions from noon – 3:10 p.m. on March 5 at First Baptist Church, 8600 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, for the first statewide gathering of Indiana clergy and lay people committed to acting as more responsible stewards of God's earth. This event will launch Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light (H-IPL). Please join Hoosiers of all faiths from Indiana as we celebrate God's creation through worship and song; issue a call to reduce energy use in our homes and congregations; are introduced to tools to help us in this calling; plan creation care initiatives in our communities and denominations; and break bread together (enjoy a hot lunch, earth-friendly and free). For more information or a registration form for this event, go to [www.HoosierIPL.org](http://www.HoosierIPL.org) or call 812-332-5252.

**Walk through the Bible at Clinton Frame March 6.** Walk through the Bible in one day with Marion Bontrager at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, Sunday, March 6, 9:30 a.m.– 4 p.m. Join us for a day of *Hearing the Biblical Story and understanding the scope of God's plan*. There will be four sessions and lunch will be provided. Children ages preK – grade 5 will experience their own walk through the Bible. Childcare for infants through preschool is provided as well. Marion Bontrager is part of the Bible and ministry department at Hesston College. Call 574-642-3165 with any questions. --*Anita Yoder, Pastor of Worship & Music, Clinton Frame Mennonite Church*.

**Yellow Creek renewal meetings March 19, 20.** You are invited to attend Yellow Creek Mennonite Church 2011 renewal meetings, Saturday, March 19, 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 20, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., with speaker Michele Hershberger from Hesston College. Michele is the director of youth ministry and chair of the Bible and ministry department at Hesston College. Her topic for the weekend is *Would we crucify Christ?* There is a carry-in meal on Sunday following Sunday school. Bring your own table service and a dish to share before her final session at 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 574-862-2595. –*Gwen Hernley, Yellow Creek Mennonite*

**Project Promise Easter play at Bethany March 26, 27.** See Easter with new eyes. Actors from Project Promise will perform the Easter Play at Bethany Christian Schools on Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. and on Sunday, March 27, at 4 and 6 p.m. Project Promise is MDC Goldenrod's program to provide spiritual and social support for people with disabilities. Many of the actors in the Easter Play face serious

challenges, but they also know the joy of Easter morning. They will use their experiences to share the trials and redemption of Easter.

**Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of groundskeeper** to begin in March. This is a seasonal position, full-time from mid-March through mid-November of each year. For information about the position and an application form, visit [www.bethanycs.net/jobs](http://www.bethanycs.net/jobs) or contact principal Allan Dueck at 574-534-2567 or [akdueck@bethanycs.net](mailto:akdueck@bethanycs.net).

**Mennonite Publishing Network/Third Way Media executive director position.** Seeking a visionary leader with passion for a publishing and media ministry. Reporting to the bi-national Board and based in Harrisonburg, VA, the Executive Director will lead the integration of Mennonite Publishing Network and Third Way Media in the transition to a new multi-media agency providing Anabaptist formation and witness resources. Demonstrated leadership experience and the willingness to regularly travel within North America. See [www.mpn.net/about/openings.html](http://www.mpn.net/about/openings.html) or e-mail indication of interest to [search@mpn.net](mailto:search@mpn.net).

The Search Committee solicits your prayers as it conducts this important work. In addition, the committee is seeking nominations of individuals for this key leadership role in the Mennonite Church in North America. Please contact Abe Bergen at [abergen@cmu.ca](mailto:abergen@cmu.ca) with names of individuals who should be considered. Please provide contact information as appropriate.

**ADNet names new program director.** Anabaptist Disabilities Network has named **Christine Guth** as Program Director to coordinate ADNet's ongoing programs and team of volunteer associates. She joined ADNet in 2006 as its first volunteer associate. Over the past five years, Christine has given half of her working week to ADNet, offering special attention to resource development, the autism spectrum and mental health concerns. Her appointment answers ADNet's need to downsize staff due to funding constraints. ADNet thanks outgoing Executive Director Paul Leichty for his dedicated service over the past eight years.

**Appoint a congregational disabilities advocate.** Folks living with the daily realities of a disability may need someone else to speak up for what they need in order to participate fully in congregational life. ADNet invites your congregation to bless a **congregational disabilities advocate** for the ministry of making sure people with disabilities can participate. **Contact ADNet** to learn about the resources available to support advocates and inclusion in your community.

**Rescheduled workshop sponsored by the Center for Congregations (limited to Indiana congregations, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.):**

*Congregational Management: Personnel, Facilities and Finances* with John Wimberly has been rescheduled. Canceled due to inclement weather, this workshop is now being presented Wednesday and Thursday, March 2 and 3. The workshop is 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Eastern time) Wednesday, March 2, 2011. at Geist Christian Church, 8550 Mud Creek Road, Indianapolis; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Central time) Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 7416 E. 109th Ave. in Winfield in Lake County. The cost is \$30 a person (\$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more). This fee includes lunch and a copy of Wimberly's book *The Business of the Church*. **Click here for more information and on-line registration.**

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