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BIBLE MEMORY—Spring Quarter

The following children received an award for memorizing the scripture passage, Mark 10:13-16, for the spring primary Sunday School quarter. Good work!

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| Hannah Amstutz | Katelyn Amstutz |
| Levi Amstutz | Rebekah Amstutz |
| Silas Coleman | Chad Conrad |
| Adriana Hershberger | Alexandra Raber |
| Anna Ressler | Sarah Ressler |
| Abigail Ross | Ethan Ross |

FRISBEE FOOTBALL/BIKING

Kidron Mennonite Church invites any interested persons to join them at the following summer weekly events:

- Frisbee Football/Ultimate: Every Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, there is a game of ultimate or frisbee football from 3-5:00 for beginners and intermediate players. Never played before? That's not a problem, just come and learn with the rest of us behind Central Christian School in Kidron. Call Brian Nussbaum at 330.466.7598 for more details.
- Biking: Up for a leisurely bike ride Sunday mornings? Every Sunday you're invited to bike with a group on a 15 mile loop through Maysville. Be punctual, we leave right at 6:30. We start just north of Town & Country in downtown Kidron. Just stop by and join us or call Larry Wald for details at 330.857.0405.

In the Good Old Summertime...

We can practice learning how to listen to God all around us in creation.

- *Hear God's love in the beauty of the setting sun.*
- *Hear God's joy with you in the power of an evening thunderstorm booming around your house.*
- *Hear God's forgiveness in the smile of a friend.*
- *What does God long to hear from us? Obedience, surrender, gratitude of spirit.*

Practice praising God this summer. God's smile is overwhelming to your heart.

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PITTSBURGH 2011—July 4-9, Bridges to the Cross, Mennonite Church USA Convention

Circle Pittsburgh 2011, July 4-9, on your calendars now!

Remember all the fun you had at Columbus 2009? How inspired you felt when you heard speakers challenge you to do God's work? How awesome it sounded having 8000 people singing together? How invigorated you felt when you heard stories of congregations helping make Mennonite Church USA an active, thriving community? And, of course, how great it was to catch up with old friends and meet new ones?

Plan fund-raisers for your youth group, decide to make convention your family's summer vacation, start talking with your congregation about being a delegate, or consider volunteering.

If you want to be in-the-know as soon as events are announced, join our Facebook fan page www.facebook.com/Pittsburgh2011. You'll be part of the community that's talking and sharing ideas leading up to Pittsburgh 2011.

Pittsburgh, a city that's transformed itself from an industrial location to one of the most admired environmentally-conscious cities in the country, is a picturesque landscape of 446 bridges. The theme for Pittsburgh 2011, "Bridges to (the) Cross," is a two-fold message of ambassadorship and reconciliation inspired by the Scripture passage 2 Corinthians 5:16-20.

To find out more details and see why we are excited about this year's convention location, please visit our Website, www.mennoniteusa.org/convention. Bookmark it, forward the link to friends, and check back often. Also view the Pittsburgh 2011 promo video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwfMzXxJoeQ>.

Convention is a joyful celebration of what unites us - Jesus Christ. Get your enthusiasm going for Pittsburgh 2011 and don't let it stop. Tell everyone what a great experience you had in 2009 and share your stories, photos and videos on our Facebook page and Web site. Make your excitement about convention contagious!

Can't wait to see you. . .

JOINING TOGETHER, INVESTING IN HOPE—Mennonite Church USA

An invitation from Mennonite Church USA...Rejoice with us in reaching an important milestone in the *Joining Together, Investing in Hope* campaign and join us at the ground-blessing ceremony for the new Mennonite Church USA offices on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 2:00 p.m. at 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. (Adjacent to the Associated Mennonite Seminaries campus).

If you cannot attend, please bless the ground where you are.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

Mennonite Central Committee workers and partner organizations continue to provide emergency assistance to Haitians after the January 12, 2010, earthquake. At the same time, they are beginning longer-term recovery work in Port-au-Prince and beyond. You can support MCC's continuing work in Haiti with your prayers and gifts.

MCC shipments to Haiti as of May 1, 2010:

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| 5,370 cartons of canned meat | 27,518 relief kits |
| 26,788 comforters | 6,825 sheets |
| 5,051 first aid kits | 880 school kits |
| 14 boxes of bath bar soap | 365 sewing kits |
| 26 boxes of laundry bar soap | 3,647 tarps |
| 1,000 water filters | 462 tents |
| 45 rolls of rope | 146 pairs of shoes |
| 1 portable sound system | 2 speaker stands |
| 1 pick-up truck | 1 generator |
| 3 drums vegetable soup mix | 1 printer |
| 31 roll of aluminum radiant barrier, | 135 boxes of water bottles/flashlights/deodorant |
| medical supplies/equipment (about 500 boxes) | |
| 20 medicine boxes (each box for 800 people) | |

LIFE AT SONNENBERG

Church Library

The following items are new additions/donations to the Primary-Junior Library:

Books:

- Veggie Town Values: Responsibility
Giving
Patience
Making Peace
- Big Idea Inc.: God Loves You Very Much
God Made You Special

DVD:

- Read 'n See DVD Bible

CD's:

- God's Love is For Everybody
- 100 Bible Songs 4 Kids: Volume 1
Volume 2
Volume 3
Volume 4

Suggested Listening

Are you aware of "Current Issues Christians Face in the Marketplace of Ideas," hosted by Janet Parshall on WCRF 103.3 or 90.5FM? Esther Steffen is inspired daily, 5-7:00 p.m., and hopes you are listening, too.

NEWS & NOTES

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.
- **Nurses** (RN's, LPN's, doctors) are needed for the following weeks of summer camp: Mini Camp June 28-July 1, Jr High Camp July 12-17, Jr Teen Camp July 19-24, Girls' Camp July 26-31. Call the camp at 330-683-1246 or e-mail campluz@embarqmail.com for more information.

Camp Luz, continued

- **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.

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 20, 2010. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!