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African Children's Choir to sing at College Mennonite July 17. On Sunday, July 17, College Mennonite Church will host the African Children's Choir in the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The program will be a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances and favorite gospel tunes. The Africa Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 25 years, raising awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned but also showing the potential of each African child. They are a voice for the millions of children suffering in Africa. A freewill offering will be taken to help provide education, care and emergency relief for over 7,000 children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria and Ghana. To learn more about the choir, go to www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

College Mennonite Church is located at 1900 S. Main Street, in Goshen. Sunday morning worship services begin with pre-service singing at 9:15 a.m. followed by the worship service at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to join in worship. The Sunday morning service is broadcast on 91.1 FM The Globe and can be viewed on the web at www.collegemennonite.org. For more information, call 535-7262.

Cotton Patch Gospel at Assembly Mennonite July 29, 30. Phil Kaufmann will be performing two shows of the Cotton Patch Gospel, on Friday, July 29, and Saturday, July 30, both at 7 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite, 1201 S. 11th Street, Goshen. This is a multimedia one person show of Harry Chapin's musical based on Clarence Jordan's popular Cotton Patch Gospel. More information can be found at www.cpgfoodproject.org. Admission is \$10 per person for each show. MCC food projects are one of the beneficiaries of the funds raised.

Executive director position at Center for Healing & Hope. The Center for Healing & Hope is seeking an executive director to carry out the vision and mission of the organization. The Center for Healing & Hope is a small, faith-based non-profit organization that provides access to affordable healthcare for the uninsured and under-served in the Goshen, Elkhart and surrounding communities. The executive director is responsible for the overall direction, operation and financial management of the center to ensure quality health care for patients.

Qualified candidates will have a bachelor's degree with a focus on business administration, healthcare or equivalent experience, proven leadership and organizational management experience and a strong call to ministry. This is a .75 Full Time Equivalent position requiring a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends.

If interested, please send resume to Ray Kiendl, board chair, at rkiendl@comcast.net. Resumes will be accepted through Aug. 1, 2011.

From MCC Great Lakes:

The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is only 3 months away, so planning is getting more active. Please note the following opportunities around the sale:

- The relief sale funding banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Essenhous Restaurant. Tables of 8 are available for \$160, with the funds going toward paying the expenses of the relief sale so more can be donated to the work of MCC.
- The relief sale board continues to seek assistance for various tasks including media coordination, youth/children coordination and grounds and setup. If you'd be available to serve in any of these ways, call board co-chairs Kent Miller at 269-689-8186 or John Martens at 574-215-6239.
- Now is the time to begin your ideas around Penny Power! Maybe you can do a challenge with matching from people in the congregation or do special collections each week until the sale. If you'd like to explore more options, feel free to give us a call at the Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133.

MCC Great Lake's new Executive Director, Zenebe Abebe, is interested in visiting congregations in the region and would welcome an invitation to your church. He's prepared to bring a sermon, teach Sunday school or a mission moment. Please contact him at the office at 574-534-4133 or e-mail

zenebe@mcc.org to schedule a date.

It's not too early to be planning for next summer's mission trip. Please consider visiting SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People), MCC Great Lake's ministry in Kentucky and West Virginia. Group work projects can be great team building exercises as well as opportunities to put belief in action serving people in need in Appalachia. For information and scheduling visit their website at swap.mcc.org.

Upcoming workshop from the Center for Congregations (limited to Indiana congregations):

Social Media for Congregational Leaders with Doug Pagitt will be held Friday, Sept. 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Eastern Time), in Fort Wayne, Ind. (place TBA). Sometimes technological advances come along that have the ability to transform ministry as we know it. The current advent of social media is one such revolution. Although entrance into the social media world can seem daunting, it doesn't have to be. With a well-planned strategy for using social media, congregations can connect with members and potential visitors in a streamlined and relevant way. A social media veteran, pastor and author, Doug Pagitt explores the basics of blogging, Facebook and Twitter and more. Participants will learn the benefits of this leading technology, such as communicating events and announcements, getting real-time feedback for worship preparation, and keeping up with the latest theological and religious trends. The presenter shares with congregational leaders how to develop a philosophy and purpose statement for utilizing social media. Participants will gain confidence in their abilities to communicate with their congregations utilizing these tools.

This highly interactive workshop includes demonstrations of social media applications. Participants must bring laptops. Wireless internet will be provided. Also, bring your questions as there will be opportunity to interact with the presenter. [Click here for more information and on-line registration.](#)

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