

Community and Conference Announcements

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**COMMUNITY**

**Blood Mobile:** As your December calendar fills up, remember to schedule time on Dec. 30 to continue the gift-giving spirit of Christmas and schedule time to donate blood, volunteer, or provide cookies. The time is from 2:00-6:00 and we especially invite all college students who are home for the holidays to join us as we try to reach our goal of 35.

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**Kits for Christmas:** *A gift of joy with some assembly required*

Share the joy of Christmas with others around the world. MCC urgently needs 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits to replenish its supply. Shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have largely drained MCC's warehouses. Please consider donating a kit this Christmas (details about MCC kits can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits)). Explore all the MCC gift options and discover more ways to share the joy at [mcc.org/christmas](http://mcc.org/christmas) or make checks payable to MCC and send them to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117.

**HARVEY COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER**

**It's Wintertime! You can feel it in the air!**

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter needs daytime help during the winter. The shifts needed are:

- **8am-1pm** and **noon-5pm** both **Saturdays** and **Sundays**
- **same hours Weekdays when bitter cold/ice**
- **Noon meals** are needed during these times as well.

We are compiling a list of "On Call" volunteers to get us through the Winter.

If you can help, please email [mary@hchs-ks.com](mailto:mary@hchs-ks.com) or call us at 283-7711

**Families:** Right now in the shelter we have 7 children, 4 of which are under 2yrs old. Most of these families are new to the area and do not know people or places that will let them come during the day. This creates a need for the shelter to be open - so these babies can have access to their necessities and have the security and consistency of " home base."

**Bitter Cold/Snow/Ice:** While the weather stays bearable, we will only be open during the days for families with children, and on Sundays for everyone. When the weather turns for the worse, we will need to stay open for everyone both Saturday and Sunday, and possibly during the week as well.

**Christmas Holiday:** We will no doubt be open longer hours over the Christmas break and need more volunteers during the Christmas break.

**Meals:** Along with our longer hours comes the need for lunches, like nice warm soup n sandwiches, etc.

**Prayer:** Pray, Pray Pray! Staff, Volunteers AND Residents get a little squirley when couped up! We can ALL use prayer.

**Thank You** for ALL who continue to support us in so many ways and to keep our Shelter going to provide warmth and security for our little ones and our lost souls.

If you are willing to volunteer to help staff the shelter during the day or help with lunches, please email [mary@hchs-ks.com](mailto:mary@hchs-ks.com) or call us at 283-7711

## COLLEGES

### Bethel College Women's Association Announces Limerick Contest

<i>A new Bethel book needs some text.</i>	<i>An alphabet book 'bout BC</i>	<i>If you fancy you're good with a rhyme,</i>
<i>About this we were quite perplexed,</i>	<i>(A rhyme for each letter, you see).</i>	<i>This contest has come just in time.</i>
<i>But got quite excited</i>	<i>If your limerick's chosen</i>	<i>It's your time for fame,</i>
<i>When soon we decided</i>	<i>Amongst those proposin'</i>	<i>So join in this game</i>
<i>A contest is what would come next.</i>	<i>We know you'll be dancing with glee!</i>	<i>Through text for a book most sublime.</i>

With this limerick, the Bethel College Women's Association launches the first phase of the production of "A BC ABC Book." In the book, each letter of the alphabet will describe an aspect of Bethel College (Kansas) with a limerick. Aspiring writers who have knowledge of and/or association with Bethel College are invited to submit limericks. Participants may submit as many limericks as they like. Submissions must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2012. They can be mailed to Bethel College Women's Association at BCWA, 300 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, North Newton, KS 67117; or they can be submitted online on or before January 15 at [www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa/limerick/](http://www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa/limerick/). Limericks submitted by mail must include name, address, relationship to Bethel College, and the statement, "I accept that submitted limericks become the property of Bethel College Women's Association," along with signature and the date. A committee of the Bethel College Women's Association will judge the limericks. Contest winners will be immortalized as published authors and will receive a copy of the book. Questions can be directed to Susan Bartel ([316-283-5632](tel:316-283-5632), [asbartel@cox.net](mailto:asbartel@cox.net)) or Berneil Rupp Mueller ([316-283-1663](tel:316-283-1663), [tabco@cox.net](mailto:tabco@cox.net)).

## THIRD WAY MEDIA

### radio program, *Shaping Families*

#### **Weekend of December 10, 2011 – Extreme Forgiveness**

John Perkins, a longtime Christian champion of racial reconciliation, shares his personal testimony including how he found it within himself to forgive those who tormented him.

#### **Weekend of December 17, 2011 – Christmas Miracles**

Take a needed 15-minute break during your busy Christmas preparations and listen to new, touching Christmas stories, scriptures and carols.

***The Third Way Media Shaping Families program for Dec 16 includes Carol Duerksen reading the Donkey story which was written by Carol and used at Night in the Barn several years ago.***

#### **Weekend of December 24, 2011 – Christmas Memories**

What is one of your favorite memories of Christmas over the years? This year on *Shaping Families*, the staff of MennoMedia, which produces this 15-minute weekly program, recalls some of their favorite stories and memories.

#### **Weekend of December 31, 2011 – Two Year Anniversary Program: Tell Me a Story!**

*Shaping Families* is two years old and staff has put together a special program, pulling some favorite programs and sharing highlights.

Listen on KBCU 88.1 FM North Newton, KS Fri 4:00 PM or visit [www.ShapingFamilies.com](http://www.ShapingFamilies.com) the weekend the program airs to download a podcast or the transcript.