



WELCOME TO MARTINDALE MENNONITE CHURCH

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"Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel". Ruth 4:14b

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Devotions: Jordan Sensenig

Sunday School: **Redemption & Restoration: Ruth 4:13-17**

Discussion questions: 1. How has Naomi changed from chapter 1 to chapter 4? 2. Which people and events were most important in changing the direction of the story? 3. Why do you think the women of Bethlehem play such an important role at the end? 4. What does the ending of Ruth help us understand about the earlier chapters? 5. What can Naomi's journey teach us about making room for hope even after disappointment? 6. What can we learn from the way the community responds to Naomi and Ruth?

Sunday School Count Last Sunday: 95

Sunday School Count A Year Ago Today: 140

OFFERINGS

Last Sunday's Offering: Martindale Operating Fund – \$ 7,381.28

This Sunday's Offering: District Brotherhood Fund

Next Sunday's Offering: District Minister's Love Gift

WORSHIP SERVICE

Message Bearer: Chad Burkholder - Communion

Pray for Next Sunday's Message Bearer: Delmar Nolt

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues - Ladies prayer time at 9 AM

Tues. & Thurs - Women of God's Design seminars at 7 PM

Wed. - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 AM at Udder Choice restaurant

Wed. - 9am Senior Day Trip Starting from church, going to "Mennonite Life" Biblical Tabernacle Experience viewing a replica of the tabernacle in the wilderness, Lunch in Nottingham, then visiting the snack tour of Herr's chips and snacks. Return by 4pm. Contact Glenn or Judy to sign up

VISITATION COUPLE

Oct. 4 – Oct. 10: Chad & Krystal Burkholder

CELEBRATE WITH THEM!

Birthdays: Oct. 4th – Galen Martin
Oct. 10th – Merle Musser

Anniversaries: Jordan & Erika Eberly – 10/4/2014
David & Elva Newswanger – 10/4/2003
Derek & Sonya Martin – 10/6/2018
Nelson & Mary Ann Bowman – 10/10/1970

SEWING CIRCLE

The sewing circle project is collecting items for REAL Life Services in Denver. There is a paper of the items needed in your mailbox. Please bring purchased items to church by Thursday, October 1st and put them in the sewing room or take them yourself on Friday, October 2nd. Thanks for your help!

Plan ahead for these upcoming activities:

Oct 16 & 17: (Fri eve & Sat) church cleaning

Oct. 21(Wed): Business meeting at 7 PM

Oct. 23-25: Renewal meetings by Nathan Zook

Nov. 7: serve Sat lunch at City Gate

Nov. 7: Barn party at 6:30 PM

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Oct. 7: Girl's Bible study, 7 PM

Oct. 11: Barn party, 6:30 PM

Oct. 14: Guys Bible study, 7:30 PM

Oct. 16: Where's Waldo, 6:30 PM

Oct. 18: youth Sunday at Martindale, 9 AM

Oct. 21: Girl's Bible study, 7 PM

Oct. 25: Fall festival, 6:30 PM

Oct. 28: Guys Bible study, 7:30 PM

Oct. 11 S.S. – The Bigger Story: Ruth 1-4

Discussion questions: 1. Looking back through Ruth, which person's choices most changed the direction of the story? 2. What seemingly small decision ended up having a much bigger consequence? 3. Where do you see God's providence throughout the story? 4. Why do you think the book ends by connecting Ruth and Boaz to the family line of David? 5. Looking across the whole book, which character's qualities would you most want to imitate – and why? 6. Are there any decisions or attitudes in Ruth that serve as a warning to us rather than an example to follow?