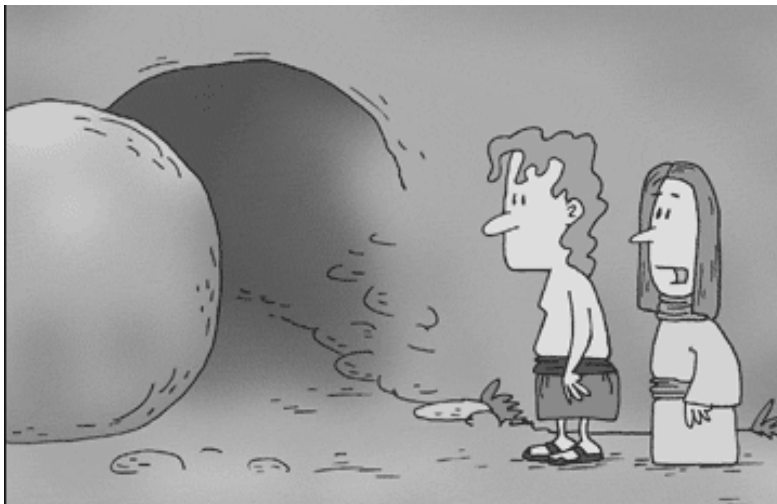


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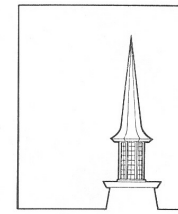
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Nothing is certain but WHAT and taxes?

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CONNECTION

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

THE BRIDGE OF LIFE

Under a vast canopy of space
 With trillions of stars in place,
 There moves a giant ball in rotation
 The marvelous work of God's creation.

And on this ball, this thing called earth
 Became alive when God gave birth
 To all mankind, beasts and flowers,
 Birds, seasons, days and hours.

And on this earth a Saviour came,
 The Son of God, Jehovah by name
 Just a humble servant was His claim,
 But His life foretold a world-wide fame.

This earth and all that resides within
 Was doomed to die for their sins,
 Christ gave His life for all nations,
 His cross is the way to our salvation.

Christ is the bridge that spans the tide
 To our Father who waits on the other side-
 His love for us paved the way
 To be with God on the Resurrection Day.

Maxine Reall

NEW SERIES ON “KINGDOM ATTITUDES”

We will begin a new series of messages after Easter called Kingdom Attitudes, focusing on what is commonly called The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12).



The Beatitudes: What are they and what is their purpose? The Beatitudes are at times misunderstood or not understood at all. What was Jesus trying to teach his disciples when He “preached” about them in the Sermon on the Mount.

As Christians, can we pick and choose which Beatitude is for us? Are Christians expected to have all these characteristics? Are the Beatitudes great ideals for Christians but not realistic to expect that humans can really achieve? What impact on the world would it be if ALL Christians had ALL these characteristics?

These questions and more will be revealed as Jesus’ message is revealed to us.

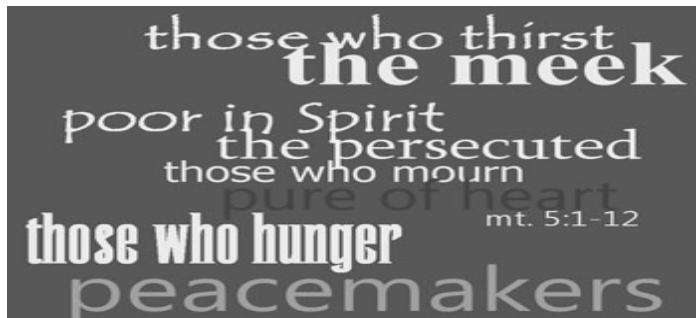
A number of different persons from our congregation will be preaching on these Kingdom Attitudes during the coming months. Those scheduled for the remainder of April are as follows:

April 15---Pastor Merle--Introduction to Beatitudes

April 22---Wayne Yoder--“Blessed are the poor in spirit”

April 29---Phil Dayton--“Blessed are those who mourn”

Pastor Merle



question is, how do I worship and stay connected to my faith when I am so far away from a Mennonite Church or community? –Eric

LOOKING FOR LIKEMINDED IN SOUTH AMERICA. I am trying to find information on the Mennonite community in Riobamba, Ecuador. I would also like addresses or an address locator of Central and South American Mennonite communities. ... I am not a Mennonite, but hold the same beliefs and am planning to live in Central or South America. I have been living in Colombia for the last year and am returning to the U.S. for a year and then back to S.A. to find a place to live in community with peace minded Followers of Jesus. –Don

*You might want to keep these inquirers in your prayers.
That's the difference between us and Wikipedia!*

Editor, Melodie Davis

NEWSLETTERS

Pinto Mennonite Church receives a number of newsletters from organizations and institutions on a regular basis. When these arrive they are displayed on the bulletin board by the mailboxes in the foyer. These organizations or institutions are some we have supported in the past or are still supporting.



Do you take the time to read them? Would you read them more if they were in your mailbox rather than on the bulletin board? Would it be better to receive them electronically (email)? Let the church office know of your interest in these newsletters.

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)
Meserete Kristos College in Africa
Global Disciples
Samaritan's Purse
Acts 29 Ministries (Jack and Sally Hollingsworth)
The Roman Riddles (Chris and Melody Riddle)
Courier (Mennonite World Conference)

QUESTIONS AT THIRD WAY CAFÉ

DEAR FRIENDS: People keep asking their insightful, perplexing and great questions even as we know people have ever more ways to find information. When Third Way Café started, there wasn't an entry on Wikipedia giving such complete (and mostly) accurate info on Mennonites. Now many of us use Facebook and Tweeting to get the information we need from like-minded others. But here are some of the questions that have come our way in recent months.

Inspiration plus
information at...



Third Way Café
www.thirdway.com

DIRTY MENNONITES? While we were travelling through Harrisonburg, Va., a car with a New Hampshire license tag passed us. Its bumper sticker (on the trunk) was black on white with the message "Dirty Mennonite." Any clues? My curiosity is piqued. (I googled it in case it was a rock group!) We couldn't see the riders in the car really well, but they did not look like a bunch of young people and the car was of an older style, nothing special. —Ken

LIVE MORE WITH LESS. Can an outsider join? If so what are the necessary steps? I very much wish to live in a society that accepts living more with less. —Jeri

MENNOS IN WYOMING. Do you have any information on the number of Mennonites and Mennonite-related congregations in the state of Wyoming? —Harlan (The answer appears to be 0. Let us know if you know differently.)

MORE ON MENNOS IN WYOMING. I live in Casper, Wyoming. I grew up in the Mennonite faith - my mother's family is Mennonite, from Newton and Goessel Kansas. I feel strongly connected to my faith, and my family's heritage, but there isn't a Mennonite community where I live. This is, however, where my family lives, where I have a home and my parents and my wife's family are all located. Our family business is located here, so relocation isn't an option. So my

THE BEATITUDES

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the
earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of
me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.*

Matthew 5:3-12



Holy Week Events

2012

Palm Sunday, April 1

10:30 am Communion

Worship Service
and

7:00 pm Footwashing Service



Good Friday, April 6

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service



Saturday, April 7

11:00 am Egg Hunt

beginning in Fellowship Hall



Easter Sunday, April 8

6:30 am Sunrise Service

Old Furnace Church of the Brethren
Pastor Merle will have the message.

No Sunday School hour scheduled

10:30 am Easter

Worship Service

Including "O WHAT A SAVIOR"
sung by the Pinto Mixed Chorus



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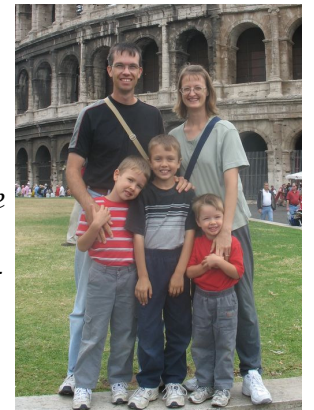
Five Years...

We have been here in Italy now for five years. We have changed, to say the least! Our boys have grown, just look at the photo taken recently (above) and compare it to the one taken in 2007! Notice that Micah is now about the same height as his Mom!



We have learned a new language and in doing so we have learned to communicate with a whole new group of people. We have learned to live in a new culture that is very different from the one we left in the States.

We have learned a new appreciation for God and what he does in our lives. We have grown in our faith here in ways that I do not think that we would have had we remained in the United States. We left our comfort zones and came here and we have seen that God is faithful in guiding when we are faithful to follow where He leads.



Will we be here for another five years? That, only God knows. Right now, we follow the call to serve here and now. There is much to do here and we will continue as long as God calls us to be here. I am sure that we will change even more in the coming years!

Chris, Melody, Micah, Adam, and Isaiah Riddle

(Pinto Mennonite Church continues to provide some of the financial support for the Riddles. Please continue to remember them in prayer as well)



TO BE FORGIVEN

To be forgiven is to be included in fellowship:

It is to be accepted by the Forgiving One,

It is to be delivered from guilt,

It is to be liberated to live in freedom.,

It is to be enabled to look up in joy,

It is to be open to walk arm in arm.

To be forgiven is to be redeemed,

To belong to him!

*From "Solí Deo Gloria"
A Daily Walk Through Romans
By Myron S., Augsburg*

"O WHAT A SAVIOR!" NEW EASTER MUSICAL

The Pinto Mixed Chorus has been practicing diligently and eagerly to present a new musical on Easter Sunday morning. "O What a Savior" was created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith and arranged by Russell Mauldin. It features both new and classic songs and is accompanied by a simple, yet powerful narration. Songs included are:

Our Great Savior Medley
(O What a Savior/Our Great Savior/Alleluia! Alleluia!)
Hail Jesus Medley
(Victory Chant/Because We Believe)
Something Beautiful
Embrace the Cross
Jesus Paid It All
He Is Risen!
O What a Savior
That's Why We Praise Him with Alleluia! Alleluia!



This thirty minute presentation will be an integral part of the Easter Sunday morning worship service and we believe you will be moved and inspired by both the words and music.

GLADE PUPPETS HERE ON APRIL29

The Happy Hands for Christ Ministry began in 2000 as a small puppet ministry of Glade Mennonite Church. It has since grown to include not only puppets, but drama, dance, and much more.

We have enjoyed their programs at Pinto several times in the past and welcome this group again on Sunday evening, April 29, at 6 pm. This is not just a children's program, but is enjoyed by all age groups. Don't miss it!



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1 PALM SUNDAY Sermon: Pastor Merle Communion Service Penny Power 7 pm Footwashing Service	2 6 pm Chorus Practice 6 pm Game Night	3 7 pm Council	4 7 pm Bible Study	5	6 6 pm Chorus Practice 7 pm Tenebrae Service	7 7 am Men's Bible Studies 11 am Egg Hunt
8 EASTER 6:30 am Sunrise Service @ Old Furnace Church No Sunday School 10:30 am Worship "O What a Savior" No evening service	9 6 pm Game Night	10 6 pm New Praise Practice	11 7 pm Bible Study	12	13	14 7 am Men's Bible Studies
15 Sermon: Pastor Merle Evening: Small Groups	16 6 pm Game Night	17 6 pm New Praise Practice	18 7 pm Bible Study	19 7 pm Elders	20	21 7 am Men's Bible Studies
22 Sermon: Wayne Yoder Gathering Music: New Praise Members Reports Due 7 pm Lawrence Brenneman	23 6 pm Game Night 7 pm Rejoice! practice	24	25 7 pm Bible Study	26	27	28 7 am Men's Bible Studies
29 Sermon: Phil Dayton Gathering Music: Rejoice! 6 pm Glade Puppets	30 World's Attic Day 6 pm Game Night					