

FEBRUARY

- 3 Paul T. Livengood
- 6 Ramona Cartwright
- 8 Imogene Dayton
- 11 Lester Reall
- 11 Rene Wolford
- 13 Beth Livengood
- 15 Nancy Dayton
- 15 Jaxson Riggins
- 18 Shawn Fincham
- 22 Landon Riggins
- 23 Aaron Livengood
- 26 Ted Harsh
- 26 Daniel Helmick

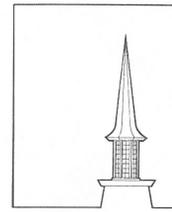


- 5 Lester & Maxine Reall
- 23 Richard & JoAnn Helmick



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"I hate football, but I love to be where people are excited about something."



CONNECTION

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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LIVING INK



Worship in February

Sunday, February 7 "From Death to Life"

Music: *Celebration*

My Coins Count Offering

Scripture: Romans 6:5-14

Message: Pastor Merle

Noon: "Souper Bowl" Lunch Teen Fundraiser



Sunday, February 14 First Sunday of Lent

Living Ink: *Letting Go of the Pen*

Message: Pastor Merle

6 pm Movie Night: "War Room"

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Sunday, February 21

Living Ink: *Finding Light in Dark Text*

Message: Steve Sauder

Sunday, February 28

Living Ink: *Leaping Off the Page*

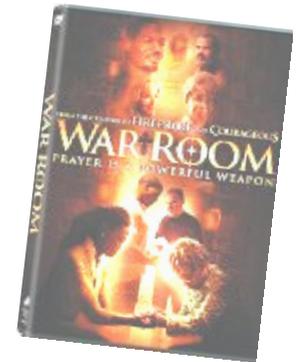
Message: Pastor Merle



PRESENTING

"WAR ROOM"

**SUNDAY
EVENING
FEBRUARY 14
6 P.M.**



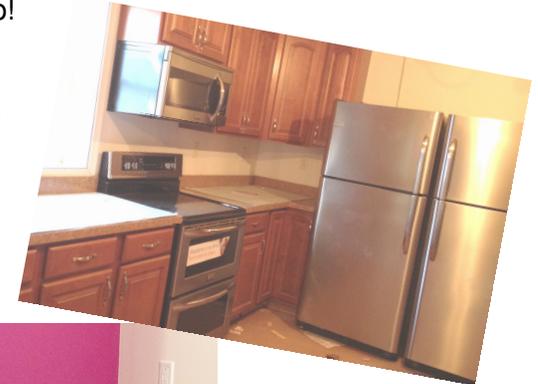
(Sponsored by
Homebuilders Class)

From the creators of Fireproof and Courageous comes WAR ROOM, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on every area of our lives.

COMMUNITY BUILDING: FINISHING TOUCHES

While the completion may seem far away as yet, some finishing touches are being added. More help is needed and more workdays will be scheduled, so please contact Kurt if you can help!

Kitchen appliances
are in place.



Can you guess
which bathroom this
is?

Why Do Fundraisers for SnoKamp?

Our annual “Souper Bowl” fundraiser for Pinto Teens is happening on February 7. This is an opportunity for the youth to serve the rest of us soup as we contribute to their trip to SnoKamp at Laurelville. Why do we send teens off to this activity? The following quote from a Mennonite Church Canada article offers some answers.

“Snow camp. The title brings to mind a group of kids running in the snow, creating snow angels and starting snowball fights. While the annual event does include those activities, it also encompasses so much more. The camp gives youth a break from the stressful school semester and allows them to gather in a fun and festive environment surrounded by God’s nature. With exciting activities, amazing speakers and cooks, and expressive worship, snow camp is a great place for young adults to grow not only in their friendships, but in their faith as well.”

Another opportunity for growth is presented to the Youth Cabinet who plan the event. Mary Twigg is a member of that group this year.

SnoKamp at Laurelville will be held February 19-21 with a theme of “Upside-Down Kingdom” using Luke 13:18-21 as the scriptural text. Seth Crissman is the featured presenter this year. He is an educator, musician, pastor and passionate follower of Jesus who has lived in Harrisonburg, VA for 11 years (though he still says “Western Pennsylvania” when people ask where he’s from).

Seth enjoys helping churches partner together to better share God’s Love in their local neighborhoods. Seth loves to learn and teach about Jesus and God’s overwhelming love with people of all ages. He is a song-writer/musician for the Harrisonburg, Virginia-based Walking Roots Band, and he gets very (very, very!) excited any time he gets a chance to lead others in music and share God’s Love. Seth and his wife Theresa are long term missionaries in the Shenandoah Valley through Virginia Mennonite Missions.

Support our youth in the fundraiser-and then ask them what they gained from SnoKamp!

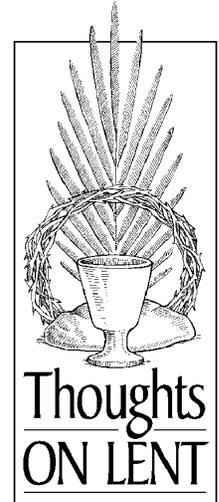


“Living Ink” 2016 Lent Theme

Lent is that 40-day season when the church commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in solitude, in silence, and fasting in the wilderness. This time apart was Jesus’ season of preparation before beginning his ministry. Every year Christ’s followers are encouraged to embark on their own 40-day journey into this darker season as a way of preparing to receive and share more fully in the contrasting resurrection light of Easter Sunday.

This year’s lectionary scripture passages focus on those who have wandered from Christ and the Church. Like the people of Israel in their season of wandering, we, too, wander from Jesus in a variety of ways. God can use this season of wandering as a time of preparation and pruning. When pruning the branches of a fruit tree, one cuts off not only the dead branches, but also other healthy branches that hinder the tree’s fruitfulness. Pruning makes room for the light to reach the parts of the tree that will bear much fruit. Similarly, in this season of wandering and preparation, we are invited to make room for God’s Spirit by wrestling, struggling, and letting God do the pruning so that the Light reaches into our lives and we bear fruit.

In the ups and downs found in the pages and chapters of our stories, Christ journeys with us. As we come to the end of our own resources, Christ invites us to give up our pens, relinquish full control, and acknowledge God’s co-authorship. As we do this, we catch glimpses of light in the dark that help us carry on. We find ourselves leaping off the page with Christ as we discover new things. Even when we encounter unexpected twists and turns and the plot thickens, the old and ever new salvation story embraces us. We hear God’s “Fear not!” and find our places in this Grand Narrative as individuals and as communities. We receive God’s word with joy as we drink from the spring of reconciliation in the desert landscapes of our lives. This, we find, is the end of the beginning, another new chapter as we live into the resurrection.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 pm Council	3 6:30 pm Bible Study	4 2 pm Worship Planning 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	5	6 7 am Men's Bible Study
7 Music: <i>Celebration</i> Message: Pastor Merle My Coins Count offering Noon: "Souper Bowl" Youth Fundraiser	8 6 pm Game Night	9	10 6:30 pm No Bible Study	11	12	13 7 am Men's Bible Study
14 First Sunday of Lent Message: Pastor Merle 6 p.m. Movie Night "War Room"	15 6 pm Game Night	16	17 6:30 pm Bible Study	18	19	20 7 am Men's Bible Study
21 Message: Steve Sauder	22 8 am World's Attic Work Day 6 pm Game Night	23	24 6:30 pm Bible Study	25 12:30 pm Elders	26	27 7 am Men's Bible Study
28 Message: Pastor Merle	29 6 pm Game Night					