

Koinonia's Extra News

October Summary

Church Activities

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to Us!! Koinonia turned 33 on September 19th. We celebrated last Sunday, October 4th. There was no Sunday School that day. We enjoyed a potluck as our celebration meal. Following our special expanded anniversary church service, which included communion, we gathered to eat all the delicious food people had brought. We also enjoyed seeing a slide show covering church activities over the past few years, which was put together by Mike T. Everyone enjoyed seeing photos of all of us when we were a little younger. The slide show was accompanied by music from the Baptist Peace Fellowship CD that we have been mentioning for a few weeks. If you enjoyed the music, you can let Barb T. know and she will be able to pick up copies of the CD at the cost of \$12 and bring them to you at the end of October, saving the cost of shipping. Just let her know.

Making School Kits. We're still making and filling MCC school kits. The deadline for sewing the bags and putting in the material is this Sunday, October 11th. If you have questions contact Hazel K. or Barb T

The J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) group met this past Sunday after Sunday School for a salad lunch at Sweet Tomatoes. At the meal, we selected some things we want to do during the rest of the fall season. Watch here for updates. There are some exciting plans afoot!

See Hurricane on the Bayou, Saturday November 7 at 4:30PM. Next June, we are hoping to have a mission trip for some hands-on work in New Orleans with our partner congregation through Churches Supporting Churches, the New Orleans Bible Fellowship Baptist Church. To help raise funds for the trip and our partner congregation, we are showing "**Hurricane on the Bayou**" at Faith Community Church, 1125 N. Dobson Rd. It has a larger auditorium and large movie screen. We've set suggested donation prices at \$6 per person; \$25 for a family pack; kids 7 and under free. We think it's something we all should see as we are deciding what level of commitment we want to make to this mission project. Put the date on your calendars. Help us to advertise the film widely, and we can use your help in selling tickets, too.

Roll up your sleeves! It's time for another work day to keep the property looking good. On Saturday, October 31 from 6-9 a.m., we need as many able bodies as possible to show up at church and help clean up the back

yard and the trees. This is the first of two work days currently being planned. The date for the other is not yet set, but will likely be in November.

A lot of planning has to go into our [Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Holiday Sale](#) every year. We've already placed our official Ten Thousand Villages order and we're looking at the other things we will get from other fair trade vendors. We plan to have lovely new textiles this year from India and pottery from Jerusalem. The bulletin inserts/door hangers have already arrived, and we will be having our "[door-hanger day](#)" of pizza and going around the neighborhood to encourage our neighbors to attend on Sunday, November 22nd. Put the date on your calendars.

Of course, the sale wouldn't happen without all of the help that we get from our members and friends, so we just want to get you started thinking about Christmas a little early, and about how you can help us with all the things that need to get done to make the sale a success. On Sunday, September 27th, we distributed a list of the "job descriptions" for each of the tasks. We are gratified that several people have already signed up to help. If you missed the meeting, don't fret! Any time you'd like to tell us of your wish to [volunteer](#), we'd be happy to catch you up to speed. Just tell Hazel or Barb T. This year, we want to remind our winter visitors that we can also use your help, either with preparations once you arrive in Arizona, or with help as bakers, floor monitors, cashiers, etc., on the days of the sale. We anticipate having approximately \$20,000 worth of merchandise for sale this year, and doing that in just two days will take many hands. The sale dates this year are December 4th and 5th. Put those dates on your calendar, too.

News from members and mission partners

Since the death this past year of [Romanian missionary](#) Ileana Pincu, her son Daniel and his wife, Ramona, have been continuing Ileana's ministry. Daniel is back in the area, and we look forward to hearing from him about the ongoing work there on Sunday, November 22, before he returns to Romania. Look for photos on our bulletin boards to see how the work of Ileana and her late husband, Pastor Peter Pincu, is continuing and multiplying.

Events in Neighboring Churches

[First Mennonite Church](#) is holding a [Craft Fair](#) on November 7 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See more details on the attached flyer.

Other Events and Information

What are you doing to live more simply and sustainably? Whatever you are doing to make the world a better and more sustainable place to live, the authors of a new Mennonite Publishing Network book, **Simply Sustainable**, want to know. The book is scheduled for release in the Fall of 2010. To offer a submission or to learn more about the book please visit www.simply-sustainable.org.

Conference Mission Visioning Meetings. To continue the work done on October 16, there will be another PSMC Mission Visioning Meeting on Friday, December 4 at Basileia Christian Fellowship in El Monte, CA. More details will come closer to the event.

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