

Conference Calendar

SEPT

- 8 Intercultural Fiesta, Central Christian School, Kidron
- 9 Fiesta Familiar, Lima Mennonite Church
- 12 Ministry Development Team Meeting, Martins Mennonite, Orrville
- 19 Resourcing for Multiple Staff Ministry Teams, Camp Luz
- 21-23 Ohio Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp Luz
- 26 Resourcing for Multiple Staff Ministry Teams, Widewater Retreat Center, Liberty Center

OCT

- 5-6 Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity Seminar, location TBA
- 15-16 Women in Ministry Retreat, Mohican State Park Lodge, Loudonville
- 19-20 Adriel Benefit Auction, Adriel Campus, West Liberty

NOV

- 7 Ministry Development Team Meeting, Berlin Mennonite
- 9-11 Youth Retreat, Camp Luz

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- 9 Ministry Development Team Meeting, Bethel Mennonite, West Liberty

MAR

- 8-9 Annual Conference Assembly, Central Christian School, Kidron

APR

- 6 Spring Day of Inspiration, Ohio Mennonite Women, Salem Mennonite Church, Elida
- 12-14 Pastors' Wives Retreat, Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont

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Summer is a time for service

This summer, many Ohio Conference congregations are involved in acts of service. Here are just a few examples of how congregations are serving others in their home communities and in other areas.

OAK GROVE (SMITHVILLE)

About 80 people from Oak Grove spent a Saturday morning in July hammering nails and constructing the outer walls of a house in the parking lot area of the church.

The walls were later moved to the house's permanent site in Wooster. The Oak Grove congregation committed about \$60,000 toward completing the house for a local family as part of a Habitat for Humanity project. An article about the project was featured in the *Wooster Daily Record*.



NORTH CLINTON (WAUSEON)

Many volunteers from North Clinton helped with the Grandstand Diner during a Motorcycle Weekend in July. Volunteers cleaned the Diner before the weekend, set up, and served during the weekend at the Diner and in the church kitchen. This fundraiser had a net profit of \$12,000, which will be distributed between the church's Compassion Fund and mission agencies in the church giving plan.

BERLIN

Many high school-age youth from the congregation participated in service-learning trips this summer. The juniors and seniors served in Costa Rica June 15-24, and the freshmen and sophomores worked with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) in Harlan, Ky., July 2-7.

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LONGENECKER (WINESBURG)

Youth from the congregation traveled to Agora Ministries for a mission project July 27-29.

BEECH (LOUISVILLE)

“Beech’s Bounty” is the name of the garden which the congregation has planted on land in between the church building and the parsonage. This is the first year that the congregation has planted a garden, and despite dry weather, the garden has yielded a variety of produce, including green beans, broccoli, onions, beets, cucumbers, squash, cantaloupes, tomatoes and sweet corn. In addition to providing produce for church members, friends, and families using the day care center at Beech, the garden is also a source of vegetables for the Louisville Community Cupboard, a local bi-monthly food distribution program.

MARTINS (ORRVILLE)

Martins hosted a presentation of *The Cotton Patch Gospel* on Aug. 11. Phil Kaufmann of Illinois performed the



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show as a one-man presentation. All proceeds from the performance went toward fighting hunger, both locally and through Mennonite Central Committee. Last year Phil Kaufmann performed this one-man show 30 times and raised \$33,180.71 for hunger relief.

KIDRON

Marilyn Rossiter led a team of nine people to Liberia to serve at the Bridge of Hope Girls’ School Aug. 11-24. The team also has been working to raise funds for a building addition to the school, which currently educates 160 girls in grades 1-6. The funds will be used to build three additional classrooms and a library. This new construction would allow the school to educate girls through grade 9.

LIFEBRIDGE NORTH (STRASBURG)

LifeBridge North provided two children’s activities at Strasburg’s Corn Fest July 27 and 28. They had face painting and an inflatable batting cage for kids. Volunteers from Sonnenberg Mennonite and LifeBridge Dover also assisted with the activities.

LOCKPORT

Youth from Lockport traveled to Harlan, Ky., to take part in the SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) Program for a week during June.

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Intercultural Fiesta set for Sept. 8

Zenebe Abebe, Executive Director of MCC Great Lakes, will be the featured speaker at the sixth Intercultural Fiesta, which will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Central Christian School in Kidron.

Also featured will be music by the Hispanic worship team from Hilliard, and a choral group from Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland, as well as testimonies, an offering and a snack.

For more information, contact Pastor Haroldo Nunes at (330) 933-9376 or haroldo_nunes@yahoo.com.br. A



Zenebe Abebe

flier promoting this event can be found in the “Events” section of the Ohio Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org.

Fiesta Familiar to include food, music, crafts and games

The eighth annual Fiesta Familiar is planned for Sunday, Sept. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lima Mennonite Church, 1318 N. Main St., Lima. Richard Camino and his wife, Eunice Malavé, natives of Puerto Rico, will be fea-

tured musicians, playing guitar and singing. Mexican and American food, children’s games, crafts, lawn games, friendly conversation and more add up to an opportunity for cross-cultural adventure.

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WOOSTER

On Aug. 8 the Wooster congregation hosted a fundraiser meal to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries. Open Arms served a meal, and

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a freewill offering was taken to raise funds for Open Arms, an organization that ministers to the material and spiritual needs of Hispanic people in Wayne County and Holmes County.