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## LIFE AT SONNENBERG

### SMW DECEMBER OFFERING PROJECT

The December project for Sonnenberg Mennonite Women is the Pregnancy Care Center in Wooster. Their December offering will go to PCC, and in addition they are hosting a diaper shower for PCC from now through December 9. Your donations of diapers, newborn to size 5, are welcomed for this project. There is a basket in the foyer for these donations.

PCC's Mission is to serve women in Wayne County who are facing pregnancy related challenges. Their goal is to assist pregnant women by providing the needed information that will allow them to make an educated decision concerning their pregnancy. PCC also provides material assistance for clients such as maternity and baby clothing, and other baby-related items.

PCC accepts donations of a variety of baby items including baby clothes, cribs, bassinets, changing tables, baby bathtubs, bouncy seats, infant to 3 year old toys, car seats (cannot be older than six years from manufacturer's date), strollers, walkers, etc. If you have items to donate, bring them to the church or contact Liz Gerber.

All items donated for Pregnancy Care Center will be taken to their offices in Wooster after December 9. Thanks for your help with making this a successful project in support of PCC.

### RECIPES FROM SMW PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

Over 35 women enjoyed a delicious progressive supper on Tuesday, October 20. The appetizers were hosted by Ellen Nussbaum, salads by Shirley Sommerfeld, main dish by Shirley Hochstetler and desserts by Barb Ressler. It was a fun evening of good food and fellowship enjoyed by all. Here are some of the requested recipes from some of the dishes served:

#### Black Bean and Corn Salsa

- 2 (15 oz.) cans black beans, drained
- 1 can shoepeg corn, drained
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup fresh tomatoes, diced
- chopped fresh cilantro

Mix together and serve with tortilla chips. Refrigerate.

#### Blueberry Salad

- 2 (3 oz.) packages grape gelatin
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 (#2) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (#2) can blueberry pie filling
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add other ingredients, pour into a 9x13 dish and refrigerate until set. Top with the following mixture:

- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 pint sour cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- chopped pecans to taste

Mix cream cheese and sour cream. Add sugar and vanilla. Beat until stiff peaks form; spread over gelatin mixture. After the topping is set, sprinkle with chopped pecans.

#### Sweet & Sour Chicken

Recipe from More with Less Cookbook found under Sweet and Sour Pork (Shirley substituted chicken for the pork).

#### Green Chicken Curry

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- (basmati or jasmine recommended)

Cook as directed and keep warm.

- 1 lb. chicken breast tenders, cubed
- 2 to 3 teaspoons green curry paste
- 1 (14 oz.) can light coconut milk, divided
- 2 cups tricolor chopped bell pepper mix.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Sprinkle chicken with salt. Add chicken to pan; sauté 4 minutes or until chicken is lightly browned. Stir in curry paste; cook 1 minute, stirring frequently. Stir in 1 cup coconut milk; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 4 minutes, or until chicken is done, stirring occasionally. Stir in bell pepper, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and remaining coconut milk. Cook 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Serve over rice. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro leaves, optional.

4 Servings of about 3/4 cup rice and 3/4 cup chicken mixture. Calories: about 285 per serving

(Recipes, continued)

## Oreo Truffles

- 1 package Oreos (finely crushed)
- 1 (8 oz.) cream cheese

Mix crushed Oreos and cream cheese together until smooth. Roll into teaspoon size balls and freeze for 1 hour. Dip with a toothpick into melted chocolate. Can use semi-sweet, milk chocolate chips or white chocolate chips. You can also sprinkle crushed Oreos, chocolate sprinkles, etc. over the top of each truffle. Be creative... Refrigerate or freeze again until serving. Makes 40-45.

## NEWS & NOTES

### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 330-857-7311

• **Fall Play, *Little Women***, will be presented next weekend, November 6 & 7, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m., under the direction of Julia Dunster. All seats are \$5.00 and pre-sale tickets are available from any junior, or will also be available at the door.

**CAMP LUZ Sustainable Food and Farming Conference** will be held November 20-22, 2009. This weekend event will provide a place for farmers, home gardeners, and food enthusiasts to gather together to explore how our food choices impact creation as well as our communities. Speaker: Dan Davidson, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, will be the keynote speaker. Join us for worship, fellowship, and seminars on topics such as organic gardening, cooking, getting started with organic growing and eating, and much more! For more information on prices and a registration form visit [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com).

**OHIO MENNONITE RELIEF SALE WRAP-UP MEETING** will be held here at Sonnenberg on Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include highlights from the sale, the treasurer's report will be given, and new board members affirmed. We are very grateful to God for another terrific sale. Come help us evaluate the 2009 sale and give us your ideas for future sales. We need your input.

**ORDER PECAN PIES** for your Thanksgiving dinner. This is a fundraiser to support the work of Harry and Linda Nussbaum in Puerto Rico. These delicious homemade pies can be enjoyed at Thanksgiving or they will also freeze well for Christmas. The cost per pie is \$10.00. Place your orders on the form in the foyer by next Sunday, November 8. Pay for your pies when you pick them up in the church kitchen on Thanksgiving morning, November 26, following the Thanksgiving service.

**ORRVILLE COMMUNITY CHORUS** begins rehearsals for Handel's Messiah today. New and returning singers, ages high school through adult are welcome. For additional information contact Karen Shank (330-837-4017) or visit their website: [www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org](http://www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org). Rehearsals and performance times are as follows:

- November 1 & 8, 2-3:30 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite
- November 15, 22 & 29, 2-3:30 p.m. at Central Christian School
- Saturday, December 5, 9-11:30 a.m. Dress Rehearsal at Central Christian School
- Sunday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. Performance at Central Christian School

**SEXUAL INTEGRITY IN A WORLD OF BROKENNESS:** SpringHaven Counseling Center and the Pier, a community center, are sponsoring the workshop "Sexual Integrity in a World of Brokenness." This workshop is for men and women who desire to learn more about sexual wholeness. The resource person is Jason Martinkus, a national speaker for Every Man's Battle, a sexual purity ministry based on Steve Arterburn's best-selling book. This event will be held November 13-14 at the Pier, 10470 Winesburg Road, Mount Eaton. For more details or to register confidentially contact SpringHaven at 330/359-6100. Space is limited, and preregistration is encouraged. See the posters/brochures in the foyer for additional information.

**CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS** will present "A Community-Centered Vision of Peacemaking," a Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) gathering, Sunday, November 8, from 4-6:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville. Sandra Milena Rincón, support coordinator for CPT's Colombia project, will be the featured speaker at the gathering. Sandra Rincón will speak about peacemaking in Colombia and the internationalization of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Sandra is dynamic and thoughtful. Everyone is welcome.

**SAILING ACTS:** On Sunday, November 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Mennonite, we invite you to experience "Sailing Acts" with Linford and Janet Stutzman. From May 2004 - August 2005 the Stutzman's lived aboard their sailboat "Sailing Acts" sailing the sea routes and retracing the land routes of the apostle Paul. Using a multi-media Power Point presentation, they share the adventure of the voyage interweaving personal learning, theological insights, biblical discovery, challenges and conclusions about Paul, the world and the Christian faith. Linford teaches at Eastern Mennonite University and Janet also works at EMU in development and church relations.

The next issue of *Sojourns* will be printed for Sunday, November 15, 2009. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!



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