

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

December 31, 2007 — January 6, 2008

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 31

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Chili Supper
Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Pictorial Year In Review

Tuesday, January 1 *New Year's Day*

Church offices closed

Wednesday, January 2

****NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES****

7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

Thursday, January 3

6:00 p.m. Board of Missions and Service

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6 *Epiphany/Communion*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Linda Ewert

Special Music: Worship Team

Offering: First Fruits Giving

4:00 p.m. Bethesda Chapel

Last Sunday, December 23

Attendance: Sunday School 193
Worship Service 271

Offering: Sunday School \$131.78
First Fruits \$8,870.30

Christmas Day, December 25

Attendance: 185

Offering: First Fruits \$7,557.00

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 13, 2008 Commissioning of New Leaders

Jan. 13, 2008 Noon Meal followed by Special
Congregational Meeting with John Simmering

Jan. 20, 2008 Youth Sunday

The premier performance of "The Upside Down
King" will be next Sunday, January 6, at First
Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. During the

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Mon., Dec. 31 Each youth is to bring one pound of hamburger browned with onion to the church kitchen by 3:00 p.m. **Youth Leadership come at 3:00 p.m.** and plan on working; the **rest of the youth come at 5:30.**

Wed., Jan 2, NO Youth Group. **Wednesday Youth Group will begin again on Jan. 9.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lee and Di Suderman will vacation with family in California, leaving Jan. 1 and returning Jan. 6.

Everyone is invited to the Youth Chili Supper on December 31. This is a fund-raiser for our summer service trip.

Henry and Verda Wedel will be honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Goessel Mennonite Church, hosted by their children and families. A short program will be presented at 3:00 p.m. The gift of your presence is requested.

THANK YOU

A BIG THANKS to the 46 people who came to donate and the 11 people who brought Christmas cookies for refreshments, at the mobile blood unit on Christmas Eve. You helped provide for the over 38,000 donations needed every day in the U. S.

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Everyone interested in Agri-Urban and it's programs is invited to an appreciation dinner on Jan. 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge, Kansas. Please make reservations with Ben Schrag by Jan. 6. An interesting program is planned.

How are you and your family dealing with the issue of aging relatives? A new documentary from Mennonite Media/Mennonite Mission Network, "Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change," will air on ABC TV stations (at their discretion) beginning Jan. 6, 2008. For information on the program and aging, go to www.EmbracingAging.com and click on "Airdates" or call 800-999-3534.

month of January, there will be five more appearances of an original musical by Doug and Jude Krehbiel (aka Road Less Travelled) and

Carol Duerksen. A five-member young adult cast and live band will present a rock and roots musical about Jesus—his message, his teaching, his disciples. Choose a site and join in the fun. A freewill offering will be received for WDC youth ministry. Performance dates and sites: Jan. 6 (6:30 p.m.) First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE; Jan. 12 (6:30 p.m.) First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS; Jan. 13 (6:30 p.m.) Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS; Jan. 19 (4:00 p.m.) Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX; Jan. 20 (6:30 p.m.) Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, KS; Jan. 27 (6:00 p.m.) Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, OK.

MCC is responding to the disaster left in

Bangladesh by Cyclone Sidr. Thousands of lives were lost and hundreds of thousands of people are now homeless. Crops were destroyed and livestock swept away. As part of MCC's \$500,000 response, MCC requests funds to rebuild homes, provide food and support workers. Contributions should be marked "Bangladesh Cyclone Disaster Response" and sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. For more information please visit www.mcc.org/bangladeshrelief or call 316-283-2720.

MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT)

Program for young adults is an eleven-month program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for Canadian and U.S. Christians ages 18 to 27 interested in a cross-cultural service experience.

Through participation in the daily lives and realities of communities in need, SALT participants will learn, reflect, absorb and above all, change. For info, go to www.mcc.org/salt.

Conference Resource Library now open

Thursday

nights 'till 8: Beginning Thursday, Jan. 10, the Western District Conference Resource Library at 2517 N. Main in North Newton will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Curl up with a book and a fresh cup of coffee or tea. Hang out, meet new friends. Bring children and have a family story time or...schedule a committee meeting in the library lounge. Come on over, open and read!

Listening Circle begins at Western District

Conference Resource Library: Looking for a place to explore theology and ask questions in a gentle environment? Come to an exploratory meeting of "The Listening Circle," a group for women of any age who want to learn together through study, sharing, and listening carefully to one another. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Resource Library on Jan. 10, 2008. Please call convener June Thomsen (283-0106) or librarian Marlene Bogard

(283- 6300) for more information. See you there!

A GI Rights Training Workshop will be held February 2-3, 2008 at the Manhattan Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship in Manhattan, KS, sponsored by the Manhattan Alliance for Peace & Justice. See more information posted on the south lobby bulletin board.

The 2008 Camp Mennoscah schedule is out! It has

been sent to your church office. Look on the bulletin board to find the date of the camp you would like to attend next year. In 2008, campers will receive a \$10 discount if registration and FULL payment (which is encouraged) is received by May 16, 2008. (The schedule has the new rates. If you should cancel, the camp fee will be returned minus a \$25 non-refundable pre-registration fee.) The 2008 rates for rental groups have changed and are as follows (adult/child): Day rate - \$6/\$3.50; RV/Tent - \$10/\$5; Cabin - \$12/\$6; Bunk House - \$16/\$8; Electric hookups - \$7.50 (per night); Retreat Center - \$45/per room per night (for two people); Linens - \$6 (Minimum charge for Main Camp \$175, Retreat Center \$250). Please contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for further information.

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