

Inaugural Congregational Disabilities Awareness Golf Benefit a Success

The inaugural Congregational Disabilities Awareness Golf Benefit was hosted by Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) and MDC Goldenrod at Timber Ridge Golf Club, Millersburg, Ind. on Saturday July 26, 2014. Eight teams participated. In a unique twist, each team included three active golfers joined by a person with a disability (developmental, emotional, mental, or physical) as honorary captain. Over \$1,750 was raised for disability ministry.

Sharon Burkholder, Tim Burkholder and Gary Chupp with captain Diana Weldy, representing Waterford Mennonite Church, carded a 9-under par 63 to win top honors in the A Flight of this scramble event. The win netted the congregation a \$200 grant for use on a disabilities project.

Flight B winners, another team from Waterford Mennonite Church carding a 4-under par 68, were Jerry Albrecht, Jim Fisher, and Ryan Miller with captain Bill Fawley.

The Project Promise Chime Choir with director Dan Steiner joined the golfers for lunch and provided an enthusiastic musical program following the awards presentations.

Sponsors of the event were Everence, Forks County Line Stores, Greencroft Communities, Hawkins Water Tech. Inc., Pinewood Chase Miniature Golf, and Timber Ridge Golf Club.

Volunteer assistants were Christine Guth, M.J. Frey, Sandy Hammons, Melanie Hire (graphic design), Daisy Miller, Elvina Schmidt, Vyron Schmidt and Jim Smith.

Organizing the event were Timothy Burkholder, Maurice Lehman, Perry Miller and Colin Rusel.

A team including (L to R) Melanie Hire, Mark Yoder, Carlos Ramos, and Tom Yoder participated in the Congregational Disabilities Awareness Golf Benefit also representing Waterford Mennonite Church.

Celebrating Baptisms August 17

On next Sunday, August 17, we are excited to be celebrating the baptism of several youth in the congregation. Over the past months, Ryan Oostland, Matthew Smucker, Ariana Perez-Diener, Alex Yoder, Zoë Brown, and Anna Smucker have taken part in about a dozen baptism exploration sessions with members of the pastoral team. In addition, I have had the joyful opportunity to meet with each of them individually as we talked about their faith and they shared their readiness and desire to be baptized. The Ministry Leadership Council and pastoral team join in affirming these youth in this exciting step of faith formation.

So that all of us can more easily join in this welcoming celebration, we will have just one worship service that day. Sunday school will begin at its normal 9:30 a.m. start time, followed by worship in the sanctuary at 10:45, moving to the pond area at the conclusion of the service. We will return to our two-service schedule on August 24. You are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets for moving to the pond. As a way of celebrating your own relationship with Waterford, we welcome your wearing a Waterford t-shirt if you have one.

—Lyle Miller, on behalf of the pastoral team





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In the Nurture Wing ...

Today in Sunday school, children in preschool through eighth grade explored this lesson. Consider using this information for conversation that nurtures your child's faith.

Text: Acts 4:36–37; 9:26–31; 13:1–3
Barnabas

- 1 | Read Acts 4:36–37. How do you think the apostles used the money that Barnabas brought to them?
- 2 | Look through Acts 13 to see to what cities Barnabas and Paul traveled to spread the good news about Jesus. Find these cities on a Bible times map.
- 3 | Have you ever spoken up when someone was being treated badly or left out? Has anyone ever spoken up for you?

Did you know?

What does the name Barnabas mean? (Son of encouragement.)

Prayer for the week

God, show us how to use our heart, soul, mind, and strength to love others. Amen.

Children/Youth Transitions for 2014-15

As we transition into the 2014-15 programming year for children and youth faith formation activities, here are the significant dates for families to be aware of:

- MYF: Returning youth (10th, 11th, 12th grade) will regather on Wednesday, Aug. 13, where we will plan a welcoming night for new youth. New MYFers (9th grade) will join for the first time on Wednesday, Aug. 20.
- Junior MYF (6th-8th grade) and Venture Club (3rd-5th grade): These groups will meet for the first time on Wednesday, Aug. 27.
- Children's and youth Sunday school: All classes from age 2.5 through high school will transition to new grades for Sunday school on Sunday, Aug. 17.
- 1st and 6th Bible dedications: As part of our Year of the Bible kickoff, students beginning 1st grade and 6th grade will receive Bibles as part of our worship service on Sunday, Aug. 31.

—Lyle Miller, pastor of family life and financial stewardship

Church Picnic

August 24, just two weeks from today, is our church picnic. Plans are underway for exciting children's activities including a bouncy house, face painting, jewelry making station, t-ball, and more. Don't worry, youth and adults as there will be plenty of activities for you too including gaga ball, volleyball with our new volleyball set, wiffle ball tournament, corn hole, ladder golf, and more. Who are you inviting to come to the picnic as your guest? Extra save-the-date cards may be found at the Participation Station.

Waterford Mennonite Women

Thank you to all who generously responded to our request for items to make up two Goshen College International Student Welcome Baskets. Remember to bring your donations to the display table no later than Sunday, August 17.

All women are invited to our monthly gathering in the MYF room from 8:30–mid afternoon on Thursday, August 14. We will work together on relief projects, enjoy fellowship, have a time of devotions and a brief business meeting including a "least coins" offering. And, we welcome "Show and Tells" of projects you are working on at home. Our noon meal is a shared potluck.

MCC School Kits

It is time to fill school kit bags for MCC. There are finished bags ready to be filled on the little table under the mailboxes as well as a list of the contents to put in them. Help us fill the bags! New items only; a list of the contents is as follows.

- 4 spiral notebooks (8.5" x 10.5" of 70-80 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flexible plastic; both 30 cm and 12")
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pink pencil eraser