

Litany of Release and Blessing

Wade: In September of 2008, this congregation called Merle as our pastor. We have worshipped and prayed together. We have laughed and cried together.

Roveen: *We have hoped and dreamed together. Worked together, eaten lots of potlucks and some played games together.*

Congregation: *Now it is time to say goodbye.*

Roveen: *Parting is bittersweet. Memories flood our minds and hearts. It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that we give thanks to God for our time together and mark the ending of Pastor Merle's ministry with us.*

Wade: In saying goodbye to Pastor Merle, we release him from his responsibilities as our pastor. Would you join me in this release?

Congregation: *With God's help, Pastor Merle, we release you from your responsibilities as our pastor.*

Wade: As we release Pastor Merle from the ministry here at Pinto, we also want to ask God's blessing on his future ministry. Join me in that blessing:

Congregation: *Pastor Merle, as your ministry unfolds in new settings, we offer our support to you and pray God's blessing on you and on us, as we each strive to be faithful, as we serve within God's church.*

From Last Two Sundays

Attendance (8/14/16): Sunday School: 52

Worship: 65

Attendance Sunday in the Park: 50



Welcome to

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9:30 am Sunday School – Classes available for all ages

**10:30 am Worship A Farewell Service for Pastor Merle and Evie
Molded for Service**

*"O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hands." Isaiah 64:8*

Prelude	Jan Livengood
Welcome/Call to Worship	Roveen Yoder
Worship in Song	Denny Brown
<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
<i>Change my Heart of God</i>	
<i>I will Serve Thee</i>	

Children's Lesson	JoNel Geyer
Special Music <i>He Didn't Throw the Clay Away</i>	Denny and Carla Brown

Scripture: **Romans 12:1-8**

Meditation:	Lynn Lais
Song of Response	Judith Brenneman
<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord HWB # 504</i>	

Announcements, Sharing joys and concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering

Offertory Aaron Livengood Family

Litany of Release and Blessing	Wade Dorsey
Presentation of Gift	Gail Rotruck
Response	Pastor Merle

Worship in Song
O God, Your constant care HWB #481

Blessing
Song of Sending

Jesus, let us come to know you

**Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch
following this morning's service. There will be a time for informal
sharing following the meal.**

No Evening Service

Children's Workers for Worship Service

This Sunday	Next Sunday
Nursery: Liz Morgan	Brenda Liller

There is no PreK or Junior Worship today or next week.

For your prayer time this week...

Remember the **students** and **teachers** who began their school year this week. Pray that their lives will show the love and light of Jesus to others in the classroom.

Give thanks for the **beauty of creation** as celebrated in many ways at Worship in the Park last Sunday.

Pray for those who are ill, facing surgery, undergoing tests, and struggle with on-going health issues.

Remember the elders, **Wade Dorsey**, **Paul Livengood**, and **Pat Yoder**, as they plan for worship and pastoral transition in the interim period and for the many others who are taking on new or different responsibilities as Pinto Church moves forward.

Announcements:

Notes from Leadership in preparation for Pastoral transition:
The new church email address is pinto.church@gmail.com.

Bree Flowers has been hired as an Office Manager to coordinate communication and edit the bulletin. Appointments include **Betty Helmick**, Prayer Chain Coordinator; **Phil Dayton**, Visitation and Home Charities; **Jen Light**, Webmaster; and **Liz Morgan**, Facebook coordinator.

Everence[®] has released the fourth resource of its ongoing educational series, *7 steps to integrating faith and finances*. You should receive this month's release in your mailbox this week. This month's topic, *Connect my faith to my protection plan*, provides a biblical perspective on the topic of insurance, plus practical advice about when each type is appropriate. We encourage you to take time with this resource as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.

The church has received \$750 from the **Everence Sharing Fund** in partial compensation for grants awarded from our Home Charities fund.

This week - August 29 - September 4

Monday, 6:00 Game Night

Wednesday, 6:30 Bible Study: Book of Philemon