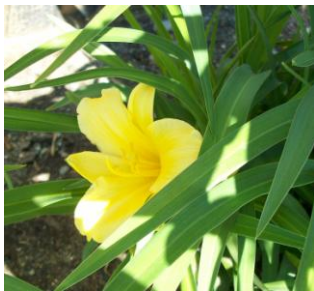


Coming Events by Lois Bare

Changes are underway for the annual fall GIHN Gala. For a number of years, this event has served as a major fundraiser and a recognition dinner for donors to the organization. The Board of Directors recommends that these two important elements be separated and has planned two events to accomplish these goals.

The first event, scheduled for **August 8**, is to recognize GIHN coordinators from all participating congregations. **If you are a coordinator, or if you volunteer in any capacity for GIHN, you are invited to an ice cream social at the Eighth Street Mennonite Church, at the corner of 8th and Purl streets, between 3 and 5 pm to meet people from other congregations who are engaged in similar rewarding work.** GIHN director, Tim Thorne, and assistant Lindsey Keesling, along with members of the Board of Directors will be present to answer any questions you may have. Tim will give a brief update of GIHN activity. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend this afternoon of appreciation and ice cream!

The second event, a major fundraiser, will be coming in the fall. Watch the next newsletter for more information.



First flower to bloom at GIHN on 3rd Street

GIHN OPEN HOUSE

In addition to these two events, **you are invited to a GIHN Open House to be held on Friday, July 2nd, in conjunction with Downtown Goshen's First Friday events. GIHN staff and board members will be on hand to offer a tour of the building at 105 South Third Street and to answer questions you may have.**

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to see where the offices and training facilities for guests are located. Bring your friends and help

spread the word about the ministry of Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network. We appreciate the endorsement of Ten Thousand Villages and we are very thankful that Shutterhugs is sponsoring GIHN for the First Friday event.



Seed plantings at GIHN

The Empty Bowl Fundraiser by Len Harms

On February 27, interested observers saw hundreds of people leaving the Farmer's Market in Goshen with empty clay bowls in their hands. Earlier in the day the members of the Clay Artists Guild transformed the stalls from the day's busy market into a huge dining hall for serving homemade soup, bread, and cookies to guests interested in supporting Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Over the previous twelve months these same artists along with students and teachers from Goshen, Northridge, and Memorial high schools were busy making the bowls in which to serve the soup. In the evening while people waited to be served, they thoughtfully selected a bowl from the vast array displayed on tables... a bowl that they got to keep. Not only did they choose the bowl but they also chose the soup to put in it from a selection of more than ten kinds with varied names, such as black bean, beer and cheese, tomato basil, and tortilla.

Members of the guild can relish in a sense of accomplishment by creating such a fun community event that brought joy to so many, cherished bowls to keep and a huge boost to Interfaith's mid-winter budget.

The members of the Board of Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network heartily thank the Clay Artists Guild, especially the organizer of the event, Kathy Mow, and all the other community-minded people who offered their support to the cause of homeless families in Goshen.

Our Host Churches

Assembly Mennonite
Berkey Ave. Menn. Fellowship
College Mennonite
Clinton Frame Mennonite
East Goshen Mennonite Church
Faith Mennonite
First United Methodist Church
Goshen City Church of the Brethren
North Goshen Mennonite
Siloam Fellowship
Silverwood Mennonite
St. John the Evangelist Church
St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox
Trinity Lutheran Church
Walnut Hill Mennonite
Waterford Mennonite Church
Yellow Creek Mennonite
8th Street Mennonite

Needs List

Immediate needs:

- diapers –size 4, 5 and 6
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- feminine hygiene products (Maxi pads with wings)
- laundry detergent
- fabric softener
- dusting spray
- dish soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- razors
- hair brushes
- kitchen size trash bags
- bleach based all purpose cleaners

On-going needs: Cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items of all kinds

We also appreciate **gift cards** from grocery stores, Wal-Mart or Target, drug stores, and gas stations. These are useful when we have a specific need (i.e....pajamas for a child, work shoes and clothes for a guest who finds a job or gas money for transportation to work).

Check out our WEBSITE by Lindsey Keesling

I would like to invite you to visit Goshen Interfaith's web site. Over the past few months we've been working hard to spruce up not only the appearance of the website but also the layout and availability of information. On the front page visitors are provided with the latest GIHN news. The new web design also allows us to maintain a needs list which is updated weekly. And perhaps most importantly, we can now keep the Hospitality Schedule up to date so the current number of guests is always available for quick reference.

Please visit us at...

gosheninterfaith.org

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