

Mennonites party for peace

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Celebrating life and affirming a desire for peace has prompted Mennonites from Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham to organize a peace party at Stouffville's Latcham Hall Saturday.

The free event runs from 3 to 5 p.m. Musicians will be playing bluegrass and folk music. There will be activities for children and adults and an opportunity to contribute to some of the 40,000 relief kits the Central Mennonite Committee wants to send to

Iraq shortly.

Instead of walking with signs and protesting war, said Pieter Niemeier, associate pastor of Rouge Valley Mennonite Church, "we wanted to be life-affirming."

Pastor Niemeier will be leading a Christian Peacemakers team to Hebron, Israel May 20 to June 8.

The team is comprised of people who want to understand what is going on in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and work toward a peaceful solution.

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