

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

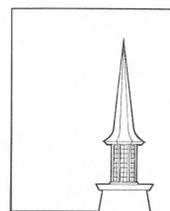
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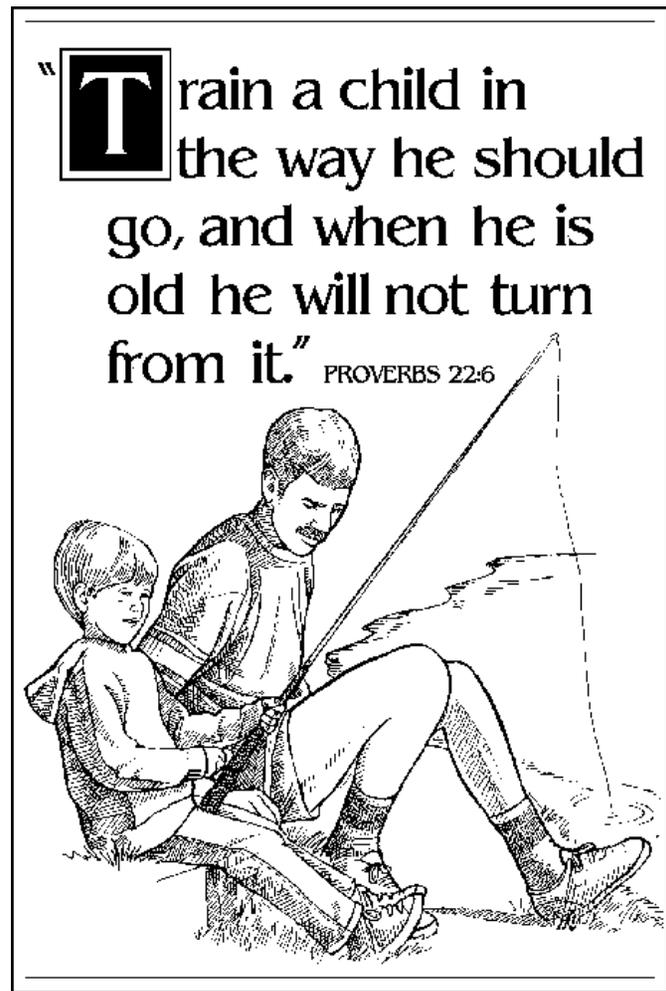


# CONNECTION

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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



# Worship Opportunities

## September 1

Gathering Music: Denny Brown  
Sermon: Pastor Merle Psalm 139  
*God Knows Us*  
No Evening Service

**September 8** Sermon: Pastor Merle  
Deuteronomy 32: 4, 10-12, 18  
*God is Like...*

### 80 Hours with the Word beginning at Noon

\*see next page and posters in the foyer

**Saturday evening, September 14.** Join the readers and listeners in the Sanctuary for the completion of the reading.

**September 15** Gathering Music: *Celebration*  
Sermon: Pastor Merle Psalm 42: 1-5  
*We Are Like...*

7pm - A Look at Denominations-Pastor Merle



**September 22 Communion Sunday**  
**Mennonite Mission Network**  
**Peace Sunday**  
Sermon: Pastor Merle

**7 pm** - Footwashing Service  
(will also include a "Handwashing" station for those who prefer that symbolism)



**September 29** *Sharing the Harvest*  
Sermon: Pastor Merle



**5 pm** - Picnic at True Vine with Young Adult SS Class

## FOR LIGHT READING...

Check out the church library for some entertaining and encouraging light reading including this new book by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

The story: *As three friends who grew up in the same orphanage head off to college together, they each harbor a cherished dream. Libby wishes to become a famous journalist, Pete plans to study to become a minister, and Bennett wants to join a fraternity and have as much fun as possible. But as tensions rise around the world on the brink of World War I, the friends' differing aspirations and opinions begin to divide them, as well. And when Libby makes a shocking discovery about Pete's family, will it drive a final wedge between the friends or bond them in ways they never anticipated?*



## MYSTERY BOOKS

Recently there have been a variety of books left in bags and on the shelf in the adult library. If you know who left these and if they are a donation, please talk to Pat Liller, Librarian, or Pastor Merle or Evie.

If you have books to donate to our adult or children's library, please notify Pat Liller, Librarian.



## SAVE THE DATE!



**Fall Musicale**  
**Sunday, November 17, 2:30 pm**  
**"Sacred Harmony"**  
**Featuring the**  
**Valley Table Singers**

## THE RIDDLES IN ITALY SHARE WITH PINTO



Pinto Mennonite Church supports Chris and Melody Riddle and their family in their mission work in Italy through Virginia Mennonite Missions. We send regular financial support through our budget and also offer our prayer support.

On Sunday, August 18, the Riddle family was able to be present with us for Sunday morning and afternoon. They offered insights into God's work through them and were able to update the

congregation in regards to the prayer needs of their community.

For those who missed this visit, there is information available on the table in the foyer as well as periodic newsletters on the bulletin board. Please continue to keep the Riddle family in your prayers.



## 80 HOURS WITH THE WORD



**A Bible Reading Marathon September 8-14**

**Sunday Noon—8:00 pm; Mon-Sat 8:30 am—8:00 pm**

The Elders and Pastor are hosting a Bible Reading marathon here at the church and are inviting and encouraging everyone to participate. Beginning at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, September 8, and continuing until Saturday evening, a public reading of the entire Bible will take place in the sanctuary.

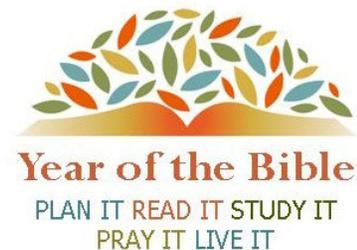
During this year's focus ***The Year of the Bible***, we are encouraging a variety of ways for our church to encounter God's Word, the Bible. **80 Hours with the Word** is a mission to not only **honor our Heavenly Father** by reading His word, but also to help **promote more Bible reading in our community**. Anyone is invited to come and listen to the reading.

This will only be accomplished if the entire church participates. We invite you to read and/or listen to a number of portions of scripture during that week. Please sign up in 1/2 hour time slots on the chart in the foyer to read several times during the week. You may prefer to read favorite books of the Bible, or become more familiar with some books, or have particular times you would like to read.

You may sign up individually, as couples, families, friends, small groups, etc. We also need hosts or listeners for each time slot to listen and follow along, to announce times, to bring water to readers, etc.

Come, dwell in God's Word. Let it wash over you, saturate your mind and heart, and perhaps, change your life.

**Sign up TODAY!**



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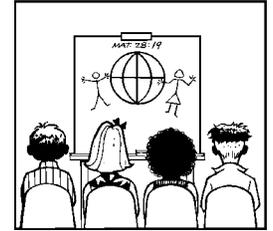
## HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

- To start the marathon, each chapter of Genesis will be read by a different reader who is in attendance at the time.
- To complete the marathon, all persons in attendance will read the last few chapters of Revelation in unison.
- Sign up for all the times you would like to read and/or host.
- Readers: You may read from your own preferred Bible translation.
  - You may stand, sit, or walk around as you read.
  - Begin reading where the last reader stopped, at the appointed time.
  - Bring your own beverage to keep mouth, throat, voice refreshed.
  - If more than 1 person is scheduled to read, split reading as you prefer.
- Hosts: Will keep track of time.
  - Bring water to reader if needed.
  - Bring a Bible so you can listen and follow along with reader.
- Listeners: You are encourage to come listen/follow the reading any time.
  - Feel free to come-and-go as you have time.
  - Invite others to come listen with you, in support of readers.
- All Readers and Hosts:
  - Confirmation and reminders of your designated times will be provided.
  - If a problem arises and you can't be there at designated time, try to find a substitute and notify Pastor Merle or Host of changes.
- You are encouraged to come Saturday evening for the completion of the reading in Revelation.

***May this be an enjoyable, inspirational,  
and meaningful experience***

## NEW FORMAT FOR JR WORSHIP BEGINS THIS MONTH

As the Jr. Worship Coordinator, Dawn Dayton has gotten creative with the schedule of those who help to lead this time. In an attempt to involve more people, the Jr. Worship time of two Sundays per month has been divided among the adult Sunday School classes.



This schedule gives an opportunity for those in each adult class to work together and provide a meaningful experience for the children, but does not overload any one person or group. There is no set curriculum so leaders are free to also be creative. Dawn is willing to assist in gathering any materials you need. The schedules have been distributed to the classes and this new format will begin on September 8.

### **COMING EVENTS IN ALLEGHENY MENNONITE CONFERENCE CHURCHES**

#### **AN EVENING WITH MUSIC**

Includes covered dish meal  
Meadow Mountain Mennonite Church  
Sunday September 15 @6 pm

#### **RED RUN COMMUNITY DAY**

Red Run Mennonite Church  
Saturday September 21

#### **RENEWAL MEETING & CONCERT**

**“LIVING OUR FAITH”**

**with the WALKING ROOTS BAND**

Stahl Mennonite Church  
All day Saturday September 22

*Contact the host churches or Pastor Merle  
for further information*

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH-**  
**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**



Have you ever wondered how to minister to the other women in your lives when they come to you? What do you say? How do you say it? What can be helpful instead of adding to the hurt?

Do you ever wonder if you are important to God? Are you "beloved" or just tolerated or has God turned His face from you? Do others ever feel abandoned? How have they survived?

These questions and others, while they may not be totally answered, will be addressed at the Sister Care seminar to be held on Friday evening and Saturday, October 25 and 26 at Kaufman Mennonite Church.

This is for women of all ages and all denominations. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Information is available from Evie Christner and registration may be turned in to her for transportation and lodging arrangements.



*Equipping Women for Caring Ministry*  
 October 25-26, 2013

Friday 7:00-9:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 am-4:30 pm  
 Kaufman Mennonite Church  
 Davidsville, PA

Presenters: Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen

For More Information or to Register, contact  
 Evie Christner (240-522-0324)

Hosted by Allegheny Mennonite Women

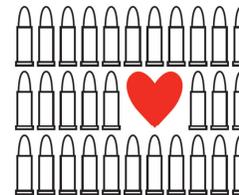


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 Mennonite Women USA



**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK**  
**PEACE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

***Do not CONFORM***  
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Wars and rumors of wars, drone attacks, mass shootings—the headlines of the day confirm that violence continues to be our culture's favored reaction to conflict. But the tragic headlines don't tell the whole story. Violence is written into our entertainment, our recreation, our politics. Violence isn't an act or action—it's a worldview that gains adherents through fear and propaganda.

This year for Peace Sunday, we look to Romans 12 for a picture of an alternative worldview, the worldview of peace and reconciliation that Jesus proclaimed. Citizens of God's kingdom seek to love enemies, forego revenge, and overcome evil with good.

The apostle Paul encourages us in Romans: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world." What does it mean not to conform to the pattern of violence so prevalent in our culture and national projection of military power? How can that pattern be overcome by good in our nations, our communities, our homes?

The cycles of violence that yield destruction are birthed by the powers and principalities of the world. God's mission to bring peace and healing in the world relies on communities of men and women being faithful to Jesus and to each other, working for peace in countless ways, large and small. When these communities come together to seek God's will, the world can be transformed.



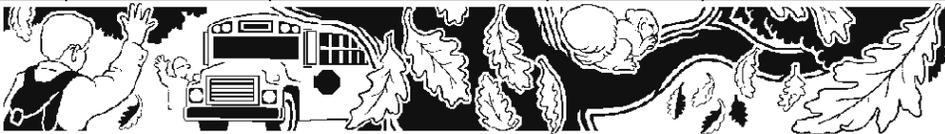
*(The materials for Peace Sunday are a collaboration between the Peace and Justice Support Network, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., and members of Mennonite Church USA communities.)*

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## SEPTEMBER 2013

| Sun   | Mon                                     | Tue  | Wed                    | Thu                            | Fri | Sat                            |
|---|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1 Sermon: Pastor Merle<br>Gathering Music: Denny Brown<br>Penny Power offering                        | 2<br>6 pm Game Night                    | 3<br>7 pm Leadership   | 4<br>7 pm Bible Study  | 5<br>7 pm Celebration practice | 6   | 7<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies  |
| 8 Sermon: Pastor Merle<br>Noon: Begin Bible Reading   | 9                                       | 10   | 11                     | 12                             | 13  | 14<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| <b>EIGHTY HOURS WITH THE WORD --READING OF THE BIBLE IN THE SANCTUARY 8:30 AM TO 8 PM</b>             |   |  |                        |                                |     |                                |
| 15 Sermon: Pastor Merle<br>Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i><br><br>7 pm Denominations-Pastor Merle | 16<br>6 pm Game Night                   | 17   | 18<br>7 pm Bible Study | 19<br>7 pm Elders              | 20  | 21<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| 22 Peace Sunday<br>Sermon: Pastor Merle<br>Communion Service<br>7 pm Footwashing Service              | 23 World's Attic Day<br>6 pm Game Night | 24   | 25<br>7 pm Bible Study | 26                             | 27  | 28<br>7 am Men's Bible Studies |
| 29 Sermon: Pastor Merle<br>5 pm Church Picnic at True Vine/Young Adult Class                          | 30<br>6 pm Game Night                   |  |                        |                                |     |                                |