

Perspective



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Berlin to host final Fall Mission Event

Berlin Mennonite Church will host the third Fall Mission Event tonight, Nov. 3, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will include both brief presentations and discussion about how congregations are participating in mission during the Ohio Conference Year of Mission. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/FallMissionEvents>.

Podcast explores the role of “The Voice”

The Ohio Conference Cast is a podcast series hosted by Thomas Dunn and Bill Seymour featuring interviews about Ohio Conference-related topics. In the Nov. 3 episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, Thomas and Bill talk with Erin Dye and Darrin Snyder Belousek about “The Voice” Task Force. To learn more about the role of this task force, which includes Erin, Darrin and Bill, listen to the podcast on the Ohio Conference website at <http://ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts>. The Ohio Conference Cast is also available on iTunes. (Search for Ohio Conference Cast.)

Mennonite Men has new coordinator

The Mennonite Men Board of Directors is pleased to announce Steve Thomas of Goshen, Indiana, as their new Coordinator. Thomas brings extensive experience in ministering to men and has served at numerous Mennonite congregations as a pastor. He is a graduate of Hesston College, Goshen College and the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. “We are excited about having Steve Thomas join us as Coordinator and look forward to serving the men of our denomination with him,” said Lonnie Bartel, Mennonite Men’s board president. “Steve brings excellent qualifications and experience to our organization, especially in the area of men’s retreats.”



Thomas began his work with Mennonite Men Nov. 1. Mennonite Men is a constituency group dedicated to both men’s ministries and service through the JoinHands program, which raises funds for Mennonite churches building their first meeting places.

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

Parish Paper perspective

Does your congregation suffer from anxiety? The November issue of *The Parish Paper*, included with this issue of *Perspective*, asks that question and explores signs of church anxiety and risk factors for church anxiety, as well as suggesting better habits for tackling this problem.

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Bluffton holds candlelight vigil



Bluffton University's Campus Ministries, Damascus Road, Multicultural Student Organization and PEACE Club held a candlelight vigil and campus walk on Oct. 5 to remember those who have been affected by gun violence and to pray for racial reconciliation in our communities and our country. Nearly 100 students, faculty, staff and community members met at the basketball courts across from Burcky Gym to pray. The group also walked through campus while the names of those impacted by gun violence, both locally and nationally, were read. Photo by Bluffton student Kevin Every.

Writers sought for Sunday school curriculum

Shine: Living in God's Light, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications for curriculum writers. The curriculum is for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Virginia, March 2-5, 2017. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details are available at <https://shinecurriculum.com/writers>. Application and sample session deadline is Dec. 1, 2016.

Health and education groups to meet together

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" opened Oct. 17. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering will take place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit <https://mhaelgconference.wordpress.com>.

Plans develop for MC USA Convention 2017

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 is coming up July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme "Love Is a Verb." A new flier provides more details on speakers and other events. Also consider donating to the Convention Scholarship Fund or partnering with a congregation that can't afford to send people on its own, and think about ways you can show love to your family, friends and community. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.

Prayer perspective

Please remember Ohio Conference congregations, pastors and related ministries in your prayers. Dana Short, prayer coordinator for the Ohio Conference, has compiled The November-December issue of *Prayer Prompter*, which is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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The November issue of *Prayers for Faith and Learning* includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency member schools and universities.

Announcement perspective

Mennonite Church USA has developed several bulletin announcements for use during November. You are invited to use these announcements for one or more Sundays in your congregational bulletin or newsletter as you see fit.

Perspective deadlines

Nov. 14 for Nov. 17
Nov. 28 for Dec. 1
