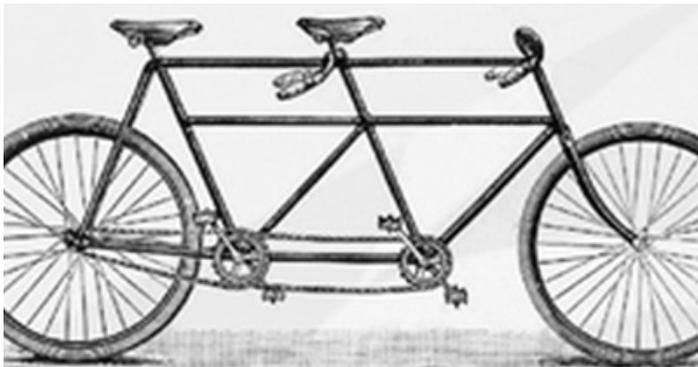


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## Bicycle Built for Two



All are invited to come to WMC at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 12 to watch the play “Bicycle Built for Two” performed by Canadian drama troupe, Theatre of the Beat. This play “takes a playful look at relationships, commitment, and divorce.” Tickets are \$10 per person for presale, or \$12 per person at the door. You can sign up in your nurture classes or at the Participation Station. Once you have paid for your tickets Cindy Voth will put them in your church mailbox. We are also publicizing the play in the Goshen community so be sure to get your tickets today as space will be limited!

Then we will continue with our marriage enrichment retreat by returning to WMC on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. –noon for the second part of our retreat. During this time we will hear from a local couple who has had a long history of riding tandem bikes together, and how that experience mirrors their marriage journeys (highs/lows, different terrains, managing different weather conditions, experiences of injuries, etc.). Participants will be given time to meet with their spouse to consider how the themes of the retreat relate to their own marriage. Participants should also come in comfortable clothes; appropriate to try out riding a tandem bike with their spouse in our church parking lot! Childcare will be provided during our Saturday morning time which you can also sign up for in your nurture classes or at the participation stations. See Pastors Lyle or Cindy for additional information.

—Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life

## Picnic Of Hope

On Saturday, October 4 several members of the Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network board and Faith Lutheran church will be holding a new event called "Picnic of Hope". The purpose of the event is to reach out to the long-term homeless people in our community by providing a free lunch, health screenings and free clothing. The event has been modeled after a similar event in Columbus, Ohio, in which several members of Faith Lutheran have participated in the past several years. We're glad to have the confirmation from IU Health, Center for Healing and Hope, and the Clubhouse as well as a VA representative to participate in this event that is underwritten by GIHN. We will be talking to several other community organizations and businesses in the next few weeks for their involvement as well.

Missions and Service Ministry team has agreed to pay for the A1c diabetes testing. One way that Waterford Mennonite Church can get involved is by donating clothes for this event. As the winter is approaching we are looking for adult size winter clothes. We are looking for new socks and underwear and other clothes, maybe used, such as sweaters, coats, hats, shoes, pants, etc. Since this is a new event for the Goshen area we do not know how many people will visit this event and it may be anywhere between two and 200. Any donations that remain after the event will be passed on to other area mission organizations. We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to help distribute the clothes at this event. Please come see me if you have any questions. I will place a box labeled Picnic of Hope in the lobby area.

—Jan Oostland

## Soul Food Wednesdays

Please mark your calendar and plan on participating in our Fall Soul Food

Wednesdays (SFW). During SFWs we gather at 5:30 for dinner followed by activities for all ages. The fall dates are Sept. 24; Oct. 8 & 29; and Nov. 12. More information will be coming!



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## Tandem Bicycles Needed

We are looking to borrow as many tandem bicycles as we can to be used as part of our upcoming marriage retreat on Saturday, September 13. Couples present will be hearing from a local couple who has had a long history of riding tandem bikes together. Following their input we would like to present our couples with an opportunity to try out riding a tandem bike, which means that we need to borrow some tandem bikes (different styles are desired as well). Please contact Pastors Cindy or Lyle if you have a tandem bike we could borrow for that morning.

—Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life

## The Church-owned House is Rented: Meet the Family

We (the Mission and Service Ministry team) would like to introduce the family that moved into the house owned by the church on August 9, 2014. Some of you were able to meet them at the picnic on Sunday. Patricia was a single mother who recently married Mackenzie Robinson. Both are employed. She has three children. David Varela is an eighth grade student at Goshen Middle school, Luz Varela is a senior at Bluffton University in Ohio and has already returned there for the school year. Luz has been a MCC summer intern for the past several summers, splitting her time at both North Goshen Mennonite Church and the Center for Healing and Hope. The family is a part of North Goshen Mennonite Church. The third child is an older son, Hector Varela who attended WMC while a student at Goshen College. Hector is married, has a child and lives in Mexico. Please welcome them as there is opportunity to meet them.



## Church Picnic A Success

This Mission and Service Ministry Team would like to thank all of you who helped make this church picnic a success! We counted around 170 people enjoying the picnic together. We deemed the picnic a success because there were people who attended that we were meeting for the first time. There was lots of great conversations between people who do not always have an opportunity to connect; there was intergenerational laughter on the volleyball court as well as with the corn hole games; there were broader perspectives gained on the tours of the wetlands, and of course the food was delightfully delicious! Thank you for inviting your friends and neighbors, bringing food and games, helping with the children's activities, and helping set up and clean up. We are already looking forward to next year's picnic and therefore also welcome your ideas and suggestions!

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