

Perspective



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Conference Sunday materials being prepared

A new resource team is preparing worship materials for an Ohio Conference Sunday. Using the calming of the storm from the gospel of Matthew, this Sunday will highlight the Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) 2010 theme.

Congregations may use the worship materials either in February as a preview to ACA to get people thinking about the theme, or delegates to ACA may use the materials on the Sunday they report back to their congregations about the happenings at ACA. Materials will be available by the February cluster meetings.

Thanks to Glenn Nofziger, Mattie Marie Mast, Norma Duerksen, Tom Kauffman and Sherah-Leigh Gerber for their work on this project.

Fall cluster meetings continue

Fall cluster meetings for Ohio Conference delegates to Annual Conference Assembly have begun. One meeting has already taken place, and six remain:

- **Southeast Ohio** — Oct. 26 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Jackson, 6:30 p.m.
- **East Ohio/Northwest Pa.** — Oct. 27 at Midway Mennonite Church in Columbiana, 7 p.m.
- **East Central Ohio (Wayne/Holmes)** — Oct. 29 at Martins Creek Mennonite Church in Millersburg, 7 p.m.
- **Northwest Ohio** — Nov. 2 at Grace Community Church in Bryan, 7 p.m.
- **Northeast Ohio** — Nov. 3 at Peace Mennonite Church in Elyria, 7 p.m.
- **East Ohio (North of Route 30)** — Nov. 12 at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in North Lawrence, 7 p.m.

LifeSpring coming to NW and Mid Ohio

LifeSpring is a school of Christian spiritual formation. God, our Living Water, has given us the gift of holy thirst to draw us to God. At LifeSpring, pastors and lay persons are invited to drink deeply from the well in a supportive, Christ-centered environment. Worship, interactive learning, silent reflection and prayer lead participants to God.

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 insert

This issue of Perspective includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

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Operating in a retreat format, this two-year school offers its participants an opportunity to deepen their spiritual life through challenge, surprise, struggle, wonder, and growth as we drink together of the water that Christ offers.

LifeSpring was founded in 1995 under the direction of Beulah Steiner, Wooster Mennonite Church, and Jerry Flora, Ashland Seminary, and continued under their care until Jerry retired in 2005. At that time, a new leadership team formed.

Upon Beulah's retirement in 2009, two groups have emerged to begin LifeSpring branches in Northwest Ohio and Mid-Ohio. LifeSpring NW Ohio will meet at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, and LifeSpring Mid Ohio will meet at the Hermitage at Beaver Run in Coshocton County. Both schools will meet once a month in the spring and fall, making a total of six Saturday sessions per year beginning in March 2010.

For more information, please contact one of the LifeSpring locations: for LifeSpring Mid Ohio, contact Barb Rosser at jrosser@neo.rr.com or for LifeSpring NW Ohio contact Dana Short at mdshort@embarqmail.com.

'What would Lloyd Do?' comes to Bellefontaine

BELLEFONTAINE, OH — Great original music, lots of humor and important themes of disappointment and disillusionment, faith and hope, within the context of a church and a radio program are combined in the play *What Would Lloyd Do?* Ted Swartz, Trent Wagler, and Jay Lapp with director Ingrid De Sanctis, have created this new play with music, which will be presented at Bellefontaine High School Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5. The event is being coordinated by the West Liberty Ministerium.

What Would Lloyd Do? tells the story of Mike Webber, a struggling inner city church pastor (Ted), who recruits a new music director, Jeff Nelson (Trent). Coming from different generations, the two discover conflict and commonality. Well, some commonality. They find themselves in charge of a tired radio show that must be broadcast each Sunday morning in a church where no one attends.

Pastor Webber also struggles relating to his teenage children and his wife, and finding reason to go on as a pastor. Things come to a head when Jeff begins asking questions and pushing for answers. The resulting changes in the radio program, in the church, and in Pastor Webber give audiences lots to laugh about, and even more to think about. The show includes a radio show engineer, Doug, played by Jay Lapp and a choir of singers from Bluffton, Ohio.

For more information about this performance or to order tickets, contact Pastor Dave Maurer at (937) 465-4587 or by e-mail at bethelpastor@2access.net.

Local perspective

Classical guitarist Jonathan Crissman will perform a concert Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at Summit Mennonite Church, 939 Norton Ave., Barberton.

Crissman was born in 1983 as the third of six children in a pastor's family in southwestern Pennsylvania. Since then, he has earned degrees from Houghton College and Slippery Rock University, and is currently finishing a master's degree in guitar performance from the University of Akron.

Connecting with audiences across the globe, he has given concerts throughout the eastern United States, as well as the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Czech Republic, Germany, India, South Korea, and China. He has taken master classes with Pepe Romero, Manuel Barrueco, Pavel Steidl, and many more. He will be sharing a program featuring works by Bach, Regondi, Asencio, and Lauro.

Delegate perspective

The latest issue of *Delegate News* has been sent to Ohio Conference delegates. If you are a delegate and did not receive a copy, please contact Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@earthlink.net.

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