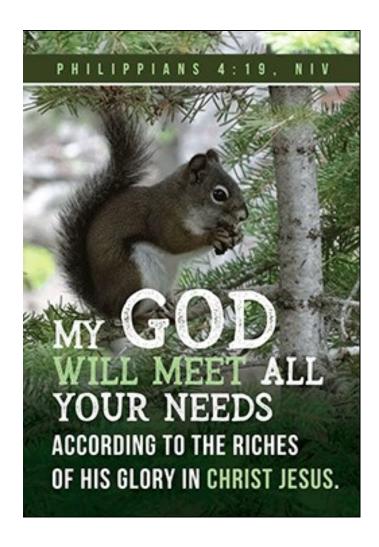
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Pastor's Corner

September 2018

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." Hopefully you recognize the words of Jesus. This past week I started a new book on "neighboring." Honestly, I haven't gotten very far into it but it talks about how to be a good neighbor for the witness of Christ. And Jesus says we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. So between the scripture and the book it got me to thinking. What's a good neighbor look like? What's loving our neighbor as ourselves look like? Is this something we as Christians should be concerned about? Do we live in a culture anymore that thinks "neighboring" is important?

What if we began to do the simple things neighbors used to do, like wave, introduce ourselves, watch out for their homes when you notice they are gone? The neighbors in my son's neighborhood are having a block party. What if we figure out how to have these, not for any huge reason but just to get to know one another? Maybe we need to watch the old Mr. Rogers show and remind ourselves that it's more than a classic, it's still relevant for us today. What if we began to ask our neighbors if they "would be our neighbor?" Maybe, just maybe, Jesus knew what he was taking about. In a world where we live more and more in isolation, maybe what we need is neighbors.

As the weather stays nice for a few more weeks, would you wave some more or reintroduce yourself? I know I need to do this. Might we ask God to show us what being a neighbor may look like and the courage to be one.





Pastor Nathan Seckinger

Blessings,



Our. Shoughts & Grayers with...

Sally Joe Andrusky Erma Clark Ernie Clark Kitty Fenton Rollie Fenton Faith Noelle Gibson Lynn Gruber Ray Hammond Sandy Hammond Lois Hunter Fran Lazzar Brenda Liszka Carl Long Alice Myers Trish McCandless

Phyllis Smith

Twila White



Gloria Bardella
Jim Blair
Shirley Brown
Maxine Clark
Donna Crawford
Mable Heffer
Alice King
Jane King

Missions Corner















August 15, 2018

Teach Me, Lord, to Wait by Ana Cuevas





"Dear Lord, You know my pain, You know how desperate I am for You to heal me. I ask You to help me and teach me to wait on You. I know your timing is perfect and I will wait on You to do your miracle in me." This was my son's prayer one night as he faced a chronic illness two years ago. I was humbled by that prayer. Tears ran down my face, not only because of the sweetness of his prayer, but also because at that moment my child trusted in a God Who could do immeasurably more than what we can imagine - but I didn't.





My son had understood something I had, for a while, forgotten: to trust and wait. I was tired of hearing my child moaning in pain all day. I was tired of having to watch what he ate, tired of having to spend two hours at the grocery store reading every product label yet not able to find much food that would not harm him more. I had to go on medical leave and homeschool him. I had detached myself from a set routine and I didn't like it. Our whole family dynamics had changed and I was becoming desperate. I had asked many times for a "right now" miracle to ease my desperation. I wanted everything to go back to the way it was. But that night I understood the source of my despair. It made sense and it hurt. A 10-year old's humble prayer had reminded me that I was not in control of the situation. I wanted it done in my time and not God's, and I was ashamed.

Waiting on the Lord can test our faith. I realized that not wanting to wait meant I was not recognizing Him as the source of all authority.

In one of her blogs, Sylvia Gunther puts it like this: As we wait, God is revealing His perfections, His impeccable ability to be in charge of every detail. His timing is split-second. He is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnicaring. He works all and in all. He gives confirmations of His ever-present-ness. He gives us assurances of His real power over the enemy that is not seen. His Holy Spirit focuses us. We want proof, but faith is the substance (not the evidence) of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). The Holy Spirit says, "I am giving you the substance of faith." He gives the grace to await His purposes until the precise moment when He gives evidence that He was working all along. Without this faith, it is impossible to please Him, for all who come to God must believe that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Heb. 11:6).

In Scripture I was reminded how to wait on the Lord:

Quietly and Patiently: "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him." (Psalm 37:7); "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." (Romans 8:25)

I was reminded to wait only on Him: "Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him." (Psalm 62:5)

I decided to wait on the Lord like my son, and, like Abraham, who "...after waiting patiently, ... received what was promised (Hebrews 6:15)." When I finally became obedient and waited, I was able to experience God's power and grace through my son's illness and eventual healing.

May we all learn to wait quietly and patiently on Him for His perfect timing and answers to our prayers!

Alliance Women





Connected to Jesus - A Quiet Strength, Part 1 by Jen Vogel

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" serves as the opening declaration in one of Fanny Crosby's most-loved hymns. Assurance speaks of quietness and strength. When one has assurance, one can be at rest.

This year, as we reflect on the promise found in Isaiah 61:3 – "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor." – consider the metaphor of the oak tree. A tree is planted. A tree thrives when its roots go down deep. A tree is not easily moved.

In our fast-paced, ever-changing world, I sense a hunger for steadfastness. A quiet strength. Assurance. Not smug. Not stubborn. But solid. This is only possible if we allow ourselves to be connected to Jesus, receiving from Him all that we need.

I see a quiet strength in the life of Fanny Crosby. In reference to her physical blindness, Fanny is reported to have said, "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me." Looking to her ultimate healing in heaven, Fanny remarked, "When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanny_Crosby)

Out of this blessed assurance, Fanny found the strength to be an "oak of righteousness," devoting her life to the ministries of gospel songwriting and urban rescue missions. Again, from the Wikipedia article cited above: Crosby will probably always be best known for her hymns, yet she wanted to be seen primarily as a rescue mission worker. According to Keith Schwanz: At the end of her life, Fanny's concept of her vocation was not that of a celebrated gospel songwriter, but that of a city mission worker. In an interview that was published in the March 24, 1908, issue of the New Haven Register, Fanny said that her chief occupation was working in missions.

I'm inspired! How about you? This call to a quiet strength begins with a life-giving connection to Jesus. May this be our story and song: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!"



Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY - SEPTEMBER

- Mabel Stainbrook
 Nathan White
- 2. Ron Park
- Mable Heffer John Kokoski
 Ron McDonald
- 6. Edwina Johnson Sharin Mody Tracy Mohr
- JoAnn Dietrich Tracy Hatton
- 9. Trent Reeves
- 11. Erin Uber
- 15. Erin Scheib
- 16. Devin Sulick
- 17. Hannah Park Linda Rhoades
- 18. Nellie Beilstein
- 19. Dan Scharmer
- 20. Deb Spaulding
- 21. Rich Krankota Kyle Miller
- 25. Peggy Blair
- 26. Carol Nay Anna Shoaf
- Ken Shepard Ashley Villard
- 28. Pearl Foster
- Donna Crawford Alyssa Gregory Nancy Stanley
- Rachael Harnett Jeanette Rowley Bill Sorg Paul Williams

ANNIVERSARY - SEPTEMBER

- 7. Don and Mary Richardson
- 11. Bill and Kathleen Sorg
- 12. Rodney and Kylea Harnett
- 14. Rich and Stacy Miller
- 17. Luke and Julia Morian
- 18. Ernie and Erma Clark
- 19. Bill and Mabel Stainbrook













BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER

- 1. Jamie Ball
- 3. Georgia McClimans
- 4. Aleen Danner
- 5. Dale Shearer
- 7. Lexi Banic Becky Pearce Nathan Seckinger
- 12. Joe Aversa
- 13. Ava Park
- 14. Ian Rickert
- 15. Bobby Barr
- 16. Melinda Hawkins Keith Mody Jamie Park
- Philip Hoobler Lacy Jones Linda Swogger
- Levi Miller Tom Uber
- Bob Callahan Cindy Miller
- Jason Liszka Chloe McLaughlin
- 22. Theresa Williams
- 23. Alice King Dale Seger
- 25. Annie Ball
- 27. Chuck Bolster Samson Morian

ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER

- Ron and Jamie Park
- Michael and Wendy Mallek
- Tom and Kathi Parker
- Jeff and Brenda Raney
- 8. Rick & Linda Stewart
- 9. Joe and Elaine Aversa Eric and Sue Rinella
- Rod & Kathy Harnett
 Earl (Ted) & Marilyn Palmiter
 Gary and Carol Williams
- Mark and Terri Hoffacker
 Steve and Melanie McCartney
 David and Lori Reeves
- 13. Rollie and Kitty Fenton
- Brian and Mary Krall Bill and Becky Pearce
- Mark and Debbie Madden Matt and Becky Williams
- 18. Dick & Hazel Shollenberger



Prayer Concerns, Notes of Thanks and Church Family News



We give our sympathy to Daisy Townsend as her sister **Lucy** went home to be with the Lord August 20.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED - for the Prayer Ministry. This is an opportunity to lift up concerns and pray for all our church needs by praying Sunday mornings before the service for our pastor and spending time praying during the service for intercession, lifting up the sermon, Governance Authority, programs, congregation, music and thanksgiving offered in faith. For more information contact the church office or join us at the Prayer Partner Breakfast on September 8 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

PINTEREST FOR THE SOUL - will resume with normal 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings in September. They are starting a new study by Priscilla Shirer called *The Armor of God*. Annie Ball will be leading this study. Ladies, if you are interested in attending, please purchase the workbook before the **SEPTEMBER 9** meeting. See you then!

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 for an opportunity to be a blessing to someone in need.



TEMPORARY ADDRESS FOR LYNN GRUBER:

Select Specialties Hospital
252 West 11th Street
Erie, PA 16501
Cards and visits are welcomed.

THANKS - To the family of CMA church, The Andrusky family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers. A special thank you to Pastor Nathan and Pastor Jerry.

All our love and prayers, Joe



and Joyce and the Andrusky family.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you for your cards, the flowers & plant, phone calls and visits. Most of all thank you for your faithful prayer support for my recovery.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Jerry - Acts 20:24

THANKS—Dear Greenville Church Family, Thank you for all of your love and support after Sally's recent surgery. We so appreciated all of the calls, cards, meals, flowers and the way you have encouraged us.

With Love, Joel and Sally

COLLEGE, CAREER, MILITARY - Addresses are needed as soon as possible so the church family can stay connected when you are away. You can give your information to the church office. You can complete a family update form with this information or e-mail it to the church office (info@greenvillealliancechurch.org) - "Attention Secretary" - please do not use a name. Thank you for your help.



CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR - Saturday, September 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Orchard Hill Church, 2561 Brandt School Road, Wexford, PA 15090. For more information call 260-356-5211.

Thursday Senior Ministries



SEPTEMBER 13 - BUS TRIP

Fall kick off will be a bus trip to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium in Cleveland, OH followed by a late lunch at The Hartville Kitchen (Amish) restaurant. The cost is \$50.00 per person for the bus trip and the aquarium. All checks must be made out to Pastor Jerry Hunter (not the church). Sign up and pay NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6. Please write "Fall Bus Trip" in the memo line. Be sure to invite your friends to join us as we have room for 50 people. This is a ministry activity of TSM but is open to all adults. We will depart the church parking lot at 8:00 am. Please be prompt.

OCTOBER 11 - HARVEST CELEBRATION

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for a "Down on the Farm" Harvest Celebration. There will be details and a sign-up available closer to the date of this event.

NOVEMBER 15 - VETERAN'S CELEBRATION

Join us at 11:30 am as we honor our veterans. This meeting will be in the Alliance Life Center due to the shoebox collection in the Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER 13 - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for a Christmas meal catered by Carini's.

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. For questions on Thursday Senior Ministry activities, contact Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter at 724-588-8274.



Grandparent's Day - Sunday, September 9, 2018

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the next Alliance Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 9-11, 2018, hosted by the Alliance Churches of Western Pennsylvania. Our Purpose 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; learn to better understand your marriage.

Small Groups/Shoe Box News



Group Name	For	Activity Meeting Time and Place		Contact Person	
Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Men	Fellowship with Breakfast and Bible Study	3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall	Pastor Nathan 724-588-7167	
Ladies L.I.F.T.	Women	"Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free" At 7:00 1st and 3rd Wednesdays-Call Kitty for location		Kitty Fenton 724-588-6627	
Tuesday Evening Women's Group	Women	Studying: 1 Corinthians	Beginning in September. Meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's. Contact Susan for meeting details.	Susan Richards 724-456-8749	
Becoming Women of the Word	Women	Message of Grace	Meets every other Thursday from 2:30- 4:00 pm in the CEC	Kathleen Sorg 724-588-2579	
Thursday Senior Ministry—Bible Study	Men & Women, Ages 50 and up	Studying: "A Clash of Kingdoms: Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord" by Ray Venderlaan Meets Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am, Study begins at 10:30 am		Pastor Jerry Hunter 724-588-7167	
Pinterest for the Soul	Women, age 20 to 49-ish	Group meets to work on a Pinterest Project then spends time in Bible study, fellowship and prayer Usually meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm in the CEC. Check bulletin for dates.		Tracy Mohr,724-718-4257 Jessica Phillips, 440-645-7622	
Thursday Evening Meeting	Men	Fellowship and Service Meets Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm. Call Ben to confirm meeting.		Ben Winklevoss 724-866-4551	
Men's Prayer Meeting	Men	A Time for Bible study and prayer	Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 AM at Fresh Grounds	M Bill Sorg 724-588-2579	

Being in a Small Group is an excellent and fun way to share and grow in the Word of God while developing friendships and fellowship with others.

Your group not on this list? Have a suggestion for another Small Group meeting not listed here? Contact Tom or Kathi Parker at 724-932-3192 or the church office at 724-588-7167.





Back-to-School time is a good time to pick up supplies that might work in a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. These items are currently on sale at Wal-Mart.



Pray for our State Police and Our Schools

TROOPER MARK HOEHN

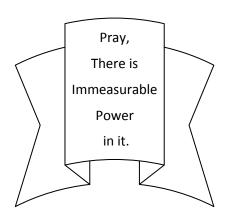
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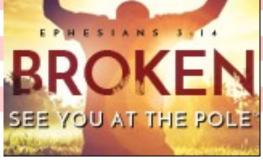
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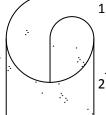








Some Prayers Requests from Mercer County Week of July 30, 2018



- Prayers for all of the fallen police officer's families and their colleagues. News is reporting
 that since the start of 2018, at least 54 law enforcement officers across the US have died
 while on duty with 33 of the deaths caused by gunfire. Pray for our Mercer County
 Officers safety and protection.
- 2. Mercer County Emergency Management Services requests prayers for increase volunteers for our fire departments and ambulance services. Please pray for a large increase in people seeking to serve and job positions as EMTs or medical paramedics. For three shift rotations, we only have 250 people to serve over 115,000 residents, plus all those that pass through our County on any given day. PA is down 15,000 EMTs from 3 years ago to serve our state, due to retirements, injuries, recovering from witness of traumas and huge decline in people seeking to be trained for the jobs.
- Prayers for opening eyes and hearts for increase of people wanting to help each other by service. Our community, our county and across the country. Concerns of urgency continue to be seen.
- 4. Prayers for the family and friends that have lost loved ones to overdoses. As of July 21^{st,} 2018, there are 21 confirmed Overdose deaths in Mercer County and 4 pending toxicology. This surpasses the number of Overdose deaths at this time last year. In 2017, the 41 families that are still grieving their losses.
- 5. Continue prayers for the situation at Lakeview School District.
- 6. Pray for our County Officials and Court Systems as they have tough decisions to make. Case load is overwhelmingly rising. Reach out to them and let them know we care. Maybe even offer, "and what can I do to help'".
- 7. Congregation Members Reminder to pray for our Pastors and also show them caring love just as they give and show us. They are our anchors that carry many burdens for us. How may we help them??!!

Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV $$ ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen

Church Community Ministries

Good Shepherd Needs



The Good Shepherd request for RICE, PASTA OR DRY GRAINS. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container marked GOOD SHEPHERD

by **SEPTEMBER 23**. 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. You also have the opportunity to help at the local S-A by serving meals once a month. The dates are the first Thursday of each month - Septem-



ber, October, November and February. 4:15—6:00 pm. Each month at least 4 volunteers are needed. Sign up in the lobby. Questions: contact Kitty Fenton or Esther Loucks.



EDINBORO CAMP FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI TENT AT THE ALBION FAIR TUESDAY, SEPT. 11—SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 2018

Edinboro Camp raises funds each year at the Albion Fair by cooking three meals/day at a spaghetti tent. Many helpers are needed.

SET UP - Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 am—?

CLEAN EQUIPMENT - Monday, Sept. 10, 8 am—?

TEAR DOWN - Sunday, Sept. 26—2 pm—?

BAKE HOMEMADE PIES - for Thu, Fri & Sat

HELP AT THE TENT DURING THE FAIR

CONTACT CAROL KENNEDY AT 814-763-4880 (M-F daytime) to find out what times are still available and to sign up.

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 **SEPTEMBER**, please contact **Joan Grinnell @ 724-815-7660**. 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, **SEPTEMBER 18,** at 5:30 PM.

ON-LINE GIVING

If you would like to make a contribution to GAC in this manner see the church website www.greeenvillealliancechurch.org.

For financial details pick up a monthly report from the Information Pockets in the lobby by

the bulletin board.

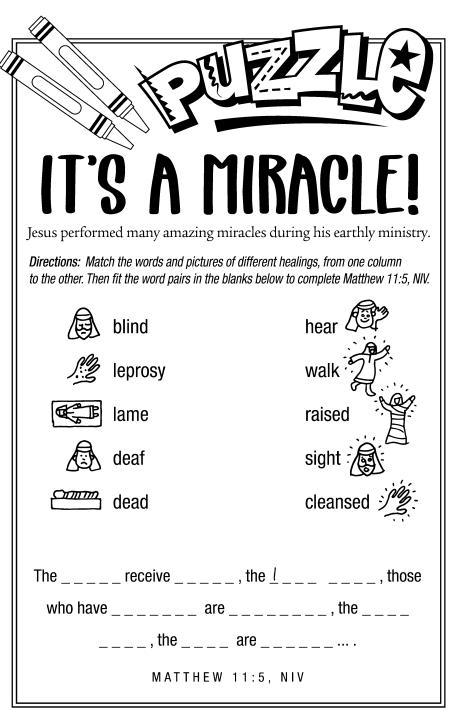
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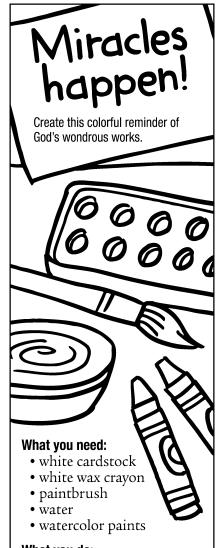




Kids Page



are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew III, VIV Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy



What you do:

- 1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
- 2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
- 3. Let dry and then hang up.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like put in the October, 2018 newsletter it must be submitted by September 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.