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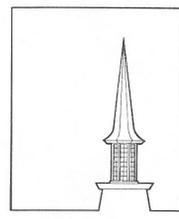


**BIRTHDAY PARTY
AT THE CHRISTNERS
WILL BE ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 7 PM**

(Listed are birthdays of those who live in the area and regularly attend services at Pinto. If your birthday has been missed or listed incorrectly, please notify Evie.)

- 4 Beth Helmick
- 15 Brianna Flowers
- 17 Betty Helmick
- 19 Teagan Powers

- 22 Wade Dorsey
- 25 Kraig Powers,
Troy Netzer
Caleb Morgan
- 31 Craig Moreland



CONNECTION

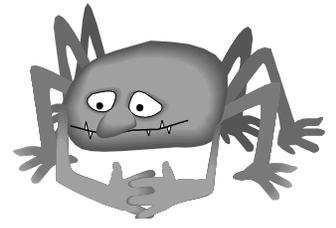
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“In Christ's body we're all connected to each other...”
Eph 4:25 , *The Message*

A New Look At Life

Recently there were a couple of very scary spiders who took up residence outside my front door. My first instinct was to kill them. I quickly realized that I desired their death, not because I found them so threatening and offensive, but because I was afraid of them, and that I feared them because of the way they looked.



I decided to let them live, and found that I wanted them to live, because they reminded me of the necessity of coexisting peacefully with others, despite our differences.

--Audrey Hinder DiPalma



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WORSHIP

AUGUST 7 The Mullet Family will have special music and Robert Mullet will bring the message.



7 pm. **True Vine Gospel Sing**

AUGUST 14 "The Bread of Life"
Sermon: Pastor Merle.



"I Am
The Bread
of Life."
~Jesus

AUGUST 21 "The Good Shepherd"
Sermon: Pastor Merle

AUGUST 28-30 FALL RENEWAL
Jack and Sally Hollingsworth will be our guest speakers for Sunday morning worship and each evening at 7 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.



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The highest individual items sold from our contributions were the yellow & green baby quilt pieced by Betty and quilted by Susie Trost which sold for \$80 and the purple comforter which sold for \$90. This, of course, does not count what was purchased by Pinto members in the way of quilts, food, and other

items at the sale.

It is not too early to be thinking of next year's sale and how you might contribute. This is a direct way to help those in need around the world. Thank you, Pinto Mennonite Church, for all you have given to MCC.

PITTSBURGH
2011 A GREAT
EXPERIENCE

BRIDGES TO CROSS

Coming soon--a full report from all the participants about their great experiences at Mennonite USA assembly at Pittsburgh. Worship, seminars, service project, old friends, new friends, delegate sessions, fun, and food all had a place in this busy week!



Youth Convention participants: Bree Flowers & Teagan Powers with sponsors Kraig & Sarcia.

TRI-STATE SALE A SUCCESS

The 13th Annual Tri-State Relief Sale is history and most participants from Pinto saw it as a success. Betty Helmick has been in charge of the chicken barbeque for all 13 years and said the booth sold out more completely than it has for some time. A total of 340 chicken halves were barbequed by Springs Mennonite Church and sold as a dinner with sides from our booth. Many helping hands were needed and appreciated to make this a success. Betty has now resigned from this duty to become as she says, "a participant not a facilitator" of the sale. If anyone would like to take on the responsibility for this booth, you may contact the food committee for the sale.



This year, the sale had the use of a new exhibit building on the fairgrounds which was quite clean and roomy, equipped with restrooms and well-lighted. This allowed the Market Place (including books, plants, baked items, and Ten Thousand Villages), Silent Auction, Auction Preview and Main Auction to all be accommodated in one area. Food booths and children's activities were housed elsewhere. Due to construction on the grounds, the Cruise-In car show area was less than desirable and had a smaller attendance. Hopefully, that will improve with the next sale.

Pinto Mennonite Church contributed to the Penny Power collection of the sale in the amount of \$1243 "and change" which is a contribution from many of you when the children pass the baskets once a month during the offering. Thank you!



Several auction items were contributed by those who helped knot comforters on MCC work nights and individuals who donated quilts and other items for the auction and silent auction. Some sold well and others less so, a very common happening for these auctions. An unofficial estimation was a contribution of around \$550 for these items.

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FALL RENEWAL SERVICES SET FOR AUGUST 28-30

Fall Renewal services will be held a little earlier this year and we will welcome Jack and Sally Hollingsworth as our special guest speakers. Following is some information about them and their "Acts 29 Ministry." Plan to come for several evenings of inspiration.



"We are Jack and Sally Hollingsworth, founders and "on the road for Jesus" evangelists for Acts 29 Ministry, Inc. since 1990. We have been full time since 1993 traveling throughout the US carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone who will listen and anywhere the Lord opens the door. We strive to see all Christians more concerned for the lost in their communities.

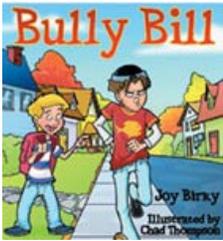
"Acts 29" ministry's name is the result of praying, asking the Lord for a name that would raise questions. Since there are only 28 chapters in Acts, we questioned Him ourselves.. After searching the scriptures we discovered that there are three books in the New Testament that do not have an Amen at the close, indicating that there is more to them, still ongoing. Those three books are: James, 3rd John and, of course, Acts.

James was written to the dispersed Jews. It is very obvious today that it is still in action because since 1948, God has been bringing the Jews home to Israel. Ill John was written to the individual Christian and every born again Christian is proof that it too is still an ongoing book. And of course, the book of Acts is the power of the Holy Spirit adding to the Body of Christ daily, hence Acts 29, whose verses are written by the lives of every Christian in this world.

We clearly understand that we are not writing a literal additional book in the Bible. God's Word is complete and perfect just as it is, certainly not requiring the frail hand of man to add to it. Acts 29 is more akin to a dream or a vision that God gave us and that is to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many as possible; to reach out to the lost and encourage the Church no matter where she might be located."

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY!

For Children



Bully Bill by Joy Birky, Illustrated by Chad Thompson

Bully Bill tries to get his own way by fighting with everyone. But when he meets up with Happy Hal, who makes friends by helping others, Bill becomes curious about how this happens. Hal introduces Bill to the Golden Rule, and things soon change for the better.

Julia's Words by Judith L. Roth Illustrated by Brooke Rothshank

Christina meets Julia, who is deaf, at a coastal campground. As the two girls spend time together, Christina glimpses what it might be like to be deaf. She finds out there's more than one way to communicate---and that friendship is deeper than sound.

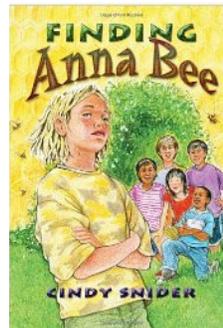
Cups Held Out by Judith L. Roth Illustrated by Brooke Rothshank

A young girl and her father cross the border into Mexico, where the child encounters poverty for the first time. Together, she and her dad ponder the question, "What can we do about poor people?" Should they put money into every outstretched cup? Will buying a blanket make a difference? What about that shiny bike back home? This book opens discussion for parents and children on responsibility toward the poor of the world.

For Juniors

Finding Anna Bee by Cindy Snider

Join the spirited Anna Bee and her five new friends at Camp Amani Ya Juu as they discover a mysterious bridge to the past. Their adventures teach them first-hand about Christian faith heroes--and about themselves, each other, and the way of peace.



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TRUE VINE GOSPEL SING

"It began inauspiciously as part of Grandma Dayton's 80th birthday celebration

in 1981 and took off from there. The last seven years [since 2001] the program has been held at the Dayton family's "True Vine" site on a scenic knoll overlooking the original homeplace. Many of the same groups and individuals lend their musical talents each year. Around 450 people showed up this year [2008] (600 was the highest figure several years ago)."

The above quote is from an article written by Jim Bishop, one of Phil's nephews after the 2008 Gospel Sing. This year musical guests will include The Mullet Family, Ed Elsa, Amber Bokelman, The Browns, Dr. Jack Harvey's Barbershop Quartet, and Amy and Peyton Chronister. There are usually a few surprises along with the tradition of a candle-light closing and ice cream following the program. Bring your lawn chair and find your way to True Vine on Sunday, August 7, at 7 pm, and you will be refreshed.



MCC REQUESTS PRAYER AND DONATIONS

With MCC, help drought-stricken East Africa. Mennonite Central Committee is appealing for donations to support its response to the drought and food crisis in East Africa that has left about 11 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Please consider a gift to help fund initial efforts in Ethiopia and Kenya to provide supplemental food for at-risk groups, and to support food-for-work projects.



To donate, visit mcc.org or contact your nearest MCC office. We encourage you also to pray for people in the region.

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE TO MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS

The Conference meetings to take place at Laurelville on August 5-7 will include many familiar elements of worship, delegate sessions, reporting, seminars, recreation, and fellowship. Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, is the guest speaker for the worship sessions on the theme of "Investing in Hope" from John 20:19-23.

Two major votes will be taken by delegates to the Allegheny Mennonite Conference at Laurelville on August 5-7. These are to amend the constitution of the conference in a major way to revise the entire structure of the conference and to affirm the search committee's selection of a full-time conference minister.

The restructuring (or "remodeling" as it has been called) has been a work in progress for several years and has involved countless hours of discussion and discernment. The Coordinating Council is bringing the following motion to be affirmed by a 2/3 majority vote by the delegates:

Coordinating Council moves that the current "CONSTITUTION OF THE ALLEGHENY MENNONITE CONFERENCE" be replaced with the "BYLAWS OF THE ALLEGHENY MENNONITE CONFERENCE" and the "Allegheny Mennonite Conference Organization" to become effective August 7, 2011.

If you have questions about this change, there is information available on the conference website or you are encouraged to speak to one of the delegates.

As a part of remodeling, it was decided at the last delegate meeting, to search for a full-time conference minister. Donna Mast of Scottdale, PA, has been serving in a half-time capacity since the resignation of Kurt Horst. The search committee interviewed several strong candidates and has unanimously approved the recommendation that Donna Mast be employed as our full-time Conference Minister for a three-year term. This will be voted on by paper ballot and a 2/3 majority vote will be needed to affirm her for this role.

Whether or not you are able to attend, you are invited to be in prayer for the delegates before and during August 6.

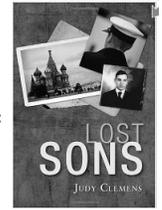
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Lost Sons by Judy Clemens

Detective Sam Windemere's son, a sailor in the US Navy, disappears in the frozen tundra of Russia, and Stan finds himself unable to focus on his job. He soon learns of another lost son, Clayton Kratz, who also disappeared in Russia-in 1920. Stan dives into this mystery and prepares for the truth that his own son, like Kratz, may never come home. "A rare blend of detective story, family tale, and documentary that keeps us guessing"

The Emerald Angel by Wilma L. Derksen

A mysterious path through an orchard in the Emerald Valley of British Columbia attracts the attention of young Ava, who knows that her grandmother's house is at the end of the trail. Why do so many people visit Ava's grandmother? Ava watches her grandmother bless the visitors with extraordinary compassion, empathy, and most of all, listening.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS

The Christian Education Committee met on July 19 to review the education programs and plan for the future. Minutes of the minute are available in the church office, if you desire to read them, but here are some highlights.

- Roveen shared several items from the Church Council perspective including concerns and options for continuing Venture Club, perhaps in new ways.
- Evie shared information on small groups and brought several educational resources for various ages obtained at convention and will distribute them to those who may be interested in using them.
- Pastor Merle reported on several types of study he and others have done and will be doing. He discussed Sunday morning worship planning and Sunday evening programming.
- Jan reported on Jr. Worship and presented some material from Mennonite Mission Network for use after the first of the year. The group expressed interest in this plan.

Judi Brenneman led a devotional and chaired the meeting. If you are interested in Christian Education, your presence would be welcome at the next meeting in January.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 pm Game Night	2 7 pm Council	3 7 pm Bible Study	4	5 =====Allegheny @ Laurelville	6 Mennonite 7 a.m. Men's Bible Studies
7 Conference ==== Sermon: Robert Mullet 7pm True Vine Sing	8 6 pm Game Night	9	10 7 pm Bible Study	11 7 pm Elders	12	13 7 a.m. Men's Bible Studies MD Small Group
14 Sermon: Pastor Merle	15 6 pm Game Night	16	17 7 pm Bible Study	18	19 7 pm Birthday Cele- bration @ Christ- ners	20 7 a.m. Men's Bible Studies Angel Food Orders Due
21 Sermon: Pastor Merle	22 8 am Volunteer @ World's Attic 6 pm Game Night	23	24 7 pm Bible Study	25	26	27 7 a.m. Men's Bible Studies 10:30-11:30 am Angel Food Distribution
28 Fall Renewal Sermon: Jack & Sally Hollingsworth 7 pm Eve. Service	29 7 pm. Renewal Service	30 7 pm. Renewal Service	31 No Bible Study			