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Membership Note

Daniel Owolabi has transferred his membership to Walnut Creek Mennonite Church, Sugarcreek, Ohio. Elder Council sent a letter of transfer to Walnut Creek Mennonite acknowledging this transition. As a congregation, we pray God's blessing on Dan as he and Erica join in fellowship and ministry with the people at Walnut Creek.

Ohio Conference has New Web Site

Same information, new look: That's what you'll find on Ohio Conference's new web site hosted by Clover. The new web site address is www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. The new site has an updated look with many more photos while still including news briefs, copies of Ohio Evangel and Perspective, information about Annual Conference Assembly, directory information, and information about Resource Teams.

The new web site design and host were chosen by the Ohio Conference Leadership Team after consultation with web designer Anna Kauffman. Ohio Conference Resource Team Coordinator Sherah-Leigh Gerber did most of the work to import information from the old site to the new site. Conference Editor Ann Leaman will be responsible for updating information on the new web site.

During December and January, the Conference will maintain both the old web site at www.ohio.mennonite.net and the new site at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. Then for several weeks, the old site will remain available but will simply include a link to the new site. Please bookmark the new web site address on your computer.



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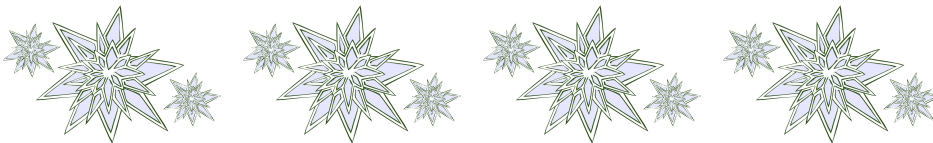
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Marriage Seminar Coming to Central Christian

Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church in Orrville is hosting a Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar February 26 and 27. The seminar, which will feature speakers Amy and Michael Smalley, will be held at Central Christian School in Kidron. Chestnut Ridge sponsored the first Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar in 2008. Nineteen couples attended that event, which was led by speakers Brent and Laurie Lamb. In 2009 more than 100 couples attended the seminar, which featured speakers Steve and Annie Chapman. Cost for the seminar is \$100 per couple if postmarked by February 5, and \$130 per couple after that date. Brochures are available by the mailboxes. More information also is available at the seminar web site: www.lastingflame.org.



Marriage Seminar



Thank You From Those We Support

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Thank you so much for your support of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary! We have much to be grateful for—a diverse group of students who love the church, a committed and gifted faculty and staff, and the faithful support of friends like you who make our mission possible. Please continue to pray that God will guide our efforts to train leaders for the church and God's work in the world. ~ Janeen Bertshce Johnson, Campus Pastor

Mennonite Central Committee—Thank you for your contribution of \$840.00 to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)...Though you may never know the names of the children and families you helped, thousands went to school, and others received food and humanitarian aid. Many more have access to clean water. Communities, where violence generally pervades are experiencing peace. Through you, MCC is reaching out, in the name of Christ, to people in need at home and around the world. Today, in a world shaken by economic upheaval and the effects of the violence of nature and nations at war, we appreciate that you have entrusted your gift to MCC....In the Name of Christ, Arli Klassen, MCC Executive Director

Central Christian School—Thank you for your contribution of \$100.00 to Central Christian School. Your generous gift supports the ongoing mission of educating today's students to be tomorrow's leaders both in the local and global communities.... ~Bruce Kooker, Advancement Director

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).

Mother-Daughter Retreat at Camp Luz

Camp Luz announces the Mother-Daughter Retreat, January 29-30, 2010. The speaker will be Mattie Marie Mast, of Dalton, Ohio. This retreat is for grandmothers, mothers and daughters to come together for worship, Bible study and discussion times, games, and just plain fun! The retreat begins Friday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. and ends Saturday, January 30 after supper at 6:00 p.m. COST: \$25 per person 11 years and up; \$12.50 for ages 4-10; under 3 free. See the flyer on the folding bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Extra copies are available by the mailboxes. Call 330-683-1246, email campluz@embarqmail.com, or visit www.campluz.com for more information.

Employment Opportunity—Home Helpers is seeking to employ quality individuals in the Orrville area to provide non-medical in-home services for seniors similar to the care and support often provided by family members. The services may be: in-home companion care, grocery shopping, transportation, chore services, light housework, 24 hour care, errands, meal planning/preparation, personal care, recuperative services, new mom services, emergency response services. Interested individuals should contact Lori at 1-877-239-CARE.

Home Owner's Clinic—Saving Energy & Money in New & Existing Homes, Thursday, January 28, 7—9 p.m. at Prentke Romich Company, 1022 Heyl Road (Co. Rd. 39), Wooster. Be ready with your questions! Join us for this interactive event where YOU generate the content of the discussion. Get feedback, advice and specific answers to you home energy questions from a wide array of professionals...John Galehouse, Galehouse Construction; Mike Strehle, All Seasons Builders; Justin Reed, Conservation Services Group; Aaron Butzer, Daniel's Heating and Cooling; Keith Speirs, Speirs Architectural Design; and Allen Zimmerman, Ohio State University Professor