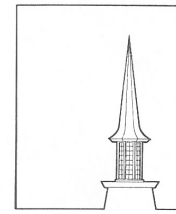
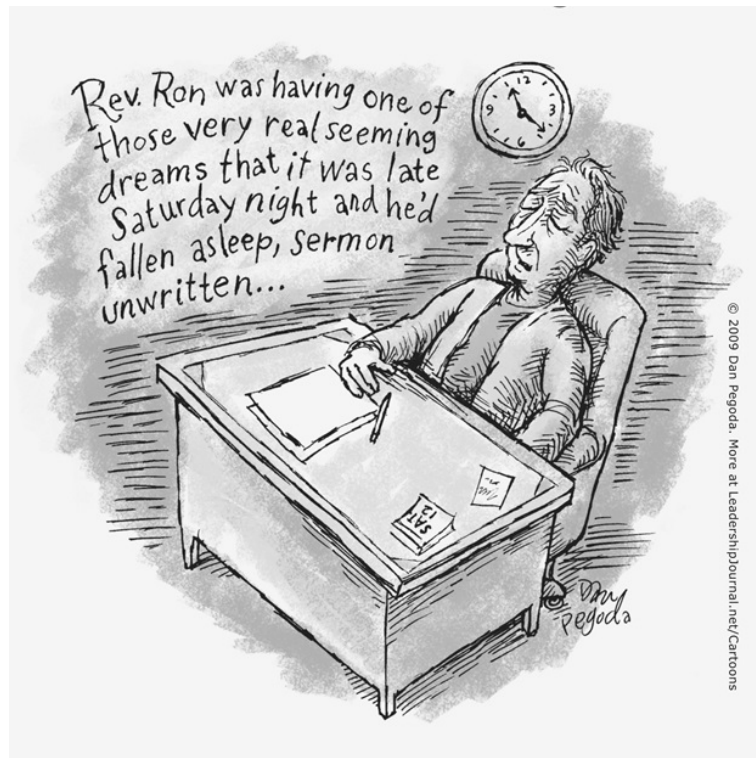
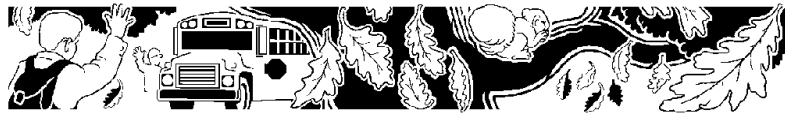


Birthdays & Anniversaries

8 Daymian Yates
10 David Liller
17 David Y. Dayton
17 Marylan Liller
19 Arlie Dolly
22 Jan Livengood
27 Jim Wolford

18 Don & Sharon Smith
22 Nathan & Jennifer Light

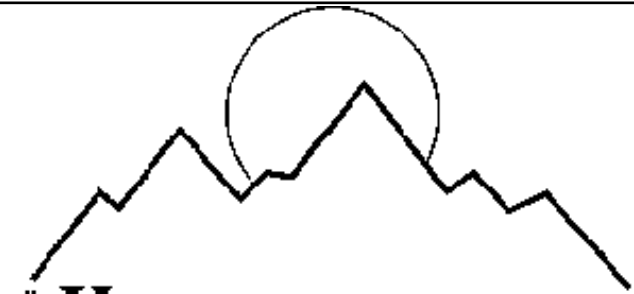


CONNECTION

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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



"He
who dwells in the
shelter of the
Most High will
rest in the shadow
of the Almighty."
Psalm 91:1



Sunday, Sept. 7 Gathering Music: *Celebration*
 Message: *To Be So Loved* 1 John 4:7-21
 Donna Mast, Allegheny Conference Minister

Noon: Fellowship Meal

1 pm Leadership meets with Donna
 The purpose for the meeting is the annual review of the pastor's Covenant of Understanding. Written comments from the church membership are welcomed and should be placed in the church council mailbox.

No evening service

Sunday, Sept. 14 The Church in Rome
 Message: Pastor Merle
7:00 pm Harmony of the Gospels-Pastor Merle

Sunday, Sept 21 Peace Sunday
 Message: Pastor Merle
5 pm. Evening at True Vine-Young Adult Class



Sunday, Sept 28 - 12 Most Formative Scriptures
 Message: Pastor Merle
 No evening service

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I believe this process could be important not only for individuals, families and congregations, but also for our church as a whole, giving us clarity on Scriptures that are descriptive of who we are and prescriptive of who we are becoming. And I believe this process is something that each of us can do, with transformative results! With anticipation, I await what God is going to do with and through the church in the area of this priority of Christian Formation."

What would this look like at Pinto Mennonite Church? The elders will be discussing this at their September 11 meeting, and Pastor Merle's message on September 28 will focus on this idea. In the meantime, what Scriptures would you choose?

Service of Communion



TAKE NOTE!

COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Will be
OCTOBER 5

Morning Service - Communion
 Evening Service - Footwashing

CATHY CHAPMAN RECEIVES AWARD

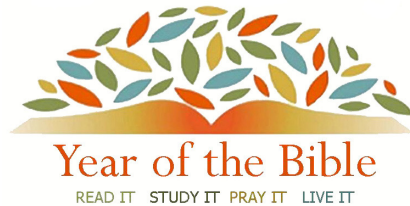
Cathy Chapman was recently presented with an award from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners for excellence in clinical practice in the state of Maryland.



The NP State Award for Excellence is given annually to a Nurse Practitioner in each state who has demonstrated excellence in NP clinical practice. Cathy is the district director for NPAM's Mountain District and opened her own practice, Chapman and Associates Health Care, in December 2012. Congratulations, Cathy!

12 MOST FORMATIVE SCRIPTURES

Terry Shue, director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA, writes: “At the Pittsburgh convention, delegates affirmed adopting several new priorities for our denomination, one being Christian Formation.



The priority reads:

This first and highest priority commits us to fashion and mold our lives after that of Jesus Christ. As the sent One of God, Jesus sends us into the world. As missional communities, our congregations, conferences, And agencies will ensure that people are invited to make a commitment to Christ, disciplined in the way of Christ, taught to engage with the Scriptures, helped to develop Christian identity from an Anabaptist/Mennonite perspective, and given the capacity to cultivate their vocational calling. (Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 8:28-30, Colossians 1:28-29, 2 Timothy 1:5; Articles 17 and 18, Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective)

Following our gathering at Pittsburgh, It was clear that churches desired to give more emphasis to this priority. I convened a group of persons with great passion for the Bible to help me dream about ways to use the Bible more significantly in congregational life. I called this ad hoc group the “Bible Dream Team.”

Of the many ideas generated by this team, one rose to the top. We desire to inspire each congregation to engage in a process that would identify the 12 most important Scripture texts or stories for their congregation, answering the question, “Why that one?” These Scriptures would not come from the top down—not from the denomination, area conferences or even congregational leadership—but from the grassroots up.

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CELEBRATE PEACE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Along with Mennonite World Conference, Mennonite Church USA celebrates Peace Sunday the Sunday closes to the International Day of Prayer for Peace, which is September 21. Our service on that Sunday will focus on “Praying for the peace of Jerusalem.”



In many ways, Jerusalem is a microcosm of our world. It is ancient, beautiful, and teeming with life. And it continues to be torn apart by violence and enmity, fueled by injustice, mistrust, and often—tragically—the misuse of sacred Scripture.

Jerusalem is a holy city to not just one but three of the world's religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. All three claim Jerusalem as a place of reverence and worship. All three share Abraham as a common ancestor and “father of their faith.” That they cannot share Jerusalem is the epitome of human fallenness and spiritual brokenness. It is the antithesis of Psalm 133:

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

It is no wonder that Jesus wept when he looked down upon the city (Luke 19:41-42). So shall we weep. And so shall we pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

(Resources for this Sunday were written by Tom Harder, co-pastor of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS.

PEACE SUNDAY 2014

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH AT PINTO

Sunday, August 24, was a full day of celebration of the investments being made in the future. The worship service focused on the investments being made in Christian Education and in sending children to Summer Camp at Laurelville.

Pastor Merle presented information on the new Sunday School curriculum, "Shine". Jan Livengood, Primary Superintendent, shared her perspective on Christian Education and there was a litany of dedication for the new Sunday School year. Several campers shared about their summer camp experience followed by a photo story prepared by Wayne and Roveen Yoder.

Immediately after the service, the congregation moved outdoors to participate in the groundbreaking for the new activity center. After many months of planning and preparation, excavation for the building should be beginning very soon. (Continued)

Breaking ground for the new activity center: Pastor Merle, Karen Morgan-chair of the building committee, and Jeff Morgan-Council chair.



Sharing in the ground-breaking were children of the church who will benefit from this building for many years.



Approximately 63 people from the church and 56 people from the wider community enjoyed the many activities of the day.



Terry Rotruck used his talents in drawing "portraits."



Wagon rides were available for the kids. Hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and cookies for all.



Face-painting, body art, and bubbles were lots of fun!





**PINTO
BLOCK
PARTY
AUGUST 16**

The Bounce House was very popular for the children.



Corn Hole game and live music provided entertainment for the adults.



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Following a fellowship meal, people again moved outdoors to the Don Yoder Memorial Pavilion for the dedication of that new facility. Many of Don's family and friends were present to remember him and share his vision for a meeting place in an outdoor setting. The church is grateful for the family's investment in the church in this way.



The Celebration included stories of Don and his influence on the lives of those he touched. Here, Olen Beitzel shares a memory.



Roger, Grayson, and Mark Mast provided music.

Thanks to the Don Yoder family for this special gift!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	4 7 pm <i>Celebration practice</i>	5	6 7 am Men's Bible Study
7 Message: Donna Mast Gathering : <i>Celebration</i> Penny Power offering Noon Fellowship Meal 1 pm Leadership	8 6 pm Game Night	9 6:30 pm Council	10 5:30 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Bible Study	11 6:30 pm Elders	12	13 7 am Men's Bible Study
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28 Message: Pastor Merle Evening Service Open	29 6 pm Game Night	30	