

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 Carla Brown  
1 Jean Harsh  
2 Carol Flowers  
3 Colton Andrew Livengood  
7 Aubrey Livengood  
17 Betty Anderson  
22 Nathan Light  
28 Janetta Hampton  
28 David P. Dayton

14 Merle & Evie Christner  
21 Johnny & Gloria Strickland  
23 Phillip & Nancy Dayton



**Directory Update:** Richard and Sue Trost no longer have a land line home phone. Please use their cell phone numbers. Richard: 937-266-3959; Sue: 937-266-3989.

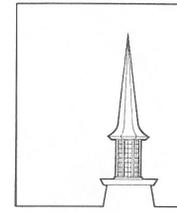
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THEY ASKED IF I ENJOYED WORKING ON  
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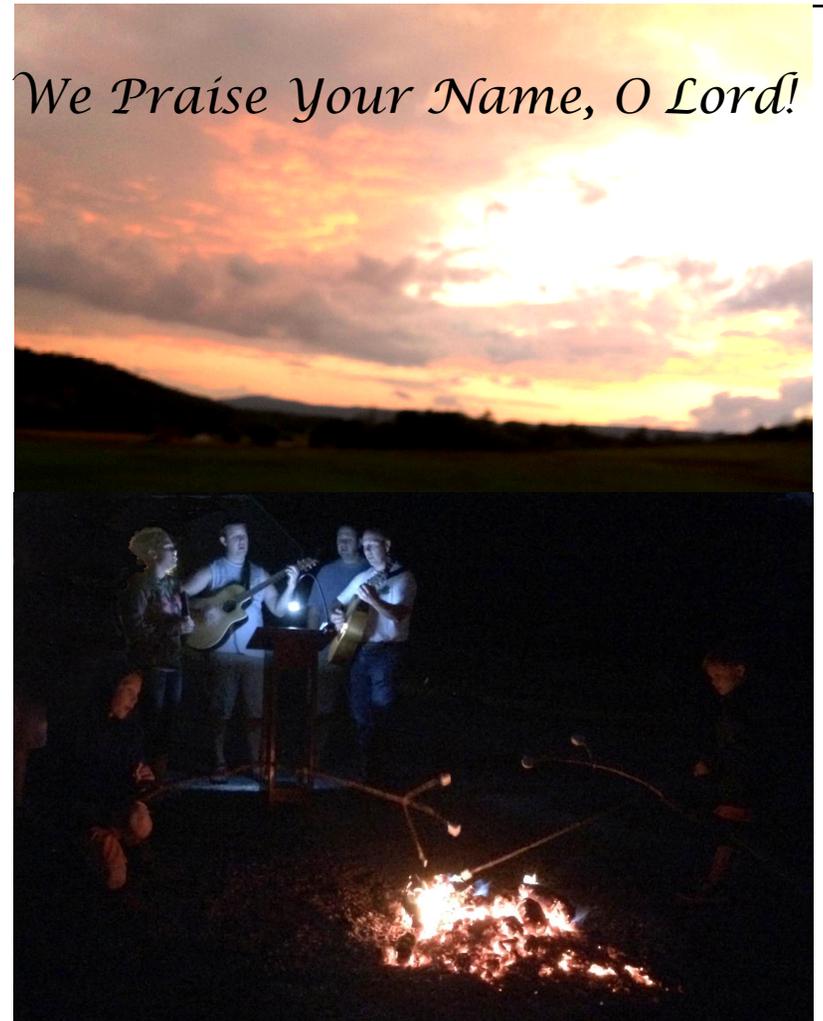
# CONNECTION

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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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

*We Praise Your Name, O Lord!*



# WORSHIP TOGETHER

## Sunday, October 5

Prelude: Jan Livengood  
Penny Power Offering  
Message: Pastor Merle  
Service of Communion

7:00 pm Footwashing Service



## Sunday, October 12

Prelude: Jan Livengood  
Jr. Worship: Young Adult Class  
Message: Pastor Merle

## Sunday, October 19

Prelude: Teagan Powers  
Message: Wade Dorsey

7:00 pm Evening Service by Men's Class

## Sunday, October 26

Gathering Music & Special Music: Dale Miller  
Jr. Worship: Young Adult Class  
Message: Pastor Merle

Noon: Fellowship Meal

1:30 pm: Musical program with Dale Miller  
on the electronic accordion

*Come, listen or sing along with songs about*

**LIGHT,  
WATER,  
WORSHIP,  
and HEAVEN**

*Words will be displayed on photos he has*



*taken.*

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Proceeds from the event went to support the Burma project whose mission is to empower civil society to pursue environmentally friendly, peaceful and sustainable futures both locally and abroad. For more information, check out [www.theburmaproject.org](http://www.theburmaproject.org).

Frontline Ministries is a private nonprofit agency located Tipton PA. They seek to provide many outreach opportunities for teens especially those who are "at risk". . For more information on their agency check out [www.frontlineministries.com](http://www.frontlineministries.com).

The Pinto Teens wish to thank the congregation for their faithful support making events like this possible. Our next fundraiser will be our annual Souper Bowl Sunday scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2015, immediately after the morning worship service.

For a more complete report and more photos see the article posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**FAMILY NIGHT IS  
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**COME AT 5:30 PM  
FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN  
BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

**PINTO TEENS WILL BE COOKING  
AND SERVING THE MEAL ON  
OCTOBER 22. DON'T MISS OUT!**

## PINTO TEENS JOIN IN “LAST BLAST OF SUMMER”

Pinto's Youth Group (who wish to be known as “Pinto Teens”) attended Frontline Ministries' “Last Blast of Summer” on Labor Day Sunday.

The morning opened with an outdoor praise and worship session with Lindsay Salyards, and Dave Cadle as God's love literally rained down on us. The key scriptures of the day were Matthew 5: 13-16. We were challenged to be the SALT of the earth. We were reminded that S= SET apart as God's chosen people and A=our ACTIONS are to be the hands and feet of God in spreading the gospel. We are a people called to L=LOVE and serve the lost and needy in the world. We are all equipped with T=TALENTS and special abilities to all that God asks us to do, because all things are possible with God.

God gave us a beautiful day to use the facilities at DelGrosso's amusement and water parks, although His beauty was shown in clouds and rain. However, this did not stop the group from having a great time.

A display pavilion operated all day with a variety of Christian vendors and schools and universities present with lots of give aways, a photo booth, and chair massages. A variety of contemporary Christian musicians performed throughout the day. Headliners were *Building 429* and *7th Time Down*.

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## PENNY POWER TO SUPPORT SOUTH SUDAN RELIEF

Each year, the TriState MCC Sale Committee chooses one of the MCC programs to be supported specifically by our Penny Power offerings. Last year, it was trees for Haiti and we at Pinto symbolized this by adding trees to a poster for each offering until we had quite a forest.

This year, the Penny Power offerings will benefit the famine relief efforts in South Sudan. Each dollar contributed will be represented by a “Pinto” bean collected in a jar on the table in the foyer.

The people of South Sudan are suffering trauma and extreme hunger as they flee an armed conflict in their new nation. More than 800,000 people are displaced within the country, just formed in 2011, and more than 250,000 are refugees in neighboring countries, according to the United Nations. The conflict, which began in December 2013 because of a split within the ruling political party, escalated into widespread violence.



Nearly a third of the population is facing starvation in South Sudan, according to Ken and Laura Litwiller, MCC's area directors in East Africa, from Lewistown, Pa.

*(Ken and Laura are members of Allegheny Mennonite Conference)*

“A great deal of international attention has been given to political posturing and spectacular acts of violence,” the Litwillers wrote (in April.) “But many more will lose their lives in the slowly unfolding humanitarian catastrophe of famine, floods and cholera that the rains will bring with the end of the planting season this month.”

MCC encourages prayer for the people of South Sudan. Beyond meeting basic needs, MCC is continuing to support education, peacebuilding and agriculture projects in South Sudan. Remember, your pennies can help!

## DALE MILLER TO PRESENT MUSICAL PROGRAM

Dale Miller from Scottdale, Pa., will be worshipping with us on Sunday, October 26. Dale and his wife, Janet, attend Scottdale Mennonite Church and are also involved in supporting the Bhutanese-Nepali Church of Pittsburgh. They accompanied Suraj Bhandari when he spoke here recently and Dale treated us to several numbers on his accordion.



Dale started playing the accordion when he was 12 years old. He took lessons for about 4 years and then taught 12 students for a little less than 2 years. When he got too busy giving programs he quit teaching.

Another person, Marvin Miller, and Dale formed the Miller Accordionaires and gave 65 programs a year for about 4 years. They recorded 4 record albums during that time with the last one being recorded in Puerto Rico. They had the privilege to play in every Mennonite church in Puerto Rico via a Voluntary Service assignment. They traveled with the youth group to Dominican Republic for 12 days and participated in programs there. They also gave programs in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, and Canada.

Currently Dale plays mostly for pre-service music or special occasions and he has given programs in several churches and at the TriState Relief Sale in the past several years.

Dale purchased this Scandalli Electronic Wireless Accordion a little over 2 years ago. He had to relearn how to play since the volume on this one is controlled strictly by the bellow movement verses a foot peddle volume control. This accordion has 500 sounds recorded on it to use. It is a quartet style accordion because you can play 4 instruments at the same time. The accordion has 60 different accordion sounds, 30 organ sounds, and many different instrument sounds.

Dale will be leading us during a portion of the morning worship service and a noon fellowship meal is planned. Dale will be presenting an afternoon program at 1:30 pm so be sure to invite friends and neighbors to enjoy this special event.

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available free at <http://www.everence.com/end-of-life-planning>.

Our presenter, Beryl Jantzi, Stewardship Education Director for Everence, noted that “living well, aging well, and dying well all require planning....Very few things of significance happen without some intentionality.” So why not be intentional and plan well for your final transition? Do not force your decisions to be crisis-driven.

Angela Dietzel, Laurelville Program Director, and her mother, Joanne Dietzel, led the participants in worship during evening and morning prayers and final worship and communion. These times were meaningfully related to the workshop content. They served well to put our lives into eternal perspective.

*Wayne Yoder*

## WORLD'S ATTIC TO CELEBRATE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Now in its 35th year, World's Attic Thrift Shop in Somerset continues to change and grow while supporting the work of the Mennonite Central Committee. Three things stay the same: nothing is wasted; volunteers carry the load; and customers always leave with something. Sometimes it is clothing. Other times it is hope or a feeling of community.



The shop plans to hold a 35th Anniversary Celebration during the second weekend in October by offering sales, refreshments and door prizes to customers.

The thrift shop attracts generations of staff and shoppers. About 50 volunteers help every year. In addition to volunteers, the thrift shop needs quality donations from a variety of sources so that it is not dependent upon just one supplier.

The shop needs current clothing for children and adults, either new or gently used, and household goods that are not cracked or dirty, Sheri Speigle, store manager, said. The secret of the thrift shop's longevity is simple: the mission to serve others has not changed over the years.

*(from an article published in the Somerset Daily American)*

## REFLECTIONS ON THE END OF LIFE WORKSHOP

Over 30 people gathered at Laurelville for three days in August for the End-of-Life Education workshop, co-



sponsored by Everence and Laurelville. The event drew participants from Mennonite Church USA, Church of the Brethren, Conservative Mennonite Conference, and United Methodist Churches, including medical professionals, attorneys, educators, pastors and lay leaders. The workshop was led by Beryl Jantzi, Everence Stewardship Education Director, and focused on End-of-Life curriculum materials which provide a way for families, pastors, and other professionals to discuss and plan for end-of-life issues.

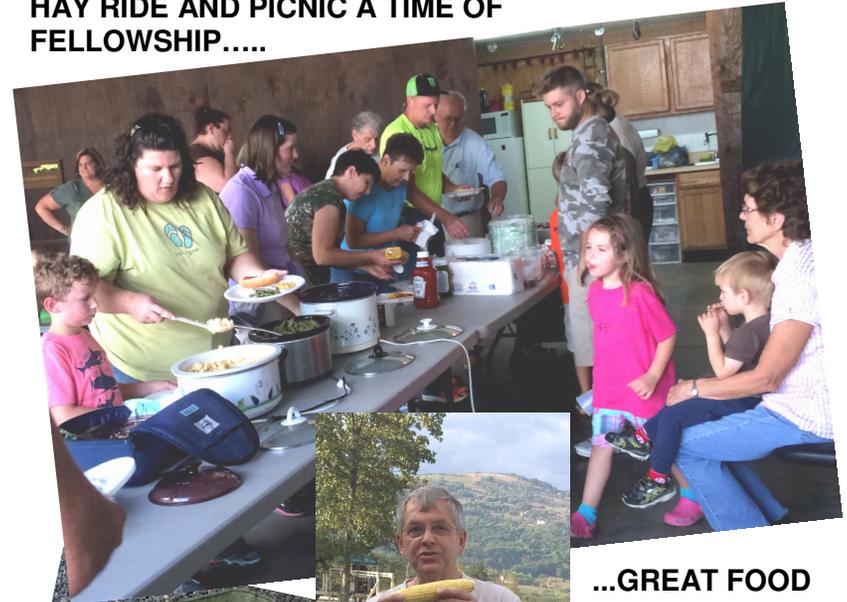
Wayne Yoder attended this workshop and has the following reflections on his experience.

The Everence End-of-life Education workshop was an information-packed series of six sessions that were a very beneficial time for thinking about transition from this life to the next. This information is useful regardless of one's age, as all of us will be making the transition at some time: for some individuals with "advance warning", but for many without warning. For all adults, I believe the materials covered in the workshop are very worthwhile.

Recently I had the opportunity to spend time with Don Ziegler and with Jerry Shank in Akron, Pa. As Don and Jerry were two of the originators of much of the content of the workshop, I was feeling some of their spirit for why it is important to consider its content. What if I become mentally or physically incapacitated as I approach the end of my life? Who determines, and how will my wishes be fulfilled? During the workshop I was especially made aware of the "gift" we are able to pass to our loved ones when we have done the work that is suggested in the six sessions of the workshop.

The "End-of-life curriculum guide" and "Personal financial affairs directory" produced by Everence are two important documents that can help in planning for one's final transition and making that transition easier for loved ones. These documents as well as other stewardship materials are

## HAY RIDE AND PICNIC A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.....



...GREAT FOOD



...LAUGHTER AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!



THANK YOU, YOUNG ADULTS, FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING!

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## OCTOBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 7 am Men's Bible Study
5 Message: Pastor Merle Prelude: Jan Livengood Penny Power offering Communion Sunday 7 pm Footwashing	6 6 pm Game Night	7 6:30 pm Council	8 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	9	10	11 7 am Men's Bible Study
12 Message: Pastor Merle Prelude: Jan Livengood Jr. Worship: Young Adults	13 6 pm Game Night	14	15 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 7 am Men's Bible Study
19 Message: Wade Dorsey Prelude: Teagan Powers 7 pm Evening service- Men's Class	20 6 pm Game Night	21	22 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	23 6:30 pm Elders	24	25 7 am Men's Bible Study
26 Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship: Young Adults Noon Fellowship meal 1:30 pm Music Program/Dale Miller	27 8 am World's Attic Work Day 6 pm Game Night	28	29 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	30 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	31	1 Allegheny Conference Fall Faith & Life Gathering