

Community and Conference Announcements

COMMUNITY

AGAPE IS IN DANGER OF CLOSING ITS DOORS: This notice is from the board of the Agape Senior Center. Our letters, notices and pleas have not yielded the volunteers needed to keep the center going. It is the decision of the Board that if we do not receive volunteers for the following needs we will proceed with the process of closing Agape Senior Center. The immediate need is for the following: 1. Board members willing to take responsibility for a function of the board such as fund raiser, secretary, treasurer, chairman, grounds maintenance, building maintenance, publicity. 2. Volunteers to take charge of serving meals, setting up home delivered meals, cleaning up after meals, driving to Hillsboro to get meals. 3. Site council members (help the site manager to plan activities and programs). 4. More people eating lunch at Agape. The Agape board needs to hear from persons wanting to volunteer by December 9, 2011. Persons volunteering for board membership should contact Norman Schmidt at 367-8140. For other volunteer positions contact Jenny Girard at 367-2275.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Alan Stucky will be ordained at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, (1020 E 14th (Hwy 160), Harper, KS) on December 4, at 3:30 pm, with a meal to follow at 5.

COLLEGES

Upcoming at Bethel:

Sunday, Dec. 4 – 26th annual Lighting of the Green, with candles provided; 8 p.m., with refreshments following in cafeteria

PEACE CONNECTIONS

Looking for a way to make a real and lasting lasting difference in our community?

Check out Circles of Hope

Who should attend?

- * Anyone who would like to understand more about the causes and possible solutions for poverty.
- * Anyone interested in making a difference in someone's life by becoming an Ally to a person in low resources.
- * Anyone avid about getting better educated and more engaged in a community-scale dialogue about addressing poverty.
- * Pastors, social workers and others in a position to refer persons of low resources to Circles of Hope.

What:

Exploring...

- * What is Circles of Hope?
- * What is Bridges Out of Poverty?
- * What does it mean to be an Ally?

When:

1-Session Option: Jan. 14, 8:30 – 4 pm (lunch included)

3-Session Option: Jan. 17th, 24th & 31st, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Attending 1 Saturday session or 3 consecutive Tuesdays meets the basic requirements to become a Circles Ally.

Where: First United Methodist Church – 801 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114

How: To register, contact us at [316-284-0000](tel:316-284-0000) or email us at info@peaceconnections.org

THIRD WAY MEDIA

radio program, *Shaping Families*

Weekend of December 3, 2011 – Losing a Mother to Suicide

Stephen Akinduro, a young man who lost his mother to suicide, shares his struggles and how he found the faith and strength to go on.

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.

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 the weekend the program airs to download a podcast or the transcript.