

Perspective



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Seven cluster meetings to be held

Regional Pastors Andy Stoner and Matt Hamsher have scheduled seven cluster meetings for delegates to Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly. The following meetings have been scheduled:

- East Central Ohio — Feb. 12 at Longenecker Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- East Ohio (North of Route 30) — Feb. 19 at Summit Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- East Ohio (Columbiana)/NW Pa. — Feb. 24 at North Lima Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- NE Ohio — Feb. 22 at Friendship Mennonite Church, 5 p.m.
- NW Ohio — Feb. 23 at Central Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- SE Ohio — Feb. 16 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Jackson, 6:30 p.m.
- West Central/SW Ohio — Feb. 26 at Cornerstone Mennonite Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Delegates from congregations in Pennsylvania are invited to attend either the East Ohio meeting on Feb. 24 or the Northeast Ohio meeting on Feb. 22. Please remember that if you cannot attend the cluster meeting for your area because of scheduling, you are welcome to attend any of the other meetings.

ACA registration forms due Feb. 27

A reminder for all delegates to Annual Conference Assembly (ACA): Registration fees for ACA are \$25 per person if received by Feb. 27 and \$35 per person after that date.

When sending your registration form, please include the workshop form with your choice of workshops. ACA will take place March 13-14 at Central Christian School in Kidron. Registration materials are available on the Ohio Conference Web site:

www.ohio.mennonite.net.

February Delegate News now available

The February issue of *Delegate News*, a newsletter for delegates to Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly, was sent this week. If you are a delegate to ACA and did not receive a copy, please contact Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@earthlink.net or (330) 453-3793.

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.

Perspective inserts

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

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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Theater production coming to Central Christian

Central Christian School in Kidron is hosting an evening program by Ted & Company Theaterworks on April 1 at 7 p.m. The performance is titled "What Would Lloyd Do?" Tickets cost \$10 per person or \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more. For more information, see the flier included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Camp Luz seeks summer staff members

Camp Luz is seeking staff members for this summer. Needed are nurses, pastors and other summer staff. If you are interested, visit the Camp Luz Web site at www.campluz.com to see the weekly schedule and then give the camp a call at (330) 683-1246 or e-mail campluz@zoominternet.net.

EMU hosts visitation days

Eastern Mennonite University will host visitation days for prospective students Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 28. Please call EMU at (800) 368-2665 to set up a visit. You can also register online at <http://www.emu.edu/admissions/campusvisit/>.

Bluffton Professor Randy Keeler explores Anabaptist perspective on youth ministry training

Rev. Dr. Randy Keeler, assistant professor of religion, will present "An Intentionally Anabaptist Undergraduate Curriculum: How are We Doing in the Area of Youth Ministry Training?" at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in Stutzman Lecture Hall in Centennial Hall, as part of Bluffton University's Friday Colloquium series. The event is free and open to the public.

Keeler will share portions of the final project he completed to earn a doctor of ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. He sought to answer questions such as: "What makes an undergraduate education in youth ministry different at Bluffton than any other evangelical or mainline school that might offer the same program?" and "What differences should an Anabaptist theological foundation make compared to other theological frameworks?"

During his presentation, Keeler will propose how the answers to such questions might look at Bluffton, in an "ideal" world, taking into consideration the seamless learning environment that an undergraduate residential campus has to offer.

A 1980 graduate of Bluffton, Keeler received a master of divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 1986 and a doctor of ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2008.

IN-MI Conf. appoints new conference minister

The Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Executive Committee has announced Daniel Z. Miller's appointment to the position of lead conference minister. Conference delegates affirmed Dan by a 98.8 percent vote. Dan began in his new role on Monday, Jan. 26. He can be reached at the conference office at (800) 288-8486 or (574) 534-4006 or at dan@im.mennonite.net. (To read more, see the Indiana-Michigan Conference Web site: im.mennonite.net.)

Faith perspective

Jessica Schrock Ringenberg, associate pastor of Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, will present "Freedom to Wonder as We Wander: Faith as Journey, not Destination," at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Founders Hall, as part of Bluffton University's weekly Forum series. Ringenberg's presentation is presented in conjunction with Bluffton's spring Spiritual Life Week, Feb. 9-13. This event is free and open to the public.

In 2004, Ringenberg became pastor of youth, young adults and Christian education at Zion Mennonite Church. She enjoys working with young people and believes that they are the key to a renewal of the church. Motivated by the passion of the young people she ministers to, Ringenberg continually searches for ways to cultivate spiritual vitality in order to be able to respond to God's mission in the world.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 19 for Feb. 23 issue

March 5 for March 9 issue

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