

CONNECTION

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PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears
the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30





WORSHIP WITH US IN MAY

CHRIST BUILDS THE CHURCH

Sunday, May 1

Prelude: Jan Livengood
Message: Paul Livengood
My Coins Count offering

6 pm Congregational discussion
regarding the possible affiliation with
Lancaster Mennonite Conference

Sunday, May 8 Ascension Sunday

Prelude: Carla Brown
Scripture Acts 1:1-11
Message: Pastor Merle
Jr. Worship: Homebuilders Class

No Evening Service-Mother's Day



Sunday, May 15 Pentecost Sunday

Gathering music: Denny Brown
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Message: Pastor Merle

6 pm Agents of Babylon-Video Series
on the book of Daniel

Sunday, May 22 Paul in Macedonia

Prelude: Jan Livengood
Scripture: Acts 9:36-43
Message: Pastor Merle
Jr. Worship: Homebuilders Class

6 pm Agents of Babylon-Video Series on the book of
Daniel

Sunday, May 29 Building the Church

Dedication of Pinto Community Center

Gathering Music: *Celebration*
Message: Pastor Merle

No evening service

Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus

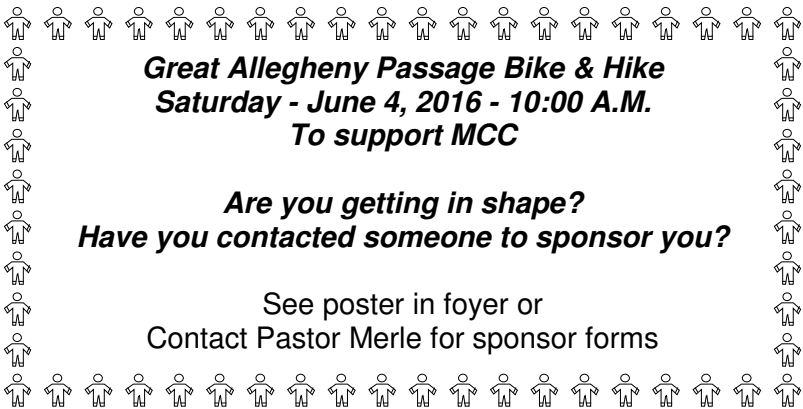
Jesus surprised and blessed the people he met, and with each encounter people discovered more about Jesus. *Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus* allows children to be



surprised as they discover Jesus, too! Each of the five stories in this Bible-based program tells about someone surprised by Jesus. *Surprise!* invites children from preschool to grade 6 to come along on the journey, to open their eyes and see what Jesus has in store!

The stories come from the Gospels and tell of: Jesus surprising leaders in the temple with his wisdom as a child, Jesus blessing children much to the surprise of the authorities, Jesus feeding a large crowd with only five loaves and two fish, Nicodemus seeking Jesus' wisdom at night, and two travelers on the road surprised by Jesus after his death. With each surprise, children will discover more about Jesus.

Invite friends of your children, relatives, children from your neighborhood, and children of your work acquaintances to come to Pinto for **Kids Bible Kamp each evening from June 13-17, 6 pm to 7:35 pm** and be surprised. Contact Jan Livengood if you have not yet signed up to help with this ministry.



Great Allegheny Passage Bike & Hike
Saturday - June 4, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.
To support MCC

Are you getting in shape?
Have you contacted someone to sponsor you?

See poster in foyer or
Contact Pastor Merle for sponsor forms

Pinto Community Center--Finishing Touches We're getting there!

Colorful carpet squares on the mezzanine level



Wall art and fixtures up
In the rest rooms.

How Do You Integrate your Faith and Finances?

Everence, a faith-based financial services organization of which Pinto is a member, can help you answer that question in many ways. They provide a comprehensive set of service for your financial needs at any stage of life.

Our church utilizes the Sharing Fund to help with our charitable ministries to both church members and the community. They provided matching grants of almost \$900,000 nationally to help people in need last year. Pinto received \$1500 last year and is eligible for \$750 this year. Scholarships for college education are another benefit available from Everence.

Everence offers several educational opportunities as well, many of which are free and online at their website, www.everence.com. There are materials for enhancing worship, for study in Sunday School classes or small groups, studies for youth, and for other life stages.

Also available online are a series of webinars. There have been several in March and April with three remaining in May. To register, go to <http://www.everence.com/direct/>

The Gospel of Luke: (Tuesday, May 10, at 2 and 8 p.m. EDT) An introduction to a new Gospel of Luke Bible study resource on the relationship between salvation, discipleship and wealth.

Medicare Basics: (Wednesday, May 11, at 2 and 8 p.m. EDT) In this webinar, designed for people ages 55-70, we'll learn about Medicare options.

Meet Everence Federal Credit Union: (Thursday, May 12 at 2 and 8 p.m. EDT) an overview of Everence Federal Credit Union and the services offered.

The Everence Advocate for Pinto is Terry Rotruck. He is available to help direct you to the persons or programs within Everence that are ready and waiting to help you connect your faith and your stewardship of God's gifts.

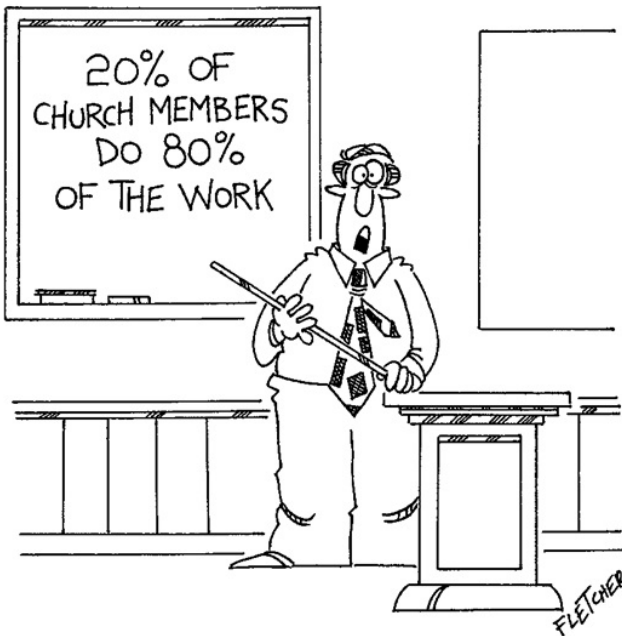


- 1 Gloria Strickland
- 3 Don Smith
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- 11 Dawn Dayton
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- 13 Janet Edmiston
- 15 Lawrence Brenneman
- 16 Karl Rinehart
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- 23 Dennis Helmick
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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- 27 Mark & Paula Monnett
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- 30 Paul & Jan Livengood



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“So the question is: ‘How to get that 20% to press on to greater achievement?’”