

Conference Calendar

MAR

- 7-8 Missional Conference, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron
- 8-9 Annual Conference Assembly, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron
- 30 *Boots, Buckets and Barrows*, a Ted & Co. performance/fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service, South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty

APR

- 5-6 Healthy Congregations Workshop, Berlin Mennonite Church
- 5-7 Men's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 12-13 Mother-Daughter Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 26-27 Father-Son Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

JUN

- 14-16 Hispanic Family Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

NOV

- 15-17 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mills Park Hotel, Yellow Springs, Ohio

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were asked to list on the bookmark four people that they commit to praying for. Also, the congregation's Missions and Service Commission bought 63 coats from the Mennonite Central Com-

mittee thrift store in Hartville and donated them to an area school with a large number of low-income students, benefitting the school and raising funds for MCC at the same time.

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Congregations share news about activities, local ministries

What is happening in your congregation that you just can't wait to tell us about?

What new venture are you looking forward to trying this year?

This winter, delegates from congregations across the Ohio Conference were asked these questions at four winter cluster meetings during January and February. Here are some of their answers:

Crown Hill Mennonite Church (Rittman) — Crown Hill and a group of other local churches has

recently opened a new coffee shop in Rittman called The Server. This

project was helped by grant from the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team.

Berlin Mennonite Church —

Through the assistance of a Ministry Development Team grant, Berlin Mennonite will be hosting a Healthy Congregations Training Seminar April 5-6. The seminar will be led by staff from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

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Summit Mennonite Church (Barberton) — Summit Mennonite has spent some time recently as a congregation studying “Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.” (To learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery, see <https://dofdmenno.org>.) They are exploring a future congregational mission trip with SWAP (Serving With Appalachian People) and/or Habitat for Humanity.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church (Smithville) — The congregation is preparing for the summer Ohio MCC Relief Sale, which will be held at the fairgrounds in Wooster.

Wayne County and Holmes County — Several Ohio Conference congregations and Open Arms Hispanic Ministries are working with the East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network in addressing immigrant issues. They are making plans for a local learning tour in late summer.

Wayne County — Several Ohio Conference congregations continue to interact with several Congolese congregations from the Akron area.

Tedrow Mennonite Church — The church’s missions committee has been busy looking at different possible ministries. Through a Ministry Development Team grant, Tedrow is hosting a homework help table on Tuesdays after school.

They are also exploring participating in a Mennonite Disaster Service project in the

summer.

Salem Mennonite Church (Waldron, Michigan) — The congregation’s new church building opened on Dec. 9. On the third Thursday of every month Salem hosts a community meal. On Tuesdays they have “Taco Tuesday” where a group of women gather for fellowship, and both a men’s



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and a women’s group meet on the first Saturday of each month.

Central Mennonite Church (Archbold) — Several people from the congregation help with Kairos prison ministry at Toledo Correctional Facility. The congregation is exploring Mennonite Disaster Service trips to Puerto Rico or Northern California. Also, along with several other churches in the area they help to serve a weekly community meal.

Sharon Mennonite Church (Plain City) — There is excitement about the calling of Jared Chase to be the congregation’s new lead pastor. Sharon is participating in the Missional Discipleship Initiative. (For more information about the Missional Discipleship Initiative, see <https://www.mennonitemission.net/MDI>.) In addition, another work camp is being planned for the summer. Last year there were 100 youth participants, and this year they are hoping for 125-150 youth and the possibility of including adults.

South Union Mennonite Church (West Liberty) — The church’s second movie night for the com-

munity was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26.

Bethel Mennonite Church (West Liberty) — The congregation is excited about the calling of their new lead pastor, Rebecca Kauffman, after three years of waiting. They are planning for Vacation Bible School.

Pike Mennonite Church (Elida) — The congregation just completed a wonderful and challenging DVD teaching series titled *Love Works*. An addicts’ class is being held at the church.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church (West Liberty) — The congregation’s youth mentoring program is going well and was expanded this year from grades 9-12 to grades 8-12. The Missional Discipleship Initiative is going well, with some new groups having started in the fall.

Beech Mennonite Church (Louisville) — The congregation is focusing on prayer in 2019. Each person has received a “Focus on Your 4” bookmark as a means of encouraging prayer, and members

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