



MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

	1 Gloria Strickland
	3 Don Smith
	9 Selah Livengood
	11 Dawn Dayton
	11 Mark Monnett
	11 Brynn Morgan
	13 Janet Edmiston
	15 Lawrence Brenneman
4 Jim & Rene Wolford	16 Karl Rinehart
20 Dennis & Carla Brown	20 Garland Ritchey
21 Eric & Brittney Moreland	23 Dennis Helmick
27 Mark & Paula Monnett	24 Tina Helmick
28 Richard & Sue Trost	28 Donald Knight
30 Paul & Jan Livengood	31 Jeff Morgan

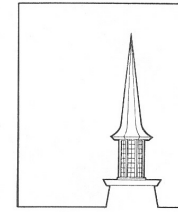


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CONNECTION

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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears
the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30



WORSHIP THE LORD!

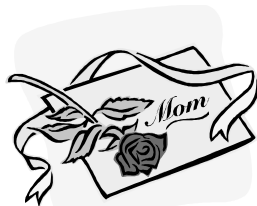
Sunday, May 5

Sermon: Ryan Livengood
Penny Power Offering

6 pm: Service provided by John and Melissa Miller

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

Sermon: Pastor Merle
No evening service



Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

Sermon: Pastor Merle
6 pm: Maryland Small Group at
Cathy Chapman's
7 pm: Service arranged by Phil
Dayton

Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Sermon: Pastor Merle
No evening service

FOR YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR

Sunday, June 16, 5 pm: Father's Day
Picnic at True Vine

Friday-Saturday, July 19-20: Tri-State
MCC Sale

Sunday, July 28, 10:30 am: Outdoor
worship, fellowship meal, and family day at
Rocky Gap

Friday-Sunday, August 2-4: Celebration of
Congregations and Conference at Laurelville

Sunday, August 11: True Vine Hymn Sing



representing you, and discuss the issues and agenda with them.

Consider Participating—learn about the digital participation options. Worship times and other parts of the Convention will be available to watch streaming online. Check out the Convention website (<http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>) for times and information.

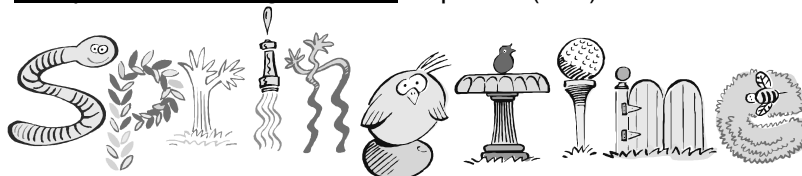
Support someone else who is attending—Perhaps you've already gone to a youth group mission meal or car wash. If not, find out if there are groups in your area that could use your financial support. Or, consider a donation to your Conference or constituency group to help defray the costs of sending those volunteers and staff persons.

(information from Convention blogger,
Sherah-Leigh Gerber)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT CAMP DEERPARK

Camp Deerpark is perched on a ridge of the lower Shawangunk Mountains 80 miles northwest of New York City. Owned by the New York City Mennonite churches, Camp Deerpark is dedicated to providing affordable Christian camping for inner city Mennonites with a mission to empower youth to serve Christ in the city. <http://www.campdeerpark.org>

We are currently looking for young men ages 18-25 with construction and machinery operation experience to assist us for one year in the construction of a new summer camp village. Tasks will range anywhere from installing water lines to operation of our portable sawmill or setting rafters. Room, board and a living allowance are provided. For more information on our internship program and a detailed job description, please visit <http://www.campdeerpark.org/index.php/en/get-involved/service-opportunities> or contact Sean McConaghay directly by email deerparkfacilities@gmail.com or phone (845) 239-5120.



PREPARE FOR CONVENTION- **WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ATTENDING**

Several Pinto church members are preparing for the Mennonite Church Assembly in Phoenix scheduled for July.

Registrations have been sent in, reservations and plans are being made for Lawrence and Judi Brenneman, Wayne and Roveen Yoder, Merle Christner, Wade Dorsey, and Brianna Flowers. Here is some preparation advice for both those planning to attend and for those of us who will be remaining at home.

The worshipful work of Convention time together requires more than reservations and the financial preparations. For those attending, begin preparing through:

Prayer—Pray for the planners, speakers, presenters and leaders. Pray for the delegates and other attenders. Pray over the agenda and topics that will be covered. Pray for the Phoenix community. Pray for yourself—for an open heart and mind, that you can be attentive to God's Spirit.

Research—Make yourself aware of the issues and topics for conversation and learning. Check out the study materials through the denomination. If you are a delegate, be sure you understand the perspectives of the group you are representing. Read the delegate materials ahead of time.

Study-- the theme scriptures (Psalm 24:1, Philippians 3:20-21, Romans 5:1-5, Ephesians 2:14-22). Read them!

Perhaps you are like me, and unable to attend. For those of us who are not able to attend the events in person, we also have preparations to make...

Connect with your Delegates—Find out who is
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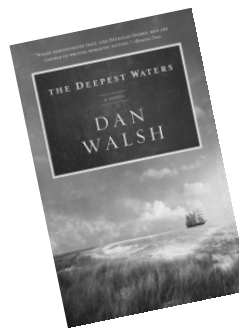


CHECK IT OUT!



A new series of devotional books have been added to the library. "Seasoned with Peace" Spring, Fall, and Winter are now on the shelves. These are a daily devotional designed to cover a 3 month period, but I often found them interesting enough to just keep reading. They are unique in several ways. First of all, the focus is on "practical help for becoming a biblical, prayerful, playful peacemaker" and is compiled from many contributors. There are recipes, craft ideas and patterns, photographs, gardening tips, and poetry among the more traditional devotional reflections. If you would like to use it daily, you may have special permission to check it out for three months!

There are also several copies of the books that have been used in recent Wednesday evening Bible studies from the "With the Word" series. These are appropriate for small group or individual study and include daily devotionals. Currently on the shelf are Isaiah, Psalms, Luke, and Matthew.

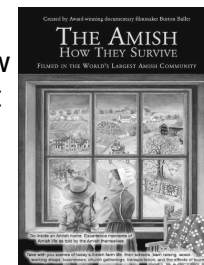


New in the fiction section is a 2011 novel by Dan Walsh, "The Deepest Waters". This is a novel inspired by some incredible true events that began in September of 1857, aboard a steamship. It is the story of true love on several levels and is very well-written and engaging.

The DVD recently shown on Sunday evening, "The Amish-How They Survive" is available to be checked out if you missed this program or would like to see it again.

Visit the adult library (on the shelves in the Women's Bible Classroom) for some great reading!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm Bible Study	2 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	3	4 7 am Men's Bible Studies
5 Sermon: Ryan Livengood Penny Power offering 7 pm Service by John and Melissa Miller	6 6 pm Game Night	7	8 7 pm Member's Meeting	9 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	10	11 7 am Men's Bible Studies
12 MOTHER'S DAY Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i> Sermon: Pastor Merle No evening service	13 6 pm Game Night	14	15 7 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 7 am Men's Bible Studies
19 PENTECOST Sermon: Pastor Merle 6 pm MD small group at Cathy's 7 pm Evening service planned by Phil Dayton	20 6 pm Game Night	21	22 7 pm Bible Study	23	24	25 7 am Men's Bible Studies
26 Sermon: Pastor Merle No evening service	27 MEMORIAL DAY 6 pm Game Night	28	29 7 pm Bible Study	30	31	