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*Connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference*

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## **Everence Sharing Fund**

In 2011, the Everence Sharing Fund program provided more than \$81,000 in matching grants to 52 churches in the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. The grants help members facing financial distress because of lost employment, medical bills or those struggling to pay for basic living expenses. The program also supports other church needs like community aid or service projects. In 2011, the Everence Sharing Fund gave more than \$924,000 in matching grants to 2,049 families across the country. The Sharing Fund accepts contributions throughout the year. To donate, visit [Everence.com](http://Everence.com) or call (800) 348-7468 ext. 3301.

## **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](http://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@sssnet.com](mailto:mktsmuck@sssnet.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

Visit [laurelville.org/whitewater](http://laurelville.org/whitewater) or call 800.839.1021 to get a youth sponsor registration packet.

### **Women in Conversation**

Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29, 2012

Register and learn more at [laurelville.org/women-in-conversation](http://laurelville.org/women-in-conversation) or call (800) 839-1021.

### **“Peace, Pies and Prophets”**

Thursday, May 3; 7pm

The Center for Peace and Nonviolence and Kern Road Mennonite Church are proud to present “Peace, pies and prophets”: A Live Theater Performance and Pie Auction at Kern Road Mennonite Church (18211 Kern Road, South Bend, Ind.). Suggested donation is \$5/individual, \$10/family. The evening will feature a live performance of "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy" by Ted & Company, a team of dynamic actors and musicians that push the envelope on issues of faith and social justice. See clips of the show and learn more at [www.tedandcompany.com](http://www.tedandcompany.com). All proceeds from the pie auction will benefit Christian Peacemaker Teams. See more at [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org). Be sure to reserve a spot on your calendar for this unique CPNV event! It will inspire and challenge our community, and also give a diverse group of people a chance to rub shoulders and engage important ideas. Every congregation and individual that has related to CPNV is invited to participate. Questions? Want to be involved as a volunteer, an underwriter, or a pie-baker? Contact Matthew Insley at (202) 997-9429 or [cpnvcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cpnvcoordinator@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:receptionist@yellowcreekmc.org) or visit [mennonitewomenusa.org](http://mennonitewomenusa.org).

### **Summer Staff Needed!**

The Mennonite Central Committee Appalachia program is in urgent need of summer staff for the SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program. Summer staff work as coordinators for job sites and prepare meals for the weekly SWAP groups who come to repair homes for low-income families in Kentucky and West Virginia. Summer staff should be at least 18 years old. SWAP provides food and lodging and \$125 per week. For more information go to: [swap.mcc.org/swap/internships](http://swap.mcc.org/swap/internships), or call Colettia at (606) 633-5065.

### **“Swords into plowshares: How the seagoing Cowboys helped repair a broken world”**

Sunday, April 29, 2012; 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this last event in the Menno-Hof “Peace & Popcorn” series; held at Siloam Fellowship, Goshen, Ind. (at the corner of CR 35 and SR 4). Peggy Reiff Miller, Milford, Ind., will present the story of the men and boys who volunteered to tend the livestock shipped to war-devastated countries after World War II. Of the approximately 7,000 seagoing cowboys, nearly 1,000 of them were

Mennonite and many more were Amish, some of whom will be sharing their stories at this event.

### **Visiting Bible Lands Tours**

Visiting Bible lands will change how you read Scripture for the rest of your life! Two pastors from IN-MI lead pilgrimage trips you might consider: Tyler Hartford [(575) 533-2872] of Pleasant View will lead a group to Jordan and Israel/Palestine on July 19-28, 2012; Nelson Kraybill [(574) 293-2391] of Prairie Street will lead tours to Israel/Palestine on November 7-16, 2012 and April 16-25, 2013, and will take a “Footsteps of Moses” group to Egypt from July 22-31, 2013. See [TourMagination.com](http://TourMagination.com) for more info.

### **Volunteer Position Open, AMBS**

AMBS seeks an individual or couple to serve as Volunteer Coordinator(s). Housing, grocery allowance and small living stipend provided. Participation in chapel, forum, lectureships, and community life encouraged! Learn more at [ambs.edu/volunteer](http://ambs.edu/volunteer) or contact Jewel at [mjglongenecker@ambs.edu](mailto:mjglongenecker@ambs.edu).

### **The Warrior: A Men’s Retreat**

Friday, May 4 – Saturday, May 5, 2012

Men, do you wonder how to be a peaceful warrior? All men are called to be warriors at some point in their lives. In a world of dark warriors who think and act in terms of muscle, aggression and domination, there is a great need for mature warriors—men with forceful energy who are sacrificial, courageous, and strong; men who are devoted to a greater good, fight for what is right and protect others. There's still space at The Warrior retreat for men May 4-5 at The Hermitage. This will not be a retreat for quiet reflection but one of active engagement. Steve Thomas, Mennonite martial artist, pastor and peace educator, will have you get into your bodies to be empowered as warriors. Call (269) 244-8696 or visit [hermitagecommunity.org/warrior](http://hermitagecommunity.org/warrior) to register or for more information.

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