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Connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

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Join the Center for Healing and Hope's fundraiser fiesta feast on Friday, May 6, 5-7 p.m., at St. John's Parish Center, the corner of Third and Monroe streets, Goshen. A delicious Mexican meal will be prepared by members of the Comunidad Cristiana Adulam church, or take your meal to go. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-534-4744, e-mailing info@chhgoshen.org or at the door. Adults \$15; children/students \$10; children 5 or younger eat free. All proceeds benefit the Center for Healing and Hope, a non-profit, urgent care clinic providing healthcare to the uninsured of Elkhart County, with clinics in both Elkhart and Goshen.

Goshen College's Community School of the Arts spring showcase concert Sunday, May 8. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. in the Northridge High School Auditorium (Middlebury, Ind.) and will feature Rejoice and Shout for Joy choirs and Allegro and Vivace string ensembles. Directors of the ensembles are Rosemary Rupp, Sandy Hill and Rosalyn Troiano. The program will include spirituals, folksongs and classics, old and new. Tickets are \$7 regular / \$5 students and seniors, available at the door. Please call 574-535-7361 or e-mail deblk@goshen.edu with any questions. --*Deb Kauffman, associate director, Goshen College Music Center*

Bethany spring concerts May 13. Bethany Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concerts on Friday, May 13, in the school chapel. The instrumental concert will begin at 7 p.m. with the choral concert to begin after a brief intermission at about 8:15 p.m. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend. --*Denise Risser, administrative assistant, Bethany Christian Schools*

Emerge Ministries will host their annual haystack dinner on Saturday, May 14, at Church Without Walls, 731 Wagner Avenue, Elkhart, Ind., from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thank you for your donations to help support this important community ministry (\$5 minimum donation). Please call Cora Brown or Sabrina Gipson at the office (574-293-0776) with any questions. Tickets are also being sold in advance and any staff person can provide them upon request.

Godspell! Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen, Ind., will present the musical Godspell on June 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at the Goshen Theater, 216 S. Main St. This production is an effort of the whole congregation, with Phoebe Brubaker serving as director and Kent Dutchersmith as music director. During the performances, a freewill offering will be taken for the Goshen Farmers' Market Basket Program, which makes locally grown produce available to people with lower incomes. Tickets are \$5/seat (general admission) and can be purchased in Goshen at Better World Books (118 E. Washington St.) and Graber Designs (208 S. Main St.) and in Elkhart at the Mennonite Cooperative Bookstore at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (3003 Benham Ave.). Questions? 574-534-0707. Check it out on Facebook: **Godspell.GoshenTheater.** --*Annette Brill Bergstresser for Faith's Godspell marketing team*

Mennonite Mission Network Day of Prayer May 18: pray for your mission, your community, the world. **Some suggestions on how to get involved:**

- **Engage your congregation** by starting a conversation about mission.
- **Use the *Mission Mosaic worker directory*** to pray for workers around the world.
- **Develop a prayer clock** so that someone from your church is praying every minute of the day.

For the Internet-connected:

- **Visit our website** where we'll have a special prayer page up and running on April 18. On this page you'll find more details about how you and your congregation can participate, including YouTube videos, Twitter feeds, and more: www.mennonitemission.net/DayofPrayer

- **Click “like” on the Mennonite Mission Network Facebook page** to see prayer requests from workers and staff throughout the day on May 18.

GC Job Opening: Assistant Campus Minister. Goshen College invites applicants for a half-time Assistant Campus Minister to begin August 1, 2011, working with the Campus Minister in providing spiritual life resources to college students. Help plan chapel services and supervise student ministry leaders. Active member of a Christian congregation, committed to the core values of the college and to Mennonite church’s higher education ministry. BA required, Master's in Theology or related field preferred, experience in pastoral care/spiritual leadership with young adults. Some level of ministry credential is preferred. To apply, see position announcement at www.goshen.edu/employment. –David Janzen, GC Director of Human Resources

AMBS seeks spring/summer volunteers. If you enjoy outdoor work and have time to contribute, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary welcomes your help. AMBS is seeking volunteers who can work one or two days a week during the spring and summer to assist with mowing and other outdoor tasks. For more information or to indicate interest, contact the AMBS volunteer coordinators at volunteercoordinator@ambs.edu or 574-296-6234.

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.

MCC is offering a 10-day Palestine-Israel learning tour Oct. 23 – Nov. 2, 2011, in which pastors, students and other leaders in our congregations will learn more about the situation in Palestine-Israel and MCC’s work there. The tour will explore ancient historical sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus; gain a better understanding of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and current realities “on the ground”; meet with Palestinian and Israeli organizations working for peace and justice; consider the role of the Church today; and return to the United States with a commitment to engage in education and advocacy regarding Israeli-Palestinian issues.

Cost: \$3000 Includes all in-country costs and airfare between Chicago & Tel Aviv

Applications: Due, along with \$500 refundable deposit, by Aug. 1, 2011

Additional Information: Curtis Book, MCC East Coast: cbook@mcc.org or 215-535-3624

Presentation of songs and stories about work of MCC. I (Les) have recently put together a 45-minute presentation, using home-made musical instruments (pizza box banjo, canjo, mouthbow, jawharp, spam-fiddle and more) singing songs and telling stories about the work of MCC. It works well for all age SS classes, senior groups or any kind of special event where you are looking for fun entertainment and an MCC focus. If you'd be interested in having me come to one of your events, please give me a call at 574-534-4133 or e-mail gg@mcc.org. Thanks for your continued support of the work and partners of MCC around the world! –Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook, regional associates, MCC Great Lakes

Opportunities from Laurelville Mennonite Church Center (Mt. Pleasant, Pa.):

Pastors retreat June 6-8. Laurelville is partnering with Kairos: School of Spiritual Formation to host *Cultivating Attentiveness: A Retreat for Pastors*, a three-day contemplative retreat designed especially for pastors June 6-8. It is conveniently scheduled Monday-Wednesday and priced affordably to encourage pastors to take the time for self-care, reflection and spiritual nourishment. Pastors and elders can learn more about the program at Laurelville.org/pastorsretreat or by calling 800-839-1021.

The Great Whitewater Connection July 9-11. Sr. high youth can extend their Mennonite Church USA convention experience during this three-day retreat featuring whitewater rafting, teambuilding, swimming, worship and more. For just \$50/person, this is a fun, affordable postlude to Pittsburgh 2011 and a great opportunity for youth to deepen their faith and strengthen friendships with others. Learn more at laurelville.org/whitewater or by calling 800-839-1021.

Friendship Week July 20-24. Find a safe, supportive environment during this retreat for families, friends and persons with disabilities. You’ll enjoy a well-planned schedule marked by respite care, inclusive worship, games and activities. New families receive 20% off the cost of registration. Register and learn more at laurelville.org/friendshipweek or by calling 800-839-1021.

Values-based Leadership Program Session I: September 20-22. Gain a fresh perspective on leadership during this two-session training. You’ll develop a clearer understanding of your strengths and

style as a leader and learn how to empower others in a way that is grounded in Anabaptist values. This program is designed for congregational leaders, business owners, non-profit executives, educators and administrators. Learn more at vbip.org or by calling 800.839.1021. –*Brian Paff, director of communications, LMCC*

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