

Chit Chat



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From the Pastor: In Romans 12:2, Paul says “**Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world.**” In 2 Corinthians 6:17, we are challenged with these words: “**Come out from them and be separate**”. Clearly there is an expectation in the Bible that our behavior, as followers of Christ is to be different from the behavior of those who are not believers. Noticeably different. Jesus said as different as light from darkness. As noticeable as a teaspoon of salt in a glass of water (Matthew 5:13-14). We are not called to be different so that we can be smug or project a “holier than thou” image to our non-Christian friends. We humbly choose to pattern our lives after the character of Jesus. Being different becomes a witness to others of the transforming power of the Gospel. Hopefully, our differences can become a magnet to draw others to Jesus, to make people want what we have.

When we typically think about being different, we think about being different in the big and visible areas of our lives: avoid sexual immorality, no cussing, no drinking, no stealing, etc. But I think being different will also be evident in more subtle ways – like our attitudes. In the current political climate of our country, fear and anger seem to be winning the day. Political candidates (of both parties) have noticed and appeal to those attitudes of fear and anger. Actions and words are controlled by fear and anger.

What is sad for me is to see evidence that people who profess to be followers of Jesus are also controlled by fear and anger. I am not suggesting that we put a stamp of approval on everyone and every behavior. But I am suggesting that we express a lot more grace and mercy than anger and fear. Just because we disagree with someone, does not mean that person is not loved by God. And we are the people who are called to manifest God’s love to all people, even our enemies.

Do not conform. Come out from among them. Be separate. Those are important challenges for God’s people in our day. We need to be different.

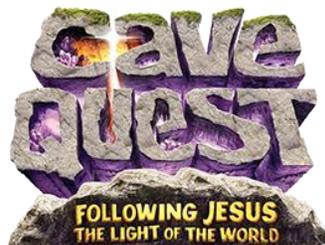
CHIZ RIDER CONCERT SUNDAY, JULY 17, 6:00 PM

Trumpeter Chiz Rider will be returning to Germantown Church, on Sunday evening, July 17 to present a concert. Chiz will be joined by his son Chase who also plays the trumpet. Chiz’s musical style includes traditional hymns, contemporary worship music, and patriotic.



There is no admission charge for this concert. A free-will offering will be received. There are some flyers in the back of the sanctuary that you can take to invite others.

Vacation Bible School August 1 – 5



Children age 3 through 12 are invited to join us at Vacation Bible School for a week of cave explorations, as we search for Jesus, the Light of the World. Children will learn what it means to follow Jesus in the dark times of life. Each evening will include catchy music, yummy treats, crafts, games and fun Bible learning activities.

Women's Ministry News

The next Women's Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26 (note this date change because of the holiday and VBS). The meeting will begin at 6:30 with a business meeting and then a Bible Study at 7:00. The ladies will begin a new study, based on the book Song of Solomon. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Mission Picnic:

The Women's Ministry will host a picnic, on Sunday, July 10 for the staff and residents of the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. This picnic is an opportunity to encourage the staff of the Rescue Mission, and the men who are in the program there at the mission. The picnic will begin at 4:30 at the Pavilion. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, rolls will be provided. We will need volunteers to bring side dishes and desserts to share. Following dinner, the staff of the Mission will lead a Worship Service in the Church which will include testimonies, singing and a challenge from God's word.

This event is for **EVERYONE**, so please plan to join us.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

All men are invited to attend a monthly Fellowship time at 7:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We are now meeting each month at the **Parlor House Restaurant** for breakfast, conversation, devotions and prayer. Our next gatherings are Saturday, July 16, and August 20.

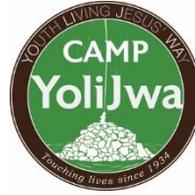
Church Picnic Sunday, July 31

On Sunday, July 31, we will have our annual Church Picnic. The Picnic will begin around noon, following Worship and Sunday School. There will be games, lively conversation, and plenty of good food. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship, and a chance to connect with people in a more informal setting.

Place settings and beverages will be provided. We ask those attending to bring food to share.



Summer Camping Season Camp YoLiJWa – Doubling Gap



There is still opportunity to attend camp at Doubling Gap this summer. There are camping opportunities for young people, and adults. **Adult Fellowship Camp** will be held, August 22-26. It is especially designed for adults 55 and up. Registration forms and information can be found on the Bulletin Board. Our Church does provide some financial assistance for those who need it. Contact Terry Sherald or Pastor Mark for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

145th Anniversary Observance

Germantown Church of God has provided ministry to the people of this mountain top for 145 years. We will be observing this milestone on October 16. Anniversaries are a time to look back and remember. But anniversaries are also a time to look to the future and renew our commitment to our mission. We have some special activities planned for our Anniversary



Day. In the morning, **Pastor Lance Finley**, Executive Director of the General Conference, will be with us to challenge us during our morning Worship Service. We are also planning a lunch following Sunday School.

In the evening, at 6:00 PM, **Rich Kiser** will be with us to present a concert of his guitar music.



Additional Graduate Information:

Elsewhere in this edition of the Chit Chat you will find a list of 2016 graduates who are connected to our Church. The following information did not come to our attention until after that list was completed.

Abby Jones, graduated from North Carolina State University with a Master of Arts Degree in Public History. She is currently working in the City of Raleigh Museum. Abby is the daughter of David and Karen Jones, and granddaughter of Al and Karol Jones.



10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Classes for all ages!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HI-LITES

APRIL 12, 2016 – 16 members in attendance. Pastor Mark had devotions. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Stewardship & Property Management Commission:

- Vestibule project completed and looks good. Thanks to Greg Shaffer for helping Mark Willard do the repair job.
- Outdoor Spring Cleaning, March 19th – good turnout.
- Parsonage heat pump corrected and working.
- Dusk to Dawn light in parking lot replaced and working.
- Mulch will be obtained and distributed.
- Carpet work to begin April 25th; will take 3-4 days.
- Reports of leaks in the ceiling of the Nursery and the boarded up window in downstairs S.S. classroom.

Christian Education Director:

- Sunday School average attendance for 2nd quarter was 38.
- Commission met and discussed S.S. structure; will continue the discussion at next meeting, April 26.
- Planning VBS August 1-5, 6:30-8:30. Living Word Church planning to partner with us.
- Will poll interest in a Grief Counseling series with hopes of creating a Grief Support Group
- Updating the Child Protection Policy to add an attendance clause.

Worship & Outreach Commission:

- Thankoffering Service, May 1 (Women's Ministry)
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Ladies Supper, May 7 (Men to plan and host)
- Gifts for Mothers (carnations)
- Gideon's Speaker brief presentation, May 22
- Graduate Recognition, June 5
- Father's Day, June 19; Pastor Mark & Sue will be attending Steve and Amy's commissioning service in New York.
- Chiz Rider Concert, July 17
- Movie Night, War Room, on a Sunday evening
- Rich Kiser Concert, October 16.
- Special 145th Church Anniversary on October 16 with a carry in lunch and concert in evening.
- A Music Survey was distributed to congregation for the purpose of a Praise Team.
- Judy McCleaf is beginning a Card Ministry for the

church. Thank you, Judy.

- Discussed a possible Once-a-Month Saturday dinner during September thru May. Will give it a try. Donations accepted for the General Fund.

NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights March 2016:

- Forgot to send \$257.50 for the first quarter Churches Fair Share Hospitalization to the ERC, will make payment in April.
- Peer direction of the Administrative Council, \$17,336.83 was transferred from the checking to the savings account on 3/10/16.
- **Based on an average of \$2,822.12, weekly tithe and offering YTD, our projected budgeted deficit is \$3,751.80.**

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Treasurer's Summary for March 2016:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$49,303.29
Deposits/Credits	14,707.02
Withdrawals/Debits	13,655.55
Transfer from Savings Account	
Transfer to Savings Account	17,336.83
Service Charges	
Ending Balance:	\$33,017.93
Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$32,663.17
Transfer from Checking Account	17,336.83
Interest Payment	2.82
Transfer to Checking Account	
Service Charges	
Ending Balance:	\$50,002.82

MAY 10, 2016 – 13 members in attendance –

Reports were given from the Pastor and Commissions.

- Mulch arrived on April 23, but very wet out. Weeds were sprayed before mulch was spread.
- Several Trustees, Chairman and RC Clerk discussed not carpeting the two choir rooms behind the pulpit area.
- Hickory tree at lower parking lot removal discussed and will be taken down.
- Discussion opened about covering the wire channel for the sound booth. To be accomplished by the end of summer.
- Trustees reminded of water spot on nursery ceiling and the Children's Dept. loose plaster at boarded up window downstairs.

Christian Education Director: VBS plans discussed

Worship & Outreach Commission:

- Gideons representative will bring a brief presentation on May 22 at 9:30 am
- Movie: War Room, May 22, 6 pm
- Graduate's Sunday, June 5
- Father's Day, June 19. Brian Ramsey, speaker. Bags of candy to be given as gifts.
- Church Picnic, July 31. Lisa Frazer to chair.

- Mountain Top Heritage Days, June 25. Will have a table for water and upcoming events to hand out.
- Chiz Rider, July 17. Need to promote.
- 145th Anniversary observance, October 16:
 - 9:30worship, Homecoming type service. Pastor Lance Finley, Executive Director of the CGGC, speaker.
 - Something special for S.S. - suggest historical albums/photos be on display
 - Carry-in lunch
 - Rich Kiser Concert at 6 pm.
- A \$2,000 Memorial Gift for Betty & Clarence Dingle received to be used where needed. Council discussed and decided to place in a new Pew Cushion Fund.
- Upstairs Carpets to be cleaned.
- Administrative Assistant, Terry Smith, is now building up our website.

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NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights for April 2016:

- Administrative Assistant, Terry Smith, reached his one year anniversary on 3/23/16 without using any sick days. Per his benefits package, his pay for pay period 3/20/16-4/2/16 includes three additional days of pay.
- The first quarter, Churches Fair Share Hospitalization of \$257.50 was sent to the ERC.
- **Based on an average \$2,770.48 weekly tithe and offering YTD, our projected budgeted deficit is \$6,437.03.**

Treasurer's Summary for April 2016:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$33,017.93
Deposits/Credits	10,785.65
Withdrawals/Debits	10,644.94
Transfer from Savings Account	
Transfer to Savings Account	
Service Charges	_____1.00
Ending Balance:	\$33,157.64
Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$50,002.82
Transfer from Checking Account	
Interest Payment	3.29
Transfer to Checking Account	
Service Charges	_____
Ending Balance:	\$50,006.11



From Ad Council...

Most of those who returned their survey concerning a Worship Team are in favor of having a Worship Team, but hardly anyone volunteered to serve on the Team. Thus, the idea of a Worship Team is placed on the 'back burner' for the time being.



Happy Father's Day...

Greg Shaffer got to celebrate Father's Day on June 18 at a night Orioles Game at Camden Yards with his 6 year old grandson, Collin, and son, Steve....making some memories – decked out in their orange Orioles shirts! By the way, the Orioles won 4-2 over the Toronto Blue Jays!!



Keith Starliper was honored several times for Father's Day. Daughter, Lori from Minnesota emailed him a gift certificate to Longhorn Restaurant; Kelly, Gunner and Kyleigh took him (and mom) to supper for a Father's Day treat, and daughter Krista and hubby, Jay, dropped by on Father's Day and took him out for supper at Red Run Grill. The biggest surprise for Father's Day was when they went to supper with the Leshar family and indicated to the waitress that it was for a Father's Day treat *and* also mentioned it was his 52nd wedding anniversary (June 14th). Upon getting the bill after the meal, they noticed it was very low. The dear, sweet waitress comped their bill for the parent's anniversary! What a nice, sweet surprise gesture!! They are still stunned!! God is good, all the time!! *(Yes, his wife was included in the celebrations. Besides, we had to attend an important meeting on Tuesday the 14th at the church!).*

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Celebrating Ivy Bare's Birthday

Members (and friends) of the Seeker Sunday School class visited Ivy Bare to celebrate her 40th birthday on Tuesday, June 28. The party included birthday cake, candles, other snacks, gifts, and some incredible singing of Happy Birthday! The class is taught by Molly Peck.

Ivy was a patient at Ballenger Creek Center, a Rehab facility, but was able to come home on June 29. I'm sure she will have joy in receiving your greetings and well wishes for her. She misses her church family, loves her church and being a part of it. Please remember Ivy and pray for her.





Following is a list of 2016 graduates who are connected to our Church Family. We wish you success in your future.

Matthew Brian Anderegg: Matthew graduated Summa Cum Laude, from Shepherd University, May 7. He earned a 3.9 GPA, earning a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Science. He is a McMurrin Scholar, the highest academic award given by Shepherd University. He is currently employed with the United States Coast Guard. Matthew is the grandson of Josephine Willard and the late, Charlie Willard, and son of Brian and Jamie (Willard) Anderegg.

Abigail Buhrman: Abbie is a 2016 graduate of Greencastle-Antrim High School. She is the daughter of Kevin & Trudy Buhrman and Dutch & Pearl's youngest granddaughter. During the fall semester of her senior year, Abbie took two classes at Hagerstown Community College and also completed a kindergarten teaching internship at the Greencastle-Antrim Primary School. In her spring semester, Abbie elected to begin her college endeavors by attending Hagerstown Community College on a full-time basis. In addition to her academic studies, Abbie participated in the following extracurricular activities during high school:

- Field Hockey: grades 9-12 and a member of the 2014 & 2015 varsity teams.
- Cheer-leading: grade 11 and a member of the 2014 varsity basketball cheerleading squad.
- Community Service: grades 10 & 11 – volunteer at The Royal Family Kids Camp.

Away from school, Abbie works part-time at the Maugansville Creamery. She's also an avid photographer and operates her own business that specializes in candid children's photos and senior pictures. In her spare time, Abbie enjoys shopping, exercising her 2nd Amendment privilege, and hanging out with friends.

Benjamin Buhrman: Ben is the son of Kevin & Trudy Buhrman and Dutch & Pearl's favorite grandson. He is a 2016 graduate of Hagerstown Community College and earned his associates of science in business administration. Ben was also recognized by HCC as the Outstanding Student in Business and was presented with a Certificate of Commendation. In addition to his academic studies, Ben was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Furthermore, Ben was an active member of the HCC's Business Club and served as the club's Vice President during the spring 2015 semester. During the 2015-2016 academic year, Ben served as the club's President.

Away from school, Ben works part-time at both HCC's Library as well as Holsinger's Meat Market in Maugansville. In addition, he is an avid guitarist and has been playing/taking lessons for over ten years. He has also been teaching guitar lessons for several years. Ben also studied karate for eight years and earned his 1st Degree Black Belt in 2009. In his spare time, Ben enjoys playing guitar, watching/playing sports, hunting/fishing, golfing, video games, and hanging out with friends.

In the fall, Ben will attend Shippensburg University to complete his Bachelor of Science degree. He currently plans to pursue a double major in both finance and supply chain management.

Bryanna Luke: Bryanna Luke is a vocal major graduate from Barbara Ingram School for the Arts (BISFA). She auditioned and was accepted into this program in 2012. She has also graduated with the University of Maryland Completer program. Bryanna has earned 10 college credits through HCC. Bryanna will follow God's leading and attend Eastern University in the fall, majoring in special education, with a concentration in early childhood. She has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship, and three other university scholarships. Bryanna has been dancing at A & B Dance Dimensions for 10 years, concentrating in Ballet, Pointe and Tap. Bryanna would like to thank her Church family for their prayers and support so far in her life, especially in the past two years, since being diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). She thanks God for her family and friends, believing she would not have gotten far without them.

Matthew Ross Peck: Matthew is a 2016 graduate of Waynesboro Area Senior High School. While in High School Matthew competed in football and baseball. He received numerous awards and recognitions during his high school football career, some of which are included here: He achieved several School records as a wide receiver (career receptions, career receiving yards). He scored 28 touchdowns and averaged 21 yards per catch during his career. He served as a football team Captain, during both his Junior and Senior years, and was named a 2014 Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete. He was honored twice as a Mid-Penn Colonial All Star and was recognized by local and state news services for his accomplishments. He was a Waynesboro High School class of 2016 Male South Central PA Hall of Fame Recipient. Matthew will continue his education and football career at Shippensburg University. Matthew is the son of Gary and Jennifer Peck and grandson of Molly Peck.





Justin Trostle: Justin is a 2016 graduate of El Dorado High School, El Dorado, Arkansas. He played in all of the school bands and orchestra in High School. He was recently awarded the John Philips Sousa award. Justin will be attending Quachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR to major in Music Business. He

serves as part of the tech team at his Church. Justin is the son of Pastor Brian and Linda Trostle, and grandson of Neal and Pat Trostle.

Trey Williams: Trey graduated from Frederick Community College, with an Associates Degree in Applied Science/Construction Management and Supervision. He will continue his education in the fall. Trey is the nephew of Barbara Mulheron

Caroline Yarish: Caroline graduates this year from Fannett – Metal Junior Senior High School. Caroline was an honor student all through High School and was inducted into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year. She also took several college credit classes while in High School. Caroline completed a class with AMS Galaxy, an automated milking robot importing company, and became a certified technician. She has traveled to Minnesota and Indiana for start-ups of newly installed robots. Caroline will continue her education after high school and hopes to find her passion. She is excited about what is in store for her in the future in this great life. Caroline is the daughter of Mark and Kathleen Yarish and granddaughter of Roy and Dollie Sanders.

Jeremy Boylan: Jeremy graduated from Smithsburg High School. He received most outstanding awards for band and physical education. He plans to continue his education in the fall at HCC, possibly pursuing studies in nutrition and exercise. Jeremy is brother of Katie Boylan, and son of Michelle Jones.

The New Church Website

The new church website, www.Germantowncog.org, is up and has much more information than before. There are now more pictures, including previous pastors, and more information for members, visitors, and anyone looking for a new Church and Sunday School. All of the announcements from the Sunday bulletin are posted along with a calendar of events for the year.

Camp YoLiJWa's Open House....



...is something the Simmons Family looks forward to each year for the last 6 years. The boys enjoy the various activities and Ralph loves the BBQ Chicken. I would like to say that RJ absolutely loves this Camp! We are so blessed and extremely thankful for those in Germantown COG that have made it possible for our son to attend this church camp. RJ came home this week with excitement of what he learned at camp.

-Brenda Simmons



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Reader's Poetry.....

Dear God In Heaven

You mean everything to us,
We know that you care for us all,
We also know that you always hear all
of our prayers.

God is Great to all of us,
When we go to church on Sundays to hear,
God talking to us all,
God is our Father in heaven.

Jesus pays for our sins.
God is the person who created us,
and so Jesus saves us all.

That is why heaven is a real place,
...So Heaven will wait for us.

Ivy Bare

More from the Church Mouse....via Facebook/email...



Easy come, easy go...

Greg Shaffer entered his beautiful red Corvette in the Mason Dixon Corvette Show for Charity on June 12 at Buchanan Auto in Waynesboro. A tie-breaker by judges – found some 'dust' under his gas lid door, costing him first place – in C4 Class. Greg says Second place was just as great!!...

Pastor Mark and Sue spent an enjoyable time with their family during Father's Day weekend attending Hope Church in Niagara Falls, NY where son, Steve and wife, Amy have been attending and working. They had a Commissioning Service for them as they prepare to leave for Haiti in September. He had the privilege of sharing comments along with Amy's father, Pastor Roger Steele. Pastor Ben Tobias, Director for Cross-Cultural Missions, attended and led the Commissioning prayer. The Hosler's will be attending a six-week training experience this summer in North Carolina and plan to leave for Haiti following that....

Shelley Johnson recently spent the weekend with her sisters-in-law at Chincoteague – their annual Girls Weekend. A good time to get away and just relax with the girls;...Natalie completed her first year of college and made it on the dean's list for both fall and spring terms;...Jesse completed his first year in high school and will be attending Career Tech in the Spring of his sophomore year studying welding;...We raised a total of \$199,439.53. *Cookies Crews* total was \$717.00, *Team Legacy: Sherries Army* total was \$185.00 bringing their two team total to \$902.

News has been received from Ana Weissenbach, that her father Karl has now retired from his position as Director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas. She also shared that Karl is facing a serious health concern. Ana just completed her junior year at Mid America Nazarene College. The Weissenbach's (Karl, Jessica, Benjamin and Ana) lived on Royer Road, Cascade, Maryland and fellowshiped with Germantown Church of God while here....Please pray for Karl's health....

....Church Family Humor...

Calling my hubby on my morning commute to work while commiserating about the frigid weather this past winter, this happened:

Hubby: *I just found three eggs in my pocket.*

Me: *Did you say you just found three chicken eggs in your pocket??*

Hubby: *Yeah, and one of them is wet.*

Me: *Hahahahaha! The 'hahaha' went on for quite a while.*

He went to check on our chickens last night and found three eggs and stuck them in his pocket!

(Editor's Choice)

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The Shuck Family recently enjoyed a "stay cation" that included a weekend in Ocean City, MD for the Annual Air Show. You haven't lived until you've been buzzed by a Thunderbird while sitting on the beach! Joining them on their trip to OC was daughter, Amanda, grandchildren Makayla and Brayden. The Shuck's borrowed a Minnie Winnie; 6 in the Minnie Winnie! We all slept well, although it was a bit cramped when it came to changing clothes, etc. On Saturday evening, they walked and walked, ate at Philips, walked and walked and walked, visited Ripley's Museum, and walked and walked and walked.... (*were those 'boots' made for walkin'?*)

They returned home late Sunday evening with sore feet, but happy. Steve and Laura crawled into their own bed while the kids slept in the Minnie Winnie parked in the driveway. The next morning, they scrubbed the borrowed Minnie Winnie, inside and out; the kids were great at helping with this.

Following the great cleanup, they rested Monday afternoon through Tuesday, recuperating for their next adventure at Hershey Park on Wednesday. Joining them in Hershey were mom, Martha, Amanda, Makayla, Brayden, Elijah's friend Garrison, along with daughter Tina, Steph, Jonathan, Christian and Ethan. Yes, folks there were 11 on this trip! Elijah took off with Garrison for the day only to reappear when the words "are you hungry?" were texted to him!

Amanda, Makayla and Brayden returned home late Thursday afternoon. Kayla and Brayden were off on another adventure with their father and his family for the weekend.

Friday evening, Elijah joined Garrison and his family on a fishing trip on the Potomac River, his first. He caught 8 bass!!

Steve and Laura? Spent the rest of the weekend recuperating!!...

Terry Smith, our Administrative Assistant, attended the Annual Firefighters Convention in Ocean City, MD from June 20-24th. Terry is the treasurer of the Independent Junior Fire Engine Company No. 3 in Hagerstown.

WORTH SHARING...



*June is ALZ MONTH - Go Purple...
The following is a poem in honor and love of
those who are afflicted with Alzheimer's
Disease...*

*Do not ask me to remember,
Do not try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you to be with me
at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse my cry,
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me till my life is done.*

- Maria McWhinnie

*"People will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did,
But people will never forget
How you made them feel."*

- Maya Angelou

(Bracelets quote from Facebook)



MISSIONS NEWS

Germantown Church of God designates a portion of our income for the work of missions and missionaries serving beyond our Community. We believe this corresponds with our mission statement: **We exist to move people who are broken toward Jesus where they can find healing and transformation.** We believe that it is important to provide updates about this other ministries so you can pray for them.

Missionary of the month for July Samir and Charusheela Singha, India

India was the first overseas field of service for the Churches of God, General Conference. In 1898, Clara Landis travelled to West Bengal, India. The Uluberia Mission School is still in operation, and is self-supporting. More than 820 children are enrolled in our mission schools in India



Today, the work in India has grown to include 43 Churches with 998 baptized members. In 2015 there were 117 professions of faith. 1,200 children were reached through VBS programs.

Reverend Samir Singha along with his wife Charusheela oversee the work in India.



Today our mission work in both India and Bangladesh are facing a crisis. Funds to support the work of Church planting are diminishing. Please pray for God to provide the support needed for the work to continue to grow. Pray for the Singha's. (Designated Giving Numbers: CC: 2722 – Singha Support; CC 2720 – Churches & Evangelism)

Missionary of the Month – August Doug & Anna-Karin Molgaard, Sweden

In 2005, Doug and Anna-Karin Molgaard returned to Sweden in response to an invitation to assist in a Church Planting Ministry. The Molgaards are partnering with like-



minded pastors and leaders to begin new Churches, to reach the people of Sweden. They have formed discipleship small groups with about 10 – 20 in each group. The ministry has a strong international flavor. Please pray for the Molgaard's. You can read more about the Molgaard's in their latest newsletter which is posted on the Bulletin Board. (Designated giving number: CC: 2756)



If you feel directed by God to give a gift in support of either of these mission activities, send your gifts to
Churches of God, General Conference
P. O. Box 926
Findlay, OH 45839

BIRTHDAYS...

JULY

- 1 Tim Brown, Esther Delzer
- 5 Mary Jean Smith
- 7 Ted Fleagle
- 8 Jammin Simmons
- 9 Ashley Fredlock, Martha Poling
- 12 *Betty McIntyre*
- 13 Justin Frazer
- 14 *Everett Teller*
- 17 *Shirley Mossburg*
- 18 John Mulheron
- 27 Daniel Buhrman
- 29 *Stephen Hosler*
- 31 John Ditch



AUGUST

- 4 Holly Frazer, Nadine McFarland
- 5 Judy McCleaf
- 6 Christian Ruppenthall
- 7 *Caleb Eliud Acosta*
- 8 R.J. Simmons
- 11 Brenda Simmons
- 15 *Calina Acosta*
- 16 Marge Lajoie
- 19 Richard Poling, Doug Willard, *Thyra Molgaard*
- 20 Vicki Lantz, Greg Shaffer, *John Thumma*
- 21 Delbert Biser
- 22 Al Jones
- 23 Jerry Reck, *Cheyenne Acosta*
- 25 Molly Peck, Frances Valora
- 27 Bryan Luke
- 31 Melinda Haynes

ANNIVERSARIES...

JULY

- 1 Ted & Esther Fleagle
- 2 *Steve & Shirley Mossburg*
- 6 Dennis & Regina Wetzel
- 15 Roy & Dollie Sanders
- 27 John & Barbara Mulheron
- 30 Doug & Lorri Willard



AUGUST

- 2 Jeff & Shelly Johnson
- 5 Pastor Jeff & Elizabeth Harner
- 12 *Gordon & Annie Avey*
- 13 *Stephen & Amy Hosler*
- 19 Charles & April Sprenkle
- 23 Tony & Vicki Lantz
- 31 *David & Kendra Kapaku*

(Italics denotes missionaries)

MISSION OF THE MONTH...

July: Pastor Samir & Charusheela Singha, India Church Ministries

August: Doug & Anna-Karin Molgaard

HAGERSTOWN RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY...

July: Faith Bible Class August: Seekers Elective Class

GREETERS... Worship

July - 9:15 am

- 3 John & Wanda Ditch
- 10 Greg & Sharon Mann
- 17 Keith & Kathryn Starliper
- 24 Bob & Dorothy Lourdon
- 31 Barbara Mulheron



August - 9:15 am

- 7 Delbert Biser
- 14 Steve & Melinda Ralston
- 21 Gwen Ridenour & Vicki Lantz
- 28 Don & Pam Cauthen

GREETERS... Sunday School

July - 10:30 am

- 3 Steve & Laura Shuck
- 10 Josephine Willard
- 17 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 24 Steve & Laura Shuck
- 31 *Volunteers Needed*

August - 10:30 am

- 7 Garry & Martha Huff
- 14 Josephine Willard
- 21 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 28 Steve & Laura Shuck

NURSERY...

July: Worship - 9:30

- 3 Laura Shuck
- 10 Lisa Frazer
- 17 Lori Warner
- 24 Ashley Fredlock
- 31 Lori Warner



Sunday School - 10:30

- Laura Shuck
- Shelley Johnson
- Lori Warner
- Terry Sherald
- Lori Warner

August: Worship - 9:30

- 7 Laura Shuck
- 14 Lisa Frazer
- 21 Lori Warner
- 28 Ashley Fredlock

Sunday School - 10:30

- Laura Shuck
- Shelley Johnson
- Lori Warner
- Terry Sherald

CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

3 years to 3rd grade - 9:30 am

July - Teacher/Helper

- 3 Sue Hosler & Bryanna Luke
- 10 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 17 Katie Boylan & Brenda Biser
- 24 Christina Hann & Connie Bombardier
- 31 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto



August - Teacher/Helper

- 7 Sue Hosler & Bryanna Luke
- 14 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 21 Katie Boylan & Brenda Biser
- 28 Christina Hann & Connie Bombardier

HELP HOTLINE - Food for the First...

The first Sunday of the month is "Food for the First" where we bring in canned goods, pantry items or monetary gifts. Any time it is always appreciated. Please help consider those less fortunate than us.



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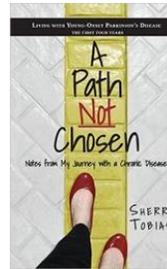
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About the Author

Sherri Tobias is a thinker by birth, an educator by trade, and a writer by necessity, as writing is how she makes sense of life. Sherri works as a freelance writer, editor, and writing coach in addition to teaching part-time at a local university. She is the author of *A Path Not Chosen: Notes from My Journey with a Chronic Disease* and *Refractions: A Collection of Short Fiction*. Raised as a Global Nomad or Third Culture Kid, if you ask Sherri where she's from, she may say she's homeless or home-full, having lived in or visited over twenty countries in which she resided in an unknown number of houses, huts, apartments, campers, and tents. She currently lives in Ohio with her family. You can find out more about Sherri on her website, www.sherritobias.com.



She enjoys playing piano, reading, organizing, doodling, pondering life's great mysteries, and stringing words together on a computer screen (and occasionally on a piece of paper).

Though she is not a medical professional, she has become well-versed on the subject of living with young-onset Parkinson's disease since her diagnosis in 2011. Her book, *A Path Not Chosen: Notes from my Journey with a Chronic Disease*, offers an inside-look at the physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges she faced during the first four years of living with Parkinson's disease.

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Warren. *YOU'RE THE ONE THAT IS WANT.* Christiansen Family Series. Bk 6. Tyndale. D/Laura Shuck.

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LEARN OUR HISTORY. AMERICA'S GREATEST ADVENTURES. TAKING PRIDE IN OUR PAST.

Columbus and the Great Discovery. Disc 1; *The American Revolution.* Disc 2; *One Nation Under God.* Disc 3.
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July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 <i>12:30 PM Pavilion Reserved</i>	4 Independence Day	5	6 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	7	8	9 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
10 4:00 PM HRM Picnic	11	12	13 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	14	15	16 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship <i>Sanctuary Reserved</i>
17 6:00 PM Chiz Rider Concert	18	19	20 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	21	22	23
24	25	26 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	27	28	29	30
General Conference Session – Chambersburg, PA						
31 12:30 PM Church Family Picnic	Every Sunday 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM – Sunday School					

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service – Faith Bible Class
Missionary of the Month – Pastor Samir & Charusheela Singha,
India Church Ministries



August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 6:30 – 8:30 PM					
7	8 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	9 6:30 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Admin. Council	10 6:30 PM Prayer Gather- ing	11	12	13 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
14 <i>12:00 PM Pavilion & FLC Reserved</i>	15	16	17 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	18	19	20 7:30 AM Men's Fellow- ship
21 <i>12:00 PM FLC Reserved</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
		Every Sunday 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM – Sunday School				

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service – Seekers Elective Class

Missionary of the Month – Doug & Anna-Karin Molgaard