

# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jared Morgan
- 4 Ann Light
- 12 Kim Rotruck
- 16 Richard Trost
- 18 Sarecia Powers
- 19 Leslie Helmick
- 20 Evie Christner
- 25 Doris Ours
- 25 Sue Trost
- 26 Janie Taylor
- 30 Al Anderson

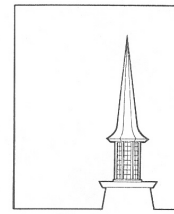
- 8 David & Dawn Dayton
- 23 Andrew & Brynn Riggins
- 24 Dan & Ann Light



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FLETCHER

“The Pastor keeps referring to ‘this morning’s text’ ... but which one?”

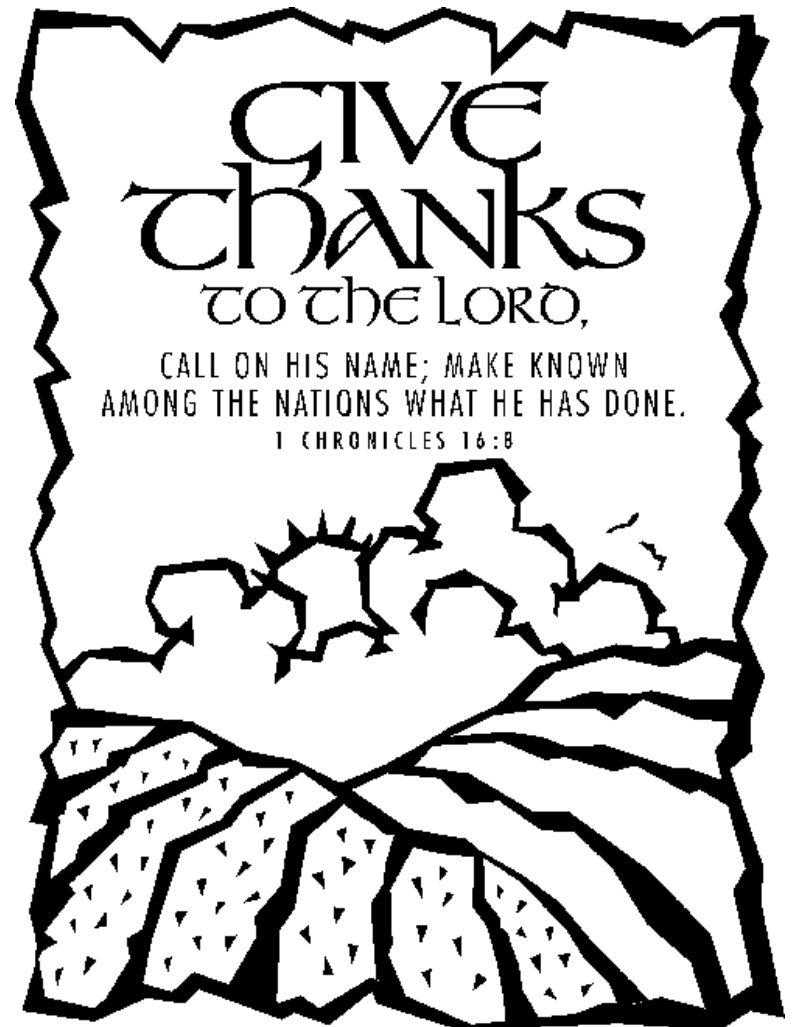


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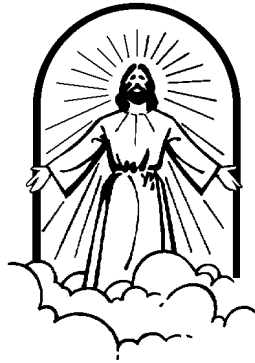
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## PINTO MENNONITE CHURCH

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



*Worship theme:  
Proclaiming Jesus*



**November 1**

**Jesus for the distressed**

John 11:32-44

Gathering Music: Jan Livengood

My Coins Count Offering

Message: Pastor Merle

6 pm: Highlights of Day 4 KC2015 Convention

**November 8 Jesus for the oppressed**

Mark 12:38-44

Prelude: Carla Brown

Jr. Worship: Mennonite Class

Message: Pastor Merle

6 pm: Concert video--*Kim Collingsworth: Personal*

**November 15 Jesus for the chosen**

Mark 13:1-20

Music: *Celebration*

**November 22 Jesus the King reigns**

John 18:33-37

Jr. Worship: Mennonite Class

Message: Pastor Merle



**Noon: Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Thank You, LORD!**

**November 29 First Sunday in Advent**

Advent theme: Freedom Bound

**The Path of Justice**

Luke 21:25-36, Jeremiah 33:14-16

Prelude: Carla Brown

Message: Pastor Merle

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT NEEDED FOR BNCP**

You will find a flyer about BNCP's ministry and a pledge form in your mailboxes. Following is an excerpt from a letter encouraging our continued support.



*The flyer comes to you from the Support Team for the Bhutanese-Nepali Church of Pittsburgh (BNCP). We recognize that Pinto's relationship with Allegheny Mennonite Conference (AMC) is coming to close. However, we hope that people, or the whole congregation will consider supporting the BNCP ministry with or without AMC.*

*I am very excited about this ministry and hope that others can see beyond theological differences with the conference to also see the wonderful things that God is doing through Pastor Ser and BNCP. You should also know, as you consider this, that BNCP is not in agreement with Hyattsville.*

*Thank you!*

*Donna Mast., Conference Minister*

**LET'S GET 'ER DONE!!**

**COMMUNITY CENTER  
WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
8 AM TO 4 PM**

**MORNING DONUTS AND  
LUNCH PROVIDED!!**



## IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

It is time to begin shopping for your Christmas Child Shoebox. Last year we collected 107 shoeboxes to send to needy children. There are boxes available at the church along with instructions and labels or you may purchase your own box and get the necessary information online at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). If shopping is not your idea of fun, money may be contributed to Jan Livengood for others to do your shopping for you! The deadline for turning in the boxes is November 22.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. They partner with local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive shoebox gifts and offer a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, that helps boys and girls learn what it means to follow the Lord and share their faith with others.

As shoebox gifts are distributed, local pastors or church leaders present the Gospel in a fun way designed for kids while family and friends listen in. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language

Delight a kid with a WOW item! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes.

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.



## ADVENT: "FREEDOM BOUND"

The Advent season is a time of reflection on how God's coming in Jesus releases us from personal, social, and historical chains that bind us. The theme for this Advent-Epiphany season is "Freedom Bound."

We live in the paradox that we are both bound and free, on a march to



freedom but encumbered by the burden and sin we carry; we are carrying the scars of struggle but living with a new hope. God's freedom takes us down pathways of justice, mercy, trust, love, service and inclusion. "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths" (Psalm 25:4).

Whether from imprisonment in Roman jails (Paul's letters), or from exile in Babylon (the context of the prophets), or from the second-class citizenship of Jews in first century Palestine ruled by Rome (the gospels), our Advent-Epiphany Scriptures speak to us of people struggling to live in difficult political, social, and personal situations.

These Scriptures confront us. Just as the biblical prophets addressed their own people's sin with a message of judgment, mercy, and hope, so also these texts address us and call us to conversion. Our lives, neighbors, church, and family members are touched by class inequity, the lack of resources that lead the vulnerable to slide into deep poverty, and racial injustice.

"Freedom Bound," this worship resource for Advent-Epiphany, invites us to see with bifocal vision: to have one eye on ourselves and the world and another eye on the Scriptural stories that, with the Spirit's help, can enliven and deepen our faith. Advent is typically seen as a season of waiting, but with all that God has yet to do through us we cannot be satisfied with a passive waiting. Our waiting is active, full of energy, lamenting, mindful of suffering, and hope-filled. Advent is a time set aside for spiritual renewal, a time to develop a more robust and resilient faith.

***Freedom is coming!***

**THEREFORE,**



THERE IS NOW NO  
CONDEMNATION FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE IN  
CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8 : 1

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## NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Message: Pastor Merle My Coins Count offering Gathering: Jan Livengood 6 pm: Day 4 KC2015 Convention Highlights	2 6 pm Game Night	3	4 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 6:30 pm Building Committee 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	6	7 7 am Men's Bible Study 8 am to 4 pm Community Center Work Day
8 Message: Pastor Merle Prelude: Carla Brown Jr. Worship: Mennonite Class 6 pm: Concert video-Kim <i>Collingsworth Personal</i>	9 6 pm Game Night	10	11 6:30 pm Members' Meeting	12 2 pm Elders 7 pm <i>Celebration</i> practice	13	14 7 am Men's Bible Study
15 Message: Pastor Merle Gathering Music: <i>Celebration</i>	16 6 pm Game Night	17	18 6:30 pm Bible Study	19	20	21 7 am Men's Bible Study
22 Message: Pastor Merle Jr. Worship: Mennonite Class Noon: Thanksgiving Dinner No evening service	23 8 am World's Attic Work Day  6 pm Game Night	24	25 6:30 pm Bible Study	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28 7 am Men's Bible Study
29 Message: Pastor Merle Prelude: Carla Brown	30 6 pm Game Night					

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*