

Perspective



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Cliff Brubaker's health continues to improve

Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker's health is continuing to improve following surgery to replace his aortic valve on Oct. 23. The surgery went well, and Cliff was able to go home from the hospital on Sunday, Oct. 28. He is recovering at home, and reports, "I am walking every day, and it goes better each day. It is considerably easier for me to walk now than prior to surgery."

Cliff also reports that at his first post-surgery doctor appointment, the surgeon was pleased with how things are progressing. Cliff will be doing cardiac rehab three days a week, and he plans to resume his work for the Ohio Conference beginning in January. Please continue to keep Cliff in your prayers during this recovery period.

Credentialed leaders meet for discussion

Thirty-six credentialed leaders from the Ohio Conference met at the Upper Sandusky Library Thursday, Nov. 9, for the All-Ohio Conference Pastors' Meeting. The agenda for the day included a devotional time based on Ephesians 4:1-16, interaction with Conference Minister Dick Barrett, and a discussion about what it means when we say, "Jesus is our center." The participants also took time out to participate in the recording of a podcast for the Ohio Conference Cast podcast series.

To see photos from the day, go to <http://bit.ly/NovPastorsMeeting>. Photos are by Regional Pastor Ralph Reinford and Conference Minister Dick Barrett. Reflecting on the day's events, Ralph Reinford said, "The gathering wasn't as serious as the pictures appear. There was some lightheartedness and laughter."

MyNeighbor program can benefit Ohio Conference

Do you have a credit card through Everence? If so, your purchases can benefit the Ohio Conference. Everence donates 1.5 percent of the transaction total of each purchase made with a MyNeighbor credit card to the charitable organization of your choice. Donations are distributed each January and are based on the card

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ACA prayer perspective

Ohio Conference invites you to be in prayer for Miriam Zehr, Dottie Hathaway and Leah Abshear. This group is planning for the worship services that will be held at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly in March. Pray that they would feel the Spirit's leading and direction as they plan two worship services based around the themes from Acts 11:19-30.

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holder's choice of "neighbor" as of Dec. 31. In January 2018, the Conference received \$385.48 from this program. See <https://www.everence.com/myneighbor> for details about the MyNeighbor program.

Advent worship guide is for families

Anabaptist Faith Formation Network and Mennonite Church USA are offering a free, downloadable guide for family worship during Advent written by Elsie Rempel and illustrated by Megan Kamei.

This resource, titled *God's Goodness*, is designed for parents to use at home with their children. For use between Dec. 2 and Jan. 6, the worship guide includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. The guide follows the texts and themes of the worship materials found in the magazine *Leader*. To download a copy, go to <http://bit.ly/2018AdventResource>.



This Advent worship guide is just one of many resources available at no cost from www.AnabaptistFaithFormation.org.

High schoolers can explore ministry with AMBS

Do you know high-school students with gifts for leadership and ministry? Through the !Explore program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a group experience (July 9-25, 2019). Scholarships are available. Apply for 2019! See ambs.edu/explore for details.

Growing more like Jesus to be conference focus

Save the date: Hesston College in Hesston, Kansas, will host the 2019 edition of its Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series Feb. 1-3, 2019. The theme for this conference will be "Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind."

The conference will seek to answer the question, "Where can we find support to take new risks to practice the way of Jesus together?" The keynote speaker will be Mark Scandrette, founder of ReIMAGINE: A Center for Integral Christian Practice. Full conference details will be available in December. For more information, see <https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/>.

Service Adventure seeks unit leader

Looking to serve in a mentoring role to young adults? Service Adventure is seeking leaders for its unit location in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska. This is a unique opportunity to serve as a mentor and to foster community with a household of young adults through faith formation, daily living, and house activities. For more information, contact Susan Nisly at Mennonite Mission Network: susann@mennonitemission.net.

MC USA perspective

The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has canceled the special delegate assembly which had been planned for Nov. 26, 2018. To learn more about this decision, please see the letter to delegates from MC USA Moderator David Boshart which is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Podcast perspective

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast, co-hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn talk with Conference Minister Dick Barrett and Paula Snyder Belousek, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, about their experience at the October meeting of the Constituency Leaders Council.

You can listen to this podcast on iTunes or on the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts>.

Perspective deadlines

Dec. 3 for Dec. 6 issue

Dec. 17 for Dec. 20 issue
