

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn's office hours next week will be Wednesday, March 21, 9-noon and Friday, March 23, noon to five. Please call her cellphone to set up times and locations for meetings.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting TACO TUESDAY, a fundraising banquet on March 20, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal begins at 6 pm and will feature a catered taco bar. Music by guest musician, **Bryan Moyer Suderman**, and a program of Open Arms ministry highlights will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by March 16, to OpenArms.rsvpify.com, to reserve your place!

Hannah Troyer is the co-organizer of a grassroots movement and free conference on April 14th, called "The Neighborhood: Who is my neighbor?" The Neighborhood exists to bring together people with diverse experiences, to listen to and learn from each other, with the purpose of building meaningful community. You'll have to opportunity to hear stories told by people of color, about their experiences living in a majority white Christian culture. The event will be held at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg from 10am-4pm. Please see Hannah for further details on attending, volunteering, or donating."

Some donations still tax deductible. Most of us give, not because of the tax benefits, but because we want to share with others. Nevertheless, some donations remain tax deductible under the new federal tax law, including charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), gifts of commodities and large gifts to donor advised funds.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event: Join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building, 3987 Kidron Road, in Kidron. Special guest speakers will be Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

BACM: Bring **Canned soup/Ramen noodles and shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **March** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.