

IN TOUCH

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Elder Council Begins Formational Work

The new Elder Council met on July 22, 2008 to begin formational work. Although the group will officially begin it's leadership responsibilities after being blessed by the congregation during worship on September 7, we are already working on foundations for the group. On the 22nd, we spent some time learning about each other and praying together. We also had some basic discussions which led to the formation of regular meeting times (1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning in September) and an agenda for an August meeting which includes coming to consensus on a plan outlining our tasks for the next two years and more relational work, Bible Study, and prayer. In addition to the overall outline for the two years, we are currently in prayer concerning which ministries of the congregation each member of the Elder Council will serve. We will work on identifying these roles as quickly as possible. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

Power Lab Vacation Bible School

Wow! What an exciting week...over 45 kids came and learned about Jesus' awesome power throughout the week! The week wouldn't have been possible without the help of many awesome volunteers! Look for **pictures and a more in-depth summary** from Power Lab VBS in the next issue of *Uth Beat* newsletter!!

Directors: Bill Seymour, Tara Steiner, Lisa Otto

Crew leaders: Sharon Hershberger, Sara Anderson, Ryan Immel, Katie Immel, Heather Swartzentruber, Denver Steiner, Erika Ressler, Mel Wenger, Wayne Ressler, Beth Ressler, Jeff Fisher, Denise Stauffer, Rebecca Snyder, Greg Seymour, Shonda Miller, Courtney Pauley

Preschool Staff: Lisa Otto, Tara Steiner, Amy Glick, Angie Beil, Meea Erb, Jen Bixler, Sandy Sohar, Louisa Erb, Janie Landry

Hyperspeed Games: Ben Myers

Test Tube Treats: Corrie Yoder, Mim Wenger, Anita Fisher, Shelley Farver, Ralph Rheinheimer

Wacky Works Crafts and Missions: Nancy Hostetler

Spotlight Drama: Sandy Miller, Barb Shilling, Holly Swartzentruber, Willie Miller

Cinema Science: Rollie and Jan Kauffman

Faith Fusion Finale: Allison Seymour

Videographer/Photographers: Diane Hostetler, Nathan Otto, Jared Shilling

Also, thank you to everyone who donated snack items!

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Thank You From Those We Support

From Relay for Life—Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous contribution to our recent Relay for Life Survivor Dinner. We couldn't have done it without you. Sincerely, Charlene Nichols, Survivor Dinner Committee

From Open Arms—Dear Orrville Mennonite Church, Thank you for the check of \$150.00 for the Open Arms Hispanic Ministry. May God bless you for your faithful giving to help us serve those in need. ~Alice Shetler, Treasurer

From Center on Conscience and War—Dear Friends, Thank you very much for your generous contribution of \$100.00. Your support will be used to aid conscientious objectors and continue the ongoing struggle for justice and peace in our troubled world. Your financial support of the Center on Conscience & War makes a difference. In these trying times, it is more important than ever that we are able to answer the questions of young men and women concerning their rights as conscientious objectors and in relation with the military and Selective Service. Your support is the key to allow us to provide services for the hundreds who call us each month. ~J.E. McNeil, Executive Director

Adriel 2008 Benefit Golf Scramble

Adriel is having a benefit golf scramble at Willandale Golf Club in Sugar Creek on August 9th. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$200 per foursome/\$50 individual. There will be a cookout at the conclusion of play. Register online at www.adriel.org/golf or contact Wayne Hershberger 330-345-8351 or email: wberg10@aol.com or Jacob Miller at 330-359-5029 or 330-465-6935. Proceeds will benefit abused and neglected children. For more information, pick up a brochure



Mennonite Central Committee School Kits

This is the time of the year to begin thinking about school supplies! If you are looking for a family service project, please consider assembling some school kits for MCC. Each kit contains 4 unsharpened pencils, 1 plastic metric ruler, 1 pencil eraser, 12-20 colored pencils and 4 spiral notebooks (each with about 75 pages). We have a supply of spiral notebooks available in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to take as many as you need to complete the number of kits you choose to put together. Bring completed kits to the church and we will make sure they are delivered to MCC Connections.

Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits

Over the past five years, 2.8 million people have fled their homes for safer locations within Iraq. These displaced people are in desperate need of basic necessities. Mennonite Central Committee is responding to this crisis by sending 20,000 urgently needed relief kits. Please join MCC Great Lakes in reaching our goal. For more information and a list of kit contents, go to mcc.org/iraqrelief (copies of the list of items are also available by the mailboxes). In addition to the relief kit contents, please include \$10 to help cover the cost of the pail, shipping and distribution costs. Bring any items you purchase to the church and we will make sure they are delivered to MCC Connections.

Breakfast Benefit

Salem Mennonite Church of Wooster is hosting a Breakfast Benefit (with love offering) to help the Haroldo Nunes family with their difficult economic situation. The breakfast is Saturday, August 9th at Salem Mennonite from 8:00—11:00 a.m.

