

# Perspective



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## **Pastors' meeting set for Jan. 18**

Ohio Conference is planning a pastors' meeting in January. Please note the details below and save the date.

**Event:** Ohio Conference Pastors' Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018

**Location:** Berlin Mennonite Church, 4718 US Route 62, Berlin, Ohio

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Who should attend?** — All credentialed leaders of the Ohio Conference are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Areas of Focus for the Day**

1. Conversation about what it means to make Jesus the center of our life together
2. Learning more about plans for the findings from the Future Church Summit and having conversations about our future engagement as congregations and conference

Please note: The backup snow date for this event is Jan. 25 (same time and location).

## **Register for Jan. 13 training by Jan. 5**

Friday, Jan. 5, is the deadline to register for the Jan. 13 Healthy Boundaries training event at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton.

This training is mandatory for continued credentialing in the Ohio Conference. The Conference is also holding this training event Dec. 9 at SpringHaven Counseling Center in Dundee and April 21 at Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold.

To register for the Jan. 13 training, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesJan13>.

To register for the April 21 training, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesApril21>.



**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.**

### **Perspective inserts**

This issue of *Perspective* includes the December issue of *The Parish Paper*, bulletin announcements from Mennonite Church USA, and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

### **Please distribute Perspective copies to:**

- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

## ***The Mennonite seeks next executive director***

The board of The Mennonite, Inc. is accepting applications for the position of executive director. The executive director functions as chief executive officer for The Mennonite, Inc. The executive director brings broad vision to *The Mennonite* as a content delivery system for MC USA constituents and beyond, helping the organization to develop programs and services appropriate for the digital age. The executive director is responsible for publishing and administration, management of staff, and maintaining denominational relationships. *The Mennonite* is a multimedia and print publication and organization connected to Mennonite Church USA. To read the full description and to apply, visit: <https://themennonite.org/mennonite-inc-seeks-next-executive-director/>.

## ***Bluffton U. to present “Messiah” in Yoder Hall***

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Bluffton University will present its 122nd performance of Handel’s “Messiah” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. New this year, the venue is Yoder Recital Hall. Tickets will be required. While the tickets are free, they must be reserved at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu> or at Marbeck Center. A freewill offering will be taken for music scholarships.

Natalie Mallis, director of choral activities, will make her debut conducting the oratorio at Bluffton. Soloists along with the Bluffton Choral Society including students, faculty, staff and community members will be accompanied by an orchestra. Audience members will be invited to sing along with three of the major choruses. The event will also be livestreamed at <https://livestream.com/bluffton>.

## ***Everence to award scholarships***

GOSHEN, Ind. – Everence is accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year through the end of February.

A college scholarship is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. The Everence scholarship program encourages young people to explore the integration of faith and finances while helping them on their educational journeys.

Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$750 from their area Everence office. Three of those recipients then are chosen for additional national scholarships – one of \$1,250 and two of \$250 – which means the top three will receive grants totaling \$2,000 or \$1,000.

Recipients are chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question.

Scholarship funds may be used to pay tuition, book costs and related course fees. A scholarship application – which includes eligibility details – may be downloaded by visiting [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships).

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## ***Report perspective***

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**R**eports for the Ohio Conference Annual Report Book are due this month. If you have been asked to submit a report for the Annual Report Book, please send it to Judy King at [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) by **Monday, Dec. 18.**

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## ***Giving perspective***

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**A**s families around the world face disaster and crisis, kits and comforters from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved!

MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list, and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen, Indiana. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God’s love and compassion in this tangible way. See <http://bit.ly/MCCGreatLakes> for details.

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## ***Perspective deadlines***

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Dec. 18 for Dec. 21  
Jan. 2 for Jan. 4

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