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The Newsletter of the Sonnenbera Mennonite Church

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LIFE AT SONNENBERG

Mentoring, May 12, 2010

A group of sixteen mentoring pairs gathered at The Helmuth's for a mentoring evening and experienced the fun of Ora's games and challenges along with competition and working together. Even though an outdoor evening had been planned, the garage worked well for games and the living room was warm and cozy and relaxing for everyone as Ora shared some stories and inspiration.

An added feature for the evening was guessing how many coins were in the Penny Power jug that was collected in last Sunday's special offering. The coins were poured out in containers and the counting began and every \$5.00 worth was put in a sandwich bag. There were some close guesses but the actual total came in at \$77.21. The evening ended with 'indoor hot dogs' and snacks and fellowship.

Penny Power Jug

The Penny Power offering taken last Sunday, May 9, came to a total of \$77.21, as counted by the mentoring group. The jug will be available each Sunday in the foyer, and additional offerings will be taken on June 6, July 4, and August 1. Our jug will be taken to the Relief Sale on August 7. Can our congregation reach a goal of \$500, and perhaps with a matching donor it could reach \$1,000? MCC will use the money to help communities in need take a step forward in having access to water.

Church Library

NEW BOOKS IN THE ADULT LIBRARY:

Fill My Cup Lord, by Emilie Barnes

The Joyful Journey, by Patsy Clairmont

The Golden Years Ain't For Wimps, by Karen O'Connor

Getting Old Ain't For Wimps, by Karen O'Connor

Inside The Mind Of The Unchurched, by Lee Strobel

Angels We Have Heard On High, by Anderson and Miller

Alive 2, by S. Rickly Christian

Captured by Grace, by David Jeremiah

The Five Love Languages of Teenagers, by Gary Chapman

The Five Love Languages of Children, by Gary Chapman

Dancing In The Dark, by Elsie Neufeld

Invitation To Presence, by Wendy Miller

DONATING BOOKS:

When you wish to donate a book to the library, please slip a note inside with your name and a brief recommendation or paragraph about something interesting in the book. Thank You.

MISSING BOOK:

Light From Heaven, A book by Christmas Carol Kauffman is missing from the library. Someone may have it at home. We don't know who signed it out last. Help us find it. A fine will not be charged when it is returned.

—Bob Eshleman, Adult Librarian

QUILTER'S

Plans are in progress for the August 7, 2010, Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Auction. We trust you will continue to support this effort with your lovely quilted and hand made items in order to help relieve suffering in so many parts of our world. You may be busily finishing the items you want to donate for the auction or they may be waiting to be delivered.

The following information that will be helpful in getting your items to the August 7 sale. We want to thank you for all the planning and work you have put into making these items. Last year there were around 95 large quilts sold in the auction tent and 69 wall hangings and baby quilts. The beauty and quality of the quilts and wall hangings are always appreciated. We have found the pieced and appliqued quilts sell the best.

If you are making quilts or wall hangings for the Relief Sale, they should be brought to MCC Connections during the month of June, and before June 30, if possible. They will be listed on the Relief Sale Quilt Web Site and the earlier they are posted on the site, the more people will see them, and that is important to the success of the auction. The last date for them to be included in the Sale Quilt Book is for us to have them by Saturday, July 17.

Forms are available from Ellen Nussbaum in the church office if you have individual items to donate.

—Relief Sale Quilt Committee
Quilter's Continued...

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Wayne County Churches Quilt will be in at Lehman's Hardware in the buggy Barn near the entrance beginning Thursday, June 3. Lehman's is welcoming us back for this third year of quilting there. The shoppers love stopping by, looking and conversing a bit and we feel that this will also be good advertisement for the Relief Sale.

A second quilt will be available in case the Wayne County quilt is full, which will also go to the Relief Sale tent for continued quilting there.

Sonnenberg's scheduled day for quilting is Friday, June 4, along with Crown Hill and Oak Grove. If you are unable to quilt at this scheduled time, please feel free to come any other day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Quilt in Memory of Lena Lehman: Sonnenberg Mennonite Women (SMW) is also working at completing a beautiful blue/yellow appliqued floral quilt in memory of Lena Lehman in time for this year's Relief Sale. The quilt top was purchased from Hearthside Quilt Shoppe with memorial money received in memory of Lena. The quilt will be available to quilt on from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. at the church this Tuesday, May 18. Watch the bulletin for additional times to quilt on this quilt. The goal will be to have it completed by June 30.

THANK YOU FROM CAMP LUZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters at Sonnenberg,

We thank God for doing such awesome things and working beyond our expectations in and through this ministry! We continue to wait for Him with hope, knowing that God works on behalf of those who trust in His Name!

Thank you for your generous contribution to the ministry at Camp Luz from your recent Maple Syrup Missions Festival. We are grateful to be a recipient of funds raised by your congregation for that event. Your contribution will help us provide a place for youth to be still and listen to the still voice of God and for the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

May you experience deep peace and joy of Jesus Christ. —Deb Horst, Camp Director

NEWS & NOTES

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 330/857-7311

Central Christian is currently accepting applications for two coaching vacancies: Girls Varsity Tennis and Middle School Soccer. Applications can be retrieved online at the school's website www.ccscomets.org or by contacting the school for more information during school hours.

CAMP LUZ 330/683-1246

- **2010 Camp Luz Brochures** are on the counter in the east foyer. *Come, Follow Me*, Matthew 4:19 is the theme.
- **Summer Staff!** Nurses, Weekly Pastors, a Maintenance Supervisor are still needed. Call 330-683-1246 or e-mail campluz@embarqmail.com for more information. Summer Staff applications are available at www.campluz.com.

- **Summer Camp Registration** available On-line! You may now register your child for summer camp on-line (payment must be mailed in)! Visit www.campluz.com for more information!
- **Ultimate Frisbee Tournament**, June 12: Our tournament is broken into two divisions, competitive and Just-For-Fun. Proceeds benefit the Camper Scholarship Fund. Visit www.campluz.com for more information and a registration form.
- **5K Run/Walk**, June 19: A cross-country style race for everyone! Proceeds benefit the Camper Scholarship Fund. Visit www.campluz.com for more information and a registration form.

CONTEMPLATIVE DAY APART will be held Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at The Hermitage at Beaver Run, Warsaw, Ohio. Presenter is John Holliger on the theme: "Creating the Poem of your Life, through Nature's Images, Poems, and Earth Songs." Bring a bag lunch. A donation of \$10-35.00 will cover expenses with the balance given to a charity of the choice of the participants. Deadline to register: June 1. For more information or transportation, contact Jane Miller.

SERVICE ADVENTURE positions are still available: Not sure what you're going to do next year? Interested in exploring service? Service Adventure still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places such as Colorado Springs, CO.; Albany, OR.; and Anchorage, AK. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship, and have fun together. For more information, visit service.mennonitemission.net or call Diana at (866) 866-2872 ext. 23064.

HESSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF HESSTON COLLEGE: Peter Wiebe, long time church leader and spokesperson for Mennonite education, will lead a discussion on the changing demographics in Mennonite Church USA and their effect on education, Sunday evening, May 23, 6:00 p.m. Wiebe is volunteering his time for Hesston College in 2010-11, and a college update will also be given. The event will be held in the Fellowship Building at Kidron Mennonite Church. All area congregations, as well as alumni and friends of Hesston College are invited to attend. A reception will be held following the presentation and discussion. For questions, please contact the Alumni Relations office toll free at 866-437-7866.

BLACK SWAMP BENEFIT & FAMILY FESTIVAL will take place at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on June 18-19. This event will be filled with special activities for everyone to enjoy! Proceeds from the benefit will support Sunshine, Inc. Of Northwest Ohio and also assist with international disaster efforts through MCC. Friday is Preview Day and the food booths will open at 4:00 p.m. The evening's activities will include a silent auction, an extended mini-auction, children's area and opening program. Saturday activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a pancake and sausage breakfast and also the Bullfrog 5k Run/Walk. The main auction begins at 9:00 a.m. featuring quilts, wall hangings, wood items and other select merchandise. There will be plenty to see and do. Learn more about this event by visiting www.blackswampbenefit.org. This site includes directions as well as an opportunity preview items up for bid in the auction. There are also brochures available in the east foyer with additional information.

The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, June 6, 2010. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!