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Announcements from Bethany Christian Schools:

May 1 Open House at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools will host a drop-in open house from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, for anyone still considering enrolling for fall 2011. Bring your family and invite others from your church or neighborhood that may have interest in Bethany. Stop by after church for lunch, and faculty and staff will be available to answer questions and give tours. An RSVP to Rachel Roth Sawatzky in the admissions office (574-534-2657 or admissions@bethanycs.net) to help plan for the meal is appreciated, but not required.

Apr. 29 Bruin Jazz coffeehouse and art show. Bethany Christian High School's *Bruin Jazz* will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the school cafeteria and student artwork will be on display. Come for an evening of jazz, refreshments and an opportunity to peruse student artwork. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

Bethany Christian Middle School will present *Things My Mother Said* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Tickets, \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, may be reserved by calling the school at 574-534-2567. –Denise Risser, administrative assistant, BCS

Bryan Moyer Suderman concert at AMBS. Bryan Moyer Suderman will perform a concert of family-friendly music at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Wednesday, April 27, beginning at 7 p.m. The concert in the seminary's lounge in Waltner Hall is intended for all ages. A free-will offering will be taken. He also will speak in chapel on Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 11:45 a.m., and in forum on Thursday, April 28, beginning at noon. A light lunch is available beginning at 11:30 a.m.

“Leading Congregations Through Anxious Times” with Dr. Rick Morse will be held on Thursday, May 19, 7:15 – 11:15 a.m. at Oaklawn, 330 Lakeview Drive, Goshen. Dr. Rick Morse is vice president of Mission Initiatives with Church Extension of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In this capacity, he has created an infrastructure that has led to the development of nearly 700 new Disciple congregations with an 80 percent sustainability rate. He has more than 35 years of congregational experience as both a planter and redevelopment pastor. In this seminar, Dr. Morse will address the changing cultural shifts in congregations. Eighty percent of all congregations are in decline or have plateaued and many are finding it difficult to sustain ministry. As ministry has become more difficult, more and more clergy are opting out of their calling. This gathering is an opportunity for clergy to explore their roles as leaders in this period of unprecedented cultural shift and to see the opportunities that lie before them. **Please register by May 13.** Cost for this seminar for pastors and lay leaders is \$20; 3.0 CEUs are offered. For more information, call 574-537-2680. For a brochure go to www.oaklawn/eventbrochure. To register online go to www.oaklawn/eventregistration.

Volunteer with Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet). (ADNet, www.adnetonline.org) is looking for volunteers to assist one or more mornings a week with a variety of office tasks. Computer skills are a plus, but we can train someone who is willing to learn. If you have two or more hours a week you could contribute, contact Christine Guth at christine@adnetonline.org, or phone 574-535-7053 between 8 a.m. and noon any weekday. –Christine Guth, program director, ADNet

Job openings at Goshen College:

Job opening: Nursing Professor. The Department of Nursing at Goshen College invites applications for a full-time teaching position beginning August 2011. Duties include teaching pediatric nursing in the classroom and clinical setting and pharmacology in the undergraduate program, and teaching courses in

the family nurse practitioner program in the master's of science in nursing program. Doctorate in nursing or related field preferred; master's degree in nursing required. For further details, see the position announcement at www.goshen.edu/employment.

Job opening: HR Director. Goshen College invites applicants for a Human Resources Director to provide leadership in recruiting and retaining a diverse college faculty and staff; administrating payroll and benefits; personnel development programs; and development and interpretation of personnel policies. BA required, MA in Human Resource Administration or related field preferred. Five years experience in a Human Resources leadership position required. For further details, see the position announcement at www.goshen.edu/employment. –*Vickie Miller, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Goshen College*

Resources for congregational treasurers online. Mennonite Church USA has a variety of resources for congregational treasurers available on the denominational website. Included are items such as the Mennonite Church USA Treasurer's Handbook, sample job descriptions, and information on electronic giving. To view these and other items, go to www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Leaders/Treasurers to view these and other items.

Invitation from Youth Venture. Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world! Youth Venture is looking for young adults, ages 14-22, to travel and serve with teams and a leader to locations like Alaska, Guatemala, Los Angeles, Phoenix, or Philadelphia among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit www.service.mennonitemission.net or e-mail JiIS@MennoniteMission.net.

Mennonite Mission Network blog with stories from Japan. In the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami, and the ongoing nuclear contamination threats that have befallen Japan, Mennonite Mission Network workers and associates from North America have been sending powerful and inspiring stories of their experiences and the relief efforts of the local Japanese churches. They have launched a website, [Messages from Japan](#), to highlight these compelling dispatches.

Mission Network has one supported worker in Obihiro, and four families of mission associates in other areas in Japan. Mission associates are workers who relate to Mission Network, but do not receive financial support from the organization. Mission Network also partners with the Japan Mennonite Christian Church Conference and the Tokyo Area Fellowship of Mennonite Churches. According to the Mennonite World Conference website, there are nearly 3,000 Mennonites in Japan.

From Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes:

Searching for an exciting way to serve the church? MCC is looking for young men, 20 years or older, to travel with the Mobile Meat Canner. Canner operators travel to 33 different locations in the United States and Canada, working with local volunteers to can meat, which MCC then distributes around the world to hungry people. Having a CDL or truck driving experience is preferable. Meet new people and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget! For more information or to indicate your interest please contact John Hillegass at jrh@mcc.org or 717-859-1151. –*Jennifer Steiner, communications coordinator, MCC Great Lakes*

Season your Spring with peace! *Seasoned with Peace: Spring* is now available for order through our website. It includes devotions, prayers, sayings, recipes, Bible verses, comic strips, practical tips and much more for the life of a peacemaker. Profit goes to Mennonite peace and justice work. See www.seasonedwithpeace.com for more information. SPRING is now shipping, and we are currently hoping for contributions to Fall.

"We need peace, and more of it, for every season, in our relationships with God and each other and in our communities, nation and world. What a wonderful thing it is to start the day with these words. May they inspire and encourage you to greater faithfulness." --*Ron Byler, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee U.S.*

Northeast Indiana congregations Invited to grant information sessions. The Center for Congregations invites you to an information session to learn about our resource grants program. During the two-hour session, you will be introduced to the services the Center offers northeast Indiana congregations such as resource consulting, education programming and our resource grants program.

Participants will then walk through the resource grant application process: identifying resources that best fit your congregation, planning a successful project, and applying for a grant from the Center for Congregations.

Those in attendance will enjoy a delicious lunch and receive a free book. Three identical sessions are available:

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., [Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at The Mill](#), 1001 N. Washington St. in Marion (Grant County)
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., [Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Fort Wayne Marriott](#), 305 E. Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., [Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at the Essenhaus Restaurant](#), 240 U.S. 20 in Middlebury (Elkhart County)

Advance registration is required. You may click on the links above to register. These informational events are free and limited to northeast Indiana congregations.

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