

Chit Chat



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FROM THE PASTOR

Last Sunday, when we were in Haiti, I had the opportunity to preach the morning message as a part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of Project HELP. I was honored to be able to do this. I was able to preach the sermon in Haitian Kreyol, the language that is spoken in Haiti. 37 years ago when we went to Haiti, Sue and I studied and learned the language. God has enabled us to retain our ability to speak Kreyol, even though we have been gone from Haiti full time since 1988. My Kreyol may not be as sharp as it once was. I stumbled trying to remember a few words, but I guess I communicated clearly. The congregation laughed at my jokes – at the right time. They murmured when I said something that caught their attention, and they even said AMEN when they agreed with me. After the service I had many people thank me for preaching the sermon in their language. I don't share this as a way of patting myself on the back. That is not my intent. My ability to learn the language and retain it, are only possible by God's power. **The point that I want to make is that the sermon was much more effective because it was in a language that the congregation could understand.** (I had also printed out copies of the English version of the sermon and gave those copies to the Americans who were there to attend the celebration. That made it meaningful for them as well.)

Our purpose as a Church is to tell people the message of the Gospel about Jesus Christ. If the gospel is to have any impact and make a difference in people's lives, then it must be spoken in a language that people understand. We need to "translate" the Church words we sometimes use and say those things in a way people will understand. But I'm not just talking about using words people will understand. We have to learn to speak in the language of love, when we are communicating the gospel. We earn the right to be heard by first practicing love. We have to learn to speak the language of "authenticity". People that we want to reach have to know that the message that we share is not just words, but is something that we truly believe. They have to know that our faith is real, that our relationship with God is deep and sincere. We are not just putting on a show. **So let's work hard to learn to speak in a language people will understand.**

ThankOffering Sunday - May 7

The ThankOffering practice was established to give ladies of the Churches of God an opportunity to express their thanks to God for His daily blessings throughout the year. Ladies were given a barrel to put a coin in as a way of saying thanks, anytime they were aware of a special blessing from God. At the end of the year, the barrels are collected and the money used for special projects. The practice of using ThankOffering barrel continues to this day, and now includes anyone who wishes to participate. This year, ThankOffering Sunday will be on May 7. The Women of our Church will lead our Worship service that day, which will include an ingathering of barrels. We hope that you have been filling your barrels this year as God has blessed you. Plan to join us for this time of worship, and bring your barrel.



Upcoming Special Sunday Services:

Mother's Day – May 14

Father's Day – June 18

Plan to join us for these special Sundays as we recognize and honor Mothers and Fathers.

Ladies Banquet - Saturday, May 20

All ladies are invited to attend a special Banquet just for you, May 20 at 6:00 PM. The evening will include a delicious meal prepared by men from the Church, and lots of fun. Invite your friends and family to attend with you. To help our planning, please sign up by the mailboxes.

Women's Ministry News

All Ladies are invited to join the Women's Ministry at their regular monthly meetings. They meet the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30, with a business and planning meeting. At 7:00 there is a Bible Study.

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, May 20, and Saturday, June 17.

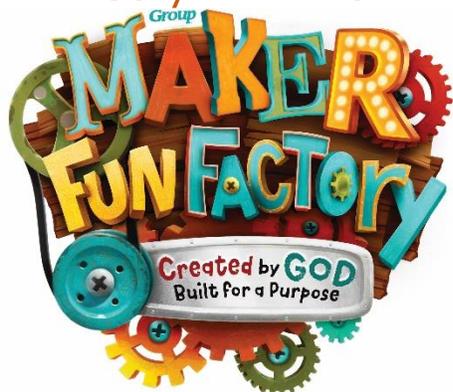
Rescue Mission Picnic Sunday, June 11



We will be hosting a picnic for the staff and residents of the Hagerstown Rescue Mission on Sunday, June 11. The Rescue Mission has been ministering to people in the city of Hagerstown for over 60 years. Germantown Church has supported this ministry of outreach from the earliest days of the mission. This is an opportunity to encourage the staff and to hear testimonies of God's power. Everyone is invited to join us for this picnic. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring picnic food or desserts to share. We will eat at 4:30 PM. Following supper, the staff of the Mission will lead a service of music and testimonies.

Vacation Bible School

July 24 - 28



**CALLING ALL CHILDREN - AGE 3 - 12
COME AND ENJOY NIGHTLY VISITS TO THE FUN
FACTORY AS WE LEARN TOGETHER THAT GOD
CREATED US FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE.**

2017 Graduates

We would like to recognize all 2017 graduates who are connected to our Church, on Sunday, June 4. If you have a graduate in your family, please give Pastor Hosler information about them, including school, degree received, honors received and future plans.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Church Family Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 16**. Everyone is invited to join us for this afternoon of fellowship and good food.



CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

The summer camping season will soon be here. Here is the schedule of resident camps for this year. In addition to these, there are special camps for those who like wilderness camping, and for senior adults and families.

Name of Camp	Ages/Grades	Dates
Youth Camp	10 th - 12 th	June 11 - 17
Jr. High #1	9 th	June 18 - 24
Jr. High #2	8 th	July 2 - 8
Jr. High #3	7 th	July 9 - 15
Junior #1	6 th	July 16 - 22
Junior #2	5 th	July 23 - 29
Junior #3	4 th	August 6 - 10
Junior #4	3 rd	August 11 - 13
Father/Son	K - 2 nd	July 29 - 30
Mother/Daughter	K-2 nd	August 4 - 5

For more information about the Camp, see the Bulletin Board, or check the internet at www.campyolijwa.org.

Doubling Camp Center Open House and Carnival Saturday, June 10, 1:00 - 5:00

Activities for all ages are available throughout the day. Play carnival games from 1-4 pm. Live music. Shop the bake and craft show. Enjoy other Camp activities - swimming, boating, hiking, hayrides and more! BBQ chicken dinners, hot dogs, soft pretzels, cotton candy, ice cream, soda and other snacks can be purchased throughout the entire event. Visit the Camp store where this year's new apparel will be on display. This is a great opportunity to show the Camp to new summer campers or any first-time visitors from your church family

Mission Updates and News

Missionary for the Month – May **Stephen and Amy Hosler**



Steve and Amy Hosler serve with Project HELP in Haiti. Steve works as the accountant and Chief Financial officer for Project HELP. Amy cares for the family as wife and mother. She also oversees the Sister Church program. There are now 40 Churches that are affiliated with Project HELP. These Churches are connected

with a sister Church in the US that provides financial support for the Churches in Haiti as well as prayer and encouragement for them. Amy has become acquainted with most of our Churches and Pastors and works hard to get information back to their sister Church in the US. The Churches in Haiti are also interested in praying for their Sister Church in the US, and Amy tries to help them know how they can pray.

Charity, Daniel and JoJo have made friends with Haitian children who come into the mission compound to play with them. Charity is finishing up 4th grade. Daniel is completing 1st grade, and JoJo is finishing up Kindergarten. Their teacher, Sarah Postic will finish up her 1-year assignment as their teacher in May. Sarah has done a wonderful job with the children. Pray for Sarah as she transitions back to the United States.



Prayer Concerns:

- Pray that the Hosler's will continue to learn about Haiti and be able to master the Haitian language
- Pray for a new teacher to go to Haiti to help the children in school next year
- Pray for Project HELP in a time of transition as director Steve Mossburg will be leaving. Ken McIntyre will be serving as Interim Director

Bryanna Luke Acts Team Trip

Bryanna Luke will be traveling to the Netherlands in May to be a part of an Acts Team Ministry there. Acts Teams are a ministry of the Churches of God to give people an opportunity to visit and serve in another culture. The Netherlands team will be serving where they can and sharing the gospel of Jesus with people they meet.



We are happy to report that sufficient funds have been given to cover the expenses for Bryanna to be a part of this experience. **THANK YOU!** to all who gave to support her. Please remember that Bryanna needs you to continue to support her with your prayers as she prepares to make the trip. Pray for the team that Bryanna will serve with.

Project HELP Celebrates 50 Years Of Ministry in Haiti

In 1967, Pastor Jim Wallace and his family were commissioned by the Churches of God to open a new Mission work in Haiti. Pastor Wallace had previously served as a missionary with OMS in Cape Haitian, but moved his wife and 5 children to the village of Borel in the central part of Haiti.

During the weekend of April 22-23 a special celebration was held to mark this milestone. Members of the Commission on Cross-Cultural Ministries, and other guests traveled to Haiti to be a part of the festivities. Included among the visitors were Philip and Paul Wallace, two of Pastor Jim Wallace's children who lived in Haiti as children. Pastor Mark and Sue who served in Haiti in the 1980's were also among the guests. The weekend included tours of some of the 40 Churches that are now a part of Project HELP. We also visited schools and the Medical Center. On Sunday, April 23 a wonderful service of Worship was held at the Borel Church. The day began with a 1-mile parade accompanied by some very talented musicians, then moved into the Church for a worship service that lasted 4+ hours. Pastor Mark was honored to deliver the message to the assembly of several hundred worshippers.

Mission/Ministry of the Month – Rick & Sheryl Gudgeon

Dear Germantown Church family and friends,

So much has happened since last year at this time! We did have a few opportunities throughout the year to minister. Four children asked Jesus into their hearts and lives! In our family, life keeps going along shifting and changing.

Caleb & Candace were married on June 25th. They are both graduating from the University of Valley Forge on April 28th. Isaac is finishing his first year as an Art major at Shippensburg University. Anna is graduating from High School this year. She and Aaron are planning to attend Shippensburg in the fall. Andrew & Sarah are very busy in their lives in Frederick. He is on the ministry staff at El Shaddi and going to Berklee College of Music online. Sarah is part of the ministry outreach and is working too. Lawra & Joey and Bartholomew moved back to the Frederick area and in December another son was added to their home! Benjamin Ian.

As you can see, very monumental events have happened this past year! Also, the part-time ministry position we had ministering to the children and youth at a local church ended in February. Two weeks after learning that position was ending, the other part-time merchandising job Rick held is ending soon. That company is restructuring.

A LOT of changes! With homeschooling coming to an end and our part-time jobs coming to an end, we saw God opening up our lives! We have been and are seeking HIM for what is next!

These past months have been an amazing process. We are in the process of applying for a short-term missions opportunity with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). It will be a 12 week training course with ministry outreach. It is for a total of 5 months. If we are accepted we will be heading to Harpenden England in April 2018.

If accepted, we will be getting very busy in this upcoming year! We will need to raise our support to go. Get our home ready for the 3 still living at home to take care of. We are very excited for this opportunity to be refreshed, re-energized, renewed and refocused for what God has for the next half of our lives.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers for us as we walk this new journey with God!

Many Blessings,

Rick & Sheryl Gudgeon



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HI-LITES:

No January 2017 meeting held due to inclement weather...

FEBRUARY 14, 2017: 12 members in attendance. Pastor Mark had devotions. Minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. Pastor's report given and highlighted several issues: Women's Ministry hosting a Pizza and movie night on Saturday, February 18; Starting a new Bible Study produced by the makers of the movie, "War Room". On Thursday evenings; Mountain Top Churches are holding a Lock-In on March 17-18 at the St. John's Church; the Lenten and Easter Seasons are being planned with the observance of Ash Wednesday following the fellowship supper night. Easter week will include Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise and Easter Worship.

Stewardship & Property Management Commission:

- Front door Awning installed, but not complete. Waiting for warmer weather. Lot of favorable comments. Suggest an awning be placed over side entrance door.
- Received request from Baer Family for financial aid to help pay a delinquent power bill. Granted.
- Emergency lights being worked on with replacement of batteries.

Christian Education Director:

- Average S.S. Attendance for January: 29; Overall attendance is down for S.S.
- VBS meeting held. Tentative scheduled for July 24-28, "Maker Fun Factory" program.
- Establish CE members: Rosalie, Larry, Pastor Mark, Joy, Sue and someone from Women's Ministry.
- Child Protection Policy renewals are nearly completed.
- Job Descriptions to all teachers/assistants, etc.
- CE Commission to revisit some descriptions for renewal.
- Replaced three Aides who have resigned their positions.

Worship & Outreach Commission:

- Missions Task Group met on January 29 and established a budget.
- Christmas Season activities went well. Caroling participation was down. Good turnout for Christmas Eve. Advent Food Box Project was a highlight with positive comments.
- Discussed Lent and Easter activities.
- Would like additional volunteers to serve on Commission.
- Pew Cushion Project: Lady to attend next meeting.
- Rear Door Replacement: Discussed and suggest Jim Rock, of Geesaman-Rock to be contacted. Suggest a window be placed in the replacement door.
- Church Sign outside Ft. Ritchie needs to be re-installed.
- Office will resume the purchase of bulletins. We've used up all reserved old ones.
- Bryanna Luke joining the ACTS Team to the Netherlands.

- Suggest a need for a defibrillator AED device for the church with CPR training certification (Greg Mann is trained.)

NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights December 2016:

- As directed by the Administrative Council, the following non-budget funds NB02, NB11, NB12 and NB99 were moved to NB03. Also, the balance of NB05 was sent to the ERC for support of the Stephen Hosler Family, CC2744.
- Per the budget, 5% of the yearly tithes and offerings (\$7,469.71) were transferred from checking to savings. The deposit of \$1,943.00 on 12/20/16 was recorded by the bank in error as \$1,943.07. An adjustment of .07 cents was made by the bank on 12/27/16.
- **Based on an average of \$2,872.97, weekly tithe and offering for 2016, the budget deficit was \$1,107.71.**

Treasurer's Summary for December 2016:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$47,401.03
Deposits/Credits	16,043.16
Withdrawals/Debits	18,120.87
Transfer from Savings Account	-0-
Transfer to Savings Account	7,469.71
Service Charges	-0-
Ending Balance:	\$37,853.61

Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$50,029.57
Transfer from Checking Account	7,469.71
Interest Payment	3.44
Transfer to Checking Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-
Ending Balance:	\$57,502.72

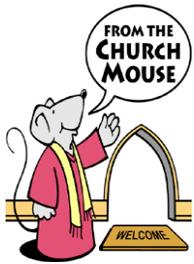
NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights January 2017:

- Payment in full of \$5,209.75 has been made to Awnings & More for the front door awning. This was \$150 less than the original estimate of \$5,359.75.
- All 2016 W-2/1099 forms have been prepared and mailed/delivered to the recipients.
- **Based on an average of \$2,295.41, weekly tithe and offering YTD, the projected budget deficit is \$29,899.67.**

Treasurer's Summary for January 2017:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$37,853.61
Deposits/Credits	11,552.06
Withdrawals/Debits	16,240.76
Transfer from Savings Account	-0-
Transfer to Savings Account	-0-
Service Charges	1.00
Ending Balance:	\$33,163.91

Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$57,502.72
Transfer from Checking Account	-0-
Interest Payment	3.91
Transfer to Checking Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-
Ending Balance:	\$57,506.63



...**O**ur Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy and Love is extended to Molly (Passuello) Peck in the home-going of husband of nearly 51 years, *Gary A. Peck Sr.*, 69, on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Gary resided with his loving wife, Molly at their Crest Avenue home in Waynesboro.

Gary was very much involved in sports being the founder and coach of the Waynesboro Stallions. His love of the game of football and the youth of Waynesboro fueled his vision to found the Stallions. This vision has led to countless youth in Waynesboro learning to play football. He was a Waynesboro Tigers Alumni; served as board member and coach of Pen Mar Youth League.

Gary was a dedicated and beloved husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law and friend. He is survived by three children, Gary, Jr. wife Jennifer, Jeffrey and wife, Judy, Amy Julias and hubby, Matthew; seven grandchildren: Matthew, Erin, Kayla, Kara, and Jared Peck, Sophia & Allison Julias of Carlisle; sister, Linda Peck Rowe and hubby Ronald of Illinois; brothers, Reggie Hockenberry and wife Deborah and Jeffrey Hockenberry and wife Nancy, step-sister Gloria Young, and a number of nieces and nephews.

He held positions with Westinghouse Aerospace and Defense in Baltimore; worked at Landis Tool Co., Singer Co. and retired in 2009 from Mack Truck Volvo. He taught electronics at HCC and MCI. He was co-owner of Sport About in Waynesboro with his good friend Mike Summers.

Gary's passion for life was lived every day to the fullest. His smile and laugh were contagious. He recently rededicated his life to Christ and touched lives until the Lord called him home. Services were held on Thursday, March 9 in the Germantown Church of God with Pastor Mark Hosler officiating; burial was in the adjacent church cemetery....



....**O**ur Sympathy is extended to Keith Starliper in the home-going of his sister, Beverly Lee (Starliper-Rakentine) Tabisola who passed away on April 1, 2017 – 7 days before her 78th birthday

in her home in Makawao, Hawaii where she and her husband, Sixto “Steve” Tabisola resided. She was laid to rest in Hawaii.

Beverly was the daughter of Walter Russell and Geraldine (Kelly) Starliper of West Main St. Her first husband, Kenneth C. Rakentine was killed in Vietnam in 1963. They had four surviving children: Diana, husband Mike Hunter, David, wife Linda, Dane and Dirk Rakentine. She has 9 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Keith and his family also survive.

A memorial service was held at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Waynesboro, PA on April 22, 2017 at 11 a.m.



...**A**lyson Jo Willard and David Matthew Sprenger were married in an outdoor ceremony March 25, 2017 at Springfield Manor, Thurmont, Maryland. The newlyweds honeymooned at Sandals Resort Grande St. Lucian. Aly and David reside in Chambersburg, PA with their white husky, Achilles.



Aly is the daughter of Doug and Lorri Willard and sister to Laryn and Ryan (wife Gabi; Gabrielle and Ryan were married in September 2016). She is also the granddaughter of Josephine Willard. Amy Peacock, Aly's best friend and now sister-in-law was matron of honor. Amy (husband Brad) gave birth to a baby girl, Quinn Olivia on April 5, 2017!

Happy 90th Birthday, Mrs. Jones!...



....**K**arolina Jones was honored at a surprise celebration on her 90th birthday along with hubby, Al, and many friends and family in attendance at the Homewood at Williamsport Community Center, Williamsport, Maryland on Saturday, April 1, hosted by their sons, Al and David and their spouses. Karol looks as young and beautiful as ever. Happy Birthday, to our birthday girl!!...

...**C**ONGRATULATIONS to our Custodian, Kelly Leshar for being accepted into Penn State-Mont Alto's Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society that recognizes adult learners for superior academic achievement. She was inducted into the society on April 18 with her children in attendance. Criteria for membership include at least 30 Penn State credits completed, with a minimum 3.20 GPA and age 23 or older. Kelly has a 3.67 GPA and is 39 years of age and has one more year of studies to reach her goal in Human Development and Family Studies. A single mother of two great kids, works part-time at the college and for our church. She attends Chambersburg First Church of God. Kelly is the youngest daughter of Keith & Kathryn Starliper....

...**N**atalie Johnson, daughter of Michelle and Jeffery Johnson and brother to Jesse, will be finishing her sophomore year at Shippensburg University in a couple of

weeks. She will then be starting a paid internship at Martins Famous Pastry Shoppe, Inc. for the summer. Natalie is majoring in accounting. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Dorothy Lourdon...all of Waynesboro, PA.

...Natalie's Aunt Pam Poling drove in from Endicott, NY to spend a couple of days with her parents, Bob & Dorothy Lourdon. She will be leaving to return home on Monday.

Musings of the Editor...

I wasn't going to share with you, but then I thought it over. But recently (about 1 month ago), my husband and I agreed to get a pet to keep me company and to help me exercise during the day. So being a good daughter, our youngest, Kelly, went online to check out websites. She found an adorable long-haired white and tan dachshund-beagle mix from an animal rescue site in Hagerstown. His name is Hadley and he is three years old and a very handsome and loveable dog. Just what I needed.

Upon bringing him home, not thinking, we removed his leash (didn't read instructions very well), but when my hubby went to check on the mail and had only opened the door a crack – boom!! Out he went. We spent an entire afternoon trying to coax him back into our home. Didn't happen. So we regrettably decided he was gone for good. We placed lost dog ads on Facebook, posters, called local vets, Antietam Human Society – just in case someone was able to see him and take him to one of these places. He was frightened. Kelly and Kyleigh came out to help capture him, but he was smarter than we were. He finally ran across the street – and then he was gone! Now mind you, people, there was at least 12 inches of snow on the ground!!! (He loved the snow!)



He did not have any identification on him – even though the lady who brought him to us said he was chipped. She fibbed! No name tag, no license – nothing but his new collar which we were able to put on when we took him. This did help in identifying him.

About 4:00 pm the next day we received a phone call from Antietam Human Society saying the description they had for a dog that was dropped off at Antietam matched our dog. So we went out and low and behold there he was. It seems he must have rested through the night in the ice & cold storage building in Waynesboro and then began his adventure again, but this time walked up to a nice lady who took him under her wing, fed him, and wrapped him in a blanket. He was cold and wet – still frightened. He was remorseful when we stepped into the Societies building...like he knew he did wrong. We loved him, didn't fuss him. He was frightened enough.

Took him home, still wearing the leash to this day! He has become VERY attached to me. I cannot go anywhere unless that dog is under foot. He lays on the sofa next to me (not in the nice soft bed we bought him), sleeps next to me in MY bed! Right now he is under my desk while I am printing the newsletter. He gets fed by his master by spoon as he refuses to eat alone and does not like dry dog food. But, he is a sweet, loveable dog. I've never had a dog who was so affectionate as

this one is and we've had three others. Oops, four. One was Krista's our other daughter. He went with her when she married. We've had him chipped as well and got him a life-license. Beautiful isn't he? We walk 2-3 times a day!!! He's doing his job!



May 12 & 13, 2017 Greencastle-Antrim High School Greencastle, PA

Michelle (Lourdon) Johnson and Natalie Johnson are once again participating in the Relay for Life fight against Cancer. Their **Team Legacy** has two teams organized: *Sherrie's Army* and *Cookies Crew*. They are doing this in memory of those lost and in support of all of those who are fighting this disease and would appreciate any support. Checks can be made out to the **American Cancer Society** and given to Shelley to hand in for you.

At dusk, they quietly remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Lights in white bags line the track at the school, each bearing the name of a loved one. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we all continue to fight cancer. For a donation, you can remember someone who lost his or her battle to cancer, or honor someone winning the fight.

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*“When the devil starts bothering you, cut him off.
Don't give him the time of day. Praise your way
through. Keep your mind stayed on Jesus.”*

Psalms 112:7

Evening prayer...

Dear Lord,

*As this day winds down, please clear my mind.
Help me to forget the cares of the day. Help me to
reflect on my blessings and all I have to be
thankful for. Please help me to relax and unwind so
I can sleep well. I give you my burdens, worries,
and anxious thoughts. You know every need I have
Lord, and I thank you in advance for the provision
that is coming,*

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

-Facebook

Jesus Christ World with I Love Amsterdam

POETRY FROM GWEN...

Legend of the Robin

*When Jesus hung on Calvary,
A debt of shame to pay,
No one was there to comfort
Or wipe his tears away.*

*A little bird flew near him
In a sober suit of brown
And gazed in tender pity
Then slowly fluttered down.*

With gentle wings it fanned Him

*To cool His aching head
And hovered 'round his bosom
All stained with crimson red.*

*At last when all was ended
As if to mourn it's loss
It rose with blood-stained feathers
And circled 'round the Cross.*

*It flew away in sadness
And to this day 'tis said
It wears upon its bosom
That stain of Crimson red.*

*And when I cross the valley
And go to find my rest
May I wear like the robin
God's sign upon my breast.*

-Author Unknown

Submitted by Gwendolyn Ridenour



Worth Sharing... (Editor's Choice)

Respect your relationship with God by cleaning up your language

Q. My wife gets after me because of my bad language, and I admit I probably swear more than I should, but what difference does it make? No one thinks much about it anymore, as far as I can tell.

-N.G.

A: Sadly our society has changed in the last 50 years or so; it seems like it's almost impossible to read a popular book or watch a program on television today without encountering vulgar profane language.

What difference does your speech make as far as you and your wife are concerned? First, it obviously makes a difference to your wife, and if for no other reason, you should honor her concern by cleaning up your language. It also makes a difference to your family; do you honestly want your children to grow up thinking it doesn't matter if their speech is vulgar or profane?

But the real reason I hope you'll take your wife's concerns seriously is because it points to a more serious issue – and that is your relationship with God. Using God's name carelessly may seem unimportant to you – but it tells me that God is unimportant to you also. But you are not unimportant to God. In fact, He loves you so much that He sent His Son into the world to sacrifice His life so you could be with Him in Heaven forever.

Face honestly your need for Jesus Christ. Turn to Him and commit your life to Him, and then ask Him to help you build your life on the solid foundation of His truth. In addition, give your tongue to Christ and ask Him to take away anything that dishonors Him. The Bible says, *“But among you there must not be even a hint of...obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, but rather thanksgiving”* (Ephesians 5:3-4).

-Excerpted from The Herald-Mail
Sunday, February 26, 2017

“My Answer” c/o Billy Graham,
Billy Graham Evangelist Association,
1 Billy Graham Parkway
Charlotte, NC 28201

Website: www.billygraham.org.



BIRTHDAYS...

MAY

(Italics denotes missionaries)

- 3 Cory Worth
- 4 Steve Dandy, Jason Worth
- 5 *Charity Hosler*
- 6 Greg Mann
- 9 *Christina Acosta*
- 11 *Mary Teller*
- 14 Pastor Jeff Harner
- 16 Josephine Willard
- 19 *Saba Carlton, Stephen Carlton*
- 22 Gwen Ridenour, Lori Warner
- 27 Dennis Wetzel
- 28 Dianna Bare, Deanna Shaffer
- 29 Jonathan Ruppenthall
- 31 Garry Huff, Mack Shumate



JUNE

- 1 Pearl Buhrman
- 4 Cheyene Worth
- 5 Barbara Mulheron, *Emma Molgaard*
- 6 Lynn Gsell, Becky Harbaugh, Blake Mellott
- 8 Shelby Spahr
- 10 Charles Delzer
- 12 Kayla Buhrman
- 14 Ed Worth
- 19 *Gordon Avey*
- 20 Kylie Willard
- 21 *Tanik Carlton*
- 23 Jeff Gilchrist
- 24 Lynn Harner
- 26 Teagan Porr, Steve Shuck
- 27 *Vino Donatto, Julie Belle Huff, Rod Ayers*
- 28 Ivy Bare
- 29 Terry Smith, *Caleb Acosta*
- 30 *Devin Dillinger*

ANNIVERSARIES...

MAY

- 7 John & Brenda Calimer
- 12 Pastor Mark & Sue Hosler
- 14 Garry Brian & Julie Belle Huff
- 22 Steve & Melinda Ralston
- 25 *Douglas & Anna-Karin Molgaard*
- 28 Bob & Dorothy Lourdon
- 29 Dutch & Pearl Buhrman

JUNE

- 2 Steve & Edye Dandy
- 6 Brandon & Holli Walter
- 9 Don & Pam Cauthen
- 14 Keith & Kathryn Starliper
- 17 Neal & Pat Trostle
- 19 Gerald & Jean Brown
- 21 Chubb & Lynn Harner, Al & Karol Jones, *Devin & Tabitha Dillinger*



MISSION OF THE MONTH...

May: Steve & Amy Hosler

June: The Gudgeon Family

HAGERSTOWN RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY...

May: Women's Ministry

June: Pairs & Spares Class

GREETERS...(9:15 am)

MAY

- 7 John & Wanda Ditch
- 14 Greg & Deanna Shaffer
- 21 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 28 Delbert Biser & Becky Stouffer

JUNE

- 4 Steve & Laura Shuck
- 11 Garry & Martha Huff
- 18 Charles & Esther Delzer
- 25 Molly Peck



CHILDREN'S CHURCH...(9:30 am)

3 years to 3rd grade

MAY - Teacher/Helper

- 7 Sue Hosler & Wanda Ditch
- 14 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 21 Deanna Shaffer & Laura Shuck
- 28 Christina Hann & Shelley Johnson

JUNE - Teacher/Helper

- 4 Sue Hosler & Wanda Ditch
- 11 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 18 Deanna Shaffer & Laura Shuck
- 25 Christina Hann & Shelley Johnson



NURSERY...(9:30 am)

MAY

- 7 Terry Sherald
- 14 Lori Warner
- 21 Pam Cauthen
- 28 Natalie Johnson



JUNE

- 4 Lisa Frazer
- 11 Terry Sherald
- 18 Lori Warner
- 25 Pam Cauthen

HELP HOTLINE – Food for the First...

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



Germantown (Bethel) Church of God

LIBRARY

New Accessions – MARCH - APRIL 2017

BOOKS: Youth / Adult, NON FICTION:

Anthony. *Spiritual Parenting. An Awakening for Today's Families.* Cook. c2010.

Gaines. *The MAGNOLIA Story.* W.Publishing. c2016.

NOTE: The inspiring memoirs of *Chip & Joanna Gaines*, for those who watch HGTV, *The Fixer-Upper*.

Hall & McCreary. *The Golden Book of Favorite Songs.* c1915, 1923, 1946. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.

Honor Bks. *God's Treasury of Virtues. An inspirational collection of stories, quotes, hymns, Scripture & poems.*

Honor Bks. c1995. Donated / Pam Cauthen.

Jeremiah, David. *The 12 Ways of Christmas.* T. Nelson. c2008. Donated / Pam Cauthen.

Miller. *Survivor: A Story of Tragedy, Guilt, and Grace.* Discovery House. c2017. (Recommended on the back of our daily devotional booklet.)

Nelson. *Jehovah Jireh, The God Who Provides.* Shiloh Run Press. c2017. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Schnoebelen. *MASONARY, Beyond the Light.* Chick Pub. c1991. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.

Stedman. *God's Final Word, Understanding Revelation.* Discovery House. c1991. D/ Pam Cauthen.

Warner Brothers. *Song Session, Community Song Book ... all occasions.* cMCMLIII. D/ Bryan McCleaf.

BOOKS: Youth / Adult, FICTION:

Alexander. *A Lasting Impression. A Belmont Mansion novel.* Bk. 1. Bethany. c2011. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Alexander. *A Beauty So Rare. A Belmont Mansion novel.* Bk. 2. Bethany. c2014. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Alexander. *A Note Yet Unsung. A Belmont Mansion novel.* Bk. 3. Bethany. c2017. D/Laura Shuck.

Bachelor. *At Jesus Feet, the Gospel According to Mary Magdalene.* Review/Harold. c2001. D/Pam Cauthen.

Cambron. *The Illusionist's Apprentice.* T. Nelson. c2017. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Chapman. *Deep Shadows. The Remnant series.* Bk 1. c2016. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Chapman. *Raging Storm. The Remnant Series.* Bk 2. c2017. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Goyer. *A Secret Courage.* The London Chronicles. Bk. 1. c2017. Donated / Laura Shuck.

Gray. *An Amish Family Christmas. A Charmed Amish Life series.* Bk. 4. Avon Inspire. c2016.

Kendig. *Conspiracy of Silence.* Bk.1. Bethany House. c2016. Donated / Laura Shuck.

LaHaye/Parshall. *Edge of Apocalypse.* Zondervan. c2010. Donated / ?

Petersen. *House of Secrets.* Bethany House. c2011. Donated / Dot Martin.

Radcliffe. *Safe in the Fireman's Arms.* Love Inspired. c2015. Donated / Dot Martin.

Yttrup. *HOME.* Shiloh Run Press. c2017. Donated / Laura Shuck.

YOUTH:

Alcorn. *HEAVEN for Kids.* Tyndale. c2006. c.2. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.

Strauss. *The Super Heroes, 60 Inspirational Readings.* Shiloh Run press. c2017. Donated / L. Shuck

CD/DVD:

CD. *NEW TESTAMENT Dramatized.* 36 compact discs. Bible Production. c2000. Donated

The enthusiasm of many readers / viewers is contagious. And this inspires the Librarian.

At this time, we do not plan to pursue the Reading Program Theme.

If there is a demand, especially if children can be guided in that way, we are always open to new ideas.

Our sincere THANKS & APPRECIATION to all who support the Church Library,
By using it; donating materials; & monetary donations. Joy Poling, Librarian



May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	3 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 Thank Offering Sunday Food for the First	8 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	9 6:30 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Admin. Council	10 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	11	12	13 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	18	19	20 7:30 AM - Men's Fellowship at Parlor House 6:00 PM - Ladies Banquet
21	22	23	24	25 Ascension Day	26 Last Day of School - Waynesboro Area	27
28 Ascension Sunday	29 Memorial Day	30	31			
		Every Sunday 9:30 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM - Sunday School				

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service – Women's Ministry

Missionary of the Month – Steve & Amy Hosler



June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost Graduation Recognition Sunday Food for the First	5	6 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	7 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	8 Last Day of School – Wash. Co.	9	10 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
11 Trinity Sunday 4:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission Picnic	12 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	13 6:30 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Admin. Council	14 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	15	16 Last Day of School – Fred. Co.	17 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship at Parlor House
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	22	23	24 9:00 AM FLC Reserved
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Every Sunday 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM – Sunday School				

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service – Pairs & Spares

Missionary of the Month – The Gudgeon Family