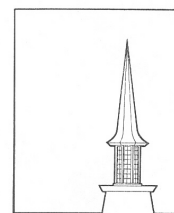


Birthdays and Anniversaries

15 Wayne & Roveen Yoder
23 Ted & Jean Harsh
23 Terry & Gail Rotruck
24 Jeff & Karen Morgan
27 Kraig & Sarecia Powers

6 Wayne Yoder
7 Caitlin Flowers
9 Dezeray Fincham
13 Joseph Fincham
14 Rebecca Dolly
14 Rebecca Fincham
17 Dawn McFarland
20 Cathy Chapman
27 Eric Helmick
30 Charles Edmiston



CONNECTION

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

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Gracious God,

You have made all of the peoples of the earth
for your glory.

You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.

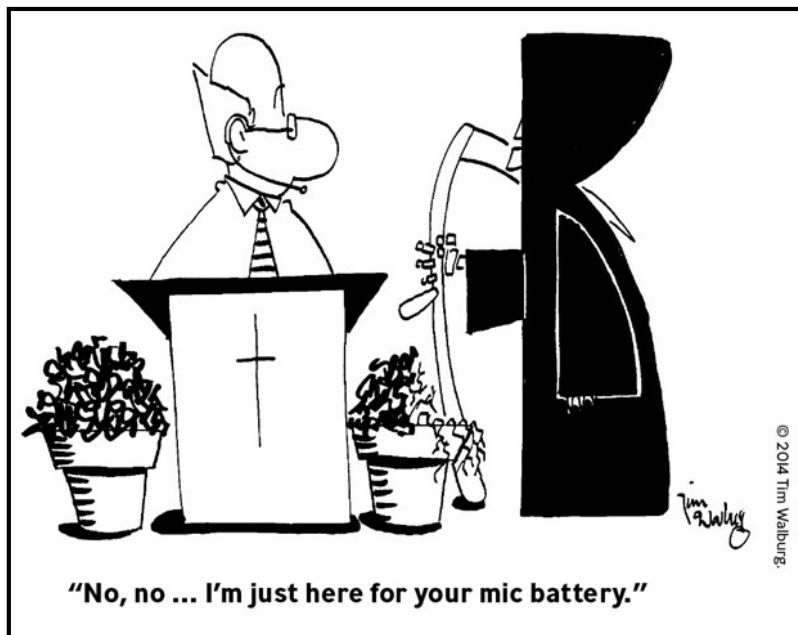
Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice
and the strength for forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with Your gracious will.

We ask this on a day of celebration,
a day of hope for a nation made free.
We ask this in the name of the one
who welcomes all to be free indeed.

Inspire us to live and worship in Your freedom
and for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.

~ adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*

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of GOD TOGETHER**



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WORSHIP IN JULY



July 6

Prelude: Jan Livengood
 Message: Pastor Merle,
 John 14:5-11 "A Claim for Christ"
 Penny Power Offering
 PreK Leader: Bree Flowers
 No Jr Worship

July 13

Gathering Music : Jan Livengood
 Message: Pastor Merle
 Ephesians 3:14-21 "The Function of the Church"
 PreK Leader: Caitlin Flowers
 Jr Worship: Mennonite class

July 20

Message: Pastor Merle
 Acts 16:9-15 "The Generosity of the Gospel"
 PreK Leader: Katrina Dolly
 No Jr Worship

July 27

Gathering: *Celebration*
 Message: Pastor Merle
 1 Thess. 1:8-2:8 "Faith through Suffering"
 PreK Leader: Beth Livengood
 Jr Worship: Mennonite class

**GOOD
FRIENDS!**



GOOD FOOD!



**FUN FOR
ALL AGES!**





FOURTH ANNUAL WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Worship on Sunday morning, June 22, was held at Rocky Gap State Park and focused on caring for God's creation.



Gathering music featured songs learned in the recent week of Bible School.

Children's time led by Roveen and Wayne featured a book with a little different twist to the creation story and visual aids of a daisy and a spider. Ask the kids what they learned!

Many people enjoyed the cool morning and warm afternoon with a fellowship meal, swimming and boating on the lake, and plenty of opportunity to visit and connect with each other.

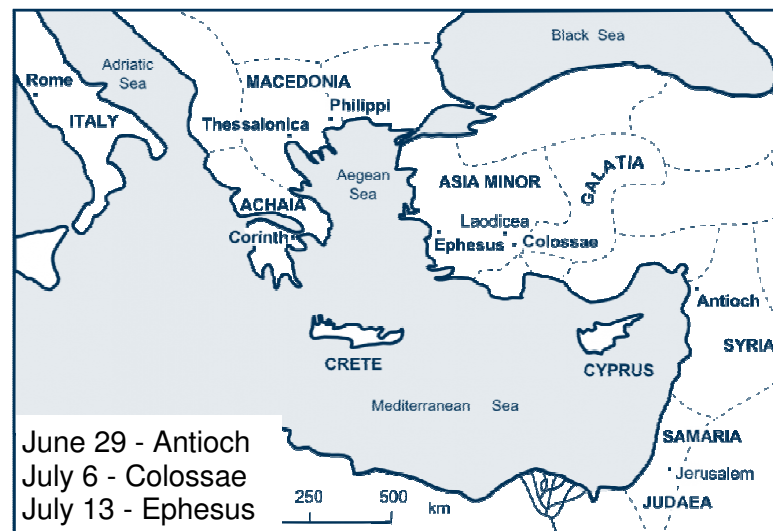


SERMON SERIES BEGINS JUNE 29

Through the book of Acts and Paul's letters we get a glimpse of real churches that Paul plants, visits, instructs, and encourages.

We learn of the successes and failures of these early Christian congregations—and we are reminded of the successes and failures of our own congregations. God worked through the imperfect early churches, and God is working in our imperfect churches now!

This seven-part series follows the travels of Paul through the cities of Antioch, Colossae, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, and Rome.



June 29 - Antioch
 July 6 - Colossae
 July 13 - Ephesus
 July 20 - Philippi
 July 27 - Thessalonica
 (August 3 - Paul Livengood preaching)
 August 10 - Corinth
 August 17 - Rome



DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE PICTURE!

Schedule your appointment now for inclusion in our new church pictorial directory.

Photography dates are July 11 and 12
Contact Sarecia Powers to sign up now!

powers.sarecia@gmail.com,
call or text (301) 729-0941



(Ask about alternatives if you are unavailable on the above dates. We don't want to miss anyone!)

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and your own copy of the directory.

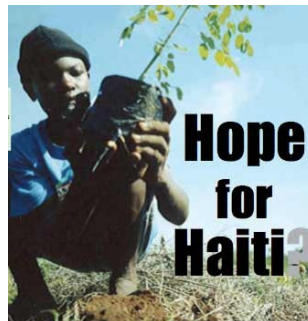
LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS YEAR'S PENNY POWER OFFERING FOR TREES OF HOPE

The final penny power offering for this year's MCC project "Trees of Hope" for Haiti will be collected Sunday, July 6, during the worship service. The pennies (and other money collected) will be sent to the TriState Sale, added together with the offerings from other churches in our area and used by MCC in funding their projects in Haiti.

For a variety of reasons, most trees in Haiti have disappeared with devastating results. MCC's program not only helps produce over 450,000 tree seedlings per year, but also teaches about the care and role of trees in maintaining the water table, preventing erosion, and providing fruit.

Just 33 cents is enough to purchase a seedling, as well as provide the training and technical expertise to plant and care for the tree.

So far, our church has collected \$934.74-enough for 2,833 trees! Your pennies are powerful!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CELEBRATION

Celebration of Congregations and Conference will be held August 1-3, 2014 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. The theme for this year is *Being Loved to Love* with I John 4:7-21 as the scripture for the weekend. The speakers for worship services will be from within Allegheny Mennonite Conference, they will be Carl Geissinger, Bob Brown, and Naomi Tice.



The group activities for children are as follows: a nursery will be provided for those up to 5 years of age; children ages 5 through 11; Jr. Hi 12-14; and youth will have their own group activities.

There will once again be a talent show held on Saturday evening following the worship service. Elaine Mercer is handling the line up for the talent show, so if you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact her at mercerbratt@embarqmail.com or at 717-543-7546.

Registration forms to sign up for lodging and meals as well as the schedule are available at www.alleghenymennoniteconference.org or in the church office. Plan to come and celebrate with Allegheny Conference in August!



SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **GOSPEL SING** will be held at True Vine on Sunday, August 3, at 7 pm and will feature a full evening of music and fun! Those scheduled to perform this year include the Mullet family, the CBs, Beth and Aaron Livengood, Witmer Sister Trio, Ed Elza, Amber Bokelman, and the Dayton grandchildren (Madi, Macy, Jackson, & Aubrey). Darwin Gough will be doing an instrumental prelude. A highlight of the evening is always the candlelight closing.

For more information or directions please call 304-726-4380. Bring a friend and a lawn chair and come join us as we praise the Lord!



PINTO SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Shirts with the Pinto Mennonite Church name and Mennonite Church USA logo are now available to order from Stitch and Print in Cresaptown in a wide variety of styles and colors. Samples, color swatches, and order forms are available in the church foyer.



These shirts will be great to wear for events such as the upcoming Neighborhood Block Party as a way to promote unity and connection within the congregation and increase visibility in our community. Order yours today!

Shirt Style w/2 color Embroidery	Cost
Jersey Knit Golf Shirt	\$18.00
Denim Shirt Long or Short Sleeve	\$28.00
Crew Neck Sweat Shirt	\$19.00
T-Shirt, Screen Printed in 1 color	\$14.00

TRI STATE MCC FESTIVAL COMING SOON!

The 16th annual TriState Festival, Auction and Cruise-in benefiting MCC is just around the corner on July 18-19. This all-volunteer event is sponsored by Mennonite churches of western Maryland, southwest Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It's a great two-day family affair!

July 18 and 19
Garrett County Fairgrounds
270 Mosser Rd., McHenry, MD

Weekend highlights include horse-drawn carriage rides, a classic auto cruise-in, barrel train rides for children, a silent auction featuring collectibles, antiques and handicrafts, and a MCC alumni and friends event (Saturday, 8:30 a.m.) And then there is the good food!

Saturday's main auction includes quilts, wall hangings, handcrafted furniture, a locally built 8' x 12' storage barn, one-of-a-kind art, including hand-thrown pottery, vacations in Washington D.C., Laurel Highlands, and Amish country.

Visit tristatesale.org for more information and to preview auction items. We hope to see you there!

Schedule of Events Free parking and admission

Friday, July 18 (4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

4:30 p.m. Food booths open
Marketplace opens
Preview quilts and auction items
5:30-8:30 p.m. Silent auction

Saturday, July 19 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

7:30 a.m. Gates open with pancake and sausage breakfast
8:30 a.m. MCC alumni and friends gathering
Marketplace opens
9:00 a.m. Classic car cruise-in
Children's activities begin

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Auction:
quilts, art, furniture, vacations
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Children's auction
11:30 a.m. Chicken barbecue

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