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Acting in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors

Two weeks ago in Buzz I drew your attention to an opportunity you have to make yourself available for practical assistance with undocumented immigrants in our community now living in great fear of deportation and family disruption. You can continue to sign up on the sheet labeled Elkhart County HOPE Network at the Participation Station. Here are some additional ways you can educate yourself and get involved:

- Be here **in worship today** as we hear brief sharing from **Julia Schmidt**, current Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary student doing an internship with Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes, working to establish a future Immigrant Resource Center in Elkhart County.
- Learn more about the biblical foundation for why Christians should welcome the stranger and immigrant at a special presentation by **Danny Carroll Rodas, 7:00 p.m. on Sunday March 19**, at Eighth Street Mennonite Church, co-sponsored by ESMC and Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. This will include suggestions for how and why to respond compassionately to our immigrant neighbors. Danny Carroll is author of *Christians at the Border*, and Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College.
- Come to a **special informational gathering** for Waterford Mennonite Church people, at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday March 26**, in the church sanctuary. You will hear updates on the current situation by Richard Aguirre from Goshen College, and contact person for Elkhart County HOPE Network; a personal testimony by someone deeply affected these days; as well as more detailed information about the New Sanctu-

ary Movement and the potential Immigrant Resource Center, presented by Julia Schmidt. Come learn how you can be a good neighbor.

- Attend a **Community Good Friday worship service**, organized by Goshen Ministerial Alliance, at **noon on April 14**, at College Mennonite Church. This is an ecumenical service, planned in order to stand in solidarity with suffering and vulnerable people on the day of our Lord's greatest suffering for us.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

MYF Auction: Sunday, March 12

The major fundraiser for MYF service and convention trips and retreats is this Sunday at 6 p.m. It will include a silent auction, so come early to get your bid number and browse items. Come for supper, starting at 5:15, made by road chef Greg Hire. You can construct your own meal from a baked potato bar—*one way* but *yield* to those in front of you. *U-turns* and returns allowed. Then *stop* in the sanctuary for the auction. Those with preschool-age children may *detour* to the nursery for childcare provided by the MYF. An updated auction list will be available at the auction. Additional items listed on the back.

—Kevin Miller

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2017 Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

June 19-22

(Monday-Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.)

What will we look for when we dig?

What kind of treasure are we supposed to find?

Dig into a VBS that's all about Jesus' parables and the treasure to be found in his words.

Volunteer Registrations are in mailboxes this week. Return completed registrations to Mikki Bowman by March 26.



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Additional MYF Auction Items

The following are additional items not listed on the original sale bill:

- Carne Asada Meal on Friday, June 16 (includes those who purchased seats at last year's auction)
- Two fleece tie blankets
- One night of babysitting in Oostland home
- Pool party
- Ping pong table
- Cubs print microwave bowl holders
- Vintage checkerboard
- Handcrafted greeting cards by Becky Bateman
- Snowman lamp by Loanne Harms
- Best of Femi clothing box
- Ziploc bag drying rack made by Dave Leatherman
- 20x20 Log Cabin wall quilt by Lena Pettiford
- Five handcrafted pieces by Harold Helmuth including two trivets, a cheese board, a counter-top paper towel stand, a jewelry box crafted from a log (many worm borings give this added value)
- Curry meal for 6 by Mark and Pushpa King
- Ready-made Italian Beef Meal
- A \$100 certificate to Meadow Valley Golf Club
- Cheesecakes by Alexa Haarer.

Endowment Fund application deadline

If you know of worthy ministries or community projects that are in need of modest additional funds, please have a Waterford attender submit an application to our Endowment Fund. Next deadline is April 1. Application form can be found under the "Resources" tab at the church website.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

New Attender

My name is Jiwoo. I'm a 12th grader at Bethany Christian Schools and I'm an exchange student from South Korea. I have a brother who is currently living in South Korea. My parents live in Seoul. My host family is Gordon, Cynthia and Emma Bontrager. I enjoy participating in speech and debate and Bethany musicals. In June I am planning on going back to Korea for college, to major in international relations and politics.

