

# Perspective



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## ***Please remember Jean Schmitt in prayer***

Please keep Jean Schmitt, member of the Ohio Conference Gifts Discernment Ministry, in your prayers. Jean, who is the wife of Howard Schmitt, pastor of South Union Mennonite Church in West Liberty, suffered a brain bleed at church on Sunday, July 26. She was taken to the local hospital and then life-flighted to Riverside Methodist in Columbus, where she was treated for four days. She experienced paralysis on her right side.

She was then transferred to Mount Carmel West and is making progress with four hours of various kinds of therapy each day. Visitation is possible but not necessarily encouraged at this time due to her therapy schedule. If you do plan to visit, please contact Howard first about possible times. Howard's cell phone number is (614) 746-2323. Cards may be mailed to Jean Schmitt, Room 7W 81, Mount Carmel West, 793 W. State St., Columbus OH 43222.

## ***Have you registered for these events?***

Time still remains to register for two Ohio Conference-sponsored events, the E<sup>3</sup> Youth Ministry Training and the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat. The E<sup>3</sup> event will take place Sept. 19 at Central Christian School in Kidron, and the Pastor-Spouse Retreat will take place Nov. 6-8 at the Mohican State Park Lodge in Loudonville. For registration forms, go to the Ohio Conference Web site at [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net) and click on "Publications."

## ***CDs available from Resource Library***

CDs with the songs written for the Revitalizing Testimony in Worship project are now available from the Ohio Conference Resource Library in Kidron. The Resource Library now has two copies of the CD, which has recordings of the two songs written by Christine Nafziger, "We Will Stand, We Will Speak," and "I Will Stand." Borrowers are free to make copies of the CD for congregational use. (Recordings of songs also are available as MP3 files from the Ohio Conference Web site: [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net).)

To borrow a CD or any of the other items in the Resource Library, contact Judy King at (330) 857-5421 or [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net). A listing of items available from the Resource Library may be found on the Ohio Conference Web site: [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net). (Click on "Resource Library.")

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***Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.***

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## ***Perspective inserts***

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***This issue of Perspective includes the August issue of The Parish Paper and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.***

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## ***Please distribute Perspective copies to:***

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
  - Delegates
  - Duplicate for other church leaders
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## **Workshop to focus on sexual integrity**

SpringHaven Counseling Center, in conjunction with Pier Community Center, is sponsoring "Sexual Integrity in a World of Brokenness," a workshop for men and women who desire to hear more about sexual wholeness. This event will be held Nov. 13-14 at The Pier, 10470 Winesburg Road, Mount Eaton.

The resource person for this workshop is Jason Martinkus. After sexual addiction almost took his life and marriage, Jason was called into ministry to help other men. Jason is a national speaker for Every Man's Battle, a sexual purity ministry based on Steve Arterburn's best-selling book. He is also president of Redemptive Living, a Denver-based counseling and speaking ministry dedicated to helping men with sexual integrity.

For more details and to register, contact SpringHaven at [info@springhaven.us](mailto:info@springhaven.us) or call (330) 927-2020 (Rittman location) or (330) 359-6100 (Mount Eaton location). Space is limited, and pre-registration is encouraged.

## **Thanks expressed for petition efforts**

On July 29 the Ohio Conference office forwarded a message to all Conference congregations in Ohio from two Ohio pastors, Steve Goering of Columbus Mennonite Church and Steve Yoder of First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. These pastors asked members of all Ohio Conference congregations in the state to sign a petition asking the governor to follow the Parole Board's recommendation to commute the death sentence for Jason Getsy.

Steve Goering of Columbus Mennonite reports that between 1,000-1,500 signatures were received by the Inter-Community Justice and Peace Center and were delivered to Governor Strickland on Monday, Aug. 3. He expressed gratitude for the efforts Ohio Conference and Central District Conference congregations in Ohio made toward this effort. If your congregation did not take part in this effort and you would like to do so, you may send an e-mail message directly to the governor by going to the Web site [www.governor.ohio.gov](http://www.governor.ohio.gov) and clicking on "Contact the Governor" on the right-hand side of the page.

## **Relief sale raises \$294,600**

Total proceeds from the 44th annual Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale were \$294,600. The sale, which took place at Central Christian School in Kidron, was held July 31 and Aug. 1.

The quilt auction, which featured quilts, comforters and wall hangings, raised more than \$86,000. The quilt "Pennsylvania Sunburst" brought in the highest bid of \$5,300. The quilt was donated back to be sold again, and the second auction brought \$3,000.

The results and winning bid prices have been posted on the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Web site at [www.ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org). Final sale numbers will be posted as soon as they are available.

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## **MWC perspective**

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Are you interested in hearing more about the Mennonite World Conference gathering held in Paraguay in July? Regional Pastor Matt Hamsher is available to show a short summary video and give a report on Mennonite World Conference to any interested congregations in Ohio Conference on Sunday or Wednesday evenings beginning in September. If you are interested in this presentation, contact him by e-mail at [matthamsher@gmail.com](mailto:matthamsher@gmail.com) or by phone at (330) 749-9692.

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## **Worship perspective**

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Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., will host a Music and Worship September Training, Sept. 11-13. This training is designed for music leaders, accompanists and worship leaders both new and experienced who hope to grow, deepen or explore their gifts. Registration forms are available at [www.laurelville.org](http://www.laurelville.org) or by calling (800) 839-1021. Registration for Laurelville's Jan. 8-10, 2010, Music and Worship Leaders Retreat begins Sept. 14. However, participants in the September Training will be eligible to register early.

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## **Perspective deadlines**

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Aug. 20 for Aug. 24 issue  
Sept. 10 for Sept. 14 issue

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