

Conference Calendar

AUG

- 23 Consultant Meeting with Credentialed Pastors, Upper Sandusky Library

SEPT

- 1 Leadership Team Meeting, online
- 6 Mentor/Mentee Retreat for Pastors, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin
- 14 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 20 Fall Delegate Gathering, Oak Grove Mennonite, Smithville
- 21 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 22 Fall Delegate Gathering, Beech Mennonite, Louisville
- 27 Fall Delegate Gathering, West Clinton Mennonite, Wauseon
- 28 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 29 Fall Delegate Gathering, South Union Mennonite, West Liberty

OCT

- 4 Fall Delegate Gathering, online via Zoom
- 5 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 12 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 19 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 26 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom

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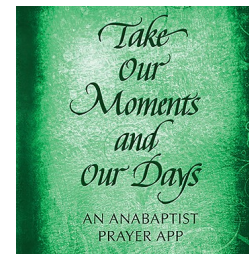
- 2 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 4-6 Pastors' Wives Retreat, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin
- 9 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 16 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom
- 23 Ohio Conference Prayer Time, online via Zoom

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Please join us in prayer

One of the opportunities to practice our faith together, growing out of our commitments from the most recent Annual Conference Assembly gathering, is to join in a collaborative prayer practice this fall.



We will meet on Zoom from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 14 through Nov. 23, us-

ing [Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book](#), as the format for our time together. You can also access the readings and prayers on the app of the same name. To download this free app, go to <http://bit.ly/AnabaptistPrayerApp>.

The rhythm of praising, listening and responding is modeled in this form of communal prayer. **We invite you to set this intentional time to be in**



the presence of God with others from across our Conference as we live, work and discern together.

We hope you will join us.

- Paula Synder Belousek, Pastor and Ministry Development Team Chair
- Sherah-Leigh Gerber, Regional Pastor

Note: For login information for these prayer times, see the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/OCPrayers>.

Supporting healthy, growing congregations

Ohio Conference Cast returns

After a hiatus, the Ohio Conference Cast podcast has returned with a variety of hosts. Two episodes have been released this summer, with more planned for the fall.

In the July 18 episode, Jacob Dodson and Thomas Dunn share ideas for the podcast in a new season, announce a number of upcoming Ohio Conference events, and reflect on the recent gathering of Ohio Conference pastors and credentialed leaders in Plain City.

In the Aug. 17 episode, Jacob Dodson and Bill Seymour talk with Conference Minister Dick Barrett about the current season of review and discernment taking place in the Ohio Conference. Listen to the episode to hear Dick Barrett discuss how the Holy Spirit is at work during this

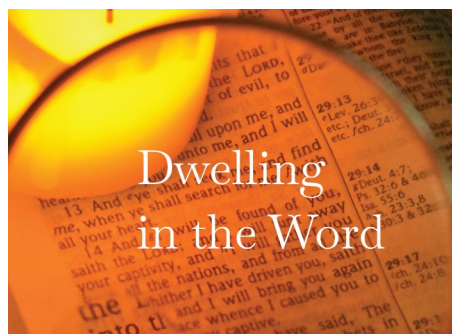


time and to hear his reflections on how the Holy Spirit can form us through spiritual disciplines, such as scripture reading and prayer.

You can listen to Ohio Conference Cast on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#) or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

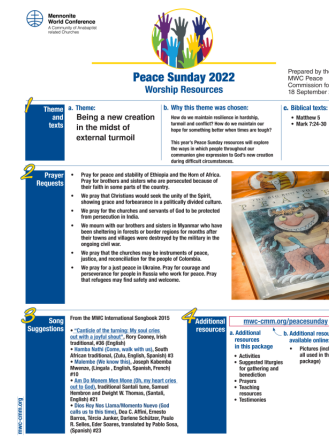
You're invited: Dwelling in the Word

As Ohio Conference enters into a period of review and discernment, Conference Minister Dick Barrett is inviting all members of Ohio Conference congregations to read through the entire New Testament. A suggested reading schedule is available online at <https://bit.ly/OCDwellingintheWord>. For more information, see Dick Barrett's column: <https://bit.ly/SpiritualDisciplines>.



Peace Sunday is Sept. 18

Mennonite World Conference invites you and your congregation to observe Peace Sunday together with brothers and sisters in the global Anabaptist church family on Sept. 18, 2022. The theme for this year's Peace Sunday is "Being a new creation in the midst of external turmoil." MWC has developed worship planning resources for Peace Sunday 2022. To download them, go to <https://bit.ly/2022PeaceSundayResources>.



Study guide focuses on accessibility

After the Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution passed at a special delegate session in May 2022, Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) created a Study Guide for the MC USA Accessibility Resolution.

This study guide was written for ADN by Joanne Gallardo, a conference minister of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference of MC USA

in Goshen, Indiana. The study guide is a resource for congregations to understand and implement ideas from the resolution using specific materials, reflection questions, and information for congregational use over the course of four weeks. A copy of the study guide is available now at <https://bit.ly/AccessibilityResolutionStudyGuide>.

MCC requests material resource donations

Mennonite Central Committee's inventory of material resources is getting low. Needed items include comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief,

school and sewing kits. Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope for people in difficult situations around the world. To get involved, please visit mcc.org/kits.