



2017 Report to Ohio Conference

Spiritual Life Week

Spring semester's Spiritual Life Week will take place April 2-8, 2017, with **Ohio Conference Pastor Paula Snyder Belousek** of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, Ohio, leading events.

Mennonite minister and author **Todd Wynward** led a week-long series of activities during fall semester's Spiritual Life Week, Nov. 6-12, 2016. Events focused on Isaiah 40:3 "A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' "

Humanizing Martyrdom

During the month of November, an exhibit and events series featured Jan Luyken's original copper etching plate illustrating the story of Jacques D'Auchy in the 1865 "Martyrs Mirror." Events included a Forum presentation by **Dr. David Weaver-Zercher**, professor of American religious history at Messiah College, and a readers theatre presentation written, directed and performed by Bluffton University faculty, staff and students.

Mennonite Educators

Members of the **Mennonite Schools Council** gathered at Bluffton University in September for a two-day meeting. The early childhood through high school leaders took part in professional development sessions led by Bluffton University faculty. Topics ranged from "Leadership: What does your staff need from you?" to "Issues in Education."

SIMPLY INNOVATE | THE CAMPAIGN FOR BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

Simply Innovate, the Campaign for Bluffton University launched in September to provide students and teaching faculty with a new science building and the resources to sharpen program delivery to move Bluffton confidently into the future. The five-year campaign includes a comprehensive goal of \$26 million with a priority on opening a new science building in 2019. To date, \$11.5 million has been raised of the \$14 million needed to construct the science building.

Thank you!

Bluffton University currently enrolls **26 students from Ohio Conference churches**. Church Matching Scholarship support, for 16 of the students, is \$49,900 for 2016-17.

The Bluffton trustee from Ohio Conference is **LaVonne Hartman** of Elida.

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Archbold native **Meg Short** is a supportive housing associate during a yearlong Mennonite Voluntary Service term at Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing in San Francisco. "We provide more than shelter; we provide a loving community and a sense of security," said Short, a 2016 graduate.

Read more about Meg and other Bluffton students, faculty and staff at www.bluffton.edu/beaversall

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