

Perspective



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Vickie Yoder accepts new assignment

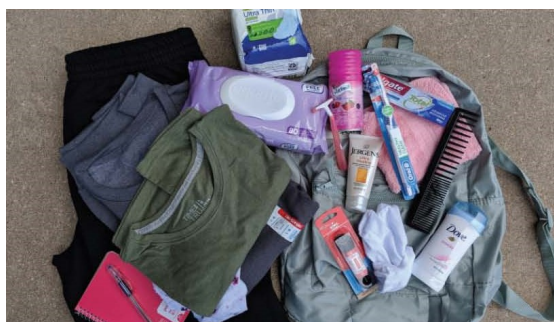
As of Sept. 1, Vicki Yoder will become chair of the Credentialing Ministry when Verle Brubaker steps down. Verle has accepted a new ministry opportunity in Pennsylvania and will be leaving the Conference shortly.



Vickie is part-time interim associate pastor at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City, and she recently retired from her work as a chaplain. She has served as a member of the Credentialing Ministry since 2016. She recently shared the story of how Shadow, a therapy dog, has assisted her work as a chaplain. You can read the story on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/TherapyDogInMinistry>.

Immigration event to include care kit assembly

You're invited to share God's love and give your support to immigrant detainees on our southern border.



Open Arms Hispanic Ministries invites you to come Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. for an immigration information update and MCC Immigration Detainee Care Kit assembly at Orrville Mennonite Church, 1305 W. Market St., Orrville.

A representative from Mennonite Central Committee will provide insights on the current situation for border detainees and how MCC and its partners are sharing God's love through care kit distributions to detainees being released from detention. Those attending will also have the opportunity to help assemble and pack care kits for shipping. All are invited to attend, and all are invited to bring completed kits to the meeting.

Churches who are joining together prior to the Oct. 2 meeting to gather kit items can bring those items or completed kits to

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Prayer perspective

Mennonite Church USA has shared a call to prayer and action in response to gun violence following the mass shootings in Gilroy, California; El Paso, Texas; and Dayton, Ohio. You can read it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/call-to-prayer-and-action-gun-violence/>.

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Orrville Mennonite Church, 1305 W. Market Street, Orrville, for holding and shipping. Drop-off hours are 9 a.m.-noon on four Mondays — Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 — or by special appointment. Kit items need to be collected and delivered to Orrville Mennonite by Sept. 23 to make final preparations for the Oct. 2 kit assembly evening.

For a list of kit contents, see the enclosed immigrant detainee care kit flier or go to <http://bit.ly/MCCImmigrationCareKits>.

For questions or concerns, contact Open Arms via Haroldo Nunes at 330-933-9376 or haroldo_nunes@yahoo.com.br or Kathy Troyer at vktroyer@gmail.com.

RSVP for ministers' meeting by Sept. 5

Credentialed ministers in Ohio Conference will gather Thursday, Sept. 12, to continue their discussion and connect with one another. This meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the library in Upper Sandusky.

Everyone attending should plan to bring their own coffee (if needed) and lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

All credentialed leaders are asked to RSVP to Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net by Thursday, Sept. 5.



MMN to launch Sent Network for church planters

Interested in church planting? This month Mennonite Mission Network is launching the Sent Network, an online group learning curriculum for Anabaptist church planters. Registration is open until Aug. 19. To learn more, see the enclosed flier and visit www.MennoniteMission.net/SentNetwork.

Blog post shares couple's experiences

Stan and Sue Short of Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold shared their experiences for April Yamasaki's recent blog post, "When Your Wife's the Preacher." Sue is one of the three members of Zion's collaborative ministry team. You can read the blog post at <http://bit.ly/PreacherWife>.

Webinar to focus on dealing with politics

Make plans to attend the fall webinar series from Mennonite Church USA for pastors and congregational leaders, "Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics," led by Scott Peterson, leadership pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. This series will include three webinars, with the first on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Learn more and register at thegatheringplace.us.

Service perspective

Oscar Suarez Cabezas, a native of Colombia, became part of the Orrville Mennonite Church family during his year of service in Ohio. Read about his experience serving with MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program at <http://bit.ly/2019IVEP>.

Perspective insert

Included with this issue of *Perspective* is the August issue of *The Parish Paper*. The theme for this month is "Learn more about your congregation through focus groups."

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 26 for Aug. 29 issue

Sept. 9 for Sept. 12 issue
