



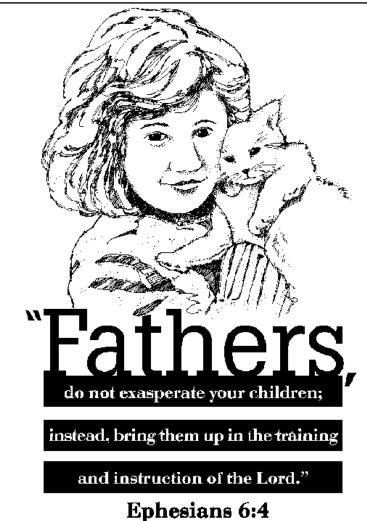
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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



WORSHIP IN JUNE

June 1 Celebrating Ascension Day



Message: Pastor Merle Eph. 1: 15-23

Penny Power Offering Jr. Worship-Men's Class

6 pm Bible School Set Up

June 8 Celebrating Pentecost

Message: Pastor Merle I Cor. 12:4-13



5 pm 25th Anniversary Celebration for Jay and Katrina Dolly at Brookedale Farm

June 15 Celebrating Fathers Day

Message: Paul Livengood Jr. Worship-Men's Class

No Evening Service

June 22 Celebrating Worship in the Park



10:30 am at Rocky Gap State Park Music by *Celebration* Message: Pastor Merle Fellowship Meal An afternoon of fun!

No Evening Service

June 29

Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship-Men's Class

Evening Service to be announced



50Years Ago.....

- All Ladies were invited to a rag-rug cutting at Virginia Moreland's and asked to bring a covered dish and scissors.
- A Father's Day dinner planned by Hannah's Helpers was held at the Rosemont Restaurant in Keyser at a cost of \$4.00 per couple
- Summer Bible School included 14 classes ages nursery through adult. Abe Hemick was Superintendent and teachers included Betty Jane Yoder [Anderson], Pat Yoder, Pat Liller, Maxine Reall, Lester Reall, and Paul Livengood
- Graduates recognized were Doris Ours from Frostburg State and Daniel Light, Jr. from 9th grade at Cresaptown.

25 Years Ago...

- Summer Bible School was held from 6:45 -9 pm, June 12-16 with Kurt Helmick as Superintendent. Enrollment was 84. Judi Brenneman led worship and music and Roveen Yoder was in charge of preschool worship and music.
- ◊ Father's Day celebration included a light breakfast and program prior to Sunday School and Church.
- ♦ June 10, Paul Jay Dolly and Katrina Anne Liller were united in marriage at the church.
- Doris Ours retired from 25 1/2 years as administrator at Short Gap School.

TESTIMONIES from Western Correctional Institute Kairos Weekend (attended by Dick Helmick) May 2



- God is good. In my whole life I never got 40 letters. Here, I got them in 1 day. I will never forget this experience. I need more strength & guidance. You all please help me.
- I was skeptical. I didn't care much for Christians because of damage in my childhood. These men have made a difference in my life.
- I thank God for this weekend. I promised God that in my last 2 years inside I'm going to join all the services so that I can learn more. I love you all in the name of Jesus.
- Being forgiven and giving forgiveness has been a true blessing for me.
- This has been beautiful to see men change. I was in tears. I've had only 1 visit in 3 years, but God sent me a huge family this weekend. I experience God's living water.
- This has changed my life. God gave me the courage right now to tell you I experienced Him this weekend. I never thought I would experience forgiveness, but I did.
- What we heard convinced me that Christ was here this weekend. I thank God for this weekend.
- Those cookies were GOOD. But I got full off the Word of God. I saw a lot of tears shed here. God has given us a spirit of power and love. The tomb is empty. Glory, Hallelujah! I thank God for this experience.
- I've graduated from where I've been. I've learned that Jesus Christ made a commitment for me and I've committed to make one to Him. I'll go wherever He

Page 10 calls me and do whatever He wants me to.

GROUND-BREAKING HELD FOR NEW PAVILION

One of Don Yoder's expressed wishes for the church was that there be an outdoor pavilion available for the use of the congregation and the community. In memory of Don, his family determined that memorial funds collected in his name as well as their own funds be used to fulfill his desire.

Plans for the pavilion were designed and presented to the Church Council for approval and construction is now ready to begin. A ground-breaking service was held on May 25 after morning worship. While not all family members were able to be present, four generations were represented. This will be a great addition to the Pinto church facility. Thank you!



Four generations: Pat Yoder, Karen Morgan, Jared Morgan, Caleb and Josh Morgan.



Josh supervises as his brother Caleb, mother Liz, and Grandpa Jeff take a turn with the shovel.

RECENT RENOVATIONS BRIGHTEN CLASSROOMS

Due to some water drainage/leakage issues in the basement classrooms, the capital improvement funds have

been in use for some recent renovations. The water problems required the removal of some of the concrete in the floor with installation of drainage pipe and sump pumps. Because of this, the heating ductwork needed to be re-routed into the ceiling instead of along the floor.



This in turn required the repainting of classrooms and the installation of new carpet. New shelving in the supply closet and an entirely new storage closet were also constructed.

While professional businesses were hired for some of the work,

many hours of skilled labor were contributed by several persons in the church. Dawn Dayton did much of the painting and Betty Helmick spent many hours sorting and rearranging supplies in the closets and kitchen area. Shawn Fincham, Wayne Yoder, Jeff Morgan, and others contributed at various times in the project, but by far the highest number of hours spent were by Kurt and Scott Helmick. This church is very blessed to have so many willing workers!



Scott worked many hours on installing the new ductwork. Since the entire renovation spanned several weeks, everything was moved out of the classrooms and then back multiple times.

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## WAYNE YODER RECIPIENT OF GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Dr. Wayne A. Yoder was named as recipient of the Governor's Service Award at a recent ceremony. The Governor's Service Awards are presented by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) each year.

These awards recognize Maryland citizens for their significant volunteer contributions to the life and health of the State and its people during a particular period of time. Wayne's impact on the residents of Western Correctional Institution as he teaches horticulture and interacts with them is the basis for his award.

Recipients of the Governor's Service Awards must exemplify the following characteristics:

• Demonstrate sustained volunteer commitment to meeting Maryland's most pressing human and/or environmental community needs;

• Engage in meaningful volunteer service that makes a measurable difference in the community;

• Represent extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness; and through volunteerism, have an impact on the greater community.

Congratulations Wayne!

## **BACKPACKING BELIEVERS STOP AT PINTO**

The Chris Sunde family of "Backpacking Believers" took a break from their walk across the US for some rest and recuperation with several Pinto families in May as they spent several days here waiting for storms to pass.

They are hiking on the American Discovery Trail using the motto of "Carrying the love

of Jesus to every elevation across our nation." If you are interested in their further travels and adventures you may follow their blog at <u>backpackingbelievers.blogspot.com</u>. Please remember Chris, Jennifer, and Katelyn in your prayers.

## <u>"UPSY-DAISY" THEME OF MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH</u>

Approximately forty-five women and girls enjoyed a Mothers Day Brunch on Saturday, May 3 in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the morning was "Upsy-Daisy" using Daises as decorations and focusing on God who lifts us up when we fall and is with us through all life's circumstances.

The delicious brunch was served by five men from the congregation during much visiting and laughter. There were several



games to play and a special music number by Teagan Powers who sang and accompanied herself on the piano. The special speaker was Christine Funkhauser who had everyone captivated by the many ups and downs in her life's story and her testimony of God's presence.

The planning group for this year's

event included Gail Rotruck, Jan Livengood, Pat Liller, Brenda Liller, and Evie Christner with additional assistance from Betty Helmick and Jeanne Harsh. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make this morning a success!



The many hand-made items above will be auctioned at the Tri-State MCC Sale July 18 and 19 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry MD. Plan now to attend.

#### **RENOVATIONS...**

Students are now welcomed into bright and more colorful classrooms, complete with new carpet.







In a separate project, Kurt also installed a new ceiling-mounted video projector in the sanctuary giving us much clearer and brighter images on the screen. A TV monitor is also mounted on the front bench so persons on the platform can see the images clearly.



area in the end classroom will soon be enclosed.

This new and much

more accessible storage

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| <ol> <li>Message: Pastor Merle<br/>Penny Power Offering<br/>Jr. Worship-Men's class</li> <li>6 pm VBS Set up</li> </ol>                  | 2<br>S                                     |                       |                                                         | 5<br>6 PM TO 7:30 PM                      | 6   | 7<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies  |
| <ul> <li>8 Message: Pastor Merle</li> <li>5 pm Jay &amp; Katrina Dolly<br/>Anniversary Celebration<br/>@Brookedale Farm</li> </ul>       | 9<br>6 pm Game Night                       | 10<br>6:30 pm Council | 11<br>5:30 pm Family<br>Night<br>6:30 pm Bible<br>Study | 12<br>7 pm <i>Celebration</i><br>practice | 13  | 14<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| 15 FATHERS DAY<br>Message: Paul Livengood<br>Jr. Worship-Men's class<br>No Evening Service                                               | 16<br>6 pm Game Night                      | 17                    | 18<br>5:30 pm Family<br>Night<br>6:30 pm Bible<br>Study | 19<br>7 pm <i>Celebration</i><br>practice | 20  | 21<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| 22 10:30 am WORSHIP IN<br>THE PARK/Fellowship Meal<br>Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i><br>Message: Pastor Merle<br>No Evening Service | 23<br>World's Attic Day<br>6 pm Game Night | 24                    | 25<br>5:30 pm Family<br>Night<br>6:30 pm Bible<br>Study | 26<br>6:30 pm Elders                      | 27  | 28<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| 29 Message: Pastor Merle<br>Jr. Worship-Men's class<br>Evening Service TBA                                                               | 30<br>6 pm Game Night                      |                       |                                                         |                                           |     | 7 am Men's Bible Studies       |