

Akron Mennonite Church Newsletter

1311 Diamond Street, Akron, Pennsylvania 17501

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VISION FOR AMC

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.



Worship Notes

By

Jim S. Amstutz

*It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well
with my soul.*

-When peace, like a river, HWB 336

Ash Wednesday is February 17 and begins the season of Lent. In the simple service planned at church for that evening, we will once again invite participants to receive "the imposition of the ashes." The smudgy cross on our foreheads is a sign of penitence and mourning.

"Remember that you are dust" we say, and so begins the journey to the cross.

Life and death, tragedy and triumph cannot be scheduled or somehow orchestrated to fit a logical timeframe. Both happen when they happen and we who remain in the land of the living must adjust and work through a season of mourning. What follows are some observations learned along the way.

1. Grief is a marathon not a sprint. There is a flurry of activity and pressure-cooker details that must be tended to when a loved one dies. Adrenaline and the support of family and friends get us through the short run. But when the cards and casseroles stop coming, the long journey begins. There is an echo of fatigue and sorrow that settles in like a deep fog. There is a season of firsts ahead of us—birthdays, holidays, vacations, anniversaries—and it seems interminable and all uphill.

2. Loss is something to get through, not over. What we experience is something unique to our soul and well-

Worship Series

February 7 – Luke Gascho, Mission Festival

February 14 – Jim S. Amstutz, 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2

February 17 - Ash Wednesday service, 6:30pm

February 21 – Jim S. Amstutz, Lent 1

February 28 – Sara Wiegner, Lent 2

being. We never get over it the way we get over the flu or a broken arm. It's more like an amputation—something that we need to adapt to for the rest of our lives. There is no replacement, only an adjustment. People all around us get on with their lives, and we have to learn what it means to live into a new normal. The author Gerald Sittser says that eventually we can invite grace to *co-exist* with our ever-present loss (*A Grace Disguised*).

3. Sometimes meaning is a mystery. When well-meaning friends and family try to fix or attach meaning to our loss, they sometimes do more harm than good. We need time to sift through the debris of our shattered lives. We may look ok on the outside, but inside we're like the prophet sitting in sackcloth and ashes. Meaning may come, but only in God's time and in God's way. Sometimes death remains a mystery, and we simply cannot summon a satisfactory response to *Why?* In the Bible, wilderness is sometimes 40 days or 40 years.

4. Let others be the church. When we are the ones in shock, numbed by loss and grief, it is an opportunity to both give and receive. Prayers, food, and offers to help are genuine and can be just what we need to get through the immediate crisis. Letting others carry a piece of our burden is a shared gift. Those experiencing the loss are living with the new reality 24/7. Those coming through the visitation line or to the memorial service are on a different timetable of grief. Grief is like a constant undertone for those living it. For others it is episodic. Be gentle about catching up.

AMC Profile-Ed Miller



5. Be honest about what you need. During the stress of grief and loss our personal needs are magnified. If we are more extroverted, we feed off the energy of others and need people around us. If we are more introverted, too much people time is exhausting, and we need periods of solitude. Caregivers must remember not to project on those grieving their own assumptions about what is most helpful. It's less about saying the right words or trying to fix a broken situation than just being there. Your presence is itself a ministry and speaks into a situation that often has no adequate grammar. Tears and hugs say enough.

6. Trust that God is in this. Lauren Winner writes that in the Jewish tradition, the *Kadish* is "a curious mourner's prayer, because it says nothing about mourning. It is rather a prayer about God, describing Him as magnified and sanctified and worthy to be praised" (*Mudhouse Sabbath*). Showing up for worship when we don't feel like it, or mouthing the words of prayer when they seem devoid of meaning is to affirm that God is present even if we are not. God can handle whatever we throw at Him as we journey through grief. In Christ there is no alien sorrow.

We are God's beloved. Over time and with much grace, we can once again affirm that *It is well with my soul*.

Akron Mennonite Church will again be providing food and meal service for three of the Ephrata area community meals for low income neighbors. Area churches take turns providing meals every Thursday evening. Meals are served to 120-150 people each week. The help with desserts, set up, meal preparation, and serving and clean up is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please reserve the dates of March 4 (the MYF will be helping, but some of our regular helpers will also be needed), May 27 and November 4. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Buchen at my home office number 396-0025.

How to Help Haitian Earthquake Recovery Efforts
Mennonite Central Committee is appealing for donations toward the Haiti earthquake and recovery efforts. Donations should be designated to "Haiti Earthquake" and can be made at www.mcc.org, or by calling or sending a check to the nearest MCC office. All MCC staff from the United States and other countries are OK and MCC is still seeking connections with some of the Haitian staff.

THANK YOU

The 2010 Akron Shoe-in committee would like to thank you for your part in making this year's event a success. We collected 100 pairs of new shoes for Ephrata Area Social Services and 50 pairs of lightly used shoes are being sent to those in Haiti. The event itself was a success in spite of the rain. We hope that you will consider lending a hand in the years to come. ~Dave Knowles, Committee Chair

Ed Miller has the unique distinction of being AMC's youngest charter member. Already a baptized member of Monterey Mennonite Church, Ed made the move to the new emerging fellowship with his parents, Albert and Esther Miller. He has called AMC his home congregation ever since.

Ed was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1945, while Esther was visiting family in the area. Albert was assigned to Civilian Public Service (CPS) in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Esther and newborn Ed joined him there. It wasn't long until they moved back to Akron, where Ed grew up and has lived most of his life.

Albert took a position at the Miller-Hess Shoe Factory in Akron, working for his father and part owner, Ori Miller. Ed, along with siblings Jill, Connie, and Jan lived two doors down from his grandparents on Main Street, in the house now owned by David and Rachel Martin. Because his grandpa often traveled for MCC, Ed had the privilege of staying with his grandma (Elta Miller) in the big brick house while Grandpa was gone.

Ed remembers fondly the freedom that he and his siblings had as children growing up in Akron, when there were large tracts of woodland behind their house. This was before Roland Park was developed, and the neighborhood kids would be out until dark on a summer evening. They explored the creeks, built tree houses and played lots of wild, noisy games.

Ed attended the Dutch School through eighth grade and attended high school at the building now known as Highland Elementary for his first two high-school years. He finished high school in the new building and then headed west to Goshen College, where he met Twila Gingerich from Iowa. They were married in 1968, the summer that Twila graduated from Goshen. By then Ed had finished his first year of law school at Temple University.

Ed became interested in law through Sam Wenger, Sr., who had asked Ed to clerk for him through Ed's high-school and college years. Ed worked as a busboy at the Stock Yard Inn to make money. The Vietnam War forced Ed to make a decision: go to Canada or cooperate with the system and do alternative service. He chose the latter, and with two years of law school under his belt, Ed and Twila headed for Nepal for their first term of service with MCC. Over the course of ten years, Ed and Twila served six years in Nepal. Their son Kirk was 2 when they went back the second time, and their son Penn was born in Nepal.

Ed recalls how hard it was on Esther when they left with her grandson Kirk for their second term of service. They had lived with Esther and Albert between terms, and today, as a grandfather himself, Ed realizes how significant that absence was for his mother. Ed became a partner in the law firm of what is now Blakinger, Byler and Thomas, located on Penn Square in Lancaster. Ed took a one-year leave of absence to work for Mennonite World Conference, helping to prepare for the MWC Assembly in Calcutta, India, in the mid-90s. (Twila followed him to India and also helped with preparations for the MWC gathering.) That experience eventually led Ed and Twila back to India as MCC Country Representatives from 2001 to 2007. Ed says India made him a better person and more appreciative of clean air and having a functional infrastructure in society.

Ed expresses much appreciation for the time and attention he was given by AMC charter members. He recalls Jim Millen teaching his Sunday school class, which consisted of three boys, and he names Dave Hess, Ura Gingerich and Paul Leatherman as examples of gifted people of faith who took time to mentor him and other youth.

Ed and Twila appreciate their house church since returning from India. This small group exemplifies caring and friendship in a style that feels very comfortable. Being in this group helps them feel like part of AMC.

Ed wishes he knew everyone by name, but says it is hard to do that in a large congregation. AMC had a clear identity in its formative years, and Ed longs for that in our time. "We wanted to be welcoming, of service to others, and non-conforming to the world," Ed explains. "AMC was my normal. I wonder if we have communicated that same cutting-edge to the next generation. Those who mentored me knew me better than I know the next generation," Ed admits.

He is grateful for the life-long understanding AMC gave him: *when the church asks, you should say yes*. Ed continues to say yes to Akron Mennonite Church, and for that we are thankful and blessed.

~Jim S. Amstutz

Creation Care in Holistic Mission to be Mission Festival Topic



Creation Care will be the topic of the annual Mission Festival to be held on February 6-7, 2010. The Good News of Jesus Christ touches on every aspect of life. Christ's roles as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, model for us what it means to be stewards of all things. Caring for creation is an important aspect of living out Christ's message of hope. The community of believers is called to engage the issues of creation care individually, locally, regionally, and globally.

The guest speaker for Mission Festival this year is Dr. Luke Gascho who is the Executive Director of the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, Wolf Lake, Indiana. In addition to his role with the Center, Dr Gascho also serves as the chair of the Goshen College Strategic Planning Committee and provides leadership for the Mennonite Creation Care Network.

His Saturday evening session, **STARTING AT 6:30** is entitled *Biblical and Global Realities of Creation Care* and will examine how faith expressions and caring for the Earth are often seen as being at odds with each other. This presentation will focus on the intersection of

theological, ethical and ecological foundations for environmental stewardship.

The Sunday Morning Sermon (worship service starts at 9:00 AM) will address *Creation Care is an Act of Peace*. From the beginning, God has been in relationship with all of Creation. The sermon will examine biblical texts that speak of the relational nature of God and explore two Anabaptist belief statements that construct a foundation for caring for creation as an act of peace.

- *We believe that the universe has been called into being as an expression of God's love.*
- *The peace God intends for humanity and creation was revealed most fully in Jesus Christ.*

During Discipleship Hour (10:30 AM), Dr. Gascho's topic will be *The Church Engages Creation Care*. Creation care practices in our congregations should affirm and teach that everything belongs to God. Our response is to be keepers of the Earth. This session will encourage holistic stewardship in daily life of the congregation and its members. Practical applications will be shared and discussed.

OTHER DETAILS:

- Several conservation organizations are being invited to set up exhibits on their work in the foyer
- Saturday Night Meal will **start at 5:30 PM** – see details below
- Please bring either your favorite dish made with locally produced items either fresh, canned, or frozen along the lines of "Simply in Season" or a favorite ethnic dish
- If you are bringing a dish, please plan to be at the church at 5 to set up
- Bring your own plates and utensils
- Coffee, Tea and a fruit punch will be served
- A basket will be available for your donations; the proceeds will do to Diamond Street Early Childhood Center to develop a garden so the students can learn about growing food
- If you need Child Care so that you can attend the Saturday evening program, please let the church office know of this need **by Sunday, January 31.**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

By
Mary Jane Crockett



**NEWS FROM THE JR. DEPARTMENT
NURSERY TO GRADE 5**

CALENDAR

February 3 Venture Club for Grades K-5
 Craft Activity at AMC
 6:30-7:45pm

February **Share-A-Life**
 Partner Planned Activity

NEW TEACHERS WINTER QUARTER

THANK YOU to our AMC volunteer Jr. Christian Education Teachers for your dedication and caring as you guide and teach our children each Sunday this fall, winter, and spring.

We appreciate these new teachers joining our excellent staff this winter:

November thru February 28, Grades 5 & 6 - Lynne Brubaker
January thru June 6, Grades 1 & 2 - Joanne Ranck Dirks
January, February, March - Ages 4 & K - Alyssa Martin

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

January, February and March
MCC 15th annual Penny Power Project 2010
ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL

You are invited to join the children in collecting coins, bills, and checks to fill the large jug for MCC to provide "Food for All" people.

Drought, violence, floods, lack of land, no money for seeds and tools - causes some people to be hungry. MCC provides emergency food relief to people in response to poverty, natural disasters and conflict. MCC also works with people to help them grow their own food.

The 2010 Penny Power collection will be matched by a donor up to \$50,000. In 2009 AMC collected \$810 for **Penny Power** toward clean water. Our goal is to collect that amount again.

Collect your coins and bills and put them in the jug each Sunday until Pennsylvania Relief Sale on April 2-3, 2010!

College Student Care Packages



It is time to pack and send some care, news, and food from AMC to our college students.

The following five things will make this a successful event:

- 1) **parents of college students** should check the address list on the bulletin board and make any corrections to ensure a swift and safe delivery of the package.
- 2) **Women and men of AMC** should mark their calendars to come to AMC on **Monday, February 8, at 6:30 PM** to pack the boxes with goodies. It will probably take about an hour but no more than an hour and a half.
- 3) **AMCers** are needed to write a letter that will be included with the package. A list of students who will receive packages has been posted on the bulletin board. Sign your name next to one of the student names, write a letter, and put it in Pat Martin's mailbox by February 7.
- 4) **Bakers of AMC** are needed to bake cookies – the homemade kind. There is nothing better than homemade cookies to complement a cup of hot chocolate on a cold February day. It would be helpful to have the cookies placed in individual bags with three or six cookies to a bag. Sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board, indicating the number of dozen, and then bring to AMC by Sunday, February 7 or Monday February 8.
- 5) In lieu of baking cookies you may choose to buy some of the other items that will be included in the care package. Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and designate the amount of the item(s) you will provide. **Items should be delivered to Patricia Martin's office by February 7.**

Thank you for helping to make the life of our college students warmer and tastier with items from "home".

Note: If you or someone you know is planning a trip to EMU and or Goshen shortly after February 8, please talk to Patricia Martin.

DSECC
By June Hershberger



Diamond Street has the privilege of opening a new kind of classroom this fall thanks to a large gift from Penn Embryo, Inc. through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Our vision is to serve 4 and 5 year-olds, who meet the income requirements, are English language learners or who may have special educational needs. This will be a full-day five-day-a-week program at no cost to parents. The class will be located in the room that was formerly used for our kindergarten. For this class, we are requiring increased parental involvement and are working with Akron Elementary School to foster a smooth transition to kindergarten. I consider this a blessing and a way to serve our community in a very valuable way. If you know of families who would qualify, please have them call us for an application form. Deadline to apply is February 28.

I have been contacted by a representative from Lancaster County council of Churches to see if I could put a group of people together to help serve as volunteers for the Overflow Women's Shelter in Lancaster. They are still trying to find volunteers for the week of March 22-27. They had hoped Akron Mennonite Church could handle one or more evenings. I have committed to provide volunteers for Friday evening, March 26th. I would love to be able to tell them we can provide help beyond the one evening. It is a wonderful way for us to show solidarity with the city churches that are operating this shelter for the three coldest months of the year. If you have interest in exploring this opportunity to serve, please give me a call at my home office phone 396-0025. Jean Buchen

MENNONITE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Navigating in a Sea of Change will be the theme of the Mennonite Health Assembly during March 4-7, 2010 in Norfolk, Virginia. Register online at www.mhsonline.org.

The Earthquake that Hit Haiti

O God, the earthquake rumbled and stunned us one and all;

Our neighbors reel in anguish while homes and buildings fall.

O God of land and water who made the earth and sky,
Amid such great destruction, we mournfully ask "Why?"
How many folk have perished? We can't their bodies find:

Life will not be the same now for those they've left behind.

More than a million mourners are grieving to their core;

O Jesus, Friend and Savior, you suffer with the poor.

So many folk are missing, crushed under rubble lie.

The city lies in ruins while orphaned children cry:

O Spirit, send your comfort and give us faith that cares.

For when our neighbors suffer, our lives are bound with theirs.

Text: "The Storm Came to Honduras" © 1998 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Adaptation "O God, that Great Tsunami" © 2004 by Peter Holden. Adaptation "The Earthquake that Hit Haiti" 2010 by Rachel Nafziger Hartzler. Permission given for use by those who lament with, pray for, and support relief work for people in Haiti.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE Hans Leo Hassler, 1601, Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729 ("O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"). Can also be sung to ANGEL'S STORY Arthur H. Mann, 1881 ("O Jesus, I have Promised") or any other tune with 76.76D meter.

A Letter from Matt Harms

I figure that since I no longer have the same personal connection to Akron Mennonite through my mom, I should be more intentional in communicating with my home/sending church community. So here's an update.

First off, I want to say thanks for the generous donation that the church made to my PDA account. It's certainly nice to have a bit of extra cash lying around.

But, anyway, about my life here. I'll try to start from the beginning...

I spent my first two months in Sarajevo, as you already know. Then in the first week of December I moved to Sanski Most, the town I'll be living in for the remainder of my three year term. I'm incredibly grateful for my time in Sarajevo. I had an excellent language teacher there, and despite "working" in the MCC office in Sarajevo half time, I was able to devote as much time as I wished to language study. I came to Sanski Most with a good understanding of the grammar, and since my arrival have been trying to beef up my vocabulary by reading and conversing as much as possible in Bosnian. All in all, I'm really excited about how much I've learned these first few months. It's an incredible feeling to be able to build relationships with people in Sanski Most in their language. Still, learning language is at the top of my priority list. Our organization, the Center for Peace building (CIM), is conducting a four day peace camp in early June, and I hope that I've learned enough to help lead the workshops. My boss, Vahidin, thinks I'll be ready in two months, but we'll see...

Life in Sanski Most has been good, for the most part. In some ways the transition from Sarajevo to Sanski Most was more of a shock to the system than the transition from the U.S. to Bosnia. While Sarajevo's not a huge place, it's certainly a cosmopolitan town, and there's a large international community relative to the city's size because of various forms of international involvement in maintaining the stability of the country. In Sanski Most we have a movie theater that, I think, shows pirated movies :, and I don't have the same sort of contact with a community of international people. And, at times, I feel like there's a form of collective depression here as locals struggle to overcome trauma from the war while facing a bleak economic and political future. But, overall, my move to Sanski Most has been a healthy change. I'm finally truly immersed in the language, and I'm getting a better taste for Bosnian culture everyday. It's much easier to meet Bosnians in a small town setting, and I feel like I've built many important friendships (through soccer, work, church, and random encounters) with locals who come from a diverse set of backgrounds.

It also feels really good to have been able to begin working for CIM, although I'm trying to figure out exactly what my role will be here. That ambiguity is certainly not unexpected, but it's feeling different to experience it on a day to day basis than to discuss it from afar. Generally, I think it stems from several factors. Clearly, learning a new language and integrating into a new culture are impediments to my contribution. It's definitely also a different organizational environment. We're under-funded and understaffed, and sometimes I feel like there's a gap between the envisioned change and an organizational structure implemented to support that change. But I also wonder how much of this ambiguity is an intrinsic part of relatively intangible peace work.

Regardless, I feel incredibly lucky to be working where I'm working. I am amazed that Vahidin has been doing this work, "crazy work" to many in the local community, essentially on his own for five years now. He's desire to do what he does is, in large part, do to his own experiences of transformation. Observing him in a couple of workshops so far, I can see that he has incredible gifts for interacting with all different kinds of people. Like any good peace-builder, he believes that healthy relationships are built through good communication, and I feel comfortable bringing any problems I might be having to his attention. He's also incredibly receptive to any constructive ideas and critique that I can give (something rare for people in power here, and really everywhere I guess). I'm excited that I'll play an important role in shaping CIM's direction over the next few years.

To date, I've spent most of my time writing and editing project and grant proposals, teaching English classes for local youth, and participating in workshops mostly as an observer. But honestly, I feel like my most valuable acts of service come in the form of relationships I build here in the local community. In some ways, I am equipped to make connections for CIM with communities that Vahidin hasn't reached yet, like members of the local protestant church and Spanish speaking peace keeping troops from Chile. Other days, it's just being a breath of fresh air for local friends who, at times, feel paralyzed by the difficulties they face day to day. In the long-run, I think more "tangible" results will only come to fruition as a result of these relationships that I'm building now.

Well, I feel as if I just wrote a book. I hope it was a useful update.

MENNONITE WOMEN NEWS



Women in Conversation: Living a Life of Gratitude is coming to Laurelville Mennonite Church Center **April 9-11, 2010**. Featuring keynote speaker Megan Ramer of Chicago IL, and worship leaders Jen Helmuth Shenk and Kristin Graber Kauffman of Elkhart IN, this women's retreat is an opportunity to focus on your spiritual journey - body, mind, soul and spirit. Women of all ages and walks of life are invited for a time of conversation, worship, laughter, prayer and renewal. Register by March 1 to receive early discount; visit www.laurelville.org or call 800.839.1021. (Lodging at Laurelville will be given in the order registrations are received. A limited number of scholarships are available and requests will be processed after March 1, with priority given to young women and women of color.) The retreat will also be held in Hesston, KS April 30-May 2, 2010. Women in Conversation retreats are co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville.

ACC UPDATES:

Last Chance to attend Damascus Road Antiracism Analysis Training

February 26-28, 2010 Damascus Road Antiracism Analysis Training - Philadelphia, Pa. This will be the last training available at least until 2011. Sponsored by Franconia Mennonite Conference; open to all Contact: Sharon Williams, SharonW@DesignForMinistry.com, 610-277-1729 (H)

Spruce Lake Winter Peace Retreat

February 12-14, Spruce Lake Retreat Center. Sponsored by Eastern District and Franconia Conferences. Compassionate Peacemaking: Extending Hope And Healing To Those With Soul Wounds featuring Carolyn H. Heggen. For further information contact Becky Felton at 215-536-7935, bbfelton@verizon.net, or see the complete announcement at <http://efpjc.pppj.org/efp102.htm>. Registration deadline is January 22.

Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

100 singers between the grades 2-12, with many coming from ACC churches. Upcoming performances are: March 23, 7 pm at Landis Homes; April 15, 7 pm at Community Mennonite Church; April 25, 6 p.m. at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, Mt Joy; May 2, 6 pm at Neffsville Mennonite Church; May 8, 7 pm at Ridgeview Mennonite Church; and June 21, 7 pm at Manheim Mennonite Church.

Hinkletown Mennonite School News

Learn more about excellent PreK-8 Christ-centered education at Hinkletown Mennonite School.

February 2 & 18, 9AM-8PM

March 6, 7PM-9PM Dessert Night Open House

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

The heART of Friendship Art Auction

February 12th, 6PM

Mulberry Art Studio, 21 N. Mulberry St. Lancaster

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

For more information: Betty Hess, 656-2466

The Friendship Community Family Support Fellowship is sponsoring its annual ham loaf and pork BBQ fundraising sale for Friendship Community. Deadline to place an order: February 17. To order, call the receptionist at Friendship at 656-2466, ext. 100. Orders should be picked up March 3, between 12 and 6PM, at Friendship's offices, 1149 East Oregon Road, Lititz.

Lancaster Mennonite School News

The Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO), which provides sports opportunities for elementary age children, will offer girls soccer for grades 2-6 beginning in March. Please register today; go to www.mennonitesports.org. For more information call (717) 394-7107 or email at mso@lancastermennonite.org. Lancaster Mennonite High School's Winter Concert will be held Sunday, February 21 at 3PM in the High Fine Arts Center. Everyone is welcome.

Spring 2010 Gateway Course:

Leadership Effectiveness and Anabaptist Polity with Steve Kriss and Donella Clemens. Meeting at New Life Fellowship in Norristown on February 5-6 and at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Lancaster on March 5-6, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm each day. Participants may audit (\$195) or receive 2 seminary credit hours for completing this course. Contact Laura Livengood at 717-293-5246, 717-293-5246 or go to <http://www.emu.edu/lancaster/seminary/gateway.html> for more information.

New Email Address:

Paul and Dorothy Martin: phdhmartin@dejazzd.com

STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY

MARCH 6, 2010

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL

Courses at Stewardship University will be offered in the following areas to help you integrate your finances with your faith:

- Budgeting and investing
- Finding contentment
- Improving relationship
- Innovative philanthropy
- Strengthening faith
- Fulfilling retirement
- Living healthy
- Learning leadership

It costs \$39 for all-day registration, including lunch; or \$19 single-course registration. See the church office for a \$10 coupon off the registration fee to attend. For more information visit: www.StewardshipUniversity.org or contact Nancy Wilson at 1-800-494-622 or nancy.wilson@mmapartners.org.

€ LOOKING AHEAD €

- Feb. 1 Women's Bible study @Irma Bowman's home @7PM
- Feb. 3 Venture Club @ AMC, 6:30-8PM
- Feb. 4 Men's breakfast, Udder Choice @ 7AM
- Feb. 6-7 Mission Festival Weekend
- Feb. 8 College care package assembly, 6:30PM
- Feb. 9 Congregational Council meeting @ 7PM
- Feb. 9 Congregational Life Committee meeting @ 6:45PM
- Feb. 15 Women's Bible study @Irma Bowman's home @7PM
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday service @6:30PM
- Feb. 21 Men's choir rehearsal, 8AM
- Feb. 21 Discernment Sunday – all adult classes encouraged to attend
- Feb. 21 Conscientious projector movie night, 7PM

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