

# SOJOURNS

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The Newsletter of the Sonnenbera Mennonite Church

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## LIFE AT SONNENBERG

### 2010 SONNENBERG HOLMES COUNTY RAILS TO TRAILS DAY

Thirty-six adults, youth and children from Sonnenberg, as well as ten guests, participated in the Sonnenberg Biking/Hiking Day on the Holmes County Trail last Sunday afternoon, July 18.

A special thanks to Gordon Amstutz and Lloyd Miller for planning the event, and to Connie & Ken Neuenschwander, Lorene Amstutz and Evelyn Jane Amstutz for serving snacks at the pavilion.

(Another Trail Day is being considered for sometime this Fall.)

### GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HAITI ORPHANAGE PLANNED BY 4th-8th GRADERS

Do you have unused craft items in your home or toys, puzzles, videos, books and games that nobody plays with any more? The students in grades 4-8 are having a garage sale to raise money for a Haiti Orphanage and they would love to sell them for you.

All donations can be brought to Barb and Winfred Ressler's home at 4045 Sommers Road, preferably by Wednesday, July 21. Please call Barb if you need to have an item picked up (330-857-7795).

**OR**

Do you need craft items or toys for your children or grandchildren? Please plan to stop at our garage sale on July 22, 23, or 24 at 4385 Kidron Road (home of Bill & Edna Ressler) to shop.

Thanks,  
Barb Ressler and the 4-8th graders

## CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

**Marriage Enrichment Resources:** This is the summer for weddings in the congregation. It brings to mind the anticipation one feels as commitments are made for life. Will we always be so happy together? What if we disagree? What if...? The librarians would like encourage the use of our resources to help you strengthen and enrich your marriage.

All couples have different, yet similar experiences. The library has collected the wisdom and experience of authors such as Gary Smalley, Bill Hybels, Mike Yorkey, Gary Chapman, James Dobson, Charlie Shedd, and Neil Clark Warren. Their books and tapes are on the new display rack. We have the movie *Fireproof* on DVD with the companion book, *The Love Dare*. There are books with ideas for date nights too.

BUT these books do NO GOOD if they just stay closed on the shelf. Please look over the selections and sign one out today! You and your spouse may be in for a summer to remember.

A **memorial gift** from the estate of Mary Jane Wahlgren, aunt of Jim Johnston, was used to purchase *The Fugitive*, the story of Menno Simons, by Myron Augsburger, as well as songs on CD's from *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* for the adult library.

—Bob Eshleman, Adult Librarian

## RELIEF SALE/SUMMERFEST 2010

Two events this year, under one tent—The Relief Sale and Summerfest 2010. This year the Relief Sale is partnering with Steve Wingfield Ministries for a total of four days of events. The usual sale events will take place on Friday evening and Saturday. And in addition Steve Wingfield will hold evangelistic meetings on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.

Sale festivities begin Friday, August 6, with all sale booths and food stands opening at 4:00 p.m. Join us Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. for an all you can eat, donation only, breakfast. If a big breakfast is not your style, you are invited to participate in the 5K Run for Relief. Saturday's activities will include auctions for Art and Collectibles, Quilts, and Wood Items. There will also

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be a Children's Auction in addition to other Children's activities. All sale booths and food stands will be open for your shopping and eating pleasure.

Friday evening is geared as a family fun night. Children's activities are available throughout the evening. There will be a silent auction again which will include various wood items, comforters, and theme baskets. Register early, so you can bid early and often. The silent auction is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M. Silent Auction rules are available online at [www.ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org). At 6:30 join us in the big tent for the Evening program. Entertainment this year will be provided by Steve Wingfield Ministries praise band. During the intermission there will be a live auction featuring items for the whole family to enjoy. Also, during the intermission, Steve Steiner will speak about his experiences while serving with MCC. Sam Van Horn and Karla Karst will provide musical entertainment following the intermission.

**Volunteers are needed!** \*\*Specifically from Sonnenberg, in addition to the Chicken BBQ volunteer positions which are already filled, we need to provide six volunteers to help with parking from 5-8:30 p.m. on Friday evening, August 6. Contact Corrine Helmuth if you are willing to help out in this way.\*\*

Volunteers are needed a day earlier than usual to put up the big tent and set up the stage on Tuesday, August 3. On Wednesday and Thursday help is needed to set up tables and chairs and to put up signs. In addition, help is always welcome on Saturday afternoon to clean up.

Volunteers are also needed at the Ten Thousand Villages display on Friday and Saturday. Contact Harold Beachy at 330/877-3796 if you would be available to volunteer in this way.

**Summerfest 2010:** The Steve Wingfield Evangelistic Association, in cooperation with the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, will be conducting Summerfest 2010, August 5-8, on the grounds of Central Christian School. Summerfest is an evangelistic outreach with special musical guests each evening and a message of hope from Steve Wingfield.

Events begin on Thursday evening, August 5, 6:30 p.m. with Youth Extreme Night, for youth and young adults, featuring musical guest, contemporary band, "Polen." A volleyball tournament is planned for Saturday afternoon—check the website for additional information. Saturday evening features a 6:30 p.m. concert by special guest, Ken Medema, Festival Praise Band and message by Steve Wingfield. Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m., features musical guests Karla Karst and John Schmid, along with the Festival Praise Band and also a message by Steve Wingfield.

In preparation for Summerfest, we have scheduled several 2½ hour counselor training sessions (Sharing Your Faith Courses—listed below) in various locations. In order for someone to be certified as a counselor for Summerfest, he or she must attend one of these training sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to be trained in personal evangelism. The best part is that the sessions are free!

**Sharing Your Faith Courses (Counselor Training)**

✦ Tuesday, July 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Grace Mennonite Church, 5750 CR 77, Millersburg, OH 44654

✦ Wednesday, July 21, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Maple Grove Mennonite Church, 2121 Smith Kramer Street, NE, Hartsville, OH 44632

✦ Thursday, July 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Central Christian School, 3970 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636

Also, a **Community Choir** is being organized under the direction of Sam Van Horn, singing on August 7 and 8. Rehearsal: Thursday, August 5, 7:00 p.m., at Kidron Mennonite Church.

For more information, visit the following website:

[www.SteveWingfield.org](http://www.SteveWingfield.org)

Make the Relief Sale and Summerfest 2010 a success by inviting your neighbors, children, youth, young adults,...

## NEWS & NOTES

### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 330/857-7311

**BUS DRIVERS NEEDED:** Central Christian School is accepting applications for bus drivers for the 2010-11 school year. Pick up an application at the school or call Joel Otto or Bruce Kooker at 330-857-7311 for more information.

**SIGNIFICANT LIVING—JULY/AUGUST ISSUE** has arrived and is available in the foyer rack by the church mailboxes for \$3.99. This issue features people of faith and provides stories of inspiration and hope. In this issue you will meet folks who are making a difference by sharing laughter, having fun with family and friends, or working to make long-held dreams a reality. Pick up a copy of the latest edition and then pass it on to a friend or neighbor when you have finished.

**SONNENBERG VILLAGE HOMECOMING** will be held Saturday, August 14 at the Sonnenberg Village, at the corner of Hackett and Kidron Roads. Come for food, ice cream, music and baseball. 11:00 a.m. will feature live musical entertainment, followed at noon by a baseball game with the Akron Black Stockings vs. Kidron Nine, and at 2:00 p.m. the Akron Black Stockings will take on Kidron United. Come and cheer them on. Bring you lawn chairs and enjoy the summer festivities. Admission is free.

**IMMIGRATION RALLY IN COLUMBUS:** Stand along side the immigrants and refugees in our midst at the Interfaith Rally for Comprehensive Immigration Reform at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 21, at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. This event will be a time of worship with songs, scripture, and speakers as well as a call to support comprehensive immigration reform. The rally is one of a series of prayer vigils and rallies being held across the U.S. to call for justice for undocumented immigrants. Ohio is one of several states in which legislation similar to Arizona SB 1070 will likely be introduced. Please contact Melonie Buller at 614-747-3662 for information about the Statehouse rally and the accompanying prayer vigil. The Interfaith Immigration Coalition is the national sponsor for these events; Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office is a member of this coalition.

The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, August 1, 2010. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, July 29, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!