

Deb Horst to speak at Day of Inspiration

Deb Horst of Martins Mennonite Church will be the featured speaker at the Spring Day of Inspiration sponsored by Ohio Mennonite Women on Saturday, April 14, at Smithville Mennonite Church, 6097 Akron Road, Smithville.

The Spring Day of Inspiration will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. This day for women will include fellowship and workshops as well as the chance to hear Deb speak on the topic "Spiritual Disciplines: Nourishment for a Starving Soul."

Deborah Horst lives in Dalton with her husband, Robert. They have three married children and one grandson who they do not get to see enough of! Deb once told God, "I'll do whatever You want, go wherever You want, and say whatever You want." As a result of such an odd commitment, she has been a nurse, a homemaker, earned a Master of Divinity degree without ever having gone to college first, and most recently completed 11 years as the executive director of Camp Luz. She is now unemployed, waiting for God to show her what the next pastoral adventure will be!



Two workshops are planned:

- **Bread for the Journey** led by Janene Nagel and Ruth Ann Martin — A devotional trip through Scripture looking at breads of the Bible with bread baking tips along the way.
- **Flower Arranging** led by Anita Roller — Showing how to arrange flowers and accessories to brighten the home.

Lunch will be available, with donations accepted for the cost.

No pre-registration is needed. Just come and enjoy the day!

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Spring brings workshops, retreats

This spring members of Ohio Conference congregations have the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops, retreats and other events sponsored by the Ohio Con-

ference and by other related organizations. More information about the events featured here can be found on the Ohio Conference website at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org.

Teacher training workshops planned

Ohio Conference is sponsoring workshops for people interested in teaching in congregational settings. The workshop "Fear Not: Gaining Confidence and Tools to Teach in the Church" will be offered at two locations this spring. Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville will host the workshop on Saturday, April 14, and Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold will host on Saturday, April 28. Both workshops will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Presentations will focus on resourcing teachers in several specific areas, including utilizing and adapting curric-

ulum, cultivating classroom environment and connecting with students.

Participants will choose from three learning tracks: Teaching Children, Teaching Youth and Teaching Adults. Presenters include Joyce Taylor, Bill Seymour, Tammy Lyons and Norma Duerksen.



Cost for this workshop is \$10 per person, with a maximum charge of \$30 per congregation. See the "Events" section of the Ohio Conference website for a registration form.

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Young adults to meet at Camp Luz

How can young adults intentionally create local, faith-based communities that vulnerably discuss Scripture and authentically work together to live out the calling to follow Jesus?

Young adults from throughout the Ohio Conference are invited to consider this question at the first Ohio Mennonite Young Adult Retreat, which will take place April 13-14 at Camp Luz, 152 Kidron Road, Orrville.

The Ohio Conference Young Adult Resource Team has planned this retreat, which will offer not only the chance for discussion, but also times for service and building relationships.

The Young Adult Resource Team includes (left to right) Scott Coulter, Jodi Crossgrove, Monica Mease, Lanette Short, Tamara Gill and Kathy Wengerd.



Speaker Dave Maurer, pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church in West Liberty, has been active in young adult ministry at congregational, conference and denominational levels for more than 10 years. He will lead several sessions using the Open Spaces model. In this type of meeting, participants help to shape the agenda instead of dealing with a pre-set agenda.

Cost for this retreat is \$40 per person for those registering by March 20, and \$50 per person for those registering after that date. A brochure with registration form may be found in the "Events" section of the Ohio Conference website.

Hispanic Retreat returns to Camp Luz

The annual Ohio Conference Hispanic Retreat will take place April 27-29 at Camp Luz, 152 Kidron Road, Orrville.

This is the ninth year for the retreat, which brings together Hispanics

from various churches in Ohio. Activities are planned for adults, youth and children. For more information about the retreat, contact Haroldo Nunes at Haroldo_nunes@yahoo.com.br.

Marriage seminar planned at Central

John and Kendra Smiley will be the featured speakers at the fifth annual Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar March 30-31 at Central Christian School in Kidron. They will focus on the topic "Parenting Like a Pro."



Seminar hours will be Friday, March 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Speakers John and Kendra Smiley have authored books, host radio

programs and share from their experience of being parents and grandparents. This seminar will focus on themes from their book *Do Your Kids a Favor...Love Your Spouse*.

Registration information can be found online at www.lastingflame.org or by calling (330) 621-1783 or (330) 465-2866. Cost for the seminar is \$100 per couple for those registering by March 19, and \$130 per couple if registering after that date.

Planners for the Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar come from Wayne and Holmes counties and include members of Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church.

Gregory Boyd to speak in NW Ohio

Dr. Gregory Boyd, author and senior pastor of Woodland Hills Church in Minnesota will be the featured speaker for an event organized and sponsored by Kingdom Leadership Advancement, a ministry of the Northwest Ohio Mennonite Ministers Fellowship.

Could the quest for a Christian nation undermine the kingdom of God? Author Dr. Gregory Boyd thinks so and draws from both scripture and history to explain why in his book, *The Myth of a Christian Nation*. He will speak on the topic "Ultimate Alle-

giance — Stars and Stripes Or By His Stripes?" The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. March 16 at the Wauseon



High School Auditorium, 840 Parkview Street, Wauseon, Ohio.

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at www.shalomworks.org or by calling Carolyn Short at (419) 583-9398.