

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter

Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

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Pastor's Corner

November 2017

To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ at Greenville. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you.

Have you ever noticed how Paul greets the body of Christ? He begins with the church's position and then a blessing. So I wanted to start like Paul did to the holy and faithful. (That's you.) I'm not sure how you see yourself but that's God's view! I would pass along Paul's blessing, may God's grace and peace rest on you and your family. I do thank God for you when I pray.

As I look out the window I see some amazing fall leaves. The maple tree is showing yellow, orange and red—wow comes to mind. But with that image, thanksgiving comes to mind, a season where we stop and notice all the people and things to be thankful for.

So right now I want to say thank you. October has been set aside for pastor appreciation, but I truly believe we should have a month for congregation appreciation! So for November, I declare it to be Congregation Appreciation Month!

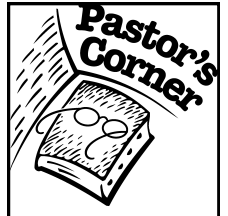
Thank you so much for all you do month after month. You come, serve, minister up front and behind the scenes. You pray, give and encourage over and over. You volunteer in every place possible from greeting to teaching to nursery to maintenance. So thank you, thank you, thank you—together we serve the King of Kings.

Greenville Alliance I want you to know how thankful and grateful I am for you. You are an amazing branch of the Kingdom of God. As we look to the future, let's look with joyful expectation as we minister together! We are the people of Hope because of who we belong to! May God richly bless you in the days ahead. May you know God's strength, peace and power for each moment. May your heart have ever increasing hope, joy and understanding as you continue to serve our King and Savior!

Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

Pastor Nathan



Pastor Nathan
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Youth & Prayer Walk



Congratulations to **NAOMI MARTIN** and **IZZY ILIEV**, playing together as Greenville's third doubles entrants for winning the third doubles tennis competition at the 20th Buhl Farm Tennis Invitational. They won six matches in the tournament to outlast 41 teams from nine schools, and end as the top team in attendance for their bracket.

Saturday—November 4, 2017 At Edinboro Camp and Retreat Center



We will meet the 1st Saturday of every month starting November 4. Let's Pray and Believe what God CAN DO!

If you **CAN** attend: Meet at Loomis Lodge between 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

Pray 2 minutes or 2 hours. Pray by yourself or with others. Pray inside or outside.

I'll have a Prayer Sheet you can use during your prayer time. Feel free to add you own requests.

Eat some Doughnuts while you are here and have a drink (Coffee, Tea, Juice, Water).

If you **CANNOT** attend: I'll e-mail you a Prayer Sheet before the Saturday if I have your e-mail.

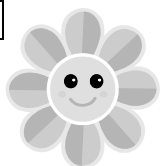
I will also put it on Facebook. Then set aside some time to pray when it is convenient for you.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing you all!

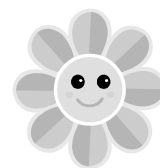
Pastor Blair Blakeslee — Executive Director — 814-882-9816

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Greenville Alliance Women



Ladies, Please plan to join us on November 7 at 7:00 pm for the monthly Greenville Alliance Women's meeting. Kitty Fenton and Liz Bolster will be the hostesses.



ALLIANCE WOMEN CHRISTMAS

*The annual Christmas Celebration Dinner will be Tuesday, December 5
at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

31ST ANNUAL KNOX LADIES SEMINAR

Trinity Point Church of God in Clarion, PA November 11, 2017

Keynote Speaker: Liz Curtis Higgs, topic : Embracing Grace

Doors open at 7:30 AM. Opening session begins at 9:00 AM. Registration includes morning coffee and snacks, catered lunch, small group devotional and a prayer room as well as a book room. Registration forms are in the lobby. Regular registration (9/14/2017—11/01/2017) Adult \$35; Student \$20. Late registration (after 11/01/2017) is +\$5. For more information contact : www.KnoxLadiesSeminar.us or 814-229-8992.

Leatherwood Band of New Bethlehem will lead Praise and Worship



Dear praying and giving friends,

You may be wondering why you haven't heard about the Gabon shipment. It was decided to do only one shipment this year. The packages need to arrive to ARK Transportation between May 1- June 1st. The reason not to send packages before that is because ARK is doing some remodeling at their facility. There are a lot of prayer requests and praises, so I thought I would send these in a separate e-mail. Here you see an aerial view of the hospital.



Praise the Lord for the 2281 people who accepted Jesus as their Savior in 2016. Pray for good follow-up of these new believers.

There is an epidemic of measles since last August and no vaccines available. Many children have died from this. Pray for the pediatric staff as they work with these precious children and their families.

There is an urgent need for HIV Medications. Also, there are certain generic medications from a pharmacy company from India that the government official won't allow to come in the country.

There are major problems with electricity in southern Gabon as 3 out of 4 of the turbines at the hydro-electric plant don't work. That means the hospital has to use their back-up generator, which is expensive to run and over heats. There are some short term groups now working on the electrical installation in the new eye center (it is the two story building in the left back side of the photo with a shiny roof.)

Praise the Lord that a shipment of eye medications were released from the government official and are now at the hospital.

Dr. Renee Valach asks for a French speaking medical to cover for her as she needs to go to the States for shoulder surgery. They are also in need of another long term primary care doctor for Bongolo. Also, pray for pediatrician Dr. Deb Walker who has asthmatic problems.

Pray for Dr. Jeff and Amy Lane (he is an anesthesiologist) who are currently in French language study in Albertville, France.

We covet your prayers for these praises and prayer requests.

For the Bongolo Hospital staff,
Coleen Lofgren

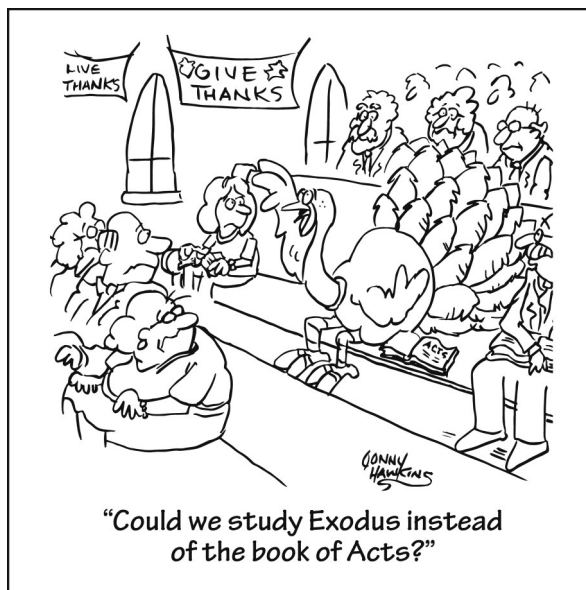
Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - NOVEMBER

2. Josh Douglas
Bill Stainbrook
4. Julia Morian
5. Michelle Toy
6. Eileen Hanson
Gabby Iliev
7. Rebekah Shearer
8. Michael Mallek
Bobbie Rochow
9. Amber Downing
Twila White
10. Keith Snyder
11. Dick Stanley
12. Rodney Lewandowski
Charles Livingston
13. Joanne Gruber
Maisen Villard
14. Janet Harpst
Richard Saxion
16. Debbie Madden
20. Jesse Jones
21. Debra Godinich
Tyler Rose
24. Pegge Clark
Madeline Scheib
25. Gerald Johnson
26. Abel Shoaf
28. Marilyn Palmiter
29. Erin Hoffacker
Dick Shollenberger
Melissa Villard
30. Toby Williams



Wishing you a Blessed
Thanksgiving



ANNIVERSARY - NOVEMBER

2. Bob and Teri Barr
5. Pat and Brenda Liszka
8. Chris and Kim Banic
10. Dale and Dawn Boyles
12. Ken and Penny Shepard
13. Andrew & Nicole Reckhart
14. Chet and Sharin Mody
Toby and Linda Rhoades
19. Tyler and Anna Shoaf
22. Dale and Linda Shearer
Tom and Erin Uber



BIRTHDAY - DECEMBER

2. Carol Williams
3. Mindi Douglas
4. Sally McDonald
5. Fred Williams
7. Jeanette Ferguson
8. Kaitlin Liszka
9. Barb Kremm
Naomi Miller
12. Levi Brewer
13. Cyrus White
17. Deanna McLaughlin
19. Amy Babcock
Steve Tyson
23. Jane Brocious
Hannah Winklevoss
24. Sarah Mallek
25. Autumn Babcock
26. Jordan Williams
27. Mark Hoffacker
29. Bonnie Prugh
30. Lonnie Ferguson
31. Amanda Brewer

ANNIVERSARY - DECEMBER

16. Rick and Ruth Chapman
Jeff and Melissa Villard
20. Nate and Joyce Seckinger
22. Lynn and Joanne Gruber
29. Ben and Jill Winklevoss



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We give our deepest sympathy to Ann Shaffer as her husband, **REV. SCOTT SHAFFER**, passed away October 10.

BRISTOL LYNNELL JOHNSON was dedicated during the second service on October 15, 2017. Bristol is the daughter of Michael and Megan Johnson. Blessings to the family.



ANNUAL MEETING

The **GREENVILLE ALLIANCE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING** will be Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 PM in the Alliance Life Center. You don't have to be a member of Greenville Alliance Church to attend the meeting. Everyone is invited. There will be a fellowship time at 6:00 PM.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY — for your generosity and faithfulness in giving. The Special Projects offerings total \$41,956.01 so far.

— GAC Governance Authority



Remember to "fall behind" Sunday, November 5 at 2 AM.

BENEVOLENT FUND—The GAC has a benevolent fund which is a ministry where gifts of money are available for those in need in our own church body. People in our own congregation can give to help others by marking "benevolent fund" on the offering envelope. Contact one of the deacons — Jamie Ball, Jonathan Jones, Ben Winklevoss or Gary White.

SUNDAY FOLLOW-UP — The pastor gives an overview of the message from Sunday in a write-up called "Sunday Follow Up". This is posted on the church website under the "Watch & Listen" (the first item under the Resources tab) and on GAC Facebook. You can go to the website and read this any-time. If you would like to receive the "Sunday Follow-Up" e-mail from the senior pastor, please complete a sign-up slip on the table in the lobby. Once you have completed the card, please put it in the box that is on the table in the lobby or return it to the church office. Thank you.



Tuesday,
November 7.

Directory Update:

Will and Debora Hayes
10 Horseshoe Drive,
Monroeville, OH 44847



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“Thanks-Living Time”

will be

Thursday, November 9, 2017

at 11:30 am

in the Fellowship Hall



Meal: Casseroles, Salads and Pumpkin Desserts

Remember to mark what food item you are bringing to share.

If you bring a pumpkin dessert you could win a prize for the best dessert.



Program: Our guest speakers will be Joel and Sally.

We will have the candy count game!!!

Sign-up in the lobby if you plan to attend. —**Join Us!!**

Please note: If you are at least 50 years old, we invite you to join us. We have fun, fellowship and ALWAYS abundant, great food. Why not come and check us out. You won't be disappointed. For questions on J.O.Y. activities, contact Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter @ 724-588-8274.

ALLIANCE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

November 17-19, 2017

Park Inn by Radisson — Beaver Falls, PA

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is only space available for 25 couples, so register early. Although the weekend costs considerably more than what we ask, we request a \$200 registration fee be paid at the time of registering for the weekend.

And much more! You will not be expected to share in front of others.

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Children's Ministry

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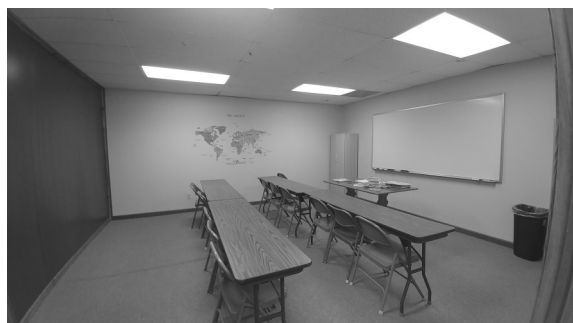
Sunday School Opening Room



We have so much more room to move!



New 2-3 year old classroom



New 4-6th grade classroom



New 4-5 year old classroom



Children's Ministry is in full swing with a variety of Fall activities! KidZone continues this year with more fun than ever. We offer programming each week in the gym with the amazing Amanda Brewer again this year. As a new program, we are now offering Science and Faith lessons once a month with the Brilliant Ball Family. Jamie and Annie are delighting the kids with science fun! KidZone meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30. Invite your kids and grandkids!



New 1-3 Grade classroom

Come walk through our beautiful new Children's Ministry Area located under the Worship Center. Enter the door to the left of the worship center and come down and check it all out!

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Thank You from Alice + Bible Quizzing

THANK YOU

I wish I could thank each one of you personally (I have tried to) so I have chosen this media to say 'thank you' to my Greenville Alliance Church Family for all the love, visits to hospital, care and compassion that have been shown to me during the last nine and a half months since my health became impaired. Your generosity to Dave and I has been 'above and beyond the call of duty'. You kept our refrigerator full of food which made it so easy for us to have good food at our fingertips. The flowers I received were beautiful and greatly appreciated. Many times we came out of church on Sunday morning and found cookies and a container of home made soup which we had for lunch and the cookies were sampled before we got home!!

At the last church dinner so many of you told me you were still praying for me every day – what sweet words those were as I still need much prayer for a couple of issues in my health.

Since I felt I can no longer be the director of the Greenville Alliance Women Group I am asking the Lord to give me another ministry I can faithfully serve Him in.

As you know Dave has been my complete care giver and I feel it is because of his care I am as well as I am. Also I thank Him for my immediate family, my sister, brother, Duane and his wife Ginger have been a back bone to us with their care and encouragement love shown over the months.

God has been so good to me. Scripture says He gives good gifts to those that love Him and it definitely is my testimony that I do love Him and I am looking forward to a future of good health to come. Thank you to each one of you for praying for me during this past year. I also thank God that there was a specialized heart doctor on duty at the Pittsburgh Emergency Room the night I was flown in.

Together we serve Him,

Alice Myers



BIBLE QUIZ PRACTICE

Sundays at 5:00 PM

Anyone in the 4th through 12th grade who is interested in Bible quizzing is invited. The material to be covered this year is I and II Corinthians. Parents are invited as well to see what quizzing is about and to get the schedule. If you have questions about quizzing or future practices, please contact Brenda Liszka at 724-977-9543 or 724-932-5311.

Bible Quiz Saturday, November 4 in Jamestown, NY

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Good Shepherd Needs



The Good Shepherd **THANKSGIVING REQUEST** for **NOVEMBER** IS **115**

BOXED DESSERTS. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container marked **GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING IN THE LOBBY** by **NOVEMBER 6**. We should all try to participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

Remember the local **SALVATION ARMY** donations. Suggested items for their **THANKSGIVING REQUEST: STUFFING, BOXED POTATOES, GRAVY, CORN, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT AND CRANBERRY SAUCE.** A



variety of food items is always appreciated. Please put any donations for the Salvation Army in the appropriate bin in the coat closet at the top of the stairs off of the lobby. Contact Esther Loucks.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD collection is now through November 12. Please note the following changes starting in 2017. NO candy or toothpaste is allowed. Toothbrushes are still welcome. Also, the cost of shipping for each shoebox will now be \$9.00. If you have any questions, contact Kitty Fenton.

AREA SHOEBOX COLLECTION SITE AT GAC— will have hours November 13-20 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help at the area collection site sign-up in the lobby for the day and time that works best for you. Also, a volunteer is needed to place the signs out in the yard at GAC the week before the collection site begins and to take them down and put them away afterward. Contact Linda Rhoades @ 724-588-9544 if you have questions about opportunities to serve.

Worship & Prayer Night
Sunday, November 5
7:00 P.M. in the Worship Center
 Come join us for a time devoted to prayer.



THE DEACONESS MINISTRY is available to help our growing church family.

If you are in need or know of someone within the church family who is need of care in the month of **NOVEMBER**, please contact **RENEE STUYVESANT @ 724-588-6834** These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.

PRAYER FOR GREENVILLE

Downtown Ministries invites you to meet at Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse as they join together to pray for Greenville Tuesday, **November 21** at 5:30 PM.

Please note that the Baptism pictures in the October issue were contributed by Becky Pearce.



VETERANS DAY




Saturday, November 11

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14			1 2:45 pm - Becoming Women of the Word 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm - Ladies L.I.F.T.	2 9:00 am - Pickle Ball 10:30 am - Bible Study 6:30 pm - KidZone 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg.	3	4 Bible Quiz – Jamestown, NY 6:00pm - Refreshments 6:30 pm - Annual Meeting in the ALC
5 <i>End of Daylight Savings Time</i> 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 4:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 7:00 pm - Monthly Prayer Time	6 9:00 am Pickle Ball	7 7:00 pm - GAW Monthly Meeting	8 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 6:30 pm Gov. Authority Mtg.	9 9:00 am - Pickle Ball 11:30 am - J.O.Y. "Thanks-Living Time" 6:30 pm - KidZone 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg.	10	11  VETERANS Day
12 <i>GAC Shoeboxes due today.</i> 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 4:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 6:00 pm - Pinterest for the Soul	13 9:00 am Pickle Ball	14	15 2:45 pm - Becoming Women of the Word 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm - Ladies L.I.F.T.	16 9:00 am - Pickle Ball 10:30 am - Bible Study 6:30 pm - KidZone 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg. 7:30 pm Trustee Mtg.	17	18 7:30 am - Men's Breakfast –ALC
Samaritan's Purse Area Shoebox Collection - November 13-20 in the Fellowship Hall						
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26 One Service Only Combined at 10:30 a.m. Regular Sunday School NO 4 Twelve Groups—Holiday 6:00 pm - Pinterest for the Soul	27 9:00 am Pickle Ball	28	29 2:45 pm - Becoming Women of the Word 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice	30 9:00 am - Pickle Ball 10:30 am - Bible Study 6:30 pm - KidZone 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg.		



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Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

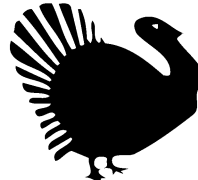
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5
_____, _____ name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
_____.
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

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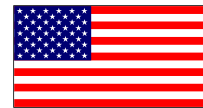
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like put in the December, 2017 newsletter it must be submitted by November 15. Please put the information in the blue folder by the computer in the library, or use the newsletter e-mail address (listed above) to submit information.