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GOD'S CALL**

**AUGUST 2010**

## **Summer-fall CDC worship & celebrations**

### **Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship, Berne, Indiana**

Sandy Miller, director of Church Relations for Mennonite Mission Network, gave the sermon during an August worship service.

### **Milwaukee Mennonite, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Members will gather at a shelter near the beach at Pike Lake State Park in Wisconsin for their Sept. 5 worship. A picnic will follow.

### **North Danvers, Danvers, Illinois**

The congregation will spend the Labor Day weekend at Camp Menno Haven in a church retreat.

### **Madison Mennonite, Madison, Wisconsin**

Earl Zimmerman of Shalom Mennonite Congregation, Harrisonburg, Va., has accepted an interim pastoral position at Madison. The position begins in September.

### **Columbus Mennonite, Columbus, Ohio**

Youth from the congregation shared their Kentucky SWAP experiences with the congregation in early August.

### **Eighth Street, Goshen, Indiana**

The church Worship Commission set the Lord's Prayer as the August worship series theme. The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer on the first Sunday of every month as part of its communion service and at each commission and church board meeting.

### **Lima Mennonite, Lima, Ohio**

The Women's Group held a silent auction in early August. The event's goal was to raise \$500. The project supports the group's service project, which include its daycare center and other needs in the Lima community.

### **First, Urbana, Illinois**

The children of the church are collecting money for MCC relief efforts in Haiti. The goal is to reach \$1,000 by the end of August.

### **Faith, Goshen, Indiana**

The summer worship theme is "Stories of God's People." In August the series focused on the Old Testament book of Daniel.

### **Cincinnati Fellowship, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Encore Men's Quartet (EMQ) joined the congregation during the Aug. 22 Sunday morning service. The service included reading of poetry, prose, congregational singing and EMQ.

### **Southside Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana**

In September the worshipers will focus on the theme "The Healing of Release." Luke is the text for the series. Members have an opportunity to read through Luke together during a mid-week evening meeting.

### **Atlanta Fellowship, Atlanta, Georgia**

Members were guests in August at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atlanta. The invitation was from a Sunday school class interested in ecumenical dialogue to share with them about Mennonite understandings of faith. David Rensberger made the presentation.

### **First, Bluffton, Ohio**

The church Missions, Peace and Service Commission is gathering donations to the Iraqi Student Project. The church gives \$3,000 to this program, through its spending plan and by fund raising and donations.

### **Silverwood, Goshen, Indiana**

A crew of 20 members will make an MDS service trip to Cameron, Louisiana, Nov. 13-21. It is the first crew of the season in that parish. To date, 21 new houses have been built in Cameron by MDS volunteers.

### **First, Sugarcreek, Ohio**

In July the congregation collected coins for the MCC relief sale water projects throughout the world. Money was collected in a plastic water bottle located in the sanctuary.

### **Grace, Pandora, Ohio**

Doug Luginbill and Laura Voth of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio, located in Bluffton, will speak during a September worship service.

### **Hively, Elkhart, Indiana**

On Aug. 14 the church held a 40th anniversary celebration of the ministry of its preschool. In attendance were several former directors, teachers and staff members.

### **Oak Grove, Smithville, Ohio**

Pastor Haroldo Nunes of Open Arms Hispanic ministries gave the sermon on Aug. 22.

### **Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, Michigan**

Camp Friedenswald was host to 370 campers during the seven children's camps this summer. The camp also hosted two family camps with 47 households represented.

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