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Birthdays
And
Anniversaries

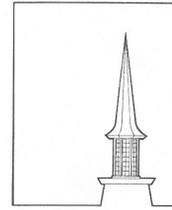
- 2 Jared Morgan
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- 12 Kim Rotruck
- 16 Richard Trost
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- 19 Leslie Helmick
- 20 Evie Christner
- 25 Doris Ours
- 25 Sue Trost
- 26 Janie Taylor
- 30 Al Anderson

- 8 David & Dawn Dayton
- 23 Andrew & Brynn Riggins
- 24 Dan & Ann Light



The pastor's wife agreed to give him a subtle signal whenever he started to "chase rabbits."

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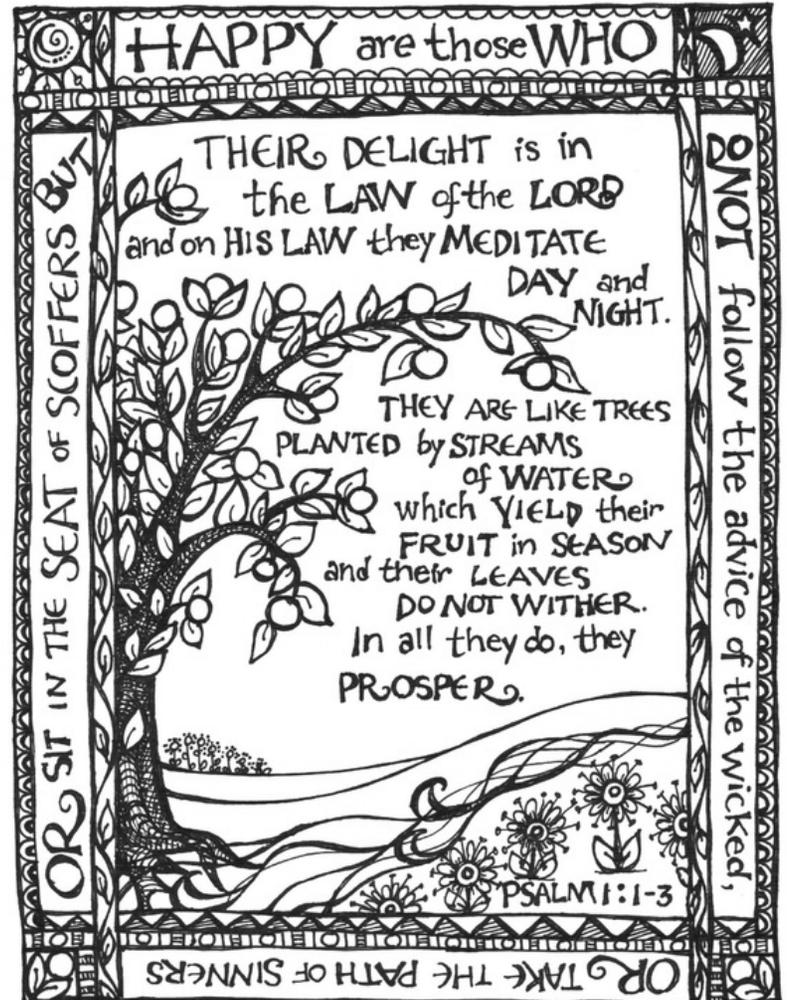


CONNECTION

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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

"In Christ's body we're all connected to each other..."



November Worship

November 2

Music: *Celebration*
Worship Leader: Pat Yoder
Penny Power Offering
Text: Hebrews 1
Message: Pastor Merle-How Scripture shapes our lives.

7 pm Harmony of the Gospels-Pastor Merle

November 9

Worship Leader: Wade Dorsey
Text: 1 John 4:7-21
Message: Pastor Merle-Reflections on the Allegheny Conference Fall Faith and Life Gathering
Jr. Worship: Women's Class

7 pm Service planned by "The Mennonite" class

November 16

Music: Denny Brown
Worship Leader: Gail Rotruck
Message: Pastor Merle-The importance of Scripture for Faith Formation in the body of Christ

November 23

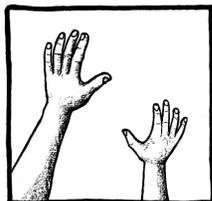
Message: Pastor Merle-Gratitude and Thanks
Jr. Worship: Womens Class

Noon Thanksgiving Dinner
No evening service

November 30-First Sunday of Advent

Music: *Celebration*
Worship Leader: Roveen Yoder
Text: Mark 13:24-37
Message: Pastor Merle

"Oh, that you would reveal your hope"



(Taken from the Bulletins in our archives)

50 years ago, November 1964

- The dedication of the Cumberland Union Rescue Mission was held at the Rescue Mission Chapel on Sunday, November 8.
- The Sunbeam Girls were taking orders for Ideals books for use as Christmas gifts.
- A Thanksgiving Day service was held at the church.
- A blanket drive was being held for the needy in Korea.
- An area conference MYF meeting was held at Springs with the theme of "Living With a Purpose."

25 years ago, November 1989

- A special Fall Missions Offering of \$1025.05 was collected.
- A Thanksgiving service planned by the music committee was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19. A brief Thanksgiving service led by Pat Yoder was held at the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 22.
- Food staples were being collected for the Rescue Mission.
- Contact persons for the World's Attic work day were Grace Trost, Virginia Moreland, and Ann Light



FILL THE PAVILION

..with picnic tables, that is. Donations are being received for six-foot picnic tables for the new pavilion. These are made to last with powder-coated steel legs and frame and an injection-molded polypropylene table and benches which clean easily with soap and water.



Manufactured by Leisure Time, they are a taupe color and cost \$300 each. Checks may be made to Pinto Mennonite Church with the designation "picnic tables" in the memo line.

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Which person offered gratitude for which blessing?

Name	Blessing
___ 1. Hannah	A. Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem
___ 2. Jesus	B. Birth of John the Baptist
___ 3. One of the ten lepers	C. Marriage of Boaz
___ 4. Abraham and Sarah	D. Samuel's birth
___ 5. Zacharias and Elizabeth	E. Marriage to Jacob; birth of Joseph
___ 6. Nehemiah	F. Untouched by the fiery furnace
___ 7. Ruth	G. Lazarus' resurrection
___ 8. Rachel	H. Great fish releases him
___ 9. Children of Israel	I. Defeat of Goliath
___ 10. Moses	J. Healing of leprosy
___ 11. Joshua	K. Deliverance from Egypt
___ 12. David	L. Safety in the lions' den
___ 13. Jonah	M. Isaac's birth
___ 14. David	N. Walls of Jericho fall
___ 15. Three Hebrew boys	O. Ten Commandments

SCRIPTURES THAT SHAPE US

How is your list coming? You know the one that Pastor Merle and the Elders asked us to begin last month about certain scriptures that are important in our Christian life. Following are the instructions in case you have forgotten or misplaced them.



List and record verses, passages, and stories in scripture that you recall. Whether you realize or not each of these verses, passages, and stories do guide us, shape us, influence us, and define who we are as persons and as followers of Christ.

During November we will gather and consolidate your scriptures with those of everyone else. While all scriptures are important, some will stand out as being the more formative for the entire congregation.

In the next few weeks, the gathering process will begin in the adult Sunday School classes, so now is the time give some thought and prayer to the list of scripture which has shaped your life.



Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

Joanna Pinkerton, of Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS has begun a weekly spiritual practice of Scripture Doodling, using the suggested memory text for each week. These designs are then copied in black and white, and placed in the foyer, along with colored pencils or crayons so that doodling may occur during worship, or at home. The artwork on the front cover is one of her creations

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UNDERWAY

There are boxes still available for you to fill for a child as a special Christmas gift. Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, collects and sends thousands of boxes each year. Last year, our church packed 107 boxes. Can we match or exceed that number this year?



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse is a relief and Christian evangelism organization led by Franklin Graham.

A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

BRING YOUR BOX TO CHURCH BY NOVEMBER 9

CHRISTMAS GIVING 2014 IS HERE

OK, we know fall just arrived, but seriously, is it ever too early to think about giving gifts to people around the world? Check out the "Missions" bulletin board in the foyer for giving opportunities from several organizations including:

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) with projects providing food, water, peace, education, livelihoods, and health.

Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) who urges us to "Be blessed, Be a Blessing, and Be the Gospel"

Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA) whose goal is sharing God's love through economic empowerment, creating business solutions to poverty

Feed the Children, Heifer Project, and Samaritan's Purse also have catalogs and information from which to choose a Christmas project.

WORLD CONFERENCE IN HARRISBURG PA IN 2015

Registration is now open!

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters from around the world in Harrisburg, PA, on July 21-26, 2015, for Mennonite World Conference Assembly. This gathering will not happen again in North America for approximately 30 years, so this is a rare opportunity for us in this area.

The theme is "Walking with God" and each day opens with singing led by a multi-national worship team. Each morning features a stimulating meditation, response by a young adult, fellowship and discussion with a small, multi-cultural group you'll be a part of for the whole week. Each afternoon there are workshops, performances, exhibits, visiting in the Global Church Village, and other events. Evening services include testimonies, prayer, and times of encouragement. Youth and children's programs are also planned.

Registration information and several recent news releases are posted on the web site, <http://www.mwc-cmm.org>. The "Assembly Buzz" is also posted on the bulletin board with more information.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) represents part of the global family of Christian churches rooted in the 16th century Radical Reformation in Europe, particularly in the Anabaptist movement. MWC membership includes 101 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ national conferences of churches with 1.2 million baptized believers, and one international association. About 78 percent of baptized believers in MWC member churches are African, Asian or Latin American.

This assembly is "an experience of Jesus we can't fully replicate in our own congregations...a taste of heaven as we worship and fellowship in many languages and cultures" Plan now to attend with your whole family for all or part of the week or support others in their attendance with your donations and prayers.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Habitat for Humanity was founded with a mission of Christian service to provide decent housing for deserving families. Allegany County's first new homeowner and her two children received their new Habitat home in 2012, and they continue to express their appreciation for the generosity of so many who helped build their home.



A Habitat for Humanity house provides so much more than a place to live, bringing stability to a family and strength to our community.

Allegany County Habitat for Humanity has received a donation of land on which to build the next home as well as materials donated by local businesses and thousands of hours of volunteer time. Unfortunately, these resources are not enough to continue the current build and start any future homes. Churches and individuals are asked to become a partner in this work by making donation to this cause of safe, affordable housing for qualified low-income families in Allegany County.

Contributions may be sent to Allegany County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 3162, LaVale, MD 21502-3162. Visit the website at www.alleganycountyhfh.org or call 301-687-1006 for further information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

*Ray Presley, President, Board of Directors,
Allegany County Habitat for Humanity*



ADVENT 2014

Oh, That You Would Reveal Your Mystery

Advent may well be one of the most overlooked yet most important times of the year. We live in a culture that depreciates the value of waiting. One sad consequence of this is the increased difficulty we have embracing God's promises that seem so long in coming. We're in danger of losing our ability to yearn for the revelation of God's mystery in our world.



The theme for this Advent-Christmas season strives to add richness to the four Sundays of Advent so they will be filled with edifying anticipation. They call us to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Christ, but they also have us "zoom out" from ancient Bethlehem to see what the birth of Jesus Christ means in God's dream for today.

The Scripture texts from the gospel of Mark draw our attention to the eschatological nature of Advent and help us look forward to the second coming of Christ when the kingdom of God will be on earth, as it is in heaven. This focus has been part of Advent teachings since the fourth century, and we are happy to continue this tradition.

Faithful preparation during Advent puts Christmas into its proper place, not as a comforting destination where chestnuts roast on an open fire, but as the completely disruptive in-breaking of the God who, through this birth, reveals the divine mystery and sheds new light on all things.

Advent proclaims that the days of evil are numbered and that oppressive regimes have only one ultimate future: utter destruction and replacement by God's reign.

*(From The Leader
Advent-Christmas resources)*



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2 Music: <i>Celebration</i> Penny Power offering Message: Pastor Merle 7 pm Harmony of the Gospels- Pastor Merle	3 6 pm Game Night	4	5 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	6 6:30 pm Elders	7	8 7 am Men's Bible Study
9 Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship: Women's Class 7 pm service planned by "The Mennonite" class	10 6 pm Game Night	11	12 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm MEMBERS MEETING	13	14	15 7 am Men's Bible Study
16 Music: Denny Brown Message: Pastor Merle	17 6 pm Game Night	18	19 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	20 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	21	22 7 am Men's Bible Study
23 Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship: Women's Class	24 8 am World's Attic Work Day 6 pm Game Night 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	25	26 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29 7 am Men's Bible Study
30 Advent Begins Music: <i>Celebration</i> Message: Pastor Merle Noon: Thanksgiving Meal No evening service						