

Perspective



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Regional pastor relocates to Elida

Regional Pastor Andy Stoner and his wife, Anita, have moved from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Elida. Please note their new contact information: Their new address is 5465 Dutch Hollow Road, Elida OH 45807. Their new phone number is (419) 339-9969. Andy's e-mail address remains the same: rpandy@juno.com.

Seminar on aging planned in Walnut Creek

WALNUT CREEK — Walnut Hills Retirement Community will sponsor a seminar on aging and how to minister to older adults on Tuesday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at Walnut Creek Mennonite Church in Walnut Creek.

The speaker will be Clare Schumm, a pastoral counselor gifted in working with older adults and their families. The seminar will feature two sessions.

“Growing Older: Passages to Freedom” will focus on the challenges and opportunities encountered as individuals gradually lose some independence and will also address the primary spiritual tasks of aging and the opportunity for ongoing spiritual growth.

“Seeing Through A Glass Darkly: Dementia and Spirituality” will focus on what happens to faith and spirituality when an individual's intellect and cognitive function deteriorate and will address whether a person's value and worth are primarily determined by intellect, cognitive ability and rationality.

A registration fee of \$10 can be paid at the door on May 5. Lunch will be provided after the seminar. For registration information, contact Jocelyn Hamsher at (330) 893-3200, ext. 353.

Black Swamp Benefit Bazaar set for June 19-20

The Annual Black Swamp Benefit Bazaar will be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on June 19 and 20. Event planners are anticipating an exciting event filled with special activities for everyone to enjoy. Proceeds from the benefit will support Sunshine Inc. of Northwest Ohio and also assist with international disaster relief efforts through Mennonite Central Committee.

The centerpiece of the two-day fundraising event is the quilt and wood auction. This main auction features handcrafted quilts and

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Perspective inserts

Included with this issue of *Perspective* are the March issue of *The Parish Paper* and a list of prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

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wall hangings in a wide variety of sizes and colors, handmade wood furniture and accessories, antiques and other merchandise. Visitors will also enjoy more than 20 food booths, an extensive craft area, handcrafts from world artisans at the Ten Thousand Villages shop, a huge children's activity area and children's toy auction, a silent auction and much more. For those interested in previewing the quilts to be sold, an exhibit of 20-25 quilts will be held at Toledo Mennonite Church on May 15 from 1 to 8 p.m., May 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 17 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Friday night activities include a "Kids on the Block" puppet show for children, along with the silent auction and mini-auction of specialty wood and craft items. Returning events include the Bullfrog 5K Run as well as the Oozeball Mud Volleyball Tournament on Saturday morning. Games and activities are planned for the young along with the annual children's auction on Saturday morning.

New this year is the Black Swamp 2009 promotional DVD. This DVD will allow you to share information with your church groups (youth group, quilters, senior citizens, children's Sunday school, worship leaders), community organization and others. To request a copy of the 2009 DVD, call (419) 335-2763, ext. 10. To get directions, learn more about the event, or preview items up for bid at the main auction, visit the Black Swamp Web site at www.blackswampbenefit.org.

Tuck a musical instrument into your flight bag

Strasbourg, France — Planning to go to Paraguay 2009, the Mennonite World Conference assembly in Asunción, Paraguay, in July? Need a great idea for a gift to leave there? How about that dusty musical instrument taking up space in your closet or attic? Or a new one? A unique program in Paraguay needs them.

Sonidos de la Tierra (Sounds of the Earth), a program initiated by Luis Szaran, the conductor of the Asunción Municipal Orchestra, provides musical instruments and teachers in poor sections of Asunción, Paraguay, and numerous nearby small towns. The music department at *Centro Evangélico Menonita de Teología Asunción* (CEMTA), the Mennonite seminary, works closely with *Sonidos de la Tierra*, providing lessons and performance opportunities for area children.

Arlo Kasper of Kansas Paraguay Partners and professor emeritus of Theater Arts at Bethel College in Kansas has learned that the best way to move instruments to Paraguay is in the luggage of travelers. Larger instruments need to be boxed and checked as a second personal bag. Instrument donors should check with their airline on regulations for transporting instruments and they may direct questions to Kasper at AKASPER@bethelks.edu.

To learn more about the school, go to to <http://www.sonidosdelatierra.org.py/english/index.php>. For further information, contact Renate Franz, coordinator of service opportunities and the youth committee for Paraguay 2009: RenateFranz@mwc-cmm.org.

Worship perspective

Kidron Mennonite Church will host "Building Bricks," a seminar for worship teams and musicians, on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free seminar will feature input from Jeff Polen and worship music by the band Polen. Pizza will be provided for lunch. A flier about the seminar is included with this issue of *Perspective*. If you have questions about the seminar, e-mail dmustang84@yahoo.com or call the church at (330) 857-3461.

Perspective deadlines

April 16 for April 20 issue
April 30 for May 4 issue

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