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Strengthening Your Small Congregation

If you are a pastor or lay leader of a small congregation, mark your calendars for April 13, 2013 and plan to spend a day with leaders who know what it's like to do church in a congregation of 25, 50, or 75, and who believe that small churches are key to what God is doing in the world! Benefit from the experience of congregational consultant and former American Baptist pastor Margaret Marcuson on *Leaders that Last: Sustaining Yourself in Small Church Ministry*. Choose from breakout sessions on discerning the future of your congregation, worship and music, Sunday school & Christian formation, leadership structures, community outreach, and sustainable finances, all geared to the strengths and challenges of the small congregation. Network with small congregations in your geographical area for resource sharing and support. This event is sponsored by the Indiana-Michigan Conference. Indiana-Michigan pastors can apply for a registration scholarship, and two or three registrants from the same congregation will get a registration discount. Look for more information on location and time coming soon!

Pastors' Gathering with Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz

Area pastors are invited to a gathering with Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Coordinator of Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) Restorative Justice program, on Tuesday, November 13 at 10am. Lorraine provides consulting and training for agencies/communities seeking to implement restorative justice processes. She will share insights and resources from her 28 years of experience working with victims, offenders and schools to advocate for restorative justice in our judicial system and communities. The event will be held in the conference room of the MCC Great Lakes office, located at 1013 Division Street, Goshen, IN. For more information, contact Les Gustafson-Zook at img@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Cotton Patch Gospel

Ready for a toe-tapping good time that helps feed the hungry in our community? Phil Kaufmann will be performing *The Cotton Patch Gospel*, a full length, one man musical based on a vernacular translation of the book of Matthew. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to fight hunger: 50% to local food pantries, 25% to Mennonite Central Committee and 25% to WHYHunger. There will be four performances in the area: November 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen (574-533-5642); November 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart (574-293-5160). Adult admission is \$10 and a freewill offering will be taken. Tickets are available from the churches or at the door. More information on "The Greatest Story Every Retold" is online at www.cpgfoodproject.org.

AMBS Church Leadership Center

Webinar: The Naked Anabaptist

Stuart Murray Williams, author of *The Naked Anabaptist* (Herald Press, 2010), will reflect on the context out of which he has written—Britain in a post-Christendom era—and why the Anabaptist tradition is inspiring Christians there. He will tell about the Anabaptist Network (founded in 1991) and explore the significance of the core convictions outlined in the book. He will also examine the imagery of nakedness which permeates the book, explaining why he used this and what it signifies. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 10:00-11:15 a.m. Register by November 9. For more information, visit www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Webinars.cfm.

Ched Myers visit

Myers, a biblical scholar and educator who challenges Christians to engage in peace and justice work, will be a guest of AMBS on Thursday, November 15. He will give a presentation on "Our God is undocumented: Biblical faith and immigrant justice" at noon in the dining hall (a light lunch is available for \$6). He will also teach "Capital and Community: Ecology, Economics and Sustainability from a Gospel Perspective," based on Luke 12, at 1:45-4:30pm in the Wadsworth Room. The public is invited at no charge. For more information, visit www.ambs.edu.

Pastors Week 2013 – January 28-31

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us: The Immeasurable Dimensions of Jubilee

What happens when the Spirit of God moves pastors and business leaders in the same direction? Venture capitalist, Bible teacher and social entrepreneur Dr. Kim Tan of Surrey, United Kingdom, will speak on what happened when, in the midst of a successful biochemistry and business career, he encountered John Howard Yoder's teachings on Jubilee economics. Come hear how this meeting changed him and how Jubilee economics subsequently has changed the world in many places! While targeted to pastors and business leaders, this event is open to anyone who is interested. We offer discounts to pastor-businessperson pairs. Register by January 7. For more information, visit www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek.

Mission Worker Care

Come hear Wayne and Lois Hochstetler, worker care specialists, speak at Evergreen Place, Greencroft, Goshen, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Wayne and Lois will discuss issues faced by mission workers and how they help workers find resources they need to deal with those issues. This event is sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network.

Celebrating Food and Family Luncheon

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012, at Noon in the College Church Fellowship Hall, artist and author Esther Rose Graber will present with four of her daughters - Jane Graber Davis, Ellen Graber Kraybill, Sibyl Graber Gerig,

and Ann Graber Miller. All are GC grads and co-authors of the recently released cookbook *The Daily Feast* (Good Books, 2012). Accompanying the words and visuals will be a delectable Caribbean meal taken from the pages of their culinary work. Cost is \$25. Call 574-535-7565 to register.

Goshen College

Fall Mainstage

“Urinetown, The Musical” – Umble Center, November 9, 10, 16, & 17 at 8pm, November 18 at 3pm
This show offers a unique “what if” story. What if in the near future the world has nearly exhausted the earth's water supply? What if our 21st century Goshen, Indiana, lifestyle isn't as sustainable as we think it is? How could a musical comedy make fun of musical comedy (insert laugh here) and make us think (analyze and gasp) all at the same time? Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors/-students/GC employees, and can be purchased from the Goshen College Welcome Center or online at www.goshen.edu/tickets.

CSA Fall Showcase Concert

Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, November 11, 4 p.m.

Community School of the Arts music ensembles will perform a Showcase Concert in Sauder Concert Hall. The performance will feature the Rejoice Children's Choir (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill. Also performing will be CSA Suzuki String Academy students, directed by Rosalyn Troiano, and CSA piano students, coached by Anna Bauer. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior/students, available at the door one hour before the concert. GC students/faculty/staff free with ID.

The Harbor Trio

Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, November 12, 8 p.m.

The Harbor Trio (Jesse Blumberg, Deborah Selig and Cameron Stowe), a vocal-piano ensemble based in New York and Boston, will present a visiting artist recital featuring art songs and duets from a wide variety of composers, including Brahms, Clara Schumann, Duparc, Sibelius, Ives, Barber, and Bernstein, as well as modern composers Daron Hagen, Lori Latiman, William Bolcom, and Christina Courtin. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students, available at the door one hour before the concert. Goshen College faculty, staff, and students are free with valid ID.

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