



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

10 Chip & Nita Emerick  
18 Larry & Dawn McFarland  
18 Jared & Liz Morgan  
20 Ralph & Yvonne Hamilton  
26 Paulson & Shirley Kurtz



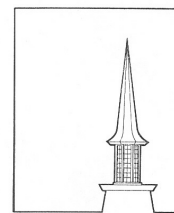
5 Jay Dolly  
13 Adriel Elise Livengood  
14 John VanSkiver  
15 Brianna Flowers  
17 Betty Helmick  
19 Teagan Powers  
22 Wade Dorsey  
25 Caleb Morgan  
25 Kraig Powers  
27 Connor Emerick  
30 Mary Twigg  
31 Craig Moreland



"Conspiracy to Stop the Sermon"

"All right, everyone, synchronize your alarms. Joe, you at 12 noon, I'll do 12:01. Jeff, you're 12:02"

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# 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 makes all things new.....*

*A new relationship  
A new quality of life,  
A new focus,  
A new heart,  
A new Master,  
A new community,  
A new future!*



*But if Christ is in you,  
though the body is dead  
because of sin,  
The Spirit is life  
because of righteousness.  
Romans 8:10*

## *Worship in August*

### **August 4**

Sermon: Paul Livengood

**7 pm.** Evening Service-Pastor Merle  
"Denominations and Their Beliefs"



### **August 11**

Sermon: Pastor Merle  
Penny Power Offering

**7 pm** True Vine Hymn Sing-Good Gospel Music in a beautiful outdoor setting!



### **August 18**

Guest Speakers: Chris and Melody Riddle



Chris and Melody Riddle and their sons Micah, Adam, and Isaiah serve in Bari, Italy, with Virginia Mennonite Missions. This congregation is a part of their support team. They will be with us for the service today as well as the **fellowship meal and afternoon program.**

### **August 25**

Sermon: Pastor Merle

**7 pm** Evening Service-Phil Dayton

Dear Friends,



**Thank you from MCC East Coast** for your faithful and continuing support of the work of MCC. We are grateful to all of you who have given your resources of time, money, creativity and energy through meat canning, thrift shops, relief sales, Penny Power, board participation, special events and donations.

Your support makes possible the disaster response, sustainable community development and peacemaking work of MCC. Our year end financial numbers are in, and your generosity has allowed MCC to fully meet our budget and international commitments to our partners around the world.

As you all know, the crisis in Syria continues to escalate and neighboring countries are overwhelmed by countless numbers of refugees where resources are scarce to meet the humanitarian needs. Distribution of MCC school kits, hygiene kits, blankets, food and other items is in process. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we partner alongside communities, meeting basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ. For more information about MCC's response go to [mcc.org/middleeastcrisis](http://mcc.org/middleeastcrisis).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA ASSEMBLY 2013



(above and below) Three of the comforters donated by our church are auctioned at the Tri-State sale on July 20. The total of our donated items sold at the auction and silent auction was \$855 towards the work of MCC. Our church also contributed \$2880.71 to the Penny Power project



thanks to some extra generous contributors after our collection jug was taken from the church

Carol, Emily, and Bree lend their support by attending the sale and enjoying BBQ chicken!



Six adults and one youth from Pinto attended the MCUSA convention in Phoenix in July. Was it worth it? By all reports heard so far, the answer is "Yes!"

This gathering of Mennonites from all over the USA is such a packed week of worship, education, inspiration, renewal, reunion, laughter, prayer, church business, etc, etc, that it is very difficult to recap and report back to the congregation at home. You can expect to hear about convention in various ways in the next weeks.

All of you will receive a special issue of "The Mennonite" which has articles in it about the Phoenix assembly. If you have computer access, there are more responses including one by Laura Brenneman found here: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/featured/ice-detention-center-and-borderlinks-reflections/>. Additionally, there will be some reporting including a video scheduled during a worship time.

If you have questions or would like to hear personal stories of convention, talk to Lawrence, Judi, Wayne, Roveen, Wade, Merle, or Bree. Be sure to allow plenty of time for their answers-they all have a lot to tell you!





## WORSHIP IN THE PARK JULY 28, 2013

### “AN OUTDOOR CELEBRATION”



GATHERING



WORSHIPPING



## TURN YOUR PENNIES INTO TREES

Though the penny's days are numbered, there are ways to make a lasting impact with those few final cents. Turn your pennies into trees in Haiti by donating them to MCC through the monthly Penny Power offerings.

Forests have all but disappeared from Haiti's hills and mountainsides. In their place are slopes of grass and bare dirt. Wood is the main source of cooking fuel in rural Haiti. Overcutting and overgrazing have decreased forest cover dramatically, causing erosion and other environmental problems that impact farmers.

MCC is supporting 23 community tree nurseries around the town of Desarmes in central Haiti. The nurseries produce more than 400,000 tree seedlings per year. Just 33 pennies are enough to purchase a seedling as well as provide the training and technical expertise to plant and care for the tree.

Trees support vital community development in Haiti by restoring the natural environment, which remains a top priority even as the country rebuilds from the 2010 earthquake.

Soufiana Elistin and her husband Emmanuel Bois-Rond planted hundreds of seedlings on their land. They are cutting trees in gradual ways that keep the land forested.

“These trees are our lives,” says Soufrana. “They allow us to eat and make a living and send our kids to school.”





## **SISTER CARE EVENT COMING IN OCTOBER**

Sister Care is a seminar for women which is a ministry of Mennonite Women USA and an event will be held at Kaufman Mennonite Church on October 25-26. These seminars meet women where they are, help them identify and learn from God's healing grace in their lives, and equip them to participate in the transforming work of Jesus.



Presenters, Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen have travelled the USA and beyond with this very popular workshop. Their backgrounds include teaching, mental health counseling, writing, speaking, and workshop leading on a variety of subjects.

During this Friday and evening and all day Saturday seminar, Sister Care explores: 1. Claiming my identity as God's beloved, 2. Caring for self and others, 3. Compassionate listening, and 4. Transforming loss and grief.

There will be brochures and registration information in your mailboxes soon. This will be a very affordable seminar and scholarships are available. Donations for those scholarships and speakers fees are also accepted. See Evie for further information.

## **CHURCH ENFORCERS**

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

—Gusty Chartrand, Lampman, Saskatchewan.  
Christian Reader, "Kids of the Kingdom."

## **FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN RELAXATION**



**SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!  
DON'T MISS IT!**

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# AUGUST 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 AMC CELEBRATION	3 OF CONFERENCE & CONGREGATIONS
4 Sermon: Paul Livengood 7 pm "Denominations and their beliefs" Pastor Merle	5 6 pm Game Night	6 7 pm Council	7 7 pm Bible Study	8 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	9	10 7 am Men's Bible Studies
11 Sermon: Pastor Merle Penny Power offering  7 pm True Vine Hymn Sing	12 6 pm Game Night	13	14 7 pm Bible Study	15 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice 7 pm Elders	16	17 7 am Men's Bible Studies
18 Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i> Guest Speakers: Chris & Melody Riddle Fellowship meal & afternoon program	19 6 pm Game Night	20	21 7 pm Bible Study	22	23 Pm MD small group	24 7 am Men's Bible Studies
25 Sermon: Pastor Merle 7 pm Phil Dayton	26 World's Attic Day 6 pm Game Night	27	28 7 pm Bible Study	29	30	31 7 am Men's Bible Studies