

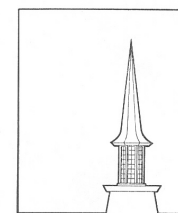
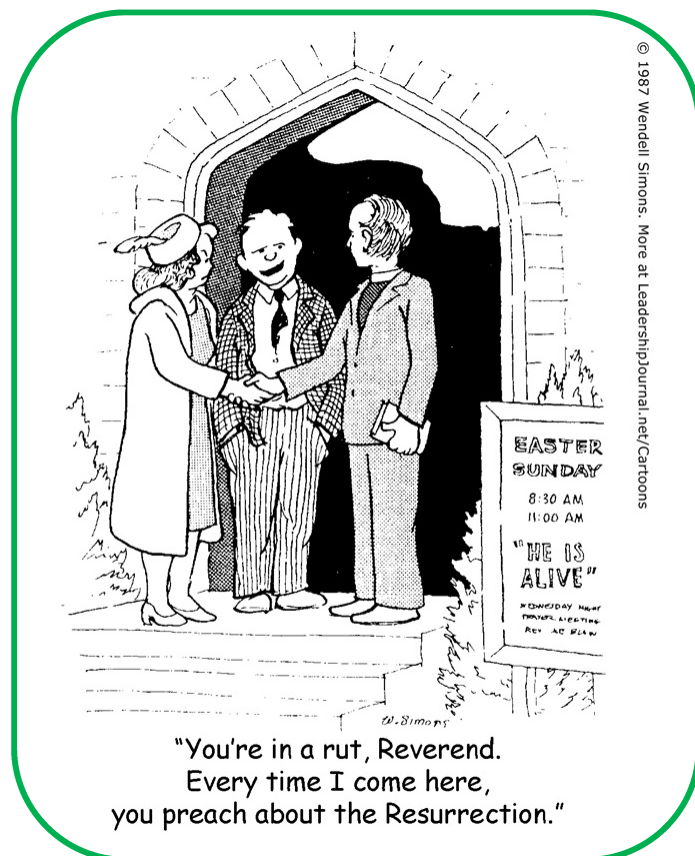
## Birthdays and

- 1 Merle Christner
- 8 Emily Netzer
- 10 Pat Liller
- 11 Larry McFarland
- 13 Sue Fincham
- 17 Pat Yoder
- 18 Caroline Light
- 18 Kelsey Smith
- 19 Gail Rotruck
- 20 Aaron Monnett



1 Shawn & Rebecca Fincham

## Anniversaries



# CONNECTION

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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



Artwork by Terry Rotruck

# LIVING INK

## *Worship Together as we Journey toward the Resurrection*



### **Sunday, March 6**

*Living Ink: Turning Over a New Leaf*

Music: *Celebration*

"My Coins Count" Offering

Message: Pastor Merle

**6 pm Evening Service-Video**

### **Sunday, March 13**

*Living Ink: An Unexpected Twist*

Message: Pastor Merle

**6 pm Evening Service-Vernon**

Beechum, speaker

### **Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday**

*Living Ink: The Plot Thickens*

Message: Pastor Merle

**6 pm: Service of Foot  
Washing and Communion**



### **Thursday, March 24**

**7 pm: Tenebrae Service**

### **Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday**

*(Community Sunrise Service-Time and Location to  
be announced)*

**9:30 am Easter Breakfast** in the  
Fellowship Hall, served by the Pinto  
Teens.

No Sunday School

**10:30 am Morning Worship**

*The End of the Beginning*

Message: Pastor Merle

No Evening Service



# EASTER

## **SNEAK PEEK! KIDS BIBLE KAMP BEING PLANNED**

It's not too early to begin planning for Kid's Bible Kamp (VBS). A planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 4, at 3:30pm. We would appreciate all those with any interest to attend this planning session. Your input can be very helpful. Kids Bible Kamp is scheduled for June 13-17 this year.



The curriculum this year will use the theme "*Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus*". Jesus surprised and blessed the people he met, and with each encounter people discovered more about Jesus. "*Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus*" allows children to be surprised as they discover Jesus, too!

## **PINTO COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESSING**

- \*Carpet on the walls
- \*Fire alarms in
- \*Railing on the mezzanine



- \*Most fixtures in the bathrooms



## MCC OPERATING NEW MEAT CANNER

Mennonite Central Committee is operating a brand new mobile cannery this season of canning meat for people in crisis throughout the world. This mobile cannery is the first new equipment since 1993. The new equipment streamlines the meat preparation process. Over 30,000 volunteers are still actively involved in collecting, preparing and packaging the meat in cans for shipping.



Last season, 516,000 cans of turkey, pork, chicken or beef went to 10 countries, including Canada and the U.S. In July, the crew and volunteers at Mennonite World Conference's "Assembly Gathered" in Harrisburg, Pa, canned green beans which were distributed in central Pennsylvania.

New features of the canner include adding salt to each can of meat individually instead of to a large kettle of meat, and computerized boiler and steam controls that assure the meat is heated precisely in one process. Volunteers, therefore, will no longer need to preheat and stir meat.

Canning season begins in October and continues through April. A four-member canning crew of MCC workers travels with the mobile cannery to 31 sites in 12 U.S. states and one Canadian province this year. They coordinate the canning process at each location to make sure federal food safety regulations are met. Crew members commit to two-year terms, spending seven months on the road and, in the off-season, maintaining the equipment and doing other duties for MCC. The crew and volunteers fill more than half a million cans of meat each year to provide nourishment to communities impacted by war, disaster and malnutrition.

"God gives us a mission on this earth to serve him," said Raynor Krahn, a crew member from Paraguay. For Krahn and thousands of volunteers, canning meat is one way to do so. *(The canner is in Chambersburg, PA, during the first week of March and several Pinto persons will be among the volunteers).*

## An Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of  
Your Son  
has given us new life and  
renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new  
people  
in pursuit of the Christian  
ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.*

*source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*



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## MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1 pm Worship Planning	2 6:30 pm Bible Study	3 1 pm Kids Bible Kamp planning 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	4	5 7 am Men's Bible Study
6 Message: Pastor Merle Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i> My Coins Count offering 6 pm Eve. Service-video	7 6 pm Game Night	8 6:30 pm Leadership	9 6:30 pm Bible Study	10	11	12 7 am Men's Bible Study
13 Daylight Savings Begins Message: Pastor Merle 6 pm Eve. Service-Vernon Beechum, speaker	14 6 pm Game Night	15	16 6:30 pm Bible Study	17	18	19 7 am Men's Bible Study
20 Palm Sunday Message: Pastor Merle 6 pm Service of Foot- washing and Communion	21 6 pm Game Night	22	23 12:30 pm Elders No Bible Study	24 7 pm Tenebrae Service	25	26 7 am Men's Bible Study
27 EASTER No Evening Service 9:30 am Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Message: Pastor Merle No evening Service	28 8 am World's Attic Work Day 6 pm Game Night	29	30 6:30 pm Bible Study	31		