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### Search for the Christ Child.

Our 20<sup>th</sup> year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This is a 45-minute indoor-outdoor walk through experience. Dress warmly. Admission is one article of food or toiletries for People to People Ministries. Everyone is welcome.

### Advent Day Apart.

Break out of the busy-ness of your Christmas preparations to see where God is bursting in to your life. December can quickly become filled with tasks of the holidays - shopping, cleaning, visiting, singing, cooking, parties and school concerts - to name but a few. These are all wonderful things and we want to participate in as much as we can. Sometimes we don't find the time to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas - the in-breaking of God into our world and our lives. Consider setting a day apart to prepare your spirit for this Holy Season. The Advent Day Apart is a day-long retreat held in the quiet setting of Camp Luz on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The retreat will be led by Norma Duerksen and Rachel Siemens. The registration fee is \$15, which includes lunch. Please register with and make checks out to Ohio Conference by December 5. Be sure to ear mark the check with "Advent Day Apart".

### Dan King, pastor at Beech Mennonite, to present program.

Dan King will be presenting a program on his summer trip to Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay and to churches in southern Argentina at Beech Mennonite Church (Louisville) on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

### 76th Rendition of *The Messiah* at Oak Grove Mennonite.

The 76th rendition of Handel's Messiah will be Sunday, December 20th, 2:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Mennonite Church with Brian Wiebe conducting. Help us make a joyful noise and come join the chorus (and bring a friend!). Chorus rehearsals will be Friday and Saturday, December 18 and 19, from 7:00—9:30 p.m. Come worship with us and celebration God's master plan for the world, as expressed in this wonderful oratorio.

### Ohio Mennonite Men's Chorale.

Attention men and boys! The 10th season of the Ohio Mennonite Men's Chorale (OMMC) will soon be upon us, so be sure to mark your calendars and to pass the word on to others. As in the past, rehearsals will be at Kidron Mennonite Church on Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 p.m. The first rehearsal is scheduled for January 6th and they will continue each Wednesday evening through the first week of February, with the performance to take place on Sunday afternoon, February 7th. For the upcoming program, Tim Shue has passed the baton to William Mateer, who will be taking over as director for this season. Singers of all denominations are welcome and encouraged to join with other men from throughout the area in this unique opportunity to unite our voices in praise of God. We look forward to seeing both past participants and newcomers. If there are questions, please call Lois at Kidron Mennonite Church (330-857-3461).



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