



## Birthdays And Anniversaries

1 Shawn & Rebecca Fincham

1 Merle Christner  
8 Emily Netzer  
10 Pat Liller  
11 Larry McFarland  
13 Sue Fincham  
17 Pat Yoder  
18 Caroline Virginia Light  
18 Kelsey Smith  
19 Gail Rotruck  
20 Aaron Monnett  
28 Ron Hampton



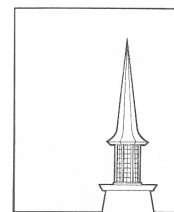
"Our vision is to be a first-century church with air conditioning, ample lighting, and a state-of-the-art sound system."

## AN ANSWER TO SOMEONE ELSE'S PRAYER

One Sunday morning after church I was talking to a friend whom I hadn't seen in some time. We chatted our way out to the parking lot before I remembered I had left my purse in the church pew. Returning to it, I found the purse gone. The minister, seeing me from his open office door, walked out with my bag in his hand.

"I thought I'd better put it in here for safekeeping," he said. "You never know—someone might consider it an answer to prayer."

-- Eunice Cook, Marysville, OH. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."



# CONNECTION

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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

"In Christ's body we're all connected to each other..."  
Eph 4:25, *The Message*



## WORSHIP DURING LENT

### Sunday, March 1 *Beyond Imagination*

Gathering music: Jan Livengood

Message: Merle Christner

**6 p.m.** Evening Service:  
Kairos Prison Ministry  
Speaker: Paul Davis



### Sunday, March 8 *Letting the Seed Coats Decay*

Music: *Celebration*

Message: Lawrence Brenneman

Jr. Worship: Young Adults

**6 p.m.** Evening Service: Kairos Reflections  
Speaker: Dick Helmick

### Sunday, March 15 *God Amidst the Shadows*

Prelude: Jan Livengood

Message: Paul Livengood

**6 p.m.** Bible Study with Lester Reall, Job 1-2

### Sunday, March 22 *God's Foolishness*

Gathering music: Denny Brown

Message: Vernon Isner

Jr. Worship: Young Adults



### Palm Sunday, March 29

*A Second Look*

Prelude: Carla Brown

Message: Wade Dorsey

**6 p.m. Communion  
and Footwashing Service**



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SnoKamp is a weekend planned for Allegheny Conference youth in grades 9-12, by the current youth cabinet. It includes great music, sessions, workshops, activities, and time for hanging out with old friends and meeting new ones.

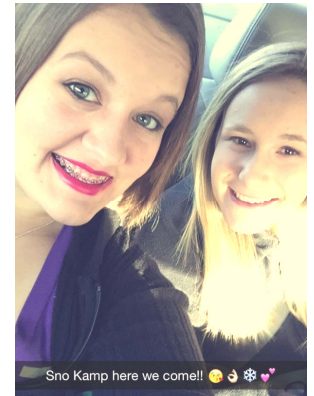
The speaker this year was Dan Hunsberger who is a pastor at Kaufman Mennonite Church where he leads music as well as preaches. Music for the group worship sessions was led by Alyssa Cable Green, from Springs Mennonite, John Tennefoss, from Grace Fellowship, and Joe Furry, pastor of Martinsburg Mennonite.

One of the workshops especially appreciated by Mary Twigg (and also Paula Monnett as a sponsor) was Dating 101. Mary said, "It gave me a different perspective on putting my Christianity into my dating relationships". Paula was impressed that the leader, Jason, asked the "older" persons in the workshop to share from their perspectives also.

As a senior experiencing her final SnoKamp, Teagan Powers has this to say: "SnoKamp 2015 was awesome. instead of having a "normal sanctuary" set up, this year's speaker had us form a circle during worship. It was interesting and different, but it made for more of a discussion feel rather than a sermon or a lecture atmosphere. It was more interactive and enjoyable this way."

Caitlin Flowers said, "I really enjoyed the Bible lessons that Dan Hunsberger taught to us. We learned about what matters. People matter, peace matters, some things don't matter, and of course, Jesus matters."

Teagan also said, "The music was awesome as usual. It is my favorite way to experience God. Overall it was a great weekend. I'm sad that it was my last year, but I have enjoyed going and I will always remember the memories of going to SnoKamp."



## **SISTER GROUP BEGINNING**

All women are invited to join "Sister Care", a Bible study/prayer/support group based on a DVD and participant's manual from the church-wide organization, Mennonite Women, led by Evie Christner.



This series is designed to provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others in their families, congregations, and communities.

The group is open to all women, so feel free to bring a friend! Please let Evie know of your interest so that a book may be ordered for you. We will be meeting on Saturdays at 9:30 am. Due to Allegheny Conference meeting on March 7, the next meeting will be on March 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, Tea, and snack provided.

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The Pinto teens would like to thank the congregation for their generous support in the Souper Bowl fundraiser. A total of \$1,603 was raised for SnoKamp, Last Blast of Summer, and other conference-wide events.

A portion of the funds provided for one of the youth of the Bhutanese-Nepali Church to attend SnoKamp this year. A challenge was issued to other youth groups and a total of eight persons from that church were able to attend due to the donations of other youth groups and contributors.

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**UPSIDE**

**NMOD**

**and**

**INSIDE**

**OUT**



## **LENT VISUALS** **REFLECT THEME**

The theme for Lent, "Upside Down and Inside Out" is reflected in the visuals you will see at the front of the church on the Sundays leading up to Easter. We will keep these visuals throughout the season because the reality is that growth is usually both quite ordinary and rather slow. Rarely do we change overnight. Things don't have to be spectacular in order to be important. God can and does work in the daily as well as the dramatic!

Purple is the traditional color of Lent, reflecting both the royalty of Christ and a season of penitence and is seen in a variety of shades and textures. The knots in the cloth are something that is created by literally turning the material upside down and inside out.

In addition to the fabric, there are three candles on the table, one for each member of the Trinity. Each Sunday they will be lit in the name of God, who creates life, the Savior who loves life, and the Spirit, who is the fire of life.

As you enter the sanctuary each Sunday and as you listen to the music, the scripture, the readers' theater, and the message, may you reflect on how God is helping you grow. Allow yourself to be remade, reshaped, recasted, and generally turned upside down and inside out.



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## MARCH 2015

| Sun                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                     | Tue                                  | Wed                                               | Thu                                      | Fri | Sat                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Gathering Music: Jan Livengood<br>Message: Pastor Merle<br>Penny Power offering<br>6 p.m. Kairos-Paul Davis         | 2<br>6 pm Game Night                                    | 3<br>5:30 pm Build-<br>ing Committee | 4<br>5:30 pm Family Night<br>6:30 pm Bible Study  | 5<br>7 pm <i>Celebration</i><br>practice | 6   | 7<br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9 am Allegheny Conference<br>at Springs Mennonite |
| 8 Music: <i>Celebration</i><br>Message: Lawrence Bren-<br>neman<br>Penny Power offering<br>6 p.m. Kairos-Dick Helmick | 9<br>6 pm Game Night                                    | 10<br>6:30 pm<br>Leadership          | 11<br>5:30 pm Family Night<br>6:30 pm Bible Study | 12                                       | 13  | 14<br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Sister Care                              |
| 15 Prelude: Jan Livengood<br>Message: Paul Livengood<br>6 pm Bible Study-Lester Reall                                 | 16<br>6 pm Game Night                                   | 17                                   | 18<br>5:30 pm Family Night<br>6:30 pm Bible Study | 19                                       | 20  | 21<br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Sister Care                              |
| 22 Gathering Music: Denny Brown<br>Message: Vernon Isner                                                              | 23<br>8 am World's<br>Attic Work Day<br>6 pm Game Night | 24                                   | 25<br>5:30 pm Family Night<br>6:30 pm Bible Study | 26                                       | 27  | 28<br>7 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Sister Care                              |
| 29 PALM SUNDAY<br>Prelude: Carla Brown<br>Message: Wade Dorsey<br>6 pm Communion and Foot-<br>washing service         | 30<br>6 pm Game Night                                   | 31                                   |                                                   |                                          |     |                                                                                  |