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AMBS Church Leadership Center

Workshop—Pastors and Business Leaders: Partners in Leadership and Ministry?

Saturday, March 24, 2012 in Mt. Eaton, Ohio

As followers of Christ, both business leaders and pastors want to work for God's purposes in the world. This workshop will explore how business leaders and pastors can connect meaningfully with each other and jointly contribute to "God-activity" both inside and outside the congregation.

Damascus Road Anti-Racism Analysis Training

Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1, 2012; Goshen College (Goshen, Ind.)

The purpose of this two-and-a-half day workshop is to lay the foundation for the long-term work of dismantling racism. It is designed to equip participants with the theological, analytical, organizing and communication skills they will need to begin the process of antiracist transformation in their own institutions. The training, co-sponsored by MCC Great Lakes and Goshen College, helps articulate the Biblical call to anti-racist action and presents a common language for talking about racism. For more information and to register, contact GreatLakesOffice@mcc.org or (574) 534-4133.

“Forgiveness in an unforgiving world?”—Menno-Hof

Sunday, March 25, 2012; 6 p.m.

Led by Steve Nolt, Goshen College professor of history at Menno-Hof, Shipshewana, Ind. The response of the Amish community in Nickel Mines, Pa., to the horrific school shooting that took place there October 2006, stunned, inspired and sometimes angered observers near and far. Steve Nolt will explore some of the difficult issues and questions that the Nickel Mines story raised and consider the Christian witness that an honest understanding of forgiveness can offer an unforgiving world. RSVP is required (seating is limited): info@mennohof.org or (260) 768-4117.

Goshen College Theatre Youth Group Invite

Wednesday, March 28, 2012; 7:30 p.m.

As in past years the Goshen College Theater Department is extending an invitation to area church youth groups to attend a midweek brush-up performance of our mainstage production. The date for the brush-up for *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare is March 28th. The performance will begin at 7:30. Please add this to your Youth Group schedules as you see fit. If you are interested in RSVPing for the spring mainstage brush-up of *Twelfth Night* please contact Sandy Slabaugh, Theater Department Administrative Assistant, at sandys@goshen.edu or (574) 535-7283. If you have further questions about the production before deciding, please contact Doug Liechty Caskey, Theater Department Chair, at douglc@goshen.edu or (574) 535-7393.

Growing in Oneness of Spirit: Lutheran-Mennonite Celebration

Tuesday, April 10, 2012; 4:30 p.m.

Area Mennonites and Lutherans are invited to gather for a tree dedication April 10, 4:30 pm to celebrate more than ten years of dialogue and an historic reconciliation between these two church communions. This short service will take place at the new Mennonite Church USA offices, 3145 Benham Avenue (just north of Mishawaka Road), Elkhart, Ind. The public is also invited to a 7:00 pm lecture that day by Lutheran Professor Kathryn Johnson on the theme "Grace and Gratitude: Reconciliation among Mennonites and Lutherans" in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount on the campus of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary next door to the Mennonite Church offices. Professor Johnson recently completed five years of service as the assistant general secretary for ecumenical affairs at the Lutheran World Federation.

Job Opening: Bethany Christian Schools

Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of assistant principal, with a start date of July 1, 2012, and for a middle school soccer coach. Further information and application details are available at www.bethanycs.net.

Job Opening: MCC Connections

The Board of MCC Connections is seeking to fill the position of Director, an employee of and responsible to this board. MCC Connections is a well established thrift shop and MCC Material Resource Center in Kidron, Ohio. Thrift Shop sales exceed \$700,000 per year and the director will work with more than 250 volunteers. A successful candidate will have a strong history demonstrating the ability to manage staff and volunteers as well as above average accounting skills. This full-time, salaried position includes a flexible benefit package. A complete job description is available upon request. Interested persons should send a resume to Tom Smucker, 7794 Egypt Rd, Sterling, OH 44276 or mktsmuck@ssnet.com. Call Tom at (330) 944-0034 if you have questions.

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Great Whitewater Connection

Wednesday, July 6 – Friday, July 8, 2012

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Come to Western Pennsylvania this summer for the Great Whitewater Connection, a Sr. High youth retreat geared toward faith development and relationship building. Last year's retreats filled up fast and the cost is still just \$50/person, so sign up today. Visit

laurelville.org/whitewater or call 800.839.1021 to get a youth sponsor registration packet.

Women in Conversation

Looking for a way to build relationships within your women's group, Bible study or Sunday school class? Sign up for Women in Conversation, the biennial retreat co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, scheduled for April 13-15 at Laurelville (Mt. Pleasant, PA) and April 27-29 at Crosswind (Hesston, KS). Register and learn more at laurelville.org/women-in-conversation or call (800) 839-1021.

Your stories are powerful.

Please help us offer hospitality and spiritual growth & renewal to others by telling your family, friends and community about your experience here at Laurelville.

Service Adventure

Attention High School Seniors: Want to take some time off from school to focus on service and learning? Service Adventure gives you the opportunity to live in community with other young adults and a unit leader or couple while you learn more about what it means to serve God and each other. Visit service.mennonitemission.net for more information or an application.

Sister Care Seminar: *Equipping Women for Caring Ministry*

Friday, May 4 – Saturday May 5, 2012; 7:00–9:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

College Mennonite Church; 1900 South Main St.; Goshen, IN 46526

Speakers Carolyn Holderread Heggen and Rhoda Keener lead an 8 hour interactive seminar that validates women's gifts of caring and equips them to respond more effectively and confidently to the needs of others in their lives and in the congregation. For more information, [download a registration form](#), contact Rebecca Sommers at (574) 537-8068, Gwen Hernley at receptionist@yellowcreekmc.org or visit mennonitewomenusa.org.

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