

Senior Birthdays This Week

Mary French January 11
John S. Yoder January 16

2016 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Trivia Question: God said that wood from the vine is good for this.

This Week's Memorization Scripture: Hebrews 4:12 NIV
For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Answer to Last Week's Question: *I Corinthians*

We would like to express a deep **appreciation** for all acts of kindness during Robert's surgery and return home; especially for the cards and prayers. It just means a lot to know people are praying. May God richly bless you all. Robert & Karen Zook

The Ministerial Team has scheduled **Elder and Deaconess Nominations** for Sunday, January 24. Because of current or recent positions held, the following persons will *not be eligible* for nomination or to serve as elder or deaconess next term: Nate Kauffman, Kurt Rheam, Jane Yoder, Sandy Tussey, Doug Peachey, Ray Yoder, Jared Byler, Will Yoder Jr. and Kay Peachey. The candidates should exemplify the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:2-13, Titus 1:6-9 and Acts 6:3. Absentee nomination forms and ballots will be available in the office.

We received a letter from Carl Geissinger, who was part of our congregation for a few years and is currently pastor of Barrville Mennonite Church. The letter was in response to our congregational decision to remain with Allegheny Conference.

The Ministerial Team reviewed the letter and they have decided to make it available for the entire congregation to read. It is on the bulletin board.

There will be a **Building Fund Offering** next Sunday, Jan. 17.

A **card shower** is planned for John S. Yoder who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday, January 16. His address is: 93 Maple Grove Road, Belleville, PA 17004.

The February *Maple Leaf* theme is **Love, romantic love, hearts and flowers, Valentines**. Share a story on how you met your future spouse. Share a Valentine, just like Facebook. Send your items to Rod and Sue at rfarrell@embarqmail.com or place in our church mailbox. We are able to scan graphics if that is needed. Deadline is January 24. Share your love story, Share a Valentine.

Today is the **last day** to sign up if you are planning to attend the supper for men and boys at the church on Saturday, January 30, at 5:30. Drink and dessert will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish to share. This can be a wild game/fish dish, but any kind of dish will do. We will also have a few door prizes and a program to follow the meal. All boys 12-and-under that attend will get a gift. Sign-up sheets are in your SS class or on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Big Valley Community Hymn Sings - Please mark your calendars!

7pm February 14 - Allensville Mennonite Church
7pm March 13 - St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
7pm April 10 - Valley View Haven Chapel
7pm May 8 - Maple Grove Mennonite Church
7pm June 12 - Locust Grove Mennonite Church

A free will offering will be taken at each hymn sing to support the Central Pennsylvania Clinic in Belleville.

He Named Me Malala—MEDA will host an exclusive showing of this critically-acclaimed documentary on Thursday, Jan. 21 at Penn Cinema in Lititz at 4:30 PM. Heavy hors d’oeuvres at 5:30 PM. Feature presentation and professional commentary. Admission is free, but registration is required. RSVP by Jan. 19 to 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org. For more information visit www.meda.org/lancaster.

Lancaster MEDA Breakfast—Learn more about the **Sharp Shopper** story from Dennis and Bonnie Sharp and their sons Michael and Darren. Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 7:30 – 8:45 AM at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant. \$15 per person payable at the door. RSVP by Jan. 22 to MEDA at 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org.

Calling all Quilters!! Quilting for the annual BMS school auction will be held January 18-22 & 25-29 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. We are also taking quilt tops to be quilted, as well as finished quilts, wall hangings and table runners. Please contact Juli Sunderland ([814-667-2511](tel:814-667-2511)), Michelle Byler (935-5485), or Jewel Peachey (667-9308) with questions.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Sarah Yoder & Kristin Kauffman	Rhoda Campbell & Jane Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Crystal Benfer & Kendra Peachey	Josh & Morgan Detweiler
Sound Technician	Matt Kauffman	Jared Byler
Greeters	Jared & Erin Byler	Reed & April Henderson
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Sue Farrell South Door: Jane Yoder	Foyer: Kurt Rheam South Door: Nate Kauffman

Pastor Alan Kauffman M-T-W-F 8:00am-Noon
Associate Pastor Herb Zook Th 8:00am-Noon
Ministers All members of the church



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Church Directory Update

We are preparing for the 2016 update to the church directory. Those listed below have not had their picture included in the directory, had changes in their family since the last update, or it may be time to update your photo. If your name is not included below but you would like to be included in the directory or if you just want to update your photo we invite you to have your picture taken as well. Jeri Schwartz will be taking pictures in the fellowship hall following the service on January 17 and 24.

John & Sue Bodnar
 Thelma French
 Donna Grove
 Nate, Kristin, Wyatt & Jovie Kauffman
 Brent, Rachel, Hannah & Brooke King
 Nancy Kinsinger
 Brent, Rosie & Logan Peachey
 Kurt, Dena, McKenna, Mitchell and Zandra Stauffer

Also, if there are changes or corrections to your directory information such as address or phone number, please let the church office know.