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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter



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Pastor's Corner

October 2016

This last week I have had the privilege of getting to look through Nancy Lusk's devotional notes! Wow, what a prayer warrior and daughter of Christ. One of the items I looked through was an old hymnal really a songbook from 1933. One song that was marked with her notes was a song titled "There is a Place by Me."

> Break thru! Break thru, O Warrior! The battle rages sore, but Calvary is victory— O sing it o'er and o'er Back! Back! Ye powers of darkness, of Satan and of hell; The Captain of the Lord of Hosts, has glorious news to tell.

Break thru! Break thru, O Warrior! Lift up your head, and see The King of Glory whispers, "There is a place by Me" Ah! This is spirit warfare, not fought on earthly ground— He knows! The foe is pressing, behind, in front, around.

Break thru! Break thru, O Warrior! "There is a place by Me." The power that raised Jesus can set thy spirit free. "By Me" you, too, shall conquer; "By Me" you shall be strong; "By Me" you have the victory, "By Me" you sing the song.

Break thru! Break thru. O Warrior! "There is a place by Me"— A place of joy and gladness, a place, O child, for thee. Above the din of battle, above the powers of sin, He's raised us up together, and made us sit with Him.

Break thru! Break thru! O Warrior! "There is a place by Me" He lifts thee from the dunghill to glorious liberty. Ye are not come to blackness, nor darkness of despair; But ye are come to Jesus—the Fairest of the Fair.

Break forth! Break forth in singing! There is a place of light, Where we can sing the glad new song from Zion's beauteous height. Break forth—to Him be glory! The Lamb enthroned was won. The Lamb has gained the victory! The Lamb shall overcome!

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Please take a moment to read through the song. How powerful, wonderful and truth-filled.

Honestly, I believe we as a ministry are in the midst of a spiritual battle. Remember the scripture Ephesians 6:10-19, part of it says we struggle not with flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities and the spiritual forces of evil...

We need to be a people who know how to stand firm and be victorious. It's so easy to get discouraged and overwhelmed in the battle. Yet this simple song reminds us to *"break thru O Warrior" because of Calvary we have victory!* Because there is a place by Christ we can overcome! Why not start your day being reminded of this truth! Not sure how the music goes, but the words stand by themselves!

Break forth—Pastor Nathan

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Pastor Nathan Seckinger

Church Ministries



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY RELAY

SITE GAC has served as an area relay site. Area churches bring all of the shoeboxes they have collected so they can be counted and packed to be delivered to the area collection site in New Wilmington. Ways you could help with the jobs that need to be completed to operate the relay site: A volunteer is needed; 1) to go to New Wilmington and pick up the shipping cartons and deliver them to the church Fellowship Hall. This individual should have a pick-up truck or enclosed trailer. This is usually during the last week of October (Saturday); 2) to place the signs out at GAC the week before the relay site collection and to take them down and put them away; 3) to take charge of making arrangements and getting the rental truck that is used to deliver the cartons to New Wilmington after the relay site is closed; 4) to drive the rental truck to NW on Monday (Nov 21) to drop off the packed shipping cartons.; and 5) many volunteers the days of the relay site being open. GAC Relay site will have hours Nov 14-21. Contact Linda Rhoades—724-588-9544—if you have questions about these opportunities or if you would like to help.



The Good Shepherd requests for OCTOBER are SOUPS AND STEWS. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container in the coat room by OCTOBER 25. We should all try to participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

Needs

Dewey & Grace Augustson Mark Callander Maxine Clark Peg Cochran Shirley Durney Kitty Fenton Rollie Fenton



Faith Noelle Gibson Levi Gill Joan Gow Ray Hammond Sandy Hammond Eileen Hanson Ryan Hart Shirley Kiser Fran Lazzar Colton Thomas Ligo Carl Long Betty Marsh Chuck McGonagle Cheryl Miller Scott Shaffer Phyllis Smith Dick Stanley Twila White Gloria Bardella Norma Beckdol Jim Blair Shirley Brown Donna Crawford Mable Heffer Alice King Jane King



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Remember the local SALVATION ARMY donations. Suggested items are rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, gravy, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce or boxed dinners. Please put any donations for the Salvation Army in the coat closet at the top of the stairs off of the lobby. Also, you can help at the local Salvation Army by serving meals the first Thursday of each month from October, 2016-May, 2017. Scheduled time



is 4:30-6:00 pm doing basic prep, serving and clean-up. 4 Volunteers are needed each month. Contact Kitty Fenton or Esther Loucks.

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 October, please contact Joyce Seckinger @ 724-373-8064. These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.







<u>'Greenville's Alliance Women' Schedule for</u> October, 2016

October 4 ~ Monthly Evening Meeting @ 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall (Remember to "bring a hint" that helps you in your home, work or ministry.) October 11 ~ GAW Prayer Time, 9:30 AM, in the Library October 18 ~ GAW Prayer Time, 9:30 AM, in the Library October 25 ~ GAW Prayer Time, 9:30 AM, in the Library

We have ladies that are praying with us at 9:30 AM on Tuesday morning in their homes as they are unable to be at the meeting in the Library. If you would like to be part of this group that pray in their homes at this specific time please let Alice Myers know.

<u>UnQuenchable</u>

30th Annual Knox Ladies Seminar Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00 am—4:00 pm

At Keystone Jr./Sr. High School

Where is your faith today—first sparks of faith, bright blue flames, radiating heat, raging bonfire, red-hot coals, cooling embers, cold grey ashes? Is your love for God burning so brightly that you are consumed by its passion? Are those around you drawn to its radiance and warmed by its heat? Are sparks flying from you, spreading a wildfire faith that ignites passion in others? Or has your passion cooled, your light dimmed, or your fire been quenched?

Carol Kent has discovered that God's Word is filled with the secrets of nurturing His fire in our lives, sometimes painfully so, other times even undetected, refining, purifying, cauterizing, healing and ultimately reshaping us into the image of His Son. Author and speaker Carol Kent will take you into God's word, and into your own story, to reveal the true power of the fire God has placed in you, to fan the flames of your faith, stir your passion and embolden you to spark wildfires that will spread to forever change the landscape of this world beyond your wildest imagination.

In celebration of thirty years, founding lady, *Lois Eisenhuth* will be guest speaker and "*The Girl Band*" from Grace EC-Church will lead worship.

Registration includes morning coffee and snacks, catered lunch, community exhibits, small group devotional and a prayer room as well as a book room. Regular registration will be September 14th—October 26th, cost is \$35. Student prices are available for \$20. So grab a girlfriend or two, or three and join us on November 5th for a Ladies Day Out!

Brochures are on the table in the narthex. For more information and online registration, go to www.KnoxLadiesSeminar.us or call 814-229-8992.

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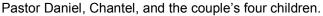
Missions Corner

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As told by Doug Conkle, a recently retired Alliance international worker who has served in West Africa with his wife, Karen, for nearly 40 years.

Karen and I were privileged to serve with the national church, ministering among the agrarian Dogose—one of the largest unreached people groups in Burkina Faso. Following their graduation from Bible school, Pastor Daniel and his wife, Chantel, were assigned by the Alliance district office to be church planters in a Dogose community.



One Sunday afternoon Karen and I stopped by to visit them. We were drinking tea together when I turned to Daniel and said, "I don't think I have ever heard your testimony." Here's what he told me.

Jesus Overcomes Fear

Daniel was born into the Bobomadare tribe and raised in a family of animists. His father was a powerful shaman (witch doctor), and Daniel grew up fearing the spirit world and its powers of retribution. (Animism is the belief that all things, including animals, plants, rivers, mountains, the heavens, etc., have a spirit or soul; these spirits must be appeased.)

One day when he and his brother were at the local farmers' market, an Alliance lay evangelist told Daniel the good news about Jesus. Excited to hear that Jesus was the One more powerful than the spirits, the two brothers decided that they wanted to follow Him.

Confrontation

Being an obedient son, Daniel asked his father's permission to follow the Jesus road. "Yeah, if you want to follow this Jesus, that's OK," the father replied. So Daniel and two of his brothers began attending the local church plant in their community.

One day, their father asked his sons to visit him at home.

When the three arrived, their father ushered them into his bedroom and closed and locked the door. "This was kind of unusual," Daniel remarked.

"I called you here today because I see that you're following this false religion, this one you call Jesus," the father said. "I've asked you to come because I want to let you know that this has brought shame upon our family. You have a choice today."

At that point, Daniel's father pulled out a sharpened machete. "This is the choice before you," he said. "Either you deny this Jesus, or this is the consequence."

It's Like Honey

"You know I asked your permission to follow the Jesus road," Daniel replied. "You gave your permission, and I've followed this Jesus. It's like when you find honey in the bush and you taste it—it's so sweet and so good.

"If I hadn't followed Jesus and tasted how sweet and how good He is, then it wouldn't be a hard decision. It wouldn't be a decision. But I want to let you know that I'm willing to follow Jesus—whatever the cost!" (When Daniel shared this part of the story, I about fell off my seat. I don't know if I would have had his courage.)

At this point Daniel's younger brother got up and left. But Daniel and his older brother remained and courageously faced their father, who backed down and opened the door to let them go.

Daniel continued to follow the Lord after this encounter. He later attended Bible school, where he met his wife, Chantel. We are so grateful that they are now cross-cultural workers among the Dogose people.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER

- 1. Jamie Ball
- 3. Georgia McClimans
- 4. Aleen Danner
- 5. Dale Shearer
- Sid Walker 6.
- Lexi Banic 7 Nathan Seckinger
- 12. Joe Aversa
- 13. Kaitlyn Fenton Ava Park
- 14. Ian Rickert
- 16. Melinda Hawkins Keith Mody Jamie Park
- 17. Philip Hoobler Lacy Jones Linda Swogger
- 18. Levi Miller Tom Uber
- 20. Bob Callahan **Cindy Miller**
- 21. Jason Liszka Chloe McLaughlin
- 22. Bob Brooks Theresa Williams
- 23. Alice King Dave Myers
- 25. Annie Ball
- 27. Chuck Bolster

ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER

- Ron and Jamie Park 1
- 4. Michael and Wendy Mallek
- 6. Tom and Kathi Parker
- Jeff and Brenda Raney 7.
- Joe and Elaine Aversa 9 Eric and Sue Rinella
- 10. Earl (Ted) & Marilyn Palmiter Gary and Carol Williams
- 12. Mark and Terri Hoffacker Steve and Melanie McCartney Denny & Sandi Mowry Dave and Lori Reeves
- 13. Rollie and Kitty Fenton
- 14. Brian and Mary Krall
- 16. Mark and Debbie Madden Matt and Becky Williams
- 18. Dick & Hazel Shollenberger







By decision of the Governance Authority at the August 20 meeting, the annual meeting for 2016 has been changed to Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 PM.

7. Rebekah Shearer Michael Mallek 8 **Bobbie Rochow** 9. Amber Downing

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Twila White 10. Keith Snyder

BIRTHDAY - NOVEMBER Josh Douglas

Bill Stainbrook

Julia Morian

Michelle Toy

Gabby Iliev

- 11. John Fenton
- **Dick Stanley**
- 12. Rodney Lewandowski **Charles Livingston**
- 13. Joanne Gruber Maya Opp Maisen Villard
- 14. Janet Harpst **Richard Saxion**
- 16. Debbie Madden
- 20. Jesse Jones
- 21. Debra Godinich Tyler Rose
- Pegge Clark Madeline Scheib
- 25. Gerald Johnson
- 28. Marilyn Palmiter
- 29. Erin Hoffacker Dick Shollenberger Melissa Villard
- 30. Toby Williams

ANNIVERSARY - NOVEMBER

- Pat and Brenda Liszka 5.
- 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
- 22. Dale and Linda Shearer Tom and Erin Uber



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We share with the church family that our sister in the Lord, **NANCY LUSK**, passed away September 7. There was a memorial service for her at GAC Thursday, September 29. If you were unable to attend, but would like to

send condolences: Esther Roland, 181 Stitzer Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522



TEMPORARY ADDRESS for **SHIRLEY KISER** as she recovers from a car accident:

SHIRLEY KISER Room 1203 Shepherd of the Valley Assisted Living Rehab Center 106 Valley Circle Warren, OH 44484 234-806-4822

GAC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Would you like to participate in the GAC Christmas Program "It's All About Jesus" on Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am? Children and Adults are needed. Singers, actors, help with Costumes and help with Sets/ Props. Sign up in the lobby and provide the requested information. Questions: Contact Michelle Toy, Mary Ella Young or Annie Ball.

BETTY MARSH wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and to let you know she is back at St. Paul's, Room Thank You Notes 213 and would appreciate visitors.



Many thanks for the beautiful cards and best wishes for our anniversary. We were so blessed. **ERNIE AND ERMA CLARK**

Congratulations to STEVE AND AMANDA BREWER for following our Lord's command as they were baptized on August 28.



We give our congratulations to ERNIE AND ERMA



CLARK as they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 18.

JULIA MARTIN and LUCAS MORIAN were united

in marriage September 17. We give our congratulations to the happy couple.



SRHS HOSPICE FREE COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Facilitated by Rev. Stacie Pitts Chaplain and **Bereavement Coordinator**

Wednesdays during October and the first week of November from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the Diagnostic and Imaging Center 2435 Garden Way, Hermitage, PA

Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Topics are as follows:

Oct 5: A Guide to the Grief Journey Oct 12: The 5 H's-Hurt, Hope, Help, Honor and Healing Oct. 19: Surviving the Death of a Child Oct. 26: How to Walk with the Bereaved Nov. 2: Handling the Holidays

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J.O.Y. Fellowship

Our J.O.Y. Fellowship for ages 50 and up usually meets on the second Thursday of every month with the exception of July and August (due to summer camps and vacations). Our kick -off meeting this year was a bus trip to Warther Museum in Dover, OH. Everyone enjoyed the displays of intricate carvings by Ernest "Mooney" Warther and his wife Frieda's famous 73,000 button collection. Next, all 51 of us including Chad Sankey as our Anderson Coach

driver, went to visit Dutch Valley. We enjoyed a sumptuous feast at the Dutch Valley Restaurant followed with shopping at The Coop, The Dutch Valley Gift Shop, The Bakery and The Market. Some chose to enjoy the rocking chairs, the scenery and visiting together.

We will next meet on Thursday, October 13 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have as our guests Gary and Marty Means — Chalk Artists — Illustrating The Gospel and Sharing God's Word with a Family Emphasis.

For many years Gary & Marty have been privileged to travel and minister to congregations, groups and organizations up and down the eastern seaboard from New England to Florida. They specialize in a unique ministry of encouragement to Christians both young and old. They challenge those who need to make a decision for Jesus. Gary and Marty believe in the Family! They realize their mission is to uplift and minister to the Church Family.

Please sign up in the narthex and indicate what dish you will bring to share: a Delicious Casserole or a Scrumptious Dessert. See you on the 13th!

HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Jerry Hunter's trip to the Holy Land has been postponed at this time.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016 PARK INN, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

Brochures are on the table in the lobby. The purpose for this ministry opportunity is to help you...rekindle the romance in your marriage, discover how to share more intimately, renew the love, hope and joy in your marriage and learn to better understand your marriage. Questions about this event can be directed to: Brian & Theresa Williams or Pastor Jerry.



"I hope you don't think I'm presumptuous. I died at a costume party."



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BIBLE QUIZZING PROGRAM

Youth

A Bible Quizzing program will begin this fall. The material to be covered this year is Luke. This is open to students in grades 4-12. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, contact Brenda Liszka at 724-932-5311.

KIDZONE THURSDAY

Each Thursday from 7-8 PM, KidZone is the place for Kids ages 2 years through 6th grade.

2-3 year olds: Jessica Phillips—turn right at the bottom of the steps, first classroom on the left

4-5 year olds: Michelle Toy—bottom of the steps and straight ahead

1-3 grades: Linda Shearer-bottom of the steps, first door on left

4-6 grades: Stacy Miller—Student Life Center, third door on left

JOLT 2016

MUD WEEKEND

Junior High Youth Retreat

October 28-30, 2016

See Dean Gregory for more information. God is going to do amazing things in the life of each student

attending JOLT 2016. Students, bring a friend to join in the fel-

lowship and fun. JOLT is packed with exciting things to do. JOLT will be a time for: growing spiritually, prayer, fellowship, sharing, worship, praise, meeting new friends and fun, fun and more fun.

There will be Sports Tournaments: Dodgeball; Archery Tag and Flag Football.

There will be Fun Things to do: Color War, Mud Football, Mud Soccer and Mud Tog-o-War.

Register early. Cost is \$55 per student person.

We will leave from GAC on October 28th at 4 pm and return on October 30th at approximately 3 pm

Everyone will be staying at the camp. You will not need to leave the camp all weekend.

Group registration deadline is October 14, 2016.

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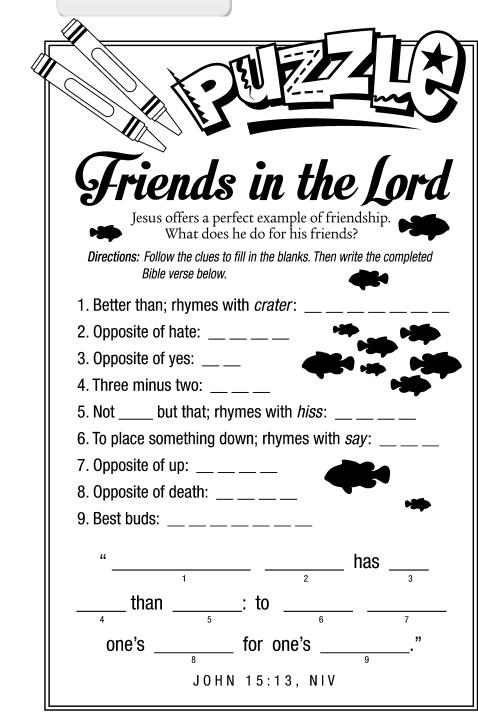


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	3	4	5	6 10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible St.	7 Pastor Nathan's Birthday	8 · . 9:30 am - Prayer
6:00 pm - Ensemble 6:00 pm - <i>4 Twelve</i> Groups 7:00 pm - Monthly Prayer Time		7:00 pm - GAW Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm - Pickle Ball	7:00 pm Ladies L.I.F.T. 6:30 pm - GAC Volleyball	Lunch 7:00 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.	Thanks Serving	Partner Breakfast
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Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend

What you do:

- Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
- 2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
- 3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
- 4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
- 5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
- 6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like put in the November, 2016 newsletter it must be submitted by October 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.