

Perspective



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Sonneberg to host worship seminar

Are you interested in deeper, more meaningful worship experiences in your congregation?

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron will host a worship resourcing seminar on Saturday, May 6. This seminar, featuring speaker Rachel Miller Jacobs of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will provide participants with practical training, resources and theological teaching for planning and leading worship.

In addition to two presentations by Rachel Miller Jacobs, the day also will include workshops focusing on worship leading, scripture reading and drama, leading music with song and instruments, visual art in worship, and use of technology in worship.

There is no registration cost for young adults ages 25 and under, although registration is still required. For those ages 26 and above, the registration cost is \$20 per person for everyone who registers by **April 28**, and \$30 per person after that date.

The worship resourcing seminar is sponsored by Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville with additional financial support provided by the Ohio Conference. To register online, go to <http://bit.ly/2017WorshipSeminar>.

Pastor-Spouse Retreat planned for Nov. 10-12

Ohio Conference will hold a Pastor-Spouse Retreat Nov. 10-12 at the Mohican State Park Lodge in Perrysville. Presenters for the weekend will be James Lapp and Miriam Book. Tim Shue will be the worship leader for this event.

The Ministry Development Team of Ohio Conference encourages congregations to gift this weekend to their pastors by paying the registration fee and not counting this time away as vacation. This retreat is specifically designed to provide opportunities to nurture couples who experience the unique challenges and stresses of ministry.

The first 25 couples to submit their completed registration with payment will receive a reduced registration rate of \$210 for the

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Evangel perspective

Beginning with the March-April issue, the Ohio Conference is no longer printing copies of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*. Every two months congregations will receive *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* via email, and each congregation is asked to forward the publication to its members. If you would like to have your email address added to the mailing list, send your email address to Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@gmail.com.

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retreat, thanks to sponsorship from Mennonite Mutual, Hummel Group, and the Mennonite Women's Group of Kidron Mennonite Church. The registration cost for all other couples is \$410.

A brochure with more information is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Longtime pastor dies at age 87

John William "Bill" Detweiler, age 87, the former longtime pastor of Kidron Mennonite Church, died April 6, 2017, after declining health. Bill was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 29, 1929, a twin son of the Rev. William G. and Anna (Landes) Detweiler.

Bill graduated from Smithville High School (1947), Eastern Mennonite College (1951), and Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1954). When his father died suddenly in 1956, Bill and his twin, Bob, returned to Orrville from additional seminary study to assume the responsibilities of The Calvary Hour radio broadcast begun by their father in 1936.

Bill began his ministry at Pleasant View Mennonite Church near North Lawrence. In 1957, he began pastoral duties at Kidron Mennonite Church, where he served faithfully until retirement in 1995. After 10 years of retirement, he served as an interim pastor at Mennonite Christian Assembly, Fredericksburg, from May 2005 to June 2010.

In addition to his local parish responsibilities, Bill and his brother, Bob, became the "twin speakers" on The Calvary Hour radio broadcast until Bob's death in 1989. Bill continued with the radio ministry until its closing in December of 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Mast); three daughters, Dr. Dawn (Dr. Scott) Schell of Chagrin Falls, Jill (Bruce) Breckbill of Kidron and Beth (Ben) Grove of Elkhart, Indiana; eight grandchildren; and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, William G. and Anna; his brother, J. Robert (Bob); and his stepfather, Eli Stoltzfus.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 15, at 2 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite Church. Condolences from friends and family will be received by the family at the church following the memorial service. A private graveside service will be held prior to the memorial service.

Memorial contributions can be made to Kidron Mennonite Church, Box 232, Kidron OH Ohio 44636, or to Global Disciples, 315 W. James St., Suite 202, Lancaster PA 17603.

Gathering Place is for youth leaders

The Gathering Place is an interactive website for Anabaptist youth leaders to find connection, resourcing, networking, mentoring and spiritual formation. Check out the website at www.thegatheringplace.us. You can subscribe to receive the latest information from the Gathering Place.

Guest House perspective

The International Guest House in Washington, D.C., will celebrate its 50th year anniversary on May 6 - 7. The activities will include an open house at the Guest House on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday events will also include a short program at 4:30 p.m. and evening tea at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday an 11 a.m. worship service at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Hyattsville, Maryland, will focus on the ministry of hospitality at the International Guest House over the past 50 years. A potluck lunch will immediately follow the service.

The International Guest House is owned and operated by the Allegheny Mennonite Conference through Hyattsville Mennonite Church. It is located at 1441 Kennedy St. NW, Washington, D.C. Limited housing is available at the Guest House and in homes of church members associated with Hyattsville Mennonite Church. For reservations or additional information, call the International Guest House at 202-726-5808 or email igh.dc.us@gmail.com.

Perspective insert

This issue of *Perspective* includes the April issue of *The Parish Paper*.

Perspective deadlines

April 24 for April 27
May 8 for May 11
