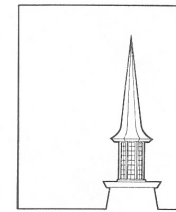


10 Kurt Helmick  
12 Larry Liller  
19 JoAnn Helmick  
23 Kim Helmick  
25 Liz Morgan  
26 Steve Flowers  
26 Karen Morgan



## Birthdays And Anniversaries

7 Kurt & Kim Helmick  
8 Aaron & Beth Livengood  
10 Wade Dorsey & Cathy Chapman

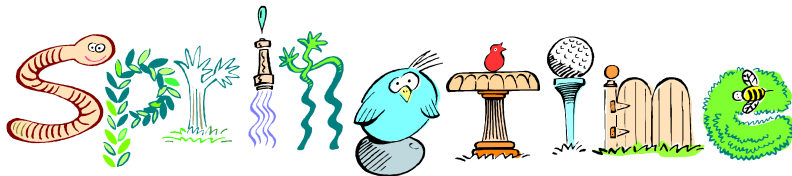


# CONNECTION

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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



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DO WE STILL GET TO CLAIM HIM AS AN  
EXEMPTION UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE FINDS  
HIM?

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*Love* must be sincere  
ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος  
**Hate** what is evil  
ἀποστρεφόμενοι τὸ πονηρὸν  
 cling to what is good  
κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ  
 Be devoted to one another  
 in brotherly love  
τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλοστοργοί  
 Honor one another  
 above yourself  
τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι  
 Never be lacking in zeal, but  
 keep your spiritual fervor  
 serving the Lord  
ἡ σπουδὴ μὴ ὀκνηροί, τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες  
 Be joyful in hope  
τῷ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες  
 patient in affliction  
τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες  
 faithful in prayer  
τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες  
 Share with God's people  
 who are in need  
ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ὁδῶν κοινωνοῦντες  
 Practice hospitality  
τὴν φιλοξενίαν οὐκοντες

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Romans 12:9-13  
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JOIN  
US  
IN  
WORSHIP



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**April 3** "A Better Way" Romans 12:9-21  
Music: Denny and Carla Brown  
MCC (My Coins Count) offering  
Message: Pastor Merle  
Jr. Worship: The Mennonite Class

**6 pm** Video series: "Agents of Babylon" begins

**April 10** *Service prepared and led by  
Young Adult Class*

**6 pm** Video series continues

**April 17** Music: *Celebration*  
Message: Pastor Merle

**6 pm** Video series continues

**April 24** Message: Pastor Merle  
Jr. Worship: The Mennonite Class

**6 pm** Video series continues

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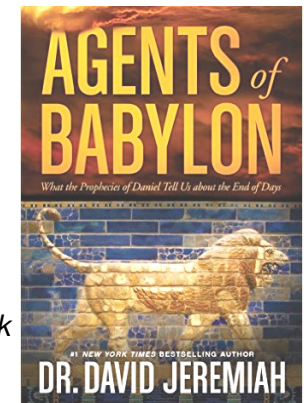
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### VIDEO SERIES CHOSEN FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

The Sunday Evening Committee has chosen the video series "Agents of Babylon" (a study of the book of Daniel) presented by Dr. David Jeremiah for the next number of weeks.

The information about the series states, "Dr. Jeremiah examines prophecy through the eyes of the characters in the book Daniel, explains what the prophecies mean, and helps us understand how these prophetic visions and dreams apply to our lives today."

Daniel's prophecies were delivered to and through a cast of characters that Dr. David Jeremiah calls, "the agents of Babylon."



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The first day out on the beach was a little discouraging. Because they outlawed drinking on the beach during the month of March, many college students decided that drinking was more important to them and they decided to go elsewhere to party. My partner and I did get the opportunity to talk to two older ladies who were sisters; one from England and the other from Canada.

The second day out was better. My partner and I started walking the beach, but we were not getting in deep conversation with people. We decided to go walk the streets near the stores, but we could not find many people there either. My partner said that she had a feeling that we should go back to the beach. We immediately saw a lady sitting by herself on the beach and we decided to approach her. We had an amazing conversation with her and she ended up accepting Christ as her Savior right there on the beach on her Spring Break. Words cannot describe what it felt like to lead my first person to the Lord. It is something that is completely out of my comfort zone, but it felt so right.

We had over 2,555 spiritual conversations, over 1,276 people heard the gospel, over 140 people were given the *Satisfied* booklet to reassess their current faith, over 200 people decided to follow Christ, 1,200 students stepped out in faith and out of their comfort zones and went on a mission trip, and 1 Savior was honored and glorified.

I am so very thankful that I had the opportunity to go on this trip. I appreciate everyone who made it possible for me to go and further the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your support and prayers.



Teagan Powers

Salisbury University CRU, University of Maryland CRU, and Me representing Frostburg State University CRU

## Spare Change Can Lead to Global Change!

### *Response to Crisis in South Sudan*

The people of South Sudan are suffering trauma and extreme hunger as they flee an armed conflict in their new nation. More than 800,000 people are displaced within the country, just formed in 2011, and more than 250,000 are refugees in neighboring countries, according to the U.N.



The conflict, which began in December 2013 because of a split within the ruling political party, escalated into widespread violence. Nearly a third of the population is facing starvation in South Sudan, according to Ken and Laura Litwiller, MCC's area directors in East Africa, from Lewistown, Pa. Those who have been displaced by fighting urgently need food, clean water, medicine and seeds.

You can help by saving your small change for My Coins Count. TriState Relief Sale has set a goal of \$20,000 to be reached in the 2015-2016 year.

**My Coins Count** (previously called Penny Power) offerings are lifted the first Sunday of each month. So far this year (since July 2015) we have collected \$714. Last year's contribution from our church was \$2000.





## **GET SPONSORS NOW AND SUPPORT MCC !**

### ***Great Allegheny Passage Bike & Hike***

***Saturday - June 4, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.***

***Deal, PA - 1765 Deal Road - Meyersdale, PA 15552***

Come and join us on a great family outing biking or hiking the Great Allegheny Passage trail. There are no roads or cars to worry about! Just enjoy a ride or hike on a beautiful trail!

The Bike-Hike Fundraiser will start at 10:00 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. with the registration starting at 9:30 A.M. You may take the trail in either direction for any distance you wish. Drinks and snacks will be provided at the starting location only.

There are no entry fees but get sponsors to support your ride or hike. Download the sponsor form from the [www.tristatesale.org](http://www.tristatesale.org) website (or obtain from the church office). Checks should be made payable to the TriState Relief Sale.



For more information, contact Dale Miller at 724-787-6541 or [dmljam824@gmail.com](mailto:dmljam824@gmail.com).

Sponsored by the TriState Relief Sale Benefit Auction, raising funds for those in need around the world through Mennonite Central Committee.



After lunch we would get our assignment to specific beaches and we would use the tools that Jill Fuhs gave us and started conversations with people to see if they knew anything about the Gospel. If they did not, we shifted the conversation and shared the amazing news of the Gospel with them. After sharing on the beaches for a few hours, we would return to our resort and cook dinner before our evening session.

In our evening sessions, Darryl Smith would bring a message to further our relationship with God. We all learned a lot from him. He is a high energy passionate man of God and he brought the Word in such a way that it was easy to understand and made all of us want to listen to every word he said.

Jill Fuhs gave us tools and taught us how to use a special survey, a Knowing God Personally booklet, Solarium Cards, and Perspective Cards. Some of the main points that she taught us when talking to people on the beach was to break the four sound barriers. The first sound barrier to break is actually starting a conversation. It is difficult and even awkward to walk up to strangers on a beach and try to start a conversation. The second barrier is transitioning the conversation from a regular conversation to a Spiritual conversation. Then, you need to take into consideration how the other person is responding and if it seems to be going well you can then transition into talking about the Gospel and sharing it with them for the first time ever or going into detail with them. If you are sharing the Gospel with them for the first time the last barrier is asking them for a decision. All of her tips were very helpful and I will continue to use them as I continue to talk to people.



Meeting with our group to get our sharing partners and discuss the plan for evangelizing.

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## **SPRING BREAK IN FLORIDA-A TIME FOR WITNESS**

*A reflection from Teagan Powers on her experience*

The mission trip I went on was through CRU-a Christian organization that I am affiliated with through Frostburg State University. FSU's CRU meets once a week for regular worship sessions plus has a girls and guys Bible Studies and a Prayer Circle time in the Library each week. I have been with them since the semester started.

I found out about this awesome opportunity to go spread the Gospel with college students who were on Spring Break during my Spring Break period. I left Friday March 11 and returned late Saturday March 19. I had an amazing experience and I cannot wait until next year to go again. I made so many new friends, learned so much, and had incredible experiences with both fellow believers and others who some became believers by the end of the week.



Each day we had a morning session full of music with worship and where Bob Fuhs would give us encouragement through the scripture and his wife Jill Fuhs would give us evangelism tools and teach us how to use them and how to most effectively approach people to start conversations.



## **SNOKAMP 2016**

The Pinto Mennonite Youth, Aaron Monnett and Mary Twigg got to experience another year at SnoKamp at Laurelville, February 19-21. As always, it was an eventful and blessed weekend. It is always fun to see old friends and make new ones and to fellowship with youth who love the Lord.

The theme this year was Upside-Down Kingdom, with speaker Seth Crissman. Seth is a teacher, musician, song writer, youth pastor and new father. Seth and his wife Theresa met at Laurelville, married, and now are parents of a one year old little girl named Eliana. Seth himself has been attending SnoKamp at Laurelville for 11 years. He and his wife are long term missionaries in the Shenandoah Valley through Virginia Mennonite Missions.

Our main Bible text for the weekend was Luke 13:18-21.

*Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."...*

As God makes Himself known throughout God's story, we got to know a little more of who God is and how He came to live like man on earth. God is inviting us to use our God given gifts to be a part of His mission even at a young age in this upside down world of today, by asking ourselves, what would our response be? We compared life to many circles inside each other with God being in the center, asking ourselves who, and what are important on the outer circles of our growing lives.

God's path for each of us may seem like an Upside- Down Kingdom!!!

*Paula Monnett*



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## APRIL 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Message: Pastor Merle Music: Denny & Carla Brown My Coins Count offering Jr Worship: Menn. Class 6 pm Video series	4 6 pm Game Night 6 pm Finance Committee	5	6 6:30 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 7 am Men's Bible Study
10 Service prepared and led by Young Adults 6 pm Video series	11 6 pm Game Night	12	13 6:30 pm Bible Study	14 6:30 pm Council 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	15	16 7 am Men's Bible Study
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24 Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship: Menn. Class 6 pm Video series	25 8 am World's Attic Work Day 6 pm Game Night	26	27 6:30 pm Bible Study	28	29	30 7 am Men's Bible Study