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The Practical Side of Church Life

- What—An 8-week study of John Howard Yoder's Body Politics by John Howard Yoder with Kevin Himes
- When—Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 5, 2010
- Where—Orrville Mennonite Church
- Who—All are invited to attend!

Join us in a discovery of the practical biblical teachings of John Howard Yoder, notable author and Mennonite theologian. Through the use of his text, Body Politics, we will cover a wide array of topics pertaining to church life, from the Lord's supper as mission to the running of a church meeting. **Questions?** Contact the Orrville Mennonite Church office (330-682-5801), Kevin Himes (330-317-4042), or Norm Sohar (330-682-7228). Body Politics is available at amazon.com for \$11.24 plus shipping for those who would like to purchase a copy.

Lodging for Bible Quizzing Tournament

Approximately 70-80 quiz teams from Pennsylvania, West Liberty, Ohio and Archbold, Ohio areas will be coming here on March 26-28 to participate in the Bible Quizzing Tournament at Central Christian School. We need your help to give them a place to sleep! Host families will host a quiz team and coaches for the weekend. The teams expect to sleep on the floor so beds are not necessary. Hosts will need to **provide transportation for the teams** to and from Central Christian School on Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. **Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday** will be the only two meals that need to be provided by the host families. If you are interested in helping in this area, please sign up in the fellowship hall. If you sign up you will receive confirmation and information via email or letter when we have matched teams with host families. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jenny Schartiger at 330-201-3148.

Ervin R. Stutzman to speak at Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron

Salem Mennonite Church welcomes you to join us for worship at our Pre-Easter Services March 28, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and March 29, 7:00 p.m. We are privileged to have Ervin R. Stutzman, our new Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, as our guest speaker. His goal is to meet a lot of people and as many churches as possible. His sermon series is titled, "Keeping First Things First." We look forward to having a lot of guests from our sister Mennonite churches join us. We hope we can show our support for Ervin by filling our church so that as many people in the area can get to hear him as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Darrell Ediger (330.466.4077 - cell). The offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee's work in Haiti.



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Found—Men's Cuff Links (in fellowship hall); **Earring, black bead, tan circular piece** (in parking lot). Check with Jan in the church office if any of these items belong to you.

Thank You Notes

From MCC Connections—We acknowledge with deep thanks your recent gift to MCC of 12 comforters. Following the recent devastation in Haiti caused by the January earthquake, there was massive news coverage, and many organizations and individuals sought to provide early relief. However, in the past weeks, news of Haiti's needs has nearly dried up. ***But the needs remain!***

Many churches and individuals have responded to help MCC meet their goals for relief supplies. Within weeks these supplies are on their way to be tangible evidence of the love of Christ. MCC is committed to long-term disaster response there, in addition to the many other points of need where they are already ministering. Your gift helps make this ongoing ministry possible. **Thank You!** Please pray with us that what is given in gifts and service, as they are received, will carry the "freight" of God's wonderful love, given through Jesus Christ.

With Gratitude, Eldon King, Volunteer

From Mennonite Mission Network—We thank Orrville Mennonite Church for contributing \$7,020.50 received from February 1, 2009, through January 31, 2010. Your gifts, prayers, and participation in mission help to create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as together we seek to *share all of Christ with all of creation.*

Serving in Christ, Stanley W. Green, Executive Director

Central Christian School Announcements

Central Christian's Kindergarten Discovery Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 from 8:00 until 10:30 a.m. If you have or know of a 4-year or 5-year old child that would enjoy seeing what a morning is like in Mrs. Bilderback's kindergarten class, call Doris Risser at (330) 857.7311 to register.

Central Christian School's spring fish fry will be on March 12 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Juniors are selling tickets. They may also be purchased at the school in advance or the night of the fish fry. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under eat free!

"The Whisper is God" will be presented at Central Christian School on Friday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an evening of the arts held in lieu of the spring musical. The offering from the evening will be sent to Haitian Community Hospital in Port-Au-Prince and Christianville Mission in Gressier where portions of the school, housing and medical clinics as well as the entire college will have to be rebuilt. Please come and enjoy many wonderful performances by the students as an outpouring of love to those in need.

Camp Luz Men's Retreat

March 19-21, 2010

Registration brochures are available by the mailboxes or check out the camp website www.campluz.com for a printable form. Cost for weekend is \$85.00.

"The Samson Syndrome: Looking at Male Sexuality, Spirituality and Relationships"—We as men can learn a lot from Samson and his relationships. This retreat will look at some of the issues that men deal with, handling sexual temptation, sexuality and self-esteem, and how things change as we age. Andy Stoner will speak in an open and frank manner, leaving time for questions and dialogue. Andy is no stranger to those familiar with Ohio Conference. He has served as regional pastor for 9 years, relating to 48 churches. Previously, Andy served for 20 years as a pastor in congregations in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio and had a marriage and family counseling business for 12 years. He holds an D.Min. from Eastern Baptist Seminary. He and his wife, Anita currently live in Elida, Ohio. They have two adult daughters and nine grandchildren.

P. Graham Dunn Spring Celebration

Spring Celebration at Central Christian School in Kidron, Ohio on Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m. A special worship service will include music from local musicians *Sonnenberg Station* and *Sommers Sisters*. Guest speaker, Dr. Tony Evans, found and Senior Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas will give a message that will inspire and encourage us on our Christian journey. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited.

