

Peace Family Celebration Day

On Wednesday, there will be many activities offered at the Two Rivers Park and McGavock High School. You may choose to enjoy the following: frisbee golf, volleyball tournaments, basketball tournaments, soccer, bungee run, 4-man gladiator joust, inflated obstacle course, and velcro wall.

Start Time	End Time	Activity	Location
12:00 pm	1:30 pm	Lunch	Ryman B
12:30 pm	2:30 pm	mTOWN	Ryman C
2:30 pm	3:00 pm	Pre-worship	Delta Ballroom
3:00 pm	4:15 pm	Joint Worship	Presidential Ballroom
4:15 pm	6:00 pm	Transition	Delta Ballroom
4:30 pm	9:00 pm	Pick up supper, transport to park	Presidential Ballroom
4:30 pm	9:00 pm	mTOWN	Presidential Lobby
4:30 pm	9:00 pm	Park Activities	Ryman C
6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Tournaments, etc.	Two Rivers Park
8:30 pm	9:30 pm	Water Park	McGavock High School
9:00 pm	12:00 am	Transition -	Two Rivers Park
		Transport to hotel	McGavock High School
		Late Night Activities	mTown

Buses will be running between the hotel, Two Rivers Park, and McGavock High School on a continuous basis.

Tournaments

Basketball and volleyball tournaments will be organized on Wednesday only! Be sure to stop by the recreation table at registration when you arrive in Nashville, to sign up your team. If you'd like to participate but don't have a "team", we'll assign you to a team! Inter-generational teams are encouraged!!! Example: Your team should include several persons from the adult, young adult, or jr. high conventions. Start asking around in your church now, and form your team with those attending the convention.



Recreation

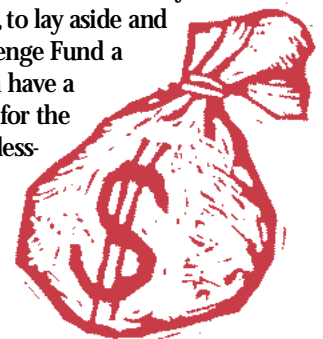
If you are asking yourself ... how can I meet persons from other parts of North America while I'm at Nashville? ... then you'll want to be sure to find your way to the recreation area in mTOWN. There will be a variety of activities ranging from active to leisure. You can participate in badminton, mini-golf, Ultimate Dutch Blitz, floor hockey, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, or aerobics. You won't want to miss the chance to participate in a daily "Where's Menno?" competition for prizes. For the Friday night finale, there will also be the popular Sumo Wrestling!

Music Compact Disc

Youth Convention received a special deal that made it possible to have more CDs made of some of the songs to be sung during Nashville 2001 Youth Convention. We now have two different CDs available: one with the music and vocals and the other is the accompaniment only. Place your order now with your payment of \$12 (US) or \$18 (CND) per CD. These will also be available for sale during convention.

Financial Challenge

Many groups have applied for financial help in order to attend Youth Convention. We want to remind you, if you have not already done so, to lay aside and send in to the Financial Challenge Fund a tithe of your earnings or even have a special fundraiser specifically for the Fund. Your efforts will be a blessing for youth to be able to attend convention that otherwise might not be able to attend.



Sponsor's Handbook

The mailing date for the Sponsor's Handbook is April 30. After that date it will also be posted on the web for downloading.

New e-mail address

Have you updated our new e-mail address in your address book? It is MennYC@mennoniteUSA.org

Tennessee Tax Exemption

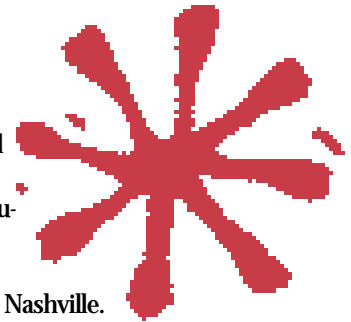
When contacting the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, Patsy Clark, director, for an application form, be sure to mention that you are applying for a church. Otherwise you may receive the form provided for businesses.

Banners

Just a reminder that if your youth group is planning to prepare a banner for Nashville 2001, you will find the details regarding the text and dimensions in the memo that accompanied the registration forms mailed out in December, or you may contact our office.

Tips

Giving a tip is one way to bless another. Bellhops, hotel cleaning staff, and those serving us when eating in a restaurant are examples of people who will be working hard to give us a good experience in Nashville. See the December issue of "On the Road to Nashville" for details regarding appropriate amounts for tips.



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What is mTOWN



Consider it "home base" in the middle of this great big convention - Nashville 2001 - all the good stuff in one place.

mTOWN is where you can meet your youth group and your friends and new people, play games, get creative, find music and drama, learn how other Mennonite believers express their Christian faith, pray, get the latest convention news...and much more. In other words, it's a place to live - where mind, body, spirit and convention come together.

About that "m" in mTOWN, it could mean different things to different people: my, meet, mingle, middle, Mennonite, music, mission, miniature, motion, miscellaneous, ministry, martyrs, media. A town is a place to meet people, to hang out, to play, to learn to know each other. What will it mean to YOU? You, as a resident of mTOWN, must build that meaning.

mTOWN is located in the lower level of the Convention Center. It is a pillared town - 80 pillars, or trees if you prefer. The town is a decent size - about 200,000 square feet, although if all 10,000 "residents" arrive and stay awhile, it will be very cozy. As a resident, you may choose to sit down and have a chat with Mayor Rachel Lapp. In addition to

her other chores, she will take time to discuss town politics with you.

mTOWN has town homes with rooms such as The Charcoal Grille, The Drawing Room, The Deck, The Garage, and The Basement. It has schools, health centers, shopping areas, recreation courts and entertainment centers. It has children, youth, and adults.

In mTOWN you'll find the Missions Courtyard, Peace Island, a large Provident Bookstore, the University, and a museum of martyrs. You'll enjoy shops, galleries, and Cyber Cafe.

Play a game of ping-pong, learn about good health, sign up to contribute blood to the bloodmobile, or join with others browsing scores of creative displays.

The Youth Art Gallery will feature works created at the convention by youth. The media will include photography, watercolors, wire sculpture, charcoal, fabric collage, and clay. Poetry and journal sketches are also welcomed.

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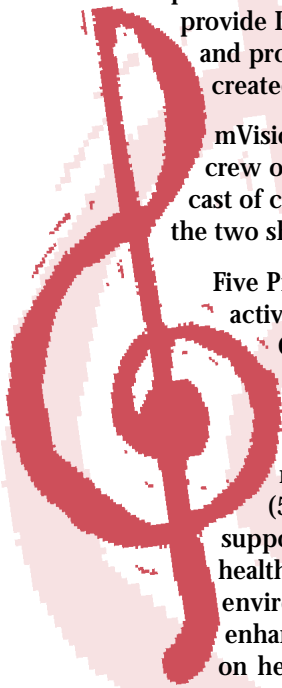
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"A Shroud for a Journey" is a 30-minute video produced, written, and directed by four young Mennonites captivated by the life and disappearance of Clayton Kratz, a Goshen College student who disappeared in Russia in 1920. The video chronicles both the life of Clayton Kratz and the journeys of the four young people as they search for the meaning in his story and retrace his steps through Greece, Turkey, and the Ukraine 80 years after his disappearance. It also includes a discussion with the filmmakers.

Youth will stop in often at the neighborhood rooms. Here youth groups and their sponsors or newly made groups of friends can settle down for a spell in. Also nearby is the Cyber Cafe, where Mennonite Media, in cooperation with other Mennonite web sites will provide Internet access (particularly e-mail) and promote the web sites that have been created by Mennonite agencies.

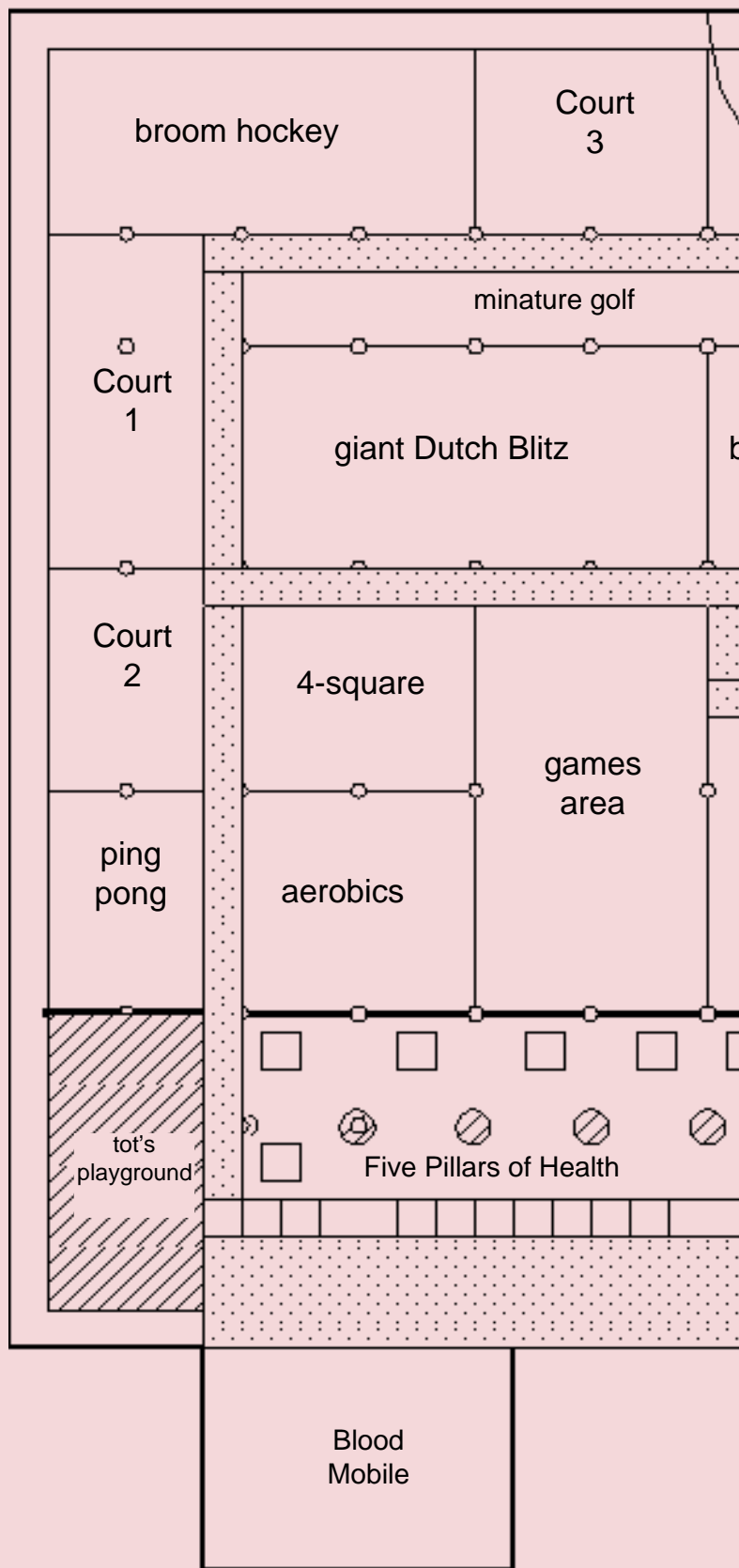
mVision will contain a studio in which a crew of students will produce a daily newscast of convention activities. Stop by to watch the two shows in production.



Five Pillars of Health is an education and activity center directed by Dr. Terry Chappell. Each pillar tells of one aspect of well-being: (1) spiritual and emotional, (2) circulation and brain function, (3) structure and movement, (4) immunity and energy, and (5) fuel and waste. Together the pillars support the body as a Temple. Learn about healthy cooking, juicing, chemicals in the environment, detoxification, energy enhancers, homeopathic remedies, books on health topics, cardiac risk factors, brain recovery, music therapy, aromatherapy, and stress-busters. Health screening will be offered and an exercise area with scheduled demonstrations.

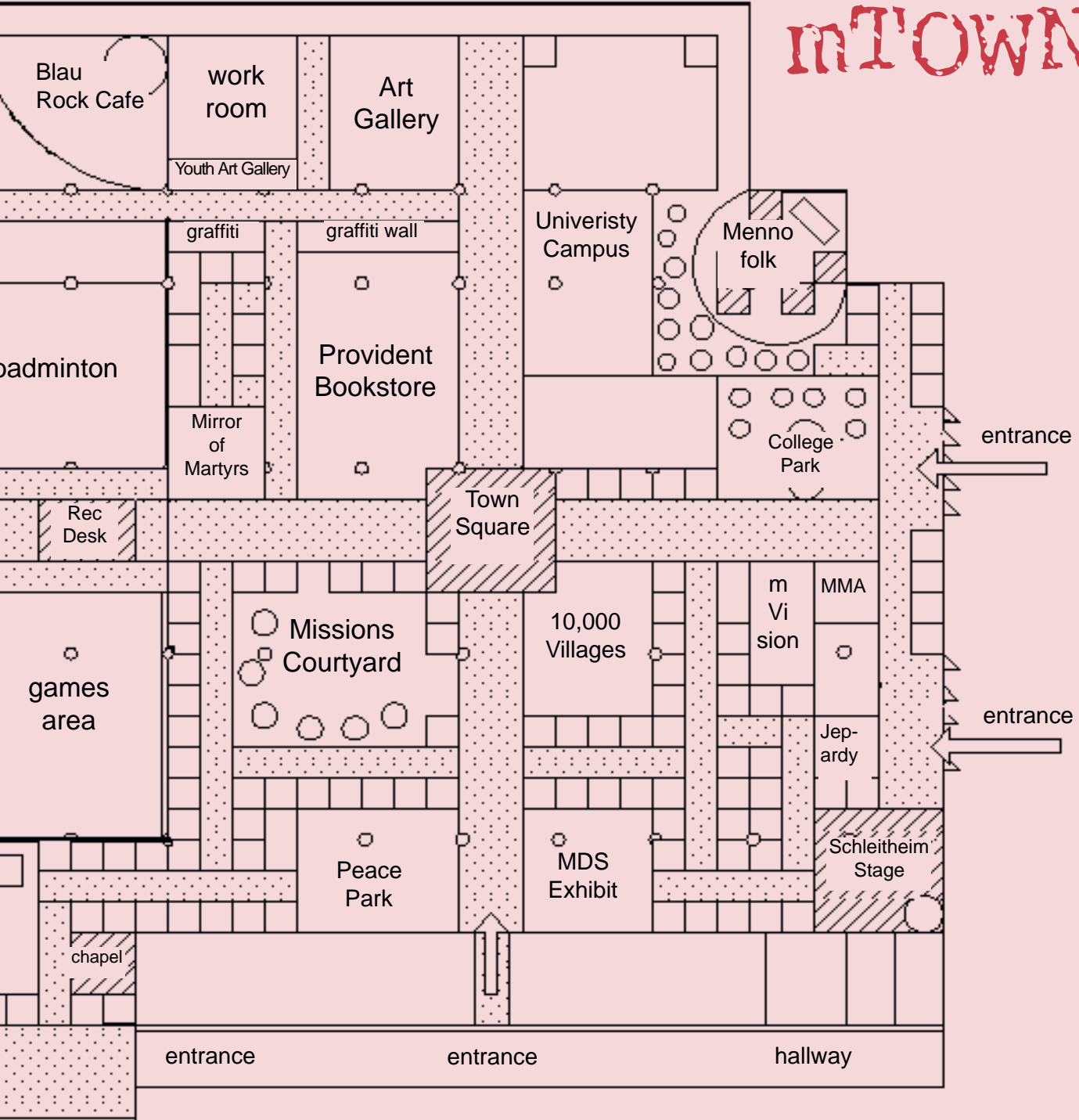
Blaurock Cafe will feature Wineland Group, Dave Foncannon, Midnight on the Black Swamp, Good Shepherd Praise and Worship Team, Peren Policy, Jerry Derstine, an Indonesian drum troupe, Nicole Hershberger Band, Stigmata, Dynasty, Reunion Vocal Band, Patchwork MVS Unit and others.

Mennofolk, located near a coffee bar, has a full schedule of individual and small-group performers such as Eden Trio, Ray Metzler and Jeff Miller, Amy Stauffer, Marianne Kesler, Tom and Lois Harder and many others.



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mTOWN



What is mTown, continued

Like all villages, mTOWN has its commercial zone. Go shopping in The College Store, Provident Bookstore, and 10,000 Villages. Not far away is a Flower Shop.

You can expect interesting exhibits from many agencies such as camps, schools, church publications, mission agencies, historical organizations and mutual aid associations. Ted Houser is bringing an exhibit telling of the 50-year history of Mennonite Disaster Service. Don't miss it. MCC USA will inform visitors of its work through the use of a revised version of the game Jeopardy.

In the Game of Life, sponsored by the Mennonite colleges, you will make choices and then discover the consequences. At the Schleithem Stage, you might hear a testimony of faith, a children's story, the worship and praise teams, or the group Road Less Traveled.

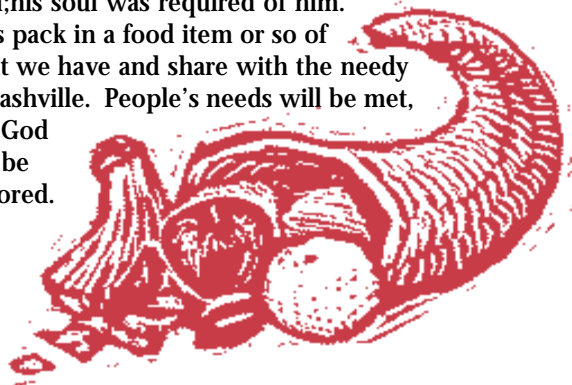
mTOWN is myTOWN and yourTOWN and ourTOWN where we come together, in Christ.

A gift of food - an honor to God

There will be many ways to worship (honor) God while we are together at Nashville 2001. One of these will be the opportunity during our first worship session to share a gift of food that will then be given to the local food bank that distributes food items to needy persons or families in the Nashville area. Since during the summer months stocks run especially low, our gift of food will be very much needed and appreciated.

How does God feel about a food gift? What did Jesus teach about it? The rich man in Luke 12 tore down his barns and built greater to store up his abundance of food; his soul was required of him.

Let's pack in a food item or so of what we have and share with the needy in Nashville. People's needs will be met, and God will be honored.



Opryland Hotel Service Charge

Beginning on April 1, 2001, Opryland Hotel will combine the most commonly requested services and products into an all inclusive service fee. This \$9.00 daily fee will include the following services:

- USA Today delivered daily (previously 50 cents per day)
- In-room gourmet coffee
- In-room brand name bottled water (previously \$4.00 per bottle)
- Initial access charge for local calls (previously 95 cents per call)
- 1-800 initial access charge (previously (95 cents per call)
- Fitness Center privileges (previously \$5.00 per day)
- Springhouse practice facility, clubs and range balls (previously \$2.00 per transfer)
- Scheduled complex transportation to Opry Mills or General Jackson (previously \$2.00 per transfer)
- In-room safe for all your valuables
- Opry Mills Discount Book (previously \$5.00 per coupon book)

In an effort to add value and to recognize the short nature of notice of the service fee, Opryland has agreed to reduce the room rate by \$6.00 per day thereby netting a \$3.00 charge for all of the services listed above. Rooms will be listed as \$83.50 per night plus 5% tax plus the \$9.00 service fee.

We realize this is unexpected and are trying to give as much notice as possible. This is a new hotel policy that is being implemented in all of their hotels. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

As an added bonus, all rates at Opryland are now \$83.50 for ANY type of room - traditional or garden.

Registration deadline

Registration deadline at a discounted price is fast approaching-April 30. If you have registered your group, but have not yet sent in your payment and parental signatures, please do so by the deadline. Until we receive that, you are not OFFICIALLY registered.

