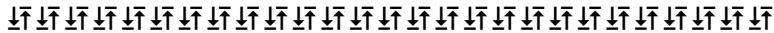


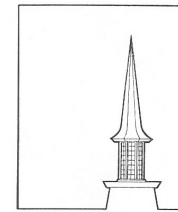
*Birthdays
&
Anniversaries*



7 Kurt & Kim Helmick
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"About my loaves and fishes . . . could I get a receipt for tax purposes?"



CONNECTION

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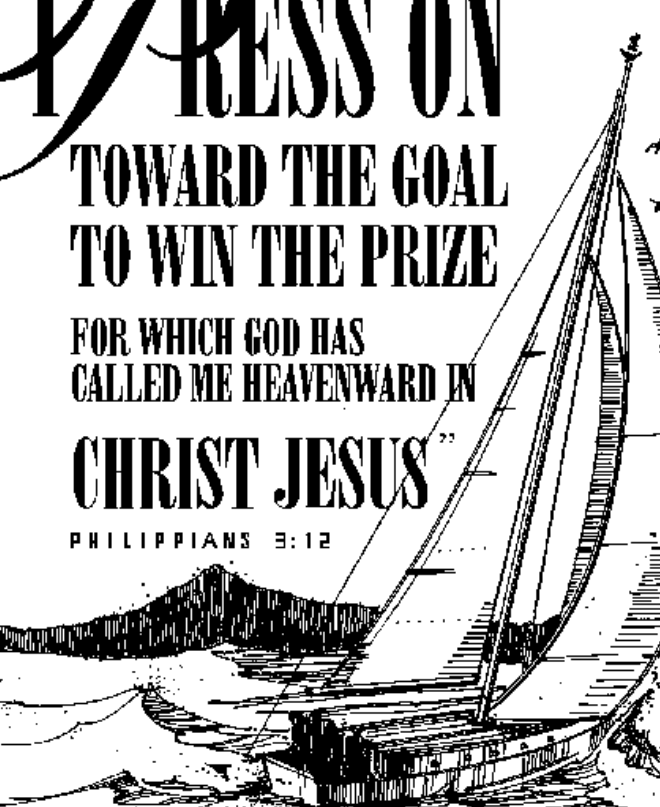
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"In Christ's body we're all connected to each other..."
Eph 4:25 , *The Message*

**"I PRESS ON
TOWARD THE GOAL
TO WIN THE PRIZE
FOR WHICH GOD HAS
CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN
CHRIST JESUS"**

PHILIPPIANS 3:12





- April 7** Gathering Music: *Celebration*
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 7 pm Evening service in charge of Men's Class
- April 21** Sermon: Pastor Merle
 7 pm Video "The Amish and How They Survive"
- April 28** Gathering: *Celebration*
 Sermon: Pastor Merle
 7 pm: Evening service with Ryan Livengood

BREE FLOWERS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

HESSTON, Kan. – Marcia Mendez, director of Financial Aid at Hesston College announced the recipients of an academic scholarship for the 2012-13 year, based on their academic achievements. Academic scholarships are awarded to students based on a matrix of high school GPA and ACT or SAT test scores.

Brianna Flowers, Pinto, Md., daughter of Steven and Carol Flowers, received the Dean's Scholarship for \$14,000. Recipients of the Dean's Scholarship must maintain a 3.0 GPA to have the scholarship renewed for the following year. The amount listed reflects the value of the scholarship over two years of study. Hesston College is the two-year liberal arts college of Mennonite Church USA, and offers six career programs and more than 50 transfer programs.

HESSTON COLLEGE 
START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Violent attacks on children, like the tragic school shooting in Newton, Connecticut, capture headlines and leave us feeling powerless. It is difficult to know how best to protect children from acts of random and senseless violence. Schools and communities are examining this problem and will undoubtedly be making changes in the weeks and months to come.

Every congregation can become part of the solution by developing and implementing a child protection policy and taking other simple actions. A child protection policy provides simple guidelines for the protection of children and youth in congregations and schools.

Dove's Nest recommends that every congregation and school develop and implement a policy suited to its circumstances. For help with child protection policies and other resources visit: www.DovesNest.net.



Empowering and equipping faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities.

MARY TWIGG CHOSEN AS “YOUNG LEADER”

Mary Twigg was recently chosen as the only student in Allegany County to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference in Washington DC.

The National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) challenges each scholar to step forward with conviction and confidence, to grasp the concepts of leadership and to act upon his/her dreams of making a difference in their community. With the insight and guidance of highly trained facilitators and the assistance of their peers, scholars work within each activity to hone their plan of personal leadership.

The core leadership power tools are communication, conflict resolution, decision making, goal setting, group dynamics, leadership techniques, project management, self awareness and appreciating diversity.

NYLSC scholars strengthen the skills they need to succeed in school and gain new perspective on how they view their role as leaders in their communities, leaving the conference well-equipped to begin their journey. .

Mary has this to say about her experience:

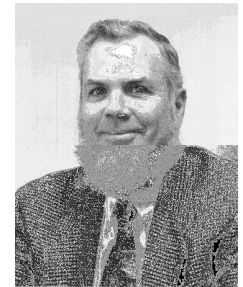


My time at NYLSC was a priceless experience because of all the new things I learned and all the new friends I made. My first day I showed up and knew no one but by the time I left I knew everyone at the conference and did not want to leave all my new friends.

Some new things I learned was a tool called the “Gift of Feedback” that taught me when was the right time to give feedback and how to give feedback. I was also on the Commencement Ceremony Committee and helped plan the ceremony and co-hosted the ceremony. I would like to thank everyone for all the support.

LYNN MILLER TO SPEAK AT GLADE

Lynn Miller, former stewardship theologian for MMA (now Everence) will be bringing a series of messages at Glade Mennonite Church, Accident, Md, on April 7-10. The times and themes of his messages are as follows:



Sun. April 7, 10:30 a.m.: “Jesus, Me and Bobby McGee” (Matthew 5:38-44a)

Sun. April 7, 6:30 p.m.: “Giving Away Someone Else’s Money” (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Mon. April 8, 6:30 p.m.: “Putting God First” (Genesis 4:1-5a; Colossians 1:15-18)

Tue. April 9, 6:30 p.m.: “Letting God Give You Away” (Corinthians 15:12-20; James 1:17-18)

Wed. April 10, 6:30 p.m.: “Learning Contentment By Defining ‘Enough’” (Philippians 4:11-13)

(A Pinto group will be meeting at the church at 5:30 pm to travel to Glade for the Wednesday evening meeting.)

Lynn Miller has been an MCC development worker in Africa, a farmer in Illinois, a pastor in Ohio, and the stewardship theologian for MMA (now Everence). He is a graduate of Wilmington College and AMBS and is a popular conference and congregational speaker.

He has been a pioneer in the study of Firstfruits Theology and its application to a life of faith. Author of three books, *Firstfruits Living*, *Just in Time: Stories of God’s Extravagance*, and *The Power of Enough*, Lynn helps congregations and individuals see their roles as stewards in being God’s offering to a lost world.

Lynn is married to Linda and they are the parents of 2 adult daughters and grandparents of four. He lives in a converted barn in Bluffton, Ohio, where he builds boats and works with Mennonite Disaster Service in the spare time of his retirement.

YOUR INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

Where - @ Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 188 Zehner Road, Grantsville, MD 21536

When - April 13, 2013 from 5pm to 8pm "Saturday"

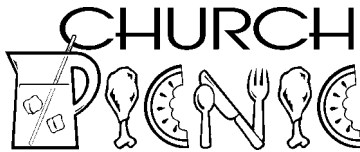
Who - anyone willing to attend

What will we do - prep for VBS, kids will most likely play outside, we will have music outside, adults will assist as needed in cleanup and cooking - mostly for fellowship and eating.

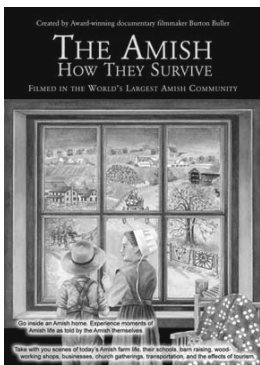
Weather permitting...

I am planning to have a clean up day event in anticipation of vacation bible school. The plan is to have a outside chicken dinner. Kohls will donate \$500.00 in the form of a check. I am the event sponsor and Dennis Hetrick is the official event co-ordinator. At least 5 employees from Kohls will be on the church grounds to help with clean up, and to assist with the food as needed.

This is a attempt to get response from people in and around our community to get involved at our location ministry for the young people. Melvin Cochran, pastor



MOVIE NIGHT-APRIL 21 AT 7 PM



Following is a brief description of the video to be shown on Sunday evening, April 21.

Sixty years ago it was thought that the Amish would be swallowed up by the modern world around them. "The Amish: How They Survive" takes an intimate journey into Ohio Amish life and culture where, despite rapid growth and economic pressures, the Amish community thrives.

own experiences with friends and people we know, how are we to share it with those we meet in our life's journey who don't know Jesus?

On Sunday, everyone shared their stories and it went really well. It was very intimidating at first but with the activities planned and as they came to know the group, it made it fun. All of the youth in the Pinto group asked when the next retreat was going to be, they had such a great time.

MINISTERING TO THE INCARCERATED-KAIROS INSIDE

Richard Helmick has recently responded to a request from the Kairos organization to participate as a counselor in this ministry at Western Correctional Institution. He is currently in training for a Kairos weekend to be held April 25-28. Following is some information about this ministry from their website.



Kairos believes that true rehabilitation starts with the "heart". With this in mind our ministry to incarcerated men and women begins with the Kairos weekend where volunteers model and communicate God's unconditional love, grace and mercy. It is here that God begins changing hearts. A key outcome of the Kairos weekend is for participants to find hope and a new vision for their life through a relationship with God.

The prison environment fosters isolation. During the weekend many participants take their first steps in learning to become vulnerable with one another. Following the weekend, they are encouraged to be involved in small groups focusing on accountability, encouragement and prayer. Those groups meet weekly and Kairos volunteers continue to return and provide discipleship and mentoring. God continues His work of changing hearts and transforming lives as the participants strengthen their relationship with Christ and with each other. They grow in their understanding that, with God's help, a changed way of life is possible. As transformation continues, new attitudes are expressed in changed behavior. Soon they are impacting the world in which they live—inside the prison walls or outside upon their release.

JR HIGH RETREAT

"SHARING AND CELEBRATING OUR STORIES"

About fifty 6th through 8th graders attended the Jr High Retreat at Laurelville sponsored by Allegheny Mennonite Conference on March 15-17. Five youth from Pinto attended with sponsors Mark and Paula Monnett. They included Michelle Young, Kelly Shuck, Ashley Shuck, Aaron Monnett, and Caleb Livengood. Teagan Powers was one of the members of the conference Youth Cabinet who helped plan and lead the music and recreation for the weekend.



The theme was to be able to share your life's story with others and how your relationship with Jesus has worked in your life. They also learned skills on listening and celebrating ones stories as they where shared. Even the adult sponsors had to participate in these learning skills . This made it easier for the students to see even at all ages its hard to share at times. The goal was to be able to tell your story to the whole group before they parted on Sunday.

There were two speakers who shared their life stories and four of the Cabinet members . Teagan was one of these. Play-Doh was used to shape something that was a part of each person's story and then that creation was shared with the group. They made posters from birth to now and then shared them with small groups, and performed stories out of the Bible by acting them out with skits. All three exercises were ways to teach the students how to feel more relaxed and open when sharing.

It was explained by Joy Cotchen, Conference Youth Minister and the retreat leader, that if we can't share our

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Dear Friends & Family,

On April 5th, Mahlon & Dorothy Miller will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary! We would like to invite you to participate with us in their celebration through a "card shower". In honor of their many years together in dedicated ministry to one other, to their community, and to the Lord, we want to "shower" them with words of blessing, like they have "showered" so many of us.

Whether it be through a card (57377 CR 29, Goshen, IN 46528), an email (mahdor2@gmail.com), or a call ([574-825-7518](tel:574-825-7518)), please join us in telling Mahlon & Dorothy how much their lives and their marriage have meant to us over these past 60 years. They will be away from home from April 3-8, so you may not want to try calling on those days.

Thank you for participating in their celebration!

Sincerely, the Miller Grandchildren

"Our grandparents continue to talk fondly of the years they served at Pinto Mennonite (1962-1967), and the many wonderful relationships they developed."

Laura Sharp-for the grandchildren

John Sharp spoke at the Spring Renewal Meetings, March 17-19.



"The Past is Always Present- Stories of our Faith and Heritage"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 pm Game Night 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	2 7 pm Council	3 7 pm Bible Study	4	5	6 7 am Men's Bible Studies
7 Sermon: Pastor Merle Gathering: <i>Celebration</i> Penny Power offering 6:30 pm Lynn Miller @ Glade. 7 pm Eve. Meeting at Pat Yoder's home	8 6 pm Game Night 6:30 pm Lynn Miller @ Glade	9 6:30 pm Lynn Miller @Glade	10 6:30 pm Lynn Miller @ Glade- No Bible Study	11	12	13 7 am Men's Bible Studies 5 pm Oak Grove Dinner
14 Sermon: Pastor Merle MD small group at Karen Morgan's home 7 pm Evening service in charge of men's class	15 6 pm Game Night	16 7 pm Elders	17 7 pm Bible Study	18 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	19	20 7 am Men's Bible Studies
21 Sermon: Pastor Merle Member's Booklet Reports Due 7 pm: Video "The Amish"	22 6 pm Game Night	23	24 7 pm Bible Study	25 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	26	27 7 am Men's Bible Studies
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