

Chit Chat



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Anniversary Sunday - October 16

Germantown Church of God celebrates 145 years of ministry this year. In 1871, revival services were held in the community. There were 30 – 40 conversions, who were organized into a Church. Throughout the years since then, many more people received new life through Jesus. Those followers of Jesus have handed us a good legacy to pass on to future generations. We believe it is appropriate to remember and celebrate our future. But we don't want to be looking backwards. We want to look to the future and continue to be involved in the work of bring people to Jesus.

On October 16, we will observe our anniversary with some special activities. The theme for the day is **Remembering our Past – Embracing our Future**. The theme is based on Hebrews 12:1-2: **“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”**



Our celebration that day will begin with a special time of Worship at 9:30. The worship service will include lots of music. We will be singing some of the great hymns and gospel songs that we cherish from the past. And we will also sing some new contemporary songs from our day to help us think about reaching today's generations for Jesus. We will have some a challenging message from Pastor Lance Finley, executive director of the Churches of God. Following our worship service we will have lunch together.

The day will conclude with a concert by guitarist Rich Kiser, at 6:00 PM.



MOVIE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 - 6:30 PM



MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident and falls three stories, a miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

**Admission is FREE
Snacks will be provided**

Baptism Service



Baptism is an opportunity to publicly express our faith in Jesus as our Savior. It demonstrates New Birth as we are plunged into the water and raised again to live a new life for Jesus.

We are planning to have a Baptism Service on Sunday, 18. If you have never been baptized, you are encouraged to consider this opportunity. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Mark.

Women's Ministry Meetings



Ladies are invited to join the Women's Ministry at their next meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. (There is no meeting in September). Meetings begin at 6:30, with a business and planning meeting. At 7:00 there is a Bible Study. The ladies are currently doing a study of **Song of Solomon**.

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, September 17, and Saturday, October 15.

Upcoming Opportunities



Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Boxes

We will be participating in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child project again this year. We will be encouraging you to pack one or more shoe boxes with gifts for a child living in an area of the world where life is difficult. Collection Day will be in November.

We also plan to take a team to Baltimore to the Shoe Box Processing Center to prepare boxes for shipment overseas. That will likely take place in late November or early December. Watch the Sunday Bulletin and next Chit Chat for more information about that opportunity.

Women's Retreat

September 23 - 25

The Eastern Regional Conference Women's Ministry will hold their Fall Retreat, September 23-25 at the Doubling Gap Center. The theme for the weekend is **Launch Out Into the Deep**. Speaker for the weekend is Vanessa Davis. Vanessa is an inspirational speaker who challenges what lies behind the thinking, attitude and actions of women inside and outside the Church. Vanessa lives in Hagerstown, and is a member of the Brownsville Church of God.

Cost for the full weekend is \$110. Part time rates are also available. Don't let cost be a deterrent. Scholarships are available. Contact Norma Klock at 717-939-6003 or ERCFallRetreats@gmail.com. For more information, please see the Brochure on the Bulletin Board. Additional copies of the registration form are available from our office on request.

FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016, 10:00 AM

The Eastern Regional Conference Senior Life Fellowship will hold their Fall Festival of Music, on Friday, October 7. The event will be held at the Doubling Gap Center, and will include the Camp's Chicken BBQ for lunch. Cost for the event is \$20.00.

A special program will be held after lunch, and will feature Tim Lovelace. Tim is a comedian, musician, and motivational speaker. Tim is one funny man who not only wants people to laugh, but most importantly to discover real joy and happiness for this journey of life.

The ERC Senior Life Fellowship is open to anyone 55 and older. Tickets for the Fall Festival will be available soon.



MISSIONS NEWS

We receive updates from Missionaries that we support through our Missions Budget. These updates are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board in the hallway. Please take the time to read their newsletters. Also, the **Missionary Signal** contains helpful information about the work of Churches of God missions. Prayer is of utmost importance to our missionaries, so please learn about their ministries, so you can pray more specifically for them. Here are some updates we want to draw to your attention:

From Steve & Jan Trostle:



Steve and Jan have been ministering in South Africa for over 20 years. They serve as teachers in a Christian School. They are also involved in a Church planting project. Please pray for the Simanyene Bible Church.

During a recent routine check-up, Steve's doctor discovered that his heart has an extra beat, and sent him to a cardiologist for further tests. The condition causes some fatigue and shortness of breath. The cardiologist does not feel it is a major concern at this time but it is something to watch. Please pray for Steve's energy level and that this condition will not cause any major problems.

From Whitney Buterbaugh:

For the past 2 and a half years, Whitney has been involved in Campus Ministry at Penn State University. God has blessed her in this ministry. However, Whitney and her husband, Kyle have sensed God leading them in a different direction. Here is what Whitney shared in her most recent newsletter:



"My husband and I have prayed and talked extensively this summer about our next step. At this time, we believe God is calling me to step down from campus ministry and go back into the work force. It is with great difficulty and many tears, that I have made this decision. These past two and a half years, God has not only grown my heart for the campus, but for the girls who I work so closely with as spiritual daughters. I will continue to be a part of this ministry in ways I feel able and I will continue to follow up and meet with the girls I have mentored.

Thank you to those of you who have supported Whitney. Whitney's newsletter is posted. If you want to continue to support campus ministry at PSU, she has information in that newsletter about how to do so. God bless Whitney and Kyle as they move forward.

Dr. Gilbert Month – October

Every year we designate the month of October as "Dr. Gilbert Month". Many of you know that Dr. Fidelia Gilbert served as a medical Missionary in Bangladesh for many years. In her retirement years, Dr. Gilbert lived in Cascade, and was a part of Germantown Church. She was instrumental in raising awareness of missions and missionaries here at Germantown.



Dr. Gilbert's birthday was in October, and so in her honor, we receive a special offering to support the Medical Ministries in Bangladesh. Here is some information about Churches of God ministries in Bangladesh:

With 185 churches in six northwest districts, Bangladesh is our most extensive overseas ministry with departments in community development, education and medicine. In 2015, there were 7,863 members and 88 baptisms were reported by the churches. Student sponsorships (\$20 per month) provide quality education in Khanjanpur for 180 boys and girls from villages who otherwise could not afford it. Khanjanpur also has a blind school. There were 17 nursing school graduates and 24 newly enrolled nursing students in 2015.

Bogra Christian Hospital and Khanjanpur Health & Eye Clinics treated over 106,000 patients in 2015. A nursing program at Bogra equips nurses to work in medical facilities throughout the country. Health education classes are taught in the districts on such topics as hygiene & sanitation, clean drinking water, child marriage, and HIV-Aids prevention.

Uttam Dewan of Bogra serves as Field Director

Would you consider making a special gift during the month of October in honor of Dr. Gilbert to support these important ministries? You can put your gift in an envelope and designate on the envelope that the gift is for the Dr. Gilbert Offering.

New Hope Shelter – Waynesboro

The Waynesboro New Hope Shelter Inc. was established in 1998 to provide temporary housing for the homeless from Franklin, Fulton, and Adams counties in PA. New Hope Shelter offers food and lodging to men, women, and children. It operates year-round and serves about 150 people a year, of which one-third are children. Every resident is provided encouragement and the tools necessary to find employment and permanent housing. If you would like to volunteer or support New Hope Shelter, contact them at: 25 S. Potomac St. Waynesboro, PA 17268. Phone: 717-762-5840.



CHURCHES OF GOD, GENERAL CONFERENCE 55TH TRIENNIAL SESSION

Members of the Churches of God, General Conference, headquartered in Findlay, OH, met in Chambersburg, PA on July 25-27, 2016 for its 55th Triennial Session. Delegates from the regions of the United States where the denomination is located were in attendance, as well as representatives from Bangladesh, Haiti, India and various areas of Latin America.

Dr. William Reist, Findlay, OH, presided over the sessions before turning over the gavel to the new president, Pastor Philip Scott of Latrobe, PA. Pastor Lawrence Metzler of Chambersburg, PA was elected president-elect. Newly elected members to the Administrative Council were Kara Shiffler Bowers, Middletown, PA, Pastor Wayne Good, Newville, PA, Pastor Mark Halliday, Roaring Spring PA, Pastor Matt Ginter, Findlay, OH, Pastor Ross Osborn, Ft. Wayne, IN and Pastor Ryan Cooney, Ripon, CA.

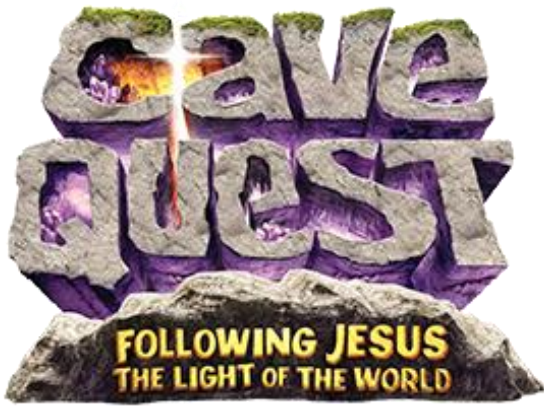
Pastor Lance Finley, Findlay, OH was introduced as the new Executive Director for the denomination and Pastor Ed Rosenberry, Carlisle, PA was acknowledged for his previous service in that capacity.

Dr. Katherine Fell, President of the University of Findlay, Findlay, OH presented the opening devotional thoughts followed by a report on the University by Pastor Matt Ginter, Director of Campus Ministries. Dr. Brent Sleasman, newly appointed President of Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, OH was introduced.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Michael Breen, author of Building a Discipling Culture and other books and publications. He spoke to the conference theme, "ONE Mission," calling the Church to live as disciples who make disciples.

Dr. Christopher Yuan, co-author with his mother Angela Yuan of Out of a Far Country, spoke to the Conference about his prior life in the gay community and how the church should respond to the current climate in our country concerning this subject. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Yuan, assisted with the presentation from their point of view.

The sessions concluded with a challenge from incoming president, Pastor Philip Scott.



We hosted a five-day Cave Quest Vacation Bible School from 1-5 August 2016. The week was filled with singing, spelunking adventures and games. All in all we had a total of 40 children attend during the week, the average attendance each day was 28. In addition to the children, 19 adults served in one capacity or another each night.



We celebrated Jesus the Light of the World. On Day One, we learned about Sal the Salamander, Sal reminded us that Jesus gives us Hope. For Bible Quest the children learned how the Prophets had foretold the arrival of the Messiah giving HOPE to the world.



On Day Two, we learned about Mawtha the Moth, who reminded us that Jesus gives us Courage. For Bible Quest the children learned how Jesus gave Peter courage to walk on water.

Day Three, we learned about Radar the noisy bat. Radar taught us that Jesus gives us Direction. For Bible Quest the children learned about the Sermon on the Mount.

Day Four, we learned about Olivia the barn-owl with a heart-shaped face. Olivia reminded us that Jesus Gives us Love. During Bible Quest the children learned about Jesus's death and resurrection. Jesus showed what real love is by giving his life to save us.



Day Five was a shortened day due to the family picnic and closing, but we learned about Glow the Glowworm. He taught us that Jesus Gives us Power. During Bible Quest the children saw a demonstration of sin's effect on our relationship with Jesus. On Friday, the parents attended the Bible Quest with the Spelunkers.



Friday's closing program included a demonstration of the effect of sin on our relationship with God and how Jesus had to die to repair that relationship.

There are so many to thank for all of the work and effort spent planning, preparing and executing the successful VBS. If I miss anyone, please forgive me.



A tremendous THANK YOU to Pam & Don Cauthen, Vicki Lantz, and Natalie Johnson for all their efforts creating the Bethel Cave. It was AWESOME to say the very least.

Thank you to Louis Lajoie and Colin Donatto for leading the Cave Quest Expeditions each evening and all of their technical support for the opening/closing program each day. Thanks to Bryanna who assisted with the Cave Quest and Larry Sanders who assisted on Thursday evening.

Thank you to Bryanna Luke and Kylie Willard for leading our praise team. They were awesome and the children thoroughly enjoyed the music/motions, and getting to come up on stage with Bryanna and Kylie.

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Thank you to Kari Saavedra, Lisa Fraser, Brenda Simmons, Sue Hosler, Pam Cauthen, and Lori Warner for being the crew leaders and giving so much of themselves to the children with their direct interaction/ leadership. Also, a thank you to Kip Stover and RJ Simmons who helped as Cave Crew Aides several evenings.

Thank you to Deanna & Greg Shaffer, Josephine Willard, and Wanda Ditch for the delicious snacks each evening; and the closing family picnic on Friday night.

Thank you to Natalie Johnson and Katie Boylan for leading the spelunking game each night. They were an amazing team!!!

Thank you to Ann Donatto for leading the Imagination Station Monday-Wednesday evenings and especially for the cave “snot” experiment that the children got to experience on Tuesday.

Thank you to RJ Simmons for being our snack count collector Monday-Wednesday.

Thank you to Shelley Johnson for preparing the Soup Kits with the children so that they could share the Love of Jesus by making soup kits for the Help Hot Line Food Bank. We prepared 37 kits and they were presented to Mrs. Willard on Thursday evening.



Thank you to all who gave offering to provide support to our VBS mission project – the Stephen Hosler Family; \$318.41 was collected during the week.

Thank you to Brenda Biser for managing the registration table each evening and counting our offering each night.

Thank you to Pastor Mark for being our photographer.

Thank you to Terry Smith, for making flyers/ posters, printing requests, the web page update for VBS, and many other last minute requests.



Thank you to Erika Buhrman for the VBS posters she made for Heritage Days.

Thank you to Sanders Market for handing out VBS flyer to their customers the week before VBS.

Thank you Pastor & Sue Hosler for preparing the VBS Banner, and Louis Lajoie for getting it hung.

Thank you to Pastor Mark & Sue and Bryanna for setting up tables for our picnic.

Thank you to Don Cauthen for all the support/ assistance he provided to me during the week, moving tables, finding fans, etc.

Thank you to the church members that donated supplies to help create our cave.

And finally, thank you to ALL the parents, grandparents, family friends that brought the children all week.

VBS doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of effort, and a great team. As always, we had the best team – everyone involved gave it their all and I deeply appreciate everyone's effort.

God bless!

Terry Sherald
Cave Quest - Director





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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HI-LITES

JUNE 14, 2016 – 15 members in attendance. Pastor Mark had devotions. Minutes were approved as presented.

Stewardship & Property Management Commission:

- STPMGT Commission, John Ralston and Don Cauthen installed A.C. in Pastor's and Terry's office.
- Saturday, June 4th finished A.C. and completed applying the mulch around the building
- Pastor's spouting which seemed to fix water in basement.

Christian Education Director:

- Women's Ministry sponsored a Men's Banquet which was canceled due to lack of participation.

- Discussed VBS plans.

Worship & Outreach Commission:

- Showed movie War Room which was a good evening.
- Father's Day – June 19th - Brian Ramsey was guest speaker as the Pastor and Sue were attending son, Steve and Amy's commissioning service.
- Whitney Buterbaugh updated her mission at Penn State on June 26th
- Mountain Top Heritage Days - June 25.
- Communion Sunday, July 3rd.
- Church Picnic, July 31st.
- Women's Ministry hosting picnic for Hagerstown Rescue Mission July 10.
- Discussed plans for our 145th Anniversary Service.
- Coat Closet for 2016 is up in the air. Not enough participation.
- A Music Survey was distributed to congregation for the purpose of a Praise Team. Not enough participation to proceed with plans.
- Memorial Gifts received in memory of Jane Christie.
- NO meeting in July.
- Chair thanked all those who are doing work around the church property.
- Cord in ceiling of nursery needs to be re-attached. Need to remove the stand that houses the TV (Placed on large white shelving).
- Stewart McCleaf is working on the Pew Cushion project.

NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights May 2016:

- As of 5/29/16, the 2016 Thank Offering collection total is \$718.38. A barrel was recently turned in, but has not been counted. Once it appears all the barrels are in and recorded, I will send the offering in to the ERC Women's Ministry.
- Sent payment to renew 5 service contracts for the furnaces. The appointment for tune-ups needs to be scheduled by the responsible person. Currently, we have a fuel oil pre-buy balance of \$2,780.93 as of the last statement dated 4/30/16.
- **Based on an average of \$2,716.64 weekly tithe and offering YTD, our projected budgeted deficit is \$9,236.62.**

Treasurer's Summary for May 2016:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$33,157.64
Deposits/Credits	20,680.39
Withdrawals/Debits	17,224.57
Transfer from Savings Account	-0-
Transfer to Savings Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-

Ending Balance: \$36,613.46

Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$50,006.11
Transfer from Checking Account	-0-
Interest Payment	3.39
Transfer to Checking Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-

Ending Balance: \$50,009.50

JULY MEETING CANCELLED!

NOTE: Treasurer's Highlights for June 2016

- A total of \$757.91 Thank Offering was sent to the ERC Women's Ministry, which included the \$16.90 from 2015.
- June Conference assessments and the 2nd quarter church's fair share hospitalization will be paid in July.
- **Based on an average of \$2,729.62, weekly tithe and offering YTD, our projected budgeted deficit is \$8,562.70.**

Treasurer's Summary for June:

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$36,613.46
Deposits/Credits	11,621.63
Withdrawals/Debits	11,513.94
Transfer from Savings Account	-0-
Transfer to Savings Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-

Ending Balance: \$36,721.15

Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$50,009.50
Transfer from Checking Account	-0-
Interest Payment	3.29
Transfer to Checking Account	-0-
Service Charges	-0-

Ending Balance: \$50,012.79



Thank you...

Dorothy Lourdon wishes to thank Pastor Mark and the Church family for their visits, prayers and cards during her recent shoulder surgery and recovery.

*God is so good to give me friends like each of you.
Thank you....*

... **Tara Knable** has moved to Ohio being transferred to a super-max prison and jail combined. They have a total of 500 inmates which is a change from the 3200 in Hagerstown. She is a nurse and does intakes from the police departments in the county and sick calls for corrections and the jail.

Prior to moving, she had emergency gallbladder surgery which was inflamed and had 'goopy' (lol) matter in it and it needed to come out - according to the ER doctors. Being stubborn only because of the move she was about to make, she went home for about three hours and had to return to the hospital because the pain and sickness was unbearable. She had surgery the next day and upon being released later was told not to lift more than 10 pounds for four weeks...which got her out of moving (so she laughs, she was the supervisor)!

A big reason for her transfer and move, she had struck up a relationship with a former college mate whom she dated off and on for two years - **Joshua Yager**, who lives in Ohio. In 2013 they became friends on Facebook and re-opened their friendship. Both had become mature in their relationships and talked about the 'what ifs'. It took three more years for those 'what ifs' to become a reality. Joshua made a visit to Maryland and they both agreed this is what they wanted. So she made the move after much thought and prayer to Ohio to build on their relationship which started 11 years ago. Joshua has a three year old adorable son. Tara is residing at 4430 Grand Avenue, Shadyside, OH 43947.

Tara is the daughter of Wanda (Johnson) Sanders and Rounder Knable; niece of Brenda & Delbert Biser. She grew up in our church and has become a very good friend to many.

"This isn't goodbye - it's I'll see you later!" -Tara



That's all I needed!!! Just got back home to find 4 police officers in my house looking for something, acting like lunatics!!! Even through underwear, which was rather embarrassing!!! They checked under

the A/C and inside my bed mattress tearing it apart!! When I asked if they had a search warrant, they answered completely hysterically, "Where did you hide it?? We know it's here somewhere!!! At least 1,000 possibilities went thru our minds...but I thought I would let them search for whatever they were looking for, let's see if and what they will find!

Approximately a half hour later, I watched one of the police officers look at his mobile phone and then he shouted, "Stop it! We are in the wrong house!! Pokemon is next door!"



Facebook 7/25/16

This summer has been so hot, especially the latter part of July, that Washington Township's Municipal Department's metal shed ceiling fans had melted causing the fan blades to completely droop!

-Facebook/Record Herald 7/28/16



Three special birthdays were held in August - Happy Birthday to these 'young' fellas:

Alvin W. Jones II celebrated his 97th birthday on August 22nd at his home in Homewood Retirement Center, Apt. 2313, 16505 Virginia Avenue, Williamsport, MD 21795. He was 'showered' with many well wishes from his family and friends.

Richard Poling was surprised by his church family with a birthday celebration following the Sunday School hour on Sunday, August 21st. The event was hosted by the Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class. Richard turned 80 on August 19th.

Our youngest celebrating member was **Ralph 'RJ' Simmons, Jr.** who turned 16 on August 8th. I've heard rumors that the celebration was a big one including a trip to Hershey Park and some other events.

Happy Birthday, fellas!



Shelly Horner and Jason Barnhart

were married on a beautiful, sunny Saturday, August 6, 2016 in Hagerstown City Park among family and friends. They are residing on Antietam Drive (Washington Township), Waynesboro, PA. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Hello, Great-Grandpa!!



Glad to meet you!! This was the first time **Gracie** would have anything to do with her grandpa. The Starliper's had hosted a family dinner at Hickory Bridge the night before they left Pennsylvania to return back home in Shakopee, Minnesota - half-way across the U.S. She is an adorable young lady. Has her mother's looks (grandma's, too). It was a privilege to have Lori, Marlin Fugate and daughter Jessica Peterson and her baby, Gracie, come for a week's visit. And Chewie, their Shiatsu pup who had *fun* with 'grandpa'. We keep in touch via Facebook. *(Now I like Facebook!!! Get to watch her grow!)*



Summer events were put on hold for two young men.

Elijah Brown, Laura & Steve Shuck's grandson, suffered a broken foot while spending the night at a friend's house and playing on their trampoline late at night. He was wearing a 'boot' for four weeks until his foot healed.

Cousin, **Gunner Leshner**, the Starliper's grandson, was also had a sleepover at his friend's house when the boys decided to play basketball. Jumping with the ball to get it in the net, Gunner came down and bent his foot causing three hairline fractures of the ankle. He is still wearing his boot until it heals properly. Several more weeks (6-8 weeks) till recovery). Makes it hard to maneuver going to school! And not to mention being able to participate in football!

RJ Simmons has been dealing with aching muscles and just not feeling up to par. After having tests completed found that he has Lyme's disease. He is on a month long medicine treatment that hopefully will help.

Little brother, **Jamin** had his tonsils and adenoids removed. He had a rough week and needed to go to the hospital on Tuesday. He is home, but miserable. Praying for a speedy recovery for the boys.

Also, although this is not a young man, but a young lady, **Dollie Sanders** had shoulder surgery August 16th and is doing well recovering.

Garry Huff also had surgery on Tuesday of this week - a partial knee surgery (at the time of this printing).

Trust all our patients are doing well and having a speedy recovery.

Welcome Home Friends!!

We were honored to have in our worship service Karl, Jessica and Ana Weissenbach as they visited with us on our Church Picnic Sunday, July 31st. The Weissenbach's looked great! Karl recently retired as Director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas. Ana is attending college here in Pennsylvania. Their son Benjamin stayed home as he makes plans to join the armed forces. The family requests prayers for their son as he goes to serve our country.



Special Events coming in the next three months sponsored by Women's Ministry... You are invited and encouraged to join the ladies... and bring a friend with you:

"Tea (Party) & Conversation"

Saturday, September 24, 2016 • 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Barbara Mulheron

moleebm@hotmail.com or (301) 241-4145

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Women's Retreat

"Spiritual Healing - The Surrender That

Brings Victory"

with Linda Rowe

Saturday, November 19th • 9 am - 3 pm

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Women's Ministry

Christmas Banquet & Secret Sister

Reveal

Parlor House Banquet Room

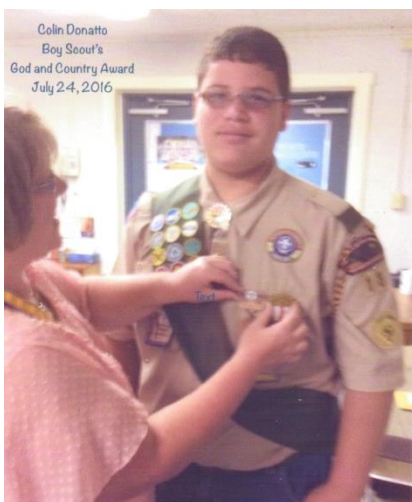
Waynesboro, PA

Friday, December 9th • 6:00 pm



2LT Ryan D. Willard graduated from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA on August 2, 2016. He will continue his training at Engineer BOLC, Fort Leonardwood, MO. The entire family traveled to Georgia to attend the ceremony for Ryan. Ryan is the son of Doug and Lorri Willard, brothers of Laryn and Alyson. He is also the grandson of Josephine Willard and the late Charlie

Willard, all of Waynesboro, PA. The Church Family sends our prayers as Ryan serves as country!



Colin Donatto
Boy Scout's
God and Country Award
July 24, 2016

We recently recognized **Colin Donatto** for receiving the Boy Scouts God and Church award. Colin and Pastor Mark met together for several months to complete the work book. Colin completed a photo album as a part of

the project. The album reviewed the history of Germantown Church of God, as well as our beliefs and various ministries. Colin learned who Jesus is, and how Jesus witnessed and ministered to others.

Colin serves in many capacities. He is a Den leader for younger Cub Scouts. Colin serves in our Church by helping in the sound booth each week. He helps his mother with Children's Church once a month. He spent a week volunteering at Good News Camp. And he is the "Lemonade Man" when we go to the Rescue Mission each month.

Colin is the son of Ann and Vino Donatto and brother of Corey Donatto. Joining us for the presentation were Colin's grandfather, Charles Manahan, his Aunt Becky and Uncle Roger. Wayne Buhrman represented the troop leaders, and Colin was joined by fellow scout, Jett Bitner.

POETRY BY GWEN...

SEPTEMBER

The month of September
Brings colors so bright
The hot days are gone,
Now to our delight.
The leaves come down,
Red, yellow and brown
They are so beautiful
As they fall on the ground.
The colors are gorgeous
From evening to dawn,
They all too soon they are all gone,
As winter approaches we feel much regret,
Our summer and fall are all gone and yet
We hope our winter won't last too long,
Then spring will arrive
And we burst into song!

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Sunday, October 16 – 6:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS...
SEPTEMBER

- 2 Annie Avey
- 8 Maxine Dingle
- 9 Roger Harbaugh
- 14 Jasmine Frazer
- 15 Melinda Ralston
- 17 Colin Donatto, Sarah Warner
- 18 Neal Trostle
- 19 Rosalie Luke
- 20 Bryanna Luke
- 23 Tom Gossert, Shelly Johnson
- 24 Laura Shuck
- 27 Pam Cauthen, John Ralston
- 29 Marla Schmidt
- 30 Wayne Buhrman

OCTOBER

- 1 Melissa Worth
- 2 Sue Hosler
- 7 Paul Sanders
- 8 Andrea Ralston
- 14 Daryl Hann
- 16 Matt Peck, Megan Schmidt
- 19 Jaylene Gsell, Kelly Leshner
- 20 Delani Stitely
- 21 Gunner Leshner, Lorri Willard
- 22 Maggie Walter



(Italics denotes missionaries)

ANNIVERSARIES...

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Delbert & Brenda Biser, Greg & Deanna Shaffer
- 7 John & Toni Thumma
- 20 Dennis & Susie Buhrman
- 22 Daniel & Erika Buhrman
- 22 Caleb & Christina Acosta
- 24 Rob & Lisa Frazer



OCTOBER

- 11 Bryan & Rosalie Luke
- 28 Greg & Sharon Mann

MISSION OF THE MONTH...

September: New Hope Shelter

October: Bangladesh Medical Ministries

HAGERSTOWN RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY...

September: Pairs & Spares/Sanctuary Class

October:

HELP HOTLINE – Food for the First...

The first Sunday of the month is "Food for the First" where 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 us.



GREETERS... Worship
SEPTEMBER

- 4 Steve & Laura Shuck
- 11
- 18 Garry & Martha Huff
- 25 Roy & Dollie Sanders

OCTOBER

- 2 Josephine Willard
- 9 Lori Warner
- 16 Tom McCardell
- 23 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 30 John & Wanda Ditch



GREETERS... Sunday School

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Garry & Martha Huff
- 11 Josephine Willard
- 18 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 25 Steve & Laura Shuck

OCTOBER

- 2 Steve & Laura Shuck
- 9 Garry & Martha Huff
- 16 Josephine Willard
- 23 Jerry & Geraldine Reck
- 30

NURSERY... Worship

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Laura Shuck
- 11 Deanna Shaffer
- 18 Lori Warner
- 25 Pam Cauthen



OCTOBER

- 2 Natalie Johnson
- 9 Lisa Frazer
- 16 Terry Sherald
- 23 Lori Warner
- 30 Deanna Shaffer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

3 years to 3rd grade - 9:30 am

SEPT - Teacher/Helper

- 4 Sue Hosler & Wanda Ditch
- 11 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 18 Katie Boylan & Brenda Biser
- 25 Christina Hann & Connie Bombardier

OCT - Teacher/Helper

- 2 Sue Hosler & Wanda Ditch
- 9 Ann Donatto & Colin Donatto
- 16 Katie Boylan & Brenda Biser
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BOOKS: Youth / Adult, NON FICTION:

(The following books were donated by Bob & Dorothy Lourdon):

- Christenson. *A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying*. Modern Press. c1992.
Flanagan. *Puzzles & Games. Bible Stories & Heroines; Old Testament History; The Teachings of Jesus*. Warner Press. c1984.
Goudge. *A Diary of Prayer*. Coward-McCann. c1966.
Johnstone. *Furniture Upholstery and Repair*. Sunset Bk. c1970/79.
Lowry. *Mary Did You Know? Bk w/CD*. Countryman. c1998.
MacBride (ed). *West From Home. Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder to Almanzo Wilder, San Francisco 1915*. Harper & Row. c1974.
Priest. *Bible Trivia Books. Old Testament History; Parables of Promise & Prophecies; People of the Bible, New Testament Church. 400 questions about the Bible in each book*. Ages 12-Adult.
Simplicity. *Sew-It-All, For the Home*. Simplicity. c1973.
Sonshine. *Psalms, KidsClub. Sing-A-Long Scripture. NIV*. Ages 3-6. Blair Music.
White. *Charlotte's Web*. Harper Collins. c1952/1980.
Windsor. *On This Day, trivia* T. Nelson. c1989.
Wingfield. *The Friendship Book*. Word. c2004.
Macomber. *One Simple Act. Discovering the power of Generosity*. Howard Books. c2009. **Donated / Sue Hosler.**
Martin. *Waynesboro Bicentennial 1797-1997. Our People. Our Heritage*. Record Herald. c1997. **Donated / Richard Poling.**

BOOKS: Youth / Adult, FICTION:

- Bell. *Breach of Promise, Presumed Guilty*. Zondervan. c2010. (c2004/06). 2/1. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
Cambron. *The Ringmaster's Wife*. Bk 1. Thomas Nelson. c2016. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
Henderson / Pettrey/ Eason. *Sins of the Past*. Bethany House. c2016. 3/1. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
Henderson. *Traces of Guilt. An Evie Blackwell Cold Case*. Bk 1. Bethany. c2016. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
Hunt. *Delilah*. Bethany. c2016. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
Peterson. *A Beauty Refined. Sapphire Brides*. Bk. 2. Bethany. c2016. **Donated / Laura Shuck.**
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CHILDREN:

(The following books DONATED / KYLIE WILLARD):

- Andrew. *The Shepherd's Christmas (A Christmas Pop-Up Book)*. Ottenheimer Publishers. c1992.
Daniels. *Noah's Ark*. Familytime Bible Stories. c1995.
Davidson. *The Story of Jonah*. C.R. Gibson Co. c1984.
Keats. *The Little Drummer Boy*. Collier Books. c1972.
Lily. *Mrs. Murphy's Bears*. Great Source. c1995
Lucado. *Just In Case You Wonder*. (Board Book). Tommy Nelson. c1992.
MacDonald. *Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did*. Multnomah Publishers. c2004.
Mohr/Gruber. *Silent Night. A Christmas Pop-Up Book*. Ottenheimer. c1992.
Pingry. *The Easter Story Board Book*. Candy Cane Press. c2008.
Ryan. *The Flowering Cross*. Tommy Nelson. c2009.
Standard Publishing (ed). *Baby Blessings Bible*. Board Book. Standard. c2000.
Watson. *My Little Golden Book About GOD*. Golden Books. c1956.
Wright/Bishop. *Bedtime Prayers*. Baker. c2002.
Cote. *The Ark, The Reed, and the Fire Cloud*. Living INK Books. c2008. **Donated / Elijah Brown.**

(The following books DONATED / ANNONOMOUSLY):

- Carlson. *Project: Secret Admirer. FaithGirlz!* Zonderkidz. c2008.
Craven. *Kathleen's Unforgettable Winter*. Mission City Press. c2006.
MacKall. *Grace Notes. FaithGirlz! Blog On*. Bk. 1. Zonderkidz. c2006.
MacKall. *Storm Rising. FaithGirlz! Blog On*. Bk. 2. Zonderkidz. c2006.
MacKall. *Grace Under Pressure. FaithGirlz! Blog On*. Bk. 3. Zonderkidz. c2007.

DVD:

- Astin (starring). *Amazing Love, The Story of Hosea, A Love Story for the Ages*. c2012.
Learn Our History. The Free Market. A History of American Capitalism. Epi. 4. c2015.
Learn Our History. God Bless America. Take Pride in America's Past. Epi. 5. c2014-15.
Learn Our History. Christmas in America. Take Pride in America's Past. Epi. 6. c2013.

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September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <i>11:00 am Pavilion Reserved</i>
4 Food for the First	5 Labor Day	6 No Women's Ministry	7 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	8	9	10 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
11	12 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	13 6:30 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Admin. Council	14 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	15	16	17 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship 6:30 PM - Movie Night "Miracles from Heaven"
18	19	20	21 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	22	23	24 1:00 PM Tea Party & Conversation
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Every Sunday 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM – Sunday School 6:00 PM – Evening Bible Study				

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service – Pairs & Spares/Sanctuary Class

Missionary of the Month – New Hope Shelter



October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>10:00 AM FLC Reserved</i>
2 Worldwide Communion Sunday Food for the First	3	4 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	5 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	6	7	8 10:00 AM AA Breakfast <i>12:30 pm FLC Reserved</i>
9 Clergy Appreciation Day	10 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	11 6:30 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Admin. Council	12 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	13	14	15 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship
16 145th Anniversary 6:30 PM - Rich Kiser Concert	17	18	19 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	20	21	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 6:00 PM – Evening Bible Study				

Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service –

Missionary of the Month – Bangladesh Medical Ministries