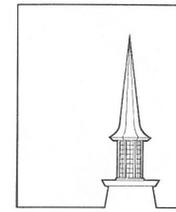




BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Merle Christner
- 8 Kevin Livengood
- 8 Emily Netzer
- 10 Pat Liller
- 11 Larry McFarland
- 12 Ethan Livengood
- 17 Ashlynn Light
- 17 Pat Yoder
- 19 Gail Rotruck
- 20 Aaron Monnett
- 25 Paulson Kurtz
- 27 Derek Dayton
- 28 Ron Hampton

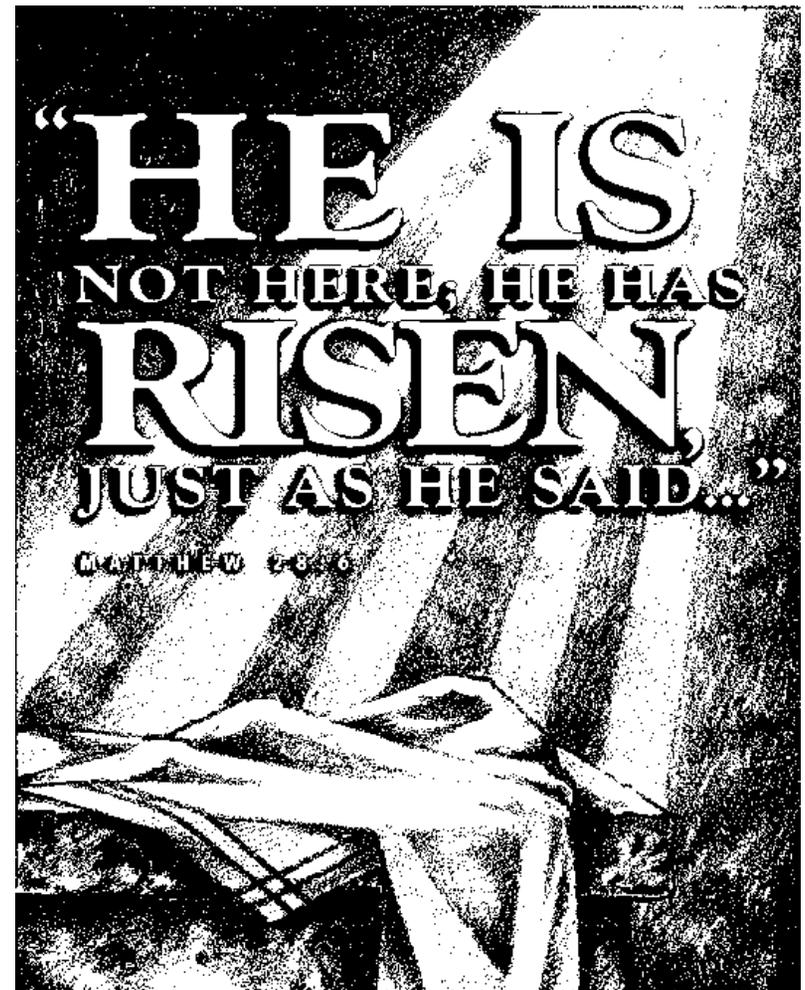


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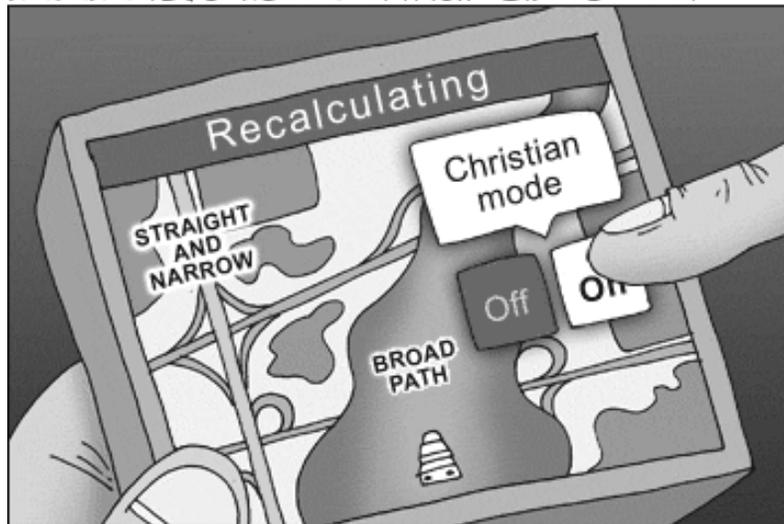
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“In Christ's body we're all connected to each other...”
Eph 4:25 , *The Message*



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Lent 2013

Ashamed No More.....

March 3 "Christ Jesus Has Made Us His Own" John 12:1-8
Sermon: Pastor Merle
Penny Power Offering



7:00 pm Evening Service: Paul Livengood



March 10 "God Will Remove Our Disgrace"
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon: Wade Dorsey

7:00 pm Test your knowledge of the Bible
Wayne & Roveen Yoder

Spring Renewal Meetings

*"The Past is Always Present:
Stories of Faith and Heritage
Texts: Psalms 78:1-11 and
I Peter 2:9-10
Speaker: John Sharp*



March 17 "Mystic Chords, Dark Sayings, and a Marvelous Light" Sermon: John Sharp
Gathering Music: *Celebration*

Noon: Fellowship Meal

1:00 pm "Confessing a Weakness for Humor:
Pulpits, Preachers and Pews

March 18 7:00 pm "Our Heritage: Sometimes Irritating but Always Revealing"

March 19 7:00 pm "Strangers to What is Best in Our Own Tradition: Living in a Culture of Amnesia"

(Read more about John Sharp, speaker for Spring Renewal meetings on page 4)

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Greetings Area Churches,

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with our ministry, **1st Way Pregnancy Support Center** is located at 310 Race Street in South Cumberland. It was founded to offer help and support to women who find themselves in need before and during their pregnancies as well as after the birth of their children.

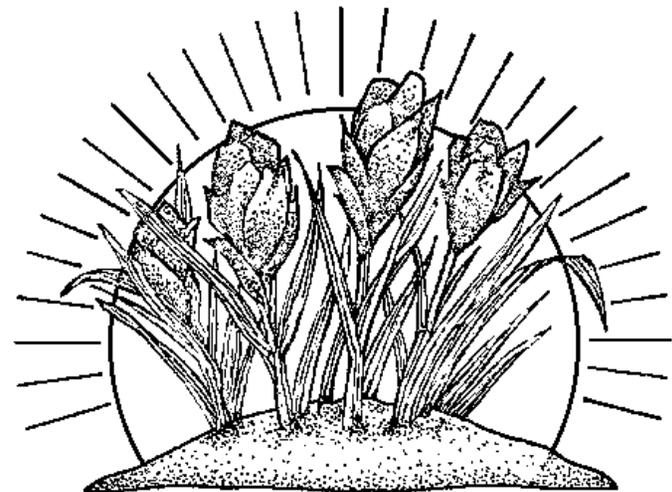
We are committed to assisting those in crisis pregnancy situations by providing on-site infant/maternity clothing, nursery items, layettes, and a coupon based-pregnancy education program as well as pre and postnatal guidance.

All services are offered to the community free of charge. We are staffed by trained volunteers and operate solely from private financial donations from the community, businesses, churches, and private individuals.

Currently, First Way Pregnancy Support Center is looking for a director, volunteer staff, and persons who may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Training is available for these volunteer positions. Please contact Jennifer Rinker at 240-362-7622.

Thank you so much for sharing our news and needs with your church congregation; we appreciate it so much!

May God bless you,
Ann Getty, Board Member





VALENTINE DINNER AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

A group of twenty-eight enjoyed an evening at Penn Alps Restaurant to celebrate the “season of love”. A wide variety of foods from the buffet were available accompanied by much good conversation and laughter as we ate in our own private dining room. Those who wished to exercise their minds had a few puzzles to solve and were presented with some little-known facts relating to Valentine’s Day. There were Valentine treats as well as



wonderful desserts from the restaurant. The evening was low-key and relaxed and best of all-not one of us had to do dishes!



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 24

10:30 am Worship Service
 “The Blessed One Comes in the Name of the Lord”
 Luke 19:28-40
 Sermon: Pastor Merle



7:00 pm Communion and Foot-Washing Service



Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm **Tenebrae** (a service of darkness commemorating the death of Christ as candles are extinguished)

Egg Hunt, Saturday March 30

11:00 am-Beginning in the Fellowship Hall



Easter Sunday, March 31
 6:30 am **Sunrise Service**

We will host six area churches for this service and the **fellowship breakfast** to follow

No Sunday School hour scheduled
 10:30 am **Easter Worship Service**
 “This is the Lord’s Doing”
 John 20:1-18
 Sermon: Pastor Merle
 Music: Doris Ours



JOHN SHARP SPEAKER FOR SPRING RENEWAL

John E. Sharp is a teacher, author, and storyteller who currently teaches history at Hesston College. He graduated from Hesston College, Goshen College, and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Raised on a Pennsylvania farm, he served as youth pastor at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Ks. (1977-1980). He then was pastor at Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, Pa. (1983-1989) and at Scottdale Mennonite Church from 1989-1995. He was director of the Mennonite Church USA Historical Committee and Archives in Goshen, Ind. from 1995-2005.

John has written *A School on the Prairie: A Centennial History of Hesston College, 1909-2009*, and has recently completed a new biography of Ori O. Miller, (1892-1977), long-time executive secretary of Mennonite Central Committee and Eastern Mennonite Missions.

Sharp has been an instructor of Elderhostel classes on Amish life and culture; a tour leader for Anabaptist heritage tours to Europe and Central Asia; an author of various articles; and editor of the *Mennonite Historical Bulletin* (1995-2005) and *Gathering at the Hearth: Stories Mennonites Tell*, published by Herald Press in 2001.

His real claim to fame, however, is his marriage to Michele Miller, daughter of Mahlon and Dorothy Miller, former pastor of the Pinto Mennonite Church from 1962 to 1967. Michele is now a physician assistant in family practice. They have three adult children: Erin is a graduate of Goshen College, teaches elementary music in Denver public schools, and plays violin in the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra. M.J. (Michael) is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, and is a graduate student in international conflict resolution at the University of Marburg, Germany. Laura is a graduate of Hesston and Goshen colleges, is currently a graduate student at Wichita State University, and is employed as a social worker.

Plan to attend the series of meetings and invite others to enjoy what this master story-teller will have to share.



NEW SAFETY FEATURES ADDED

You may have noticed a few new safety features added to our building recently. We now have new exit signs that feature LED lights which will allow greater visibility in emergency situations. These will help us maintain compliance with some standards that are necessary as we prepare for the new addition.



The other very visible safety feature is a new railing at the front of the balcony. There is a clear plexiglass portion at each end of the railing as well so that there are no gaps through which anyone might fall. The previous railing was quite low so this will provide an extra measure of safety.

Please be aware, however, that until further notice, the balcony remains closed due to a ruling by the fire marshall.

Thanks to Kurt and Scott Helmick who made these installations.



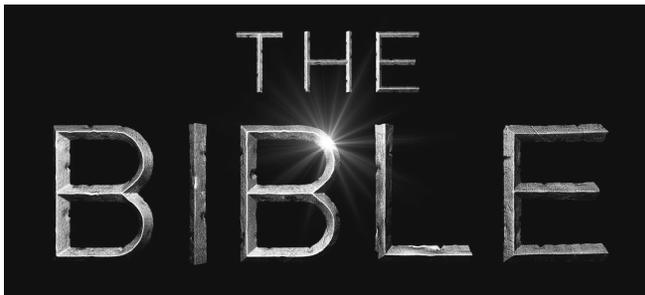
“THE BIBLE” MINI-SERIES TO AIR IN MARCH

The Bible is an epic five-week, 10 hour television miniseries premiering March 3, 2013 on the History Channel from Emmy Award winning husband and wife team, Mark Burnett and Roma Downey. Each week the History Channel will show episodes on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Lifetime will also show episodes on Monday nights. Check your local TV schedule for times.

NOTE: *The Bible Miniseries* realistically depicts scenes from the Bible including battles, massacres and the crucifixion. Some scenes may not be appropriate for children—we would advise leaders and parents to treat this production like a PG-13 movie and make viewing decisions appropriately.

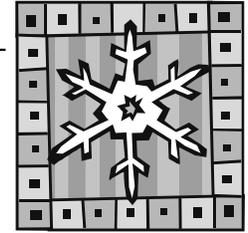
For two hours each Sunday night millions of viewers will see the Bible come to life in a way never before seen - with two episodes airing each week. The final episode of the miniseries will air on Easter Sunday and will feature the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Bible miniseries is not a documentary, it is a scripted, acted docu-drama filmed on location in the Middle East and Morocco. Inspired by re-watching the classic Ten Commandments film, the Mark Burnett and Roma Downey set out to show the scarlet thread of redemption found in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, using the latest special effects and quality film-making techniques.



MYF SNOKAMP “FANTASTIC”

Snokamp is an event planned for Allegheny Conference youth in grades 9-12 by the Youth Cabinet. Both Brianna Flowers and Teagan Powers serve on the Cabinet this year. They, along with Caitlin Flowers, attended this event though Teagan experienced an injury which caused her to return home early.



This year Snokamp was held on February 1-3 at Laurelville. The sixty-seven youth and sponsors in attendance focused on the theme of “Brand New Dust” using the scripture reference 2 Cor. 5:16-17.

The speaker for the weekend was Hallie Cable. Hallie graduated from Hesston College with a youth ministry degree and is currently living in Philippi, West Virginia, where she and her husband serve as the Service Adventure leaders.

The worship leaders were: Alyssa Cable, Grace Weaver, Brody Thomas, John Teneffoss and Joe Furry. Alyssa is a student at EMU, Grace and Brody at Goshen College, John at Delaware Technical Institute and Joe is the pastor of Martinsburg Mennonite Church.

Grace Weaver said, "It was definitely a lot of fun for me to get to come back to Snokamp as a college rep and worship leader. I loved Snokamp as a youth participant, so it was great to be able to come back and (hopefully) help everyone else to have as great of an experience as I did! It was a little strange to realize that there were a lot of new people I didn't know, but the atmosphere and love of worship was exactly the same and just what I needed. "

In addition to the worship sessions, the weekend included workshops, group games, free time, and a special concert by “The Walking Roots Band.” As always, good food, fun, and fellowship with new and old friends completed the experience.

Aaron Dunmore, Cabinet member and upcoming Cabinet Co-Chair had this to say about the weekend. "I felt like this year's Snokamp was fantastic. The group had a great vibe, and I think everyone enjoyed it a lot. I can't wait until next year!" Information provided by Brianna Flowers

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sermon: Pastor Merle Penny Power offering 6 pm Chorus practice 7 pm. Paul Livengood	4 6 pm Game Night 7 pm Celebration practice	5 7 pm Leadership	6 7 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 7 am Men's Bible Studies
10 Sermon: Wade Dorsey 6 pm Chorus practice 7 p.m. Bible Quizzing	11 6 pm Game Night 7 pm Celebration practice	12	13 7 pm Bible Study	14	15	16 7 am Men's Bible Studies
17 Spring Renewal Sermon: John Sharp Gathering: <i>Celebration</i> Noon Fellowship Meal 1 p.m. Renewal Meeting	18 7 pm Renewal meeting	19 7 pm Renewal meeting	20 6 pm Game Night	21	22	23 7 am Men's Bible Studies
24 Palm Sunday Sermon: Pastor Merle Gathering: Jan Livengood 6 pm Chorus Practice 7 pm Communion/Foot Washing	25 World's Attic Day 6 pm Game Night	26	27 No Bible Study	28 7 pm Tenebrae Service	29 Good Fri- day	30 7 am Men's Bible Studies 11 am Egg Hunt
31 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service/Breakfast 10: 30 am Worship Sermon: Pastor Merle						