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*Annual Conference Assembly to be held March 13-14*

## Keynote speaker to focus on witness

Ways we can witness to those around us will be a major focus of the 2009 Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly. "The Missional Church: Mennos on the Town" is the theme of this year's Assembly, which will be held March 13-14 at Central Christian School in Kidron.

Keynote speaker Jim Amstutz, co-pastor of Akron Mennonite Church in Akron, Pa., will focus on witness during the worship service on Friday night, March 13. In addition, he will address the topic of witness in two workshops. On Friday at 2 p.m. he will lead a workshop titled "Bold Witness: Images and Options." This two-hour workshop, which is intended for all delegates, will use images and narrative to examine commonly held assumptions about "bold witness" for Menno-

nites, as well as considering a missional alternative.

On Saturday Amstutz will lead another workshop titled "The Porch Project," which will feature a Power-Point presentation of Akron Mennonite's engagement in a community project and what the congregation learned about missional transformation.

The co-pastor at Akron Mennonite Church since 2001, Amstutz also has served as senior pastor of West Swamp Mennonite Church in Quakertown, Pa., and as Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations for Bluffton College. In addition, he has served with Mennonite Central Committee as Co-Program Coordinator of the Akron Service Unit and as Director of Draft and Peace Counselor Training for MCC's U.S. Peace Section.

All workshops at Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) are open to delegates and non-delegates alike.

There is a charge of \$5 per workshop for individuals not registered for ACA.

More information about ACA and registration forms are available on the Ohio Conference Web site: [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net). (Click on "ACA.") Registration fees for ACA are \$25 per person if received by Feb. 27 and \$35 per person after that date.



**Jim Amstutz**

*Central Christian to host Believers in Conversation*

## Examining our 'sports-obsessed' culture

Eastern Mennonite University's athletic director, Dave King, will speak on what he perceives as troubling trends in competitive sports at the 2009 Believers in Conversation event at Central Christian School. King knows that he may be juggling a hot potato, but he's prepared. And comments such as, "It's about time!" when he addresses the topic, assure him that he has a message that needs to be shared. King presented on the

topic at the San José 2007 Mennonite Church Convention.

King is concerned that sports have become an obsession in American culture. He believes that this fixation is keeping young people and families from gaining all of the valuable benefits of sports participation. He said, "I hope to open up a conversation and get people with shared values to look at this issue and sup-

port each other as they make choices that may be countercultural."

Several cause-and-effect connections with society are growing obsessions with sports:

- Sport "specialization" at an early age that limits children's ability to learn to play a variety of sports for fun and excludes, at a young age, those who are not "good enough" to compete.

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# Being quick to listen and slow to speak

“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” — James 1:19-21

As I ponder these words from the book of James, it occurs to me, that in today’s world, many people’s behavior is the opposite of what James advises: They are slow to listen, quick to speak and quick to be-

come angry. I’m not sure whether the anxiety so many people feel about economic problems is making the tendency worse, but there certainly is no shortage of people who would rather talk than listen. And there are definitely many people who are quick to become angry.

When we are slow to listen, we seem focused on getting our own viewpoints across, and we miss the chance to possibly learn from others. I have found that many people have things to teach me, if I am just willing to listen. In fact, as a teacher, I have often found that my students, even though they are supposed to be the ones doing the learning, can teach me a lot when I take the time to hear them.

It also occurs to me that if James felt the need to write about people being quick to speak and slow to listen, the problem is not unique to this time and place. Presumably, people in his day also tended to speak before listening, and flaring tempers were the result.

So, if being slow to listen is a problem which has been around for a long time, I can’t hope to cure everyone of the habit on my own. However, I can control my own behavior. I am resolved to work more intentionally on listening to others. I hope others in Ohio Conference will join me.

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## Submissions are invited for historical essay contest

GOSHEN, Ind. — The Mennonite Church USA Historical Committee invites entries for its 2009 John Horsch Mennonite History Essay Contest. Competition is in three classes: graduate school and seminary, college and university, and high school. All papers should be on a subject related to Mennonite or Anabaptist history.

First-place winners in each category receive \$100 and a year’s subscription to *Mennonite Quarterly Review*. Seventy-five dollars is

awarded to second place and \$50 to third place. All entrants receive a one-year subscription to *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*.

The deadline for submissions is June 15. All entries should be sent either via e-mail to archives@mennoniteusa.org or on computer disk to Mennonite Church USA Historical Committee, 1700 S. Main St., Goshen IN 46526. Contest winners will be announced in the fall.

### Officers of the Ohio Conference of the Mennonite Church

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# Sports

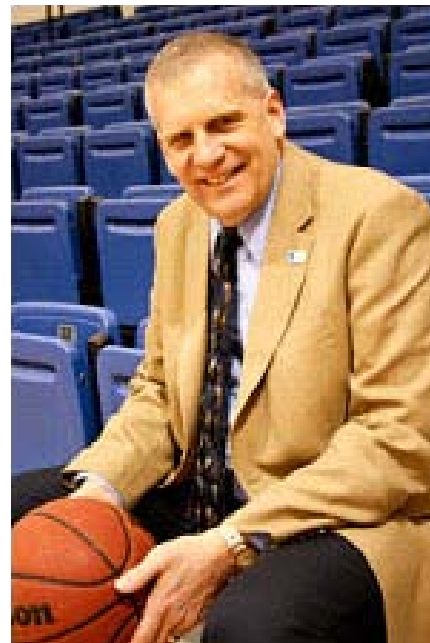
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- Parents at every game and sometimes even practice sessions which create unwanted pressure on both children and coaches. This phenomenon shifts the purpose of the game from fun and learning to winning. The game becomes the parents', not the child's.
- Sports being so organized that the ability to develop creativity is greatly reduced. Kids aren't learning some of the problem-solving and creativity that come with free play.

business. For many, the result is unfulfilled dreams and disappointment.

Thursday, April 2, King's first session is titled "Sports: Reality Check." On Friday evening the session topic is titled "Sports: The impact on families, children, teenagers, schools, churches and communities." Saturday night's session title is "Sports: Living faithfully, seeking solutions."

Believers in Conversation is an educational and theological opportunity in which Anabaptist and other



**Dave King**

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**"I hope to open up a conversation and get people with shared values to look at this issue and support each other as they make choices that may be countercultural."**

**— Dave King**

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In addition to the three evening sessions, King will speak to area athletic directors and school leaders at a Thursday morning seminar and to Central Christian School students in chapel.

Evening sessions will be held at Central Christian School and begin at 7 p.m. Central Christian School is located at 3970 Kidron Road in Kidron.

- The all-consuming desire of student-athletes, coupled with pressure from parents, to get an athletic scholarship only to find out that sports at that level is a

Evangelical Christians are involved in transformational conversations which encourage, enable and empower believers in Christ Jesus to be salt and light. The forum will include teaching, dialogue, and worship.

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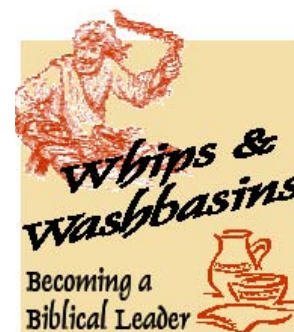
## Leadership workshop to be held in NW Ohio

"Whips and Washbasins: Becoming a Biblical Leader" is the theme of a workshop for church leaders which will be held March 21 at North Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon. The workshop is sponsored by Kingdom Leadership Advancement, an initiative of the Northwest Ohio Mennonite churches.

This day-long workshop will give participants time to learn and talk about questions such as these: What does it mean to lead like Christ

in our church? What is the difference between leadership and other ministry? How do I grow as a Christ-like leader? Jon Byler, director of Global Lead Alliance, will serve as resource for the day. If you have interest in or a calling to give leadership in congregational life, you are invited!

Cost of the event is \$40 per person, and \$30 per person for groups of three or more. The registration deadline is Friday, March 13. A brochure with more information and a registration form is available on the



Ohio Conference Web site: [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net). (Click on "Publications" and then look under "News and Information.")

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# Lockport to host Day of Inspiration

## Day of Inspiration — Ohio Mennonite Women

This will be a special day for all the ladies to attend. It will be at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio, on April 18, 2009. Prelude starts at 9:45 a.m., and the day's events end at around 3 p.m.

The speaker will be Nancy Roynon of Archbold, past president of Ohio Mennonite Women. She is a registered nurse and works at Fulton County Health Center as a staff nurse and medical floor coordinator. She also is attending Lourdes Col-

lege part time to complete her bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Nancy and her husband, James Roynon, live in Archbold. Together they are having fun watching their family grow in numbers, with two new grandchildren born this year, bringing the total to six. Nancy enjoys running, gardening, quilt-making, cooking and being outside. "Most of the time a bad day can be made better or a good day great with a five-mile run or getting my hands in the dirt," she says.

Her theme for the day will be "(Basket Cases.)" Are you trusting God with what is in your basket, or the basket where you find yourself? We will look at three stories from the Bible and see what they have to say to us today about ourselves and our relationship with God. Other thoughts: Are you surrendering one you love to the unknown? Are you struggling with material possessions or the supply of your daily needs? Come and discover anew what trust looks like.

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## New DVD invites global sharing

Strasbourg, France — The gift of receiving is as important as the gift of giving. That is the message of a newly-released DVD from Mennonite World Conference (MWC) called *Ours to Share*. This 5-minute video shows a side of MWC that goes beyond the assemblies held every six years. It highlights the interactions and support provided daily amongst the 1.6 million members of this worldwide Anabaptist-related community of faith. The video provides a general introduction to MWC

while encouraging viewers to consider the many ways they may become actively involved — through their presence, their talents, their insights and their resources.

The DVD was written by Wally Kroeker, produced and directed by Glenn Fretz and edited by Bill Hancock. Narrators are Eric Friesen, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio host (English), and Samuel Goldschmidt, national French radio contributor (French), with Spanish and German versions narrated by

Canadian pastors Noé Gonzalia and Waldemar Regier respectively.

This single DVD contains four language versions, English, French, German and Spanish, and can be purchased from Mennonite World Conference offices in North America for \$15 at 2529 Willow Ave., Clovis CA 93612; phone: (559) 291-2125; fax: (559) 291-2065; or e-mail: Fresno@mwccomm.org. Price does not include shipping and handling costs.

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## Did you know...

**That Choice Books**, an inter-Anabaptist book evangelism ministry, set a new annual sales record by selling 5,551,036 books in 2008? Choice Books of Ohio, with offices in Kidron, is one of the divisions of Choice Books. In addition, Lehman's in Kidron sold the most books of any general merchandise store during 2008. The store sold 8,178 books, worth \$84,095 retail, from three displays.

**That the early-music ensemble Musica Felice** (with guest violinist

Amy Glick) will present an evening of music at Bethel Mennonite Church in Rittman Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.? Offering proceeds benefit the Crown Hill Food Pantry.

**That Ohio Conference has received a \$5,000 grant** from the E.C. Beck Foundation to be used for stewardship education in congregations? The Conference is working with staff members from Mennonite Mutual Aid to develop plans for using this grant.

**That several leaders from Mennonite World Conference** are coming to Wayne County Feb. 25? They will visit Kidron Mennonite Church for a meal and a time of conversation with interested persons. World Conference leaders planning to attend are Margaret/Cynthia Peacock of India, Tigist Tefaye of Ethiopia and Bert C. Lobe of Canada. They plan to discuss the upcoming assembly in Paraguay and the book *What We Believe Together*.

# About people



Joel Miller was ordained for pastoral ministry Feb. 1 during the worship service at Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship. Pictured are, from left to right, Regional Pastor Andy Stoner, Joel Miller, Abbie Miller and Lois Kaufmann, Conference Minister for Central District Conference.

## Pastoral notes

**J**oel Miller, pastor of Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship, was ordained for ministry Sunday, Feb. 1, during the morning worship service.

The service included special music provided by several members of the congregation. Joel's parents, **Russ and Beth Miller**, read scripture.

**Jane Patty** had a story for the children which focused on ordination. The children then laid hands on Joel and blessed him.

**Steve Goering**, co-pastor of Columbus Mennonite Church and Joel's mentor, preached the sermon, which was based on Matthew 13:44-52, titled "The Call Continues."

Regional Pastor **Andy Stoner** and **Lois Kaufmann**, Central District Conference Minister, led in the ordination ceremony.

Following the worship service, the congregation shared a fellowship meal.

## Bluffton University

**J**essica Schrock-Ringenberg, associate pastor of Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, presented "Freedom to Wonder as We Wander: Faith as Journey, not Destination," on Feb. 10 as part of Bluffton University's weekly Forum series. Her talk was presented in conjunction with Bluffton's spring Spiritual Life Week, Feb. 9-13.

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**T**wenty-two students from Ohio Conference congregations were named to the dean's list at Bluffton University for the fall 2008 semester. Students with a GPA of at least 3.6 are eligible for the dean's list.

**Joshua Bruner**, son of **Mark and Jane Bruner**, is a member of West Clinton Mennonite.

**Sarah Bruner**, daughter of **Mark and Jane Bruner**, is a member of West Clinton Mennonite.

**Janna Coblentz**, daughter of **Elvin and Laura Coblentz**, is a member of Walnut Creek Mennonite.

**Karen Coblentz**, daughter of **Moses and Irene Coblentz**, is a member of Moorhead Mennonite.

**Mary Conrad**, daughter of **Paul and Ruth Conrad**, is a member of Millersburg Mennonite.

**Timothy Geiser**, son of **Dale and Becki Geiser**, is a member of Kidron Mennonite.

**Shawna Gerber**, daughter of **Steve and Delo Gerber**, is a member of Sonnenberg Mennonite.

**Brooke Gugel**, daughter of **David and Julie Gugel**, is a member of North Clinton Mennonite.

**Brook Hershberger**, daughter of **Robert and Elizabeth Hershberger**, is a member of Millersburg Mennonite.

**Teresa Hershberger**, daughter of **Leon and Esther Hershberger**, is a member of Wooster Mennonite.

**Emily Hooley**, daughter of **Richard and Deborah Hooley**, is a member of South Union Mennonite.

**Hanna Mattingly**, daughter of **Mike and Chris Mattingly**, is a member of Hartville Mennonite.

**Jared Rohrer-Meck**, son of **Marvin and Darlene Rohrer-Meck**, is a member of Central Mennonite.

**Karla Nofziger**, daughter of **Neil and Kathy Nofziger**, is a member of Zion Mennonite.

**Andréa Ressler**, daughter of **Wayne and Beth Ressler**, is a member of Orrville Mennonite.

**Jillian Schlabach**, daughter of **Bruce and Janet Schlabach**, is a member of Oak Grove Mennonite (West Liberty).

**Jacob Short**, son of **Brian Short** of Pettisville and **Sandy Short** of Stryker, is a member of Lockport Mennonite.

**Allison Trent**, daughter of **Kevin and Marcia Trent**, is a member of Smithville Mennonite.

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# About people

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**Matt Weaver**, son of **Bob** and **Kathy Weaver**, is a member of Walnut Creek Mennonite.

**Christopher Welch**, son of **Harry** and **Cheryl Welch**, is a member of Walnut Creek Mennonite.

**Elizabeth Yoder**, daughter of **Joe** and **Nancy Yoder**, is a member of Kidron Mennonite.

**Timothy Yoder**, son of **Jeff** and **Ann Yoder**, is a member of Kidron Mennonite.

## Goshen College

An Ohio Conference native is participating in the Goshen College Study-Service Term (SST) in Perú this spring, along with 17 other students. Goshen established an SST unit there in 2005.

Sophomore **Leandra Mast**, daughter of **Duane** and **Linda Mast** of Plain City, is majoring in elementary education. She is a 2007 graduate of Worthington Christian High School and attends Sharon Mennonite Church. She left for Perú on Jan. 6 and will return to the United States on April 6.

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Goshen College recently recognized 209 students, including six Ohio Conference students, for excellence in academics, on the 2008-09 fall semester dean's list.

**Eric D. Hochstetler** is the son of **Harold** and **Lois Hochstetler**. His home congregation is Oak Grove Mennonite (Smithville).

**K. Arienne Johnson** is the daughter of **Mike** and **Barb Johnson**. Her home congregation is Zion Mennonite.

**Leah B. Lehman** is the daughter of **Eric** and **Marcia Lehman**. Her home congregation is West Clinton Mennonite.

**Michelle J. Miller** is the daughter of **Ken** and **Doris Miller**. Her

home congregation is Jubilee Mennonite.

**Sarah G. Rody** is the daughter of **Susan** and **Tim Lehman** and **Joseph Rody**. Her home congregation is Jubilee Mennonite.

**Ryan D. Troyer** is the son of **David** and **Betty Troyer**. His home congregation is Salem Mennonite (Wooster).

The dean's list includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA while completing at least 12 hours of course work for a letter grade. Only grades from the designated semester are included in the dean's list selection process.

## Hesston College

Seven students from Ohio Conference congregations were named to the Hesston College dean's list for the fall semester. Students on the dean's list have a grade point average of 3.9-4.0 for the semester.

**Kent Beck** of Hesston, Kan., attends Central Mennonite.

**Brett Coblentz** of Navarre attends Longenecker Mennonite.

**Jonathan Hershberger** of Canton attends First Mennonite.

**Dustin Linder** of Louisville attends Beech Mennonite.

**Annali Murray** of Orrville attends Martins Mennonite.

**Alex Steiner** of Kidron attends Kidron Mennonite.

**Lauren Zehr** of Wauseon attends North Clinton Mennonite.

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Five students from Ohio Conference congregations were named to the Hesston College honor roll for the fall semester. Students on the honor roll have a grade point average of 3.5-3.89 for the semester.

**Kristen Horst** of Orrville attends Martins Mennonite.

**Matthew Lehman** of Kidron attends Kidron Mennonite.

**Jessica Neer** of West Liberty attends Oak Grove Mennonite (West Liberty).

**Andrew Nussbaum** of Apple Creek attends Sonnenberg Mennonite.

**Heidi Wiebe** of Millersburg attends Martins Creek Mennonite.

## EMU

The following students from Ohio Conference were named to the fall semester 2008 dean's list at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Va.:

**Brent Beachy**, son of **Max** and **Pauline Beachy**, is a member of Walnut Creek Mennonite.

**Sara Beachy**, daughter of **Max** and **Pauline Beachy**, is a member of Walnut Creek Mennonite.

**Sarah Beck**, daughter of **Arlan** and **Brenda Beck**, is a member of West Clinton Mennonite.

**Andrea Bowman**, daughter of **Randall** and **Barbara Bowman**, is a member of Zion Mennonite.

**Katherine Brubaker**, daughter of **Clifford** and **Marilyn Brubaker**, is a member of Central Mennonite.

**Rosanna Coblentz**, daughter of **Ora** and **Marilyn Shetler**, is a member of Sonnenberg Mennonite.

**Mary Dunn**, daughter of **Peter** and **LeAnna Dunn**, is a member of Kidron Mennonite.

**Matthew Eshleman**, son of **Robert** and **Janice Eshleman**, is a member of Sonnenberg Mennonite.

**Andrew Gascho**, son of **Arlis** and **Marilyn Gascho**, is a member of Oak Grove Mennonite (West Liberty).

**Lara Gautsche**, daughter of **Luther** and **Mary Ann Gautsche**, is a member of Tedrow Mennonite.

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**Brian Hershberger**, son of **Maynard** and **Jean Hershberger**, is a member of First Mennonite.

**Joseph Horst**, son of **Robert** and **Deb Horst**, is a member of Martins Mennonite.

**John Horst**, son of **Robert** and **Deb Horst**, is a member of Martins Mennonite.

**Rachel Kauffman**, daughter of **Rick** and **Ruth Kauffman**, is a

member of Salem Mennonite (Waldron, Mich.)

**Jessica King**, daughter of **James** and **Darlene King**, is a member of Zion Mennonite.

**Stacy Kinkaid**, daughter of **Jeffrey** and **Cynthia Kinkaid**, is a member of Lockport Mennonite.

**Joel Kratzer**, son of **Doug** and **Donna Kratzer**, is a member of Kidron Mennonite.

**Joel Landis**, son of **Dennis** and **Susan Landis**, is a member of Oak Grove Mennonite (West Liberty).

**Katrina Lehman**, daughter of **Eric** and **Marcia Lehman**, is a member of West Clinton Mennonite.

**Sylvia Meyer**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Julia Hooley**, is a member of First Mennonite.

**Stewart Nafziger**, son of **Greg** and **Michele Nafziger**, is a member of Zion Mennonite.

**Kristina Reinhardt**, daughter of **Carl** and **Marleen Reinhardt**, is a member of Sonnenberg Mennonite.

**Carrie Schlabach**, daughter of **David** and **Helen Schlabach**, is a member of Longenecker Mennonite.

**Sarah Schoenhals**, daughter of **Gerald** and **Christine Schoenhals**, is a member of Central Mennonite.

**Benjamin Shank**, son of **Kenneth** and **Cheryl Shank**, is a member of Bethel Mennonite (West Liberty).

**Crystal Steiner**, daughter of **Mark** and **Karen Steiner**, is a member of Dayspring Christian Fellowship.

**Dustin Steiner**, son of **Dallas** and **Rhoda Steiner**, is a member of Dayspring Christian Fellowship.

**Susannah Wirick**, daughter of **Neil** and **Peggy Wirick**, is a member of Bethel Mennonite.

To qualify for the dean's list a student must achieve a semester grade point average of at least 3.75 or above and complete at least 12 semester hours of credit.

## Malone University

**Taylor Anne Hazlett**, daughter of **Toby** and **Denice Hazlett** of Millersburg Mennonite Church, was named to the dean's list at Malone University for the fall 2008 semester.

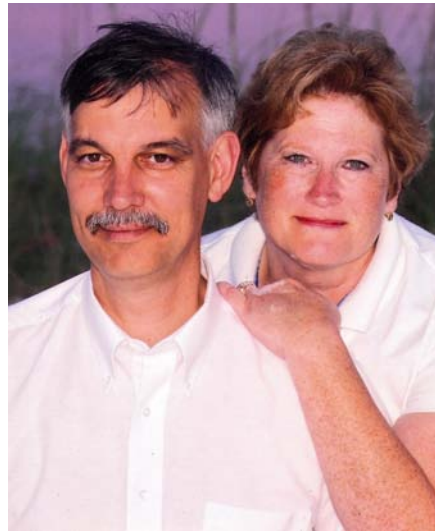
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# Central Christian plans administrative changes

Administrative leadership at Central Christian School will change for the 2009-2010 school year. Henry Beun, current head administrator, will serve in his current position through June 2009. Henry's visionary and Christ-centered leadership has been a blessing to the school and church community.

Taking the reigns as Central's new administrator will be Eugene Miller, current administrator at Sarasota Christian School. Gene has served in numerous roles at Sarasota Christian School, including high school principal, athletic director, varsity basketball coach, guidance counselor, teacher and campus pastor. For the past 12 years Gene has served as the superintendent at Sarasota Christian. He will begin as Central's head administrator in July 2009.

Gene is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University with a B.S. in physical education and Eastern Mennonite Seminary with a M.A. in congregational leadership. Gene and his wife, Candace Zuercher Miller, a 1972 graduate of Central Christian School, are the parents of two sons, Seth (23) and Sam (13). The Millers



**Gene and Candace Miller**

are actively involved in the Bay Shore Mennonite Church where Gene has volunteered many years as an elder, Sunday school teacher and associate pastor.

It is with excitement and anticipation that we look forward to Gene's arrival and to the new ideas he will bring from his experience in Christian school leadership. He is insightful and positive and will provide strong leadership as Central Christian School strives to reach its highest goals.

For more Ohio Conference news and information, visit the Ohio Conference Web site: [www.ohio.mennonite.net](http://www.ohio.mennonite.net).

## Back page briefings...

**Men: Camp Luz is hosting its annual Men's Retreat** March 20-22. Come for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and learning. The speaker this year is Matt Hamsher, regional pastor for Ohio Conference. The cost is \$85. For more information or to register, call the camp at (330) 683-1246, or go to [www.camluz.com](http://www.camluz.com).

**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/>.

**Messiah College will host its fourth annual Youth Workers Conference** on Saturday, March 28. This one-day conference offers keynote sessions, a ministry resource area, and more than 20 workshops. Conference and registration information can be found at [www.messiah.edu/youthworkers/](http://www.messiah.edu/youthworkers/).

**From Jan. 1 through March 31**, Mennonite Mission Network is offering free mission banks to all children in grades K through 6 who attend a Mennonite Church USA congregation.

These globe-shaped banks are meant to be used in conjunction with the Mission Bank Teaching Tools, stewardship and mission resources that include materials for use during worship, Sunday school and at home. Teaching tools that focus on Argentina, Asian ministries in the United States, Benin, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France and Japan are currently available for order.

To order your free banks and teaching tools, contact Hannah Heinzekehr at (866) 866-2872 or [MissionBank@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:MissionBank@MennoniteMission.net). You may also

order banks online at <http://www.mennonitemission.net/MissionBank>.

## Conference calendar

### *March*

- 13-14 Annual Conference Assembly, Central Christian School, Kidron  
20-22 Men's Retreat, Camp Luz

### *April*

- 2-4 Believers in Conversation, Central Christian School, Kidron  
17-18 Ministry Development Team Retreat  
18 Ohio Mennonite Women's Spring Day of Inspiration, Lockport Mennonite, Stryker  
24-26 Marriage Seminar, Central Christian School, Kidron

### *May*

- 1-3 Hispanic Retreat, Camp Luz

### *June*

- 16 Ministry Development Team  
27-28 Centennial Celebration, Orrville Mennonite  
30-July 5 Mennonite Church USA Convention 2009, Columbus

### *July*

- 14-19 Paraguay 2009, Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly, Asunción, Paraguay

### *August*

- 7-9 Girls' Jamboree, Camp Luz

### *September*

- 19 Youth Worker Training Seminar with Walt Mueller, Central Christian School, Kidron  
18-20 Ohio Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp Luz