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Conference Updates

Entering the Final Month of Sabbatical Time

- Interim conference pastors, Tim Burkholder and Sharon Yoder, have been busy over the past two months. By now, Tim has met with all of the conference leadership teams and all of the area councils. Sharon has faithfully guided a number of pastoral transitions aided by the helpful work of our Search Guides. Her work included the ordination of Naomi Yoder at East Goshen Mennonite Church on September 23, 2018. We are encouraged by mutuality that is evident in and among our congregations and their leaders.
- Our work is coordinated in a wonderful way by Anna Buck, our Administrative Coordinator. By now you will have seen that the directory has been completed and she is presently at work re-doing our website. She was able to build her understanding of our conference work by attending the Michigan Summit of pastoral leaders and is excellent as an event coordinator.

Becoming More Volunteer Driven

We observe the Holy Spirit leading the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, perhaps in response to our engagement in “Shared

Spirit; acting through Grace, Love and peace; engaging the world God loves.” One way it manifests itself is in the way our leadership teams have responded to the reduced staffing levels and stepped up their energy as volunteers to particularly retain strong congregational and pastoral support. Perhaps that is how it should be so we don’t become dependent on professional staff to do the work but rather use them to support our collective work. At any rate, it feels like a good working relationship that will still allow the time to listen to the Spirit as we envision the future of our collective work in the Kingdom of God.

Amigo Updates

Send a Care Package

Amigo, along with other Mennonite Camping Association members, will be traveling to EMU, Bluffton, Goshen, and Hesston colleges the first two weeks of November. If you have students in these areas and would like to send a care package to them, we would be delighted to deliver them for you! You may take packages to the Conference office or Amigo Centre by November 1. Call if you would like to make other arrangements. 269-651-2811 (ask for Matt or Mandy)

Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats

Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, Amigo invites you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends/family. We provide the space, lodging, food and just the right amount of focused input to allow you time to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. Our final retreat for 2018 is November 30-December 5. Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or mandy@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

Employment Opportunities

- Amigo has an opening for **an Assistant Cook position**. We are looking for someone who is excited and able to help in a local ministry. All of our meals are buffet style. We need someone who is independent, confident and willing to go above and beyond for guests. Amigo Centre strives to be a place where people can come to experience God either through Fellowship or through his awesome creation. If you are interested email us at info@amigocentre.org or call the office at [\(269\)651-2811](tel:2696512811).

coordinating guest services and contracts, helping to facilitate meaningful Amigo experiences, and provide support to other departments as assigned. Superior writing expertise, verbal communication proficiency, and relationship-building skills desired. For additional information, contact Sheila Moore, Operations Director 269-651-2811 – sheila@amigocentre.org

Save the Date: Winter Youth Retreat is coming in February!

- **February 1-3:** Peace Camp – Speaker: Steve Wiebe-Johnson
 - **Scripture:** The book of “Luke”
 - **Description:** This additional Winter Youth Retreat comes out of a partnership with Mennonite Central Committee, with the specific focus of community building Bring your ENTIRE (junior youth and senior youth!!) youth group to camp this February and join us in celebrating the beauty of God’s community!
- **February 8-10:** Junior High – Speaker: Kent Miller
 - **Title:** “Money and Me and You.” **Scripture:** Luke 16:10-13
 - **Description:** Kent Miller will bring us perspective on how to prepare for our monetary future. Through scripture we will learn about how to honor God with our money and about the true riches God has for us.
- **February 15-17:** Senior High – Speaker: Tig Intagliata
 - **Title:** “Becoming Friends with God.” **Scripture:** John 15:15
 - **Description:** Tig will help your students to prepare for the stage of life after high school. His campus ministry expertise will give insight for how to have a true friendship with the creator. Drawing near to God is something we all need to work on.

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

Pastors and church leaders are invited to attend a workshop on **Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches** on November 10, 2018 from 8:30am-4:30pm EDT. The workshop is presented by Lombard Mennonite Peace center and hosted by Waterford Mennonite Church.

Cost for Regular Registration: \$75

Cost for Waterford Members: \$32

Those interested can register by clicking [HERE](#).

Spiritual Care Symposium and Breakfast

Goshen Health System and the Chaplain Advisory Committee cordially invite clergy and lay ministers to a Spiritual Care Symposium and Breakfast at Goshen Hospital.

Where: the Birch/ Walnut Conference Room.

When: Nov. 19, 2018; 8:00-10:00am.

Symposium; *Pastoral Caregiving, the Hospital Visit*

Goshen Health chaplains will present on the topics; **The Power of Pastoral Presence, Helpful Tools for the Hospital Visit, Practical Resources Available to you from the Spiritual Care Department.** A tour to orient participants to Goshen Hospital will be provided following the program.

The event is free, but space is limited. Please RSVP by Nov. 9th to Rev. Donald Johnson, Spiritual Care Coordinator, Goshen Health System:

djohnson11@goshenhealth.com.

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