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Conference office closings in May

The conference office will be closed on two Mondays this month: May 20 for an all-staff retreat day at Amigo and May 27 for Memorial Day.

Menno-Hof 25th anniversary reunion

To kick off a year-long celebration for Menno-Hof’s 25th anniversary, a reunion has been planned for persons who have volunteered at Menno-Hof any time from 1988 (when Menno-Hof first opened) to the present. The event will be held Sunday, May 19, 2013, 3pm at Shore Mennonite, Shipshewana, IN with dessert and time for visiting afterwards at Menno-Hof. RSVP by May 13 is requested: info@mennohof.org or 260-768-4117.

Pentecost Celebration at First Mennonite, Indianapolis*

First Mennonite Church of Indianapolis invites you to participate in a community Pentecost celebration on Sunday, May 19 at 2pm. The celebration will be outside, weather permitting, and will include fellowship, singing, worship, prophetic preaching, and shared communion. Donations of powdered milk and toilet paper will be collected for the Damien Center. Join us as we express our love for God and neighbors in spiritual and practical ways. For more information, contact Kelly Oglesby at 317-835-1658.

Summer Activities Program for deaf and hard-of-hearing children

This program seeks to enhance the social and linguistic development of deaf and hard of hearing children through a supportive, fun, day camp environment where sign language is the norm! The camp runs 2 days a week for 5 weeks and will be held at College Mennonite Church (Goshen, IN) with field trips to other sites in the community. Please contact Sheila Yoder [here](#) for more specific information.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship gathering

"Moral Dilemmas in Healthcare" is the theme for the second Annual Gathering of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF), June 21-23, 2013, on the campus of Goshen College in Goshen, IN. Speakers include Timothy Stoltzfus Jost, national expert on healthcare reform, and Ervin R. Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. All healthcare workers (doctors, nurses, therapists of all types, nutritionists, social workers, educators, etc.) and other interested persons are warmly invited to come and bring the whole family for this weekend event. Those who aren't already MHF members will receive free membership through Dec. 31 if they register for the full weekend by the early deadline of May 31. For more information and registration, visit www.mennohealth.org, write to info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Workshop: The Recession and Its Implications for Congregational Life*

Congregations are invited to explore the findings, data and implications of the 2012 Congregational Economic Impact study. William Enright, executive director of Indiana University's Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, will lead participants in a look at the challenges of inflation for congregational life, the importance of being realistic and proactive about congregational finances, fundraising as ministry, tools by which to navigate the new landscape, and more. Two workshop locations are offered: Merrillville, IN, on May 15, 9am-4pm (Central time) or Greenwood, IN, on May 16, 9am-4pm (Eastern time). For additional details and online registration, visit the [Center for Congregations website](#).

Service opportunities

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Want to use your degree and impact the neighborhood? Join an MVS faith community! Live, learn and serve together for one year. Must be age 20+. Apply by June 1. More info and applications at: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>.

Service Adventure

There's still time to apply for a Service Adventure year! Participants ages 17-20 will serve, learn and grow spiritually with the unit and leaders. Apply by June 1. More info and applications at: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>.

AMBS Church Leadership Center

Advanced Spiritual Guidance Seminar

Offered during the 2013-2014 academic year, this is a yearlong supervised program in spiritual guidance for people engaged in the ministry of spiritual direction who wish to enhance their training and skills. The instructor for the seminar is Dr. Daniel P. Schrock, AMBS Sessional Faculty. For more information, visit www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Spiritual-Guidance-Seminar.cfm.

Goshen College

Community School of the Arts Showcase Concert

Two Community School of the Arts (CSA) children's choirs will perform as part of the spring CSA Showcase Concert on May 5, 4pm, Sauder Concert Hall. Performing are Rejoice Children's Choir (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy Children's Choir (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students, available at the door one hour before the concert. GC students/faculty/staff free with ID.

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