# MESSENGER

**JUNE 2020** 

## Regathering

by Dr. Jody Bowser, Senior Pastor



"We WANT to regather. We WANT to worship together.... But we must also do it well, and wisely, and humbly and respectfully."

In just a few short months (that in many ways seem like years!), COVID-19 has dramatically changed our lives and significantly impacted our entire world. The struggles we have all faced are very real and the grief we experience is undeniable. Much of that grief centers around our inability to meet in person with each other—our King Street church family. We deeply desire to gather again!

Having said that, I want to remind us that the Church never actually closed—just the doors to our buildings. We spent a lot of time last fall talking about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. One of the key truths about discipleship is that it is best learned in the midst of hardship and trial. It is in seasons of struggle that we learn to take our eyes off ourselves and place others' needs ahead of our own. These past few months are requiring us to worship, pray, encourage, witness and serve in creative ways that minimize the risk of virus transmission. We've gone online, moved our L3 groups and Sunday school classes to video chats and found new ways to love our neighbors. We are still the people of God. WE—not our buildings—are the real church.

We are now entering a new phase of COVID-19 as restrictions loosen and businesses and churches begin to reopen. It's certainly what we all want! However, regathering presents us as a church with

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an entirely new set of difficult decisions. WHEN do we regather? HOW do we accomplish it? WHAT does it look like to carry out our ministries safely and with genuine respect for others?

Pacing is so very important. And I believe the real temptation is to rush these decisions. I get it. Let's get back to "normal" and the sooner the better! But it's not so easy. We have to heed the regulations that are put in place by those in authority (many of these regulations are yet to be articulated as they apply to churches). We want to be very sensitive to those who are struggling with the virus and those who are caring for the sick. We need to honor one another in terms of personal comfort level and anxiety. As we look toward regathering again with eagerness and gladness of heart, we need to do so wisely.

Wisdom mandates that we be guided by FOUR COMMITMENTS with respect to regathering.

- **Humility**: Each of us have biases and opinions. I do and so do you. The truth is, there is no right or wrong way to move forward. We have to be mindful of our personal preferences and not allow them to negatively affect our ability to make wise decisions.
- **Love**: Jesus made it perfectly clear that the Christian life is not about ME. It's about loving God and loving my neighbor (Mark 12:31). This certainly applies in how and when we reopen King Street and in-person ministries so that our actions help and don't inadvertently cause harm.
- **Persistence**: We need to mentally approach the process of reopening as a "marathon"—not a "sprint"—by keeping a long-term view in mind. The goal is not to simply be together again and get back to some sense of "normal." The goal (as it always is no matter what we're facing in life) is to follow Jesus, grow as a disciple of His and lead others to Him.
- **Wisdom**: I can assure you that we are working hard to stay up-to-date on the latest

information and findings about COVID-19. We're tracking the number of local cases and consulting CDC interim guidance for faith communities as well as federal, state and local guidelines for guidance.

Hours and hours are being spent talking through the SPECIFICS of what regathering will entail for us at King Street. As residents of Pennsylvania—and Franklin County in specific—we are working to spell out plans and procedures first as we move into a "Yellow" phase and then as we move into "Green." We will communicate these things widely once we get clear on them. We WANT to regather. We WANT to worship together. We WANT to once again live out the biblical call to "not give up meeting together" that we read in Hebrews 10:25. But we must also do it well, wisely, humbly and respectfully.

In the meanwhile, we daily ask Jesus to give us the grace to grow as a disciple of His. We pray. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. We anchor our hearts in the truth of His Word. We learn contentment, no matter what situation we find ourselves in. And we love others, just as we love ourselves.



Our pastors are available for online or phone meetings to pray and discuss any concerns that are on your heart. Please reach out if you need to talk. Email Molly Shull at mshull@kschurch. org or visit www.kingstreetchurch. com/pastor.

#### KING STREET CHURCH

Mission Statement: Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel.

We believe that becoming a transformed disciple of Jesus involves three core values:

Spiritually Alive in Jesus Relationally Connected by Jesus Missionally Engaged for Jesus Who are you worshiping? Who is your community?

Who are you serving?

#### **Ministry Staff**

Paul Baker, Pastor Emeritus
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Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship
Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care
Stephen Flint, Pastor of Worship and Care
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Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship
Adam Keath, Director of Restoration and Recovery
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Tyler Roberts, Media and Production Coordinator
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#### July 2020 Messenger Deadline

Articles and information for the July 2020 issue should be submitted by June 24.

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#### by Susanna Allen Communications Coordinator



We are in a challenging season, one that might even be called "dark," but we can be assured that God's light is still shining in our lives and hearts!

Last month we put out a call asking our church family to share the ways that you are

being prompted to show God's love to others and to let us know how they are being blessed as well. We got a very encouraging response from one couple. They wrote, "Serving and also abiding by the stay at home and social distancing mandates, has been very difficult. During this pandemic time we have felt God working in telling us to be 'lights of encouragement' from our home, as best we can."

They shared that they felt the Lord lead them to...

- Reach out and encourage a military friend serving in Afghanistan who was scheduled to return home Easter weekend, but is now delayed indefinitely due to the pandemic.
- Reach out to a missionary friend in Uganda whom they hadn't spoken to or seen in four years and as a result, they committed to a yearly sponsorship for him and his family.
- Pick up groceries for a 97-year-old lady in our congregation and help her purchase and

learn how to use a new cell phone to replace one that broke a week into the pandemic.

- Write letters and send cards to a couple of guys they know who are incarcerated in prison.
- Give a small gift to each of their two doctors on a mandated office visit.
- Send "Thinking of You" cards to many of their Sunday school class members.
- Donate funds to the Agape English Ministry for food for needy families they serve.
- Send cards to the members of their Bible study group.
- Place a "Thank You" card for their mailman in their mailbox (a couple days later they received a grateful note back from him).
- As part of working with KSC's Men to Mend Ministry, they helped to contact all of the widows in our church family to confirm they have no urgent needs.

What a beautiful testimony! God is at work in the life of our church family. If just one couple has accomplished this through obedience to the Lord, we can't imagine how many other hundreds (thousands?) of lights must be shining all over Chambersburg in Jesus' name.

We also received a note from a couple in the church who have been on the receiving end of love. They write, "We have seen God at work nearby. Our next door neighbors are fellow

# "... let's continue to carry the torch of our God and to show uncommon love during this painful season ...."

King Streeters and they have gone above and beyond to care for us. All of our family live away from us and they are on stay at home orders. This couple has become our surrogate 'kids.' Twice a week they are at our door looking for a grocery list. They go out and look for everything on our list and buy it. They bring them back to our door and we are supplied with food and necessities. They have done anything and everything we could possibly need. Our family

is thankful and blessed by their dedication and care of their elderly parents. Our granddaughter says, "Thank God for your neighbors!" and we agree. Now we know why God led us to this home 18 years ago!"

Praise the Lord! These accounts are life-giving and remind us both that God is in control and that He may be placing us in the path of others—just as He placed Esther in the King's court—for such a time as this. Corrie Ten Boom, a devoted Christ-follower who was a beacon of the Gospel during her imprisonment in a German concentration camp, once said, "Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see."

Church family, let's continue to carry the torch of our God and to show uncommon love during this painful season so that our lives might reflect John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

## Board of Administration Meeting Highlights

The Board of Administration met on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 via Zoom video conference call (due to COVID-19 pandemic). Chairman Glenn Watson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Tamy Cook opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Following are highlights from that meeting.

#### **Senior Pastor's Update:**

Pastor Jody shared that the Core Team has made logistical changes to the livestream worship services to simplify the presentations. Thanks to Susanna Allen for all the work she has done. Pastor Jody appreciated Susanna's well-written "Messenger" article. She has been working hard to stay ahead of social media. Tyler Roberts and Bryton Zook have put in many hours as well; Don Baker consistently

checks in on staff; the 4:12 submissions from staff have been very effective. We need to continue to keep our focus on Jesus and doing whatever we can to have corporate prayer. Pastor Jody appreciates the great witness to the community by providing meals to our health care workers. We will celebrate Holy Week as best we can. Tyler put together a video focusing on "The Name of Jesus."

#### **Executive Pastor's Update:**

Don Baker shared that over 3,000 people are watching services online each week during this time of church closure. Many staff members from the hospital are being impacted by our food offerings. Don has received many emails from KSC staff members sharing what they have been doing to reach out and support others. The maintenance staff is working full time and has completed a number of projects onsite. Twenty-four people are interested in partnership at KSC. Ron Baker has indicated to Don that a number of people are interested in serving as deacons. Ron Cook is sending letters to those over 80 years old to check in on them and offer any type of help that might be needed.

#### **Board of Elders Update:**

Greg West shared that the Elder Team conducted a conference call last week for prayer and discussed areas of need. They will be continuing to have conference calls and communicating through email.

#### **Co-Mission Reports:**

• Adult Ministries – Mark Willson stated that the co-mission did not meet in March. Mark spoke with Jay Brown and connections are occurring for L3 groups via Zoom video calls. Connections for new L3 groups will be determined by Jay Brown and Adam Keath; they are hoping to start making new L3 groups by the end of the month.

- **Children's Ministry** The co-mission did not meet. Alexander Rosenbaum spoke with Becky Hann who is encouraged by how the staff is reaching out and connecting with volunteers through emails and sending notes.
- **Finance** Brad Etchberger shared that the Finance Co-Mission did not meet. Endowments are safe in long-term investments. Dan Gehris distributed financial updates. We had a terrific January and February regarding income. March is already very strong in giving and expenses are down.
- **Local Outreach** Tamy Cook shared that the co-mission met via Zoom video call on April 7. Partner ministries are being contacted. The co-mission members divided up the duties and the ministries are excited to be moving forward. Celebrate Recovery has been added to the ministry list for the LOC. Adam Keath shared with Tamy that CR is meeting every week via Zoom video call and that there are in excess of 25 people participating in the small share groups.
- **Missions** Scott Bert shared that the COVID-19 pandemic is global. Many areas that we partner with are struggling, especially Cool Shade of Life Church because they cannot work from home. Orphan's Tree has been unable to help many of the kids find jobs. Kid's meal plans are not being done in Haiti, but they are actively seeking ways to accomplish those meal plans.
- **Personnel Relations** Kim Shatzer shared that the co-mission has not met, but is staying in touch via email. The KSC staff picnic scheduled for May 20 in Shippensburg has been canceled. The co-mission spent an evening in prayer. Each member was assigned a staff member to contact and pray for.
- **Property** The Property Co-Mission met on April 6 via Zoom video call. Dale Forney had the following to report: The boiler removal is complete; the parking sign installation is on hold; we are currently using a scissor lift from

Franklin Rental; our scissor lift will be repaired following COVID-19 restrictions; the co-mission continues to research the replacement of the Baker Center chairs; John Little continues to solve the elevator issues; new AED machines and signs have been installed and we are looking into getting the old AED machine recertified and Kumo interfaces were installed on the mini-split units, some of which are operational.

- **Student Ministry** The co-mission met April 6 via Zoom to check in and pray together. Penny Poorman gave thanks to John, Matt and Lauren for walking a new path on Wednesdays with our students. Penny requested intentional prayer for our seniors and the families that are experiencing so much with them. The trip to Mexico will not happen this year.
- Worship Arts Carolyn Chenaille shared that the co-mission did not meet but has communicated via email. Prayer was requested for Maundy Thursday Service, Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, the 4:12 videos and Easter Sunday services. The co-mission members will be reaching out to those involved in the Worship Arts Ministry via phone calls and hand-written notes. Don Baker shared that the National Association of Evangelicals has called for a national day of fasting and prayer on Good Friday. Pastor Jody indicated that the 4:12 videos were going to continue for several weeks. Nathan Hann is reaching out to the elders for participation; Pastor Jody invited the BOA to contribute as well.

#### **Administrative Report:**

Dan Gehris shared that finance and administration is moving forward in the face of the COVID-19 crisis without missing a beat. Our bills are still being paid ahead of schedule, offerings are still being counted each week and payroll is on schedule. Dave Rotz will present the 2020 Annual Financial Audit Report in May.

#### **New Business**

Glenn Watson shared that the architects are still working on concept drawings for the Gathering Space proposal.

Tamy Cook closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with prayer and thoughts from David Jeremiah.

(These highlights are taken from minutes written by Rose Zook, Recording Secretary for the Board of Administration. Unabridged copies are available at the church office.)



King Street's Student Grant Program provides an annual grant to regular attenders and members who are currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program. We are now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications can be found online at: kingstreetchurch. com/grants. Both pages of the application must be completed.

Except for incoming freshmen, applicants are also required to provide a copy of grades from your last school semester. (We do NOT require an official transcript; a copy or legible screenshot of your grades will be fine.) The deadline for this year's application is **Monday**, **July 20**.

# Leadership Spotlight: Carolyn Chenaille

#### by Rose Zook

Carolyn Chenaille began serving as the Chairperson of the Worship Arts Co-Mission in January of 2020. As the chair, Carolyn coordinates with our Worship Arts Pastors, Steve Flint and Nate Hann, and other staff members, including Phil Shuman, Organist; Nick Randle, Worship Arts Associate; and Heather Adamson, Worship Arts Administrative Assistant to facilitate and plan King Street's worship activities. She leads the co-mission meetings each



Bill and Carolyn Chenaille

month to support and encourage all aspects of worship in our church, including Sunday morning worship services and special events, such as our annual Christmas program, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services, Journey to the Cross and this year's IceFest Night of Worship.

Carolyn shared that one of her greatest joys is recruiting, encouraging and spending time in prayer for and with our worship volunteers. She believes that learning how to best support our worship and tech staff and volunteers, particularly in regards to the changes that have

occurred since COVID-19, will be one of the greatest challenges that our Worship Team will face in the coming year.

Carolyn was born and raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the small town of Snow Hill. She accepted Christ at the age of eight and was fortunate to grow up with Christian parents who were very involved in the local church. Carolyn met her husband Bill (who in this writer's opinion, plays a really good sax!) when she was attending photography school in Massachusetts where he worked. They began working together photographing weddings and doing portrait photography and have been married over twenty years.

Carolyn and Bill began attending King Street in April of 2008, when they moved here from Massachusetts. They have three children: Kathryn, who is a sophomore at Wilson College; Jonathan, who will be graduating from high school this June; and Dylan, who is in 8th grade. Both of the boys are currently homeschooled.

Bill and Carolyn continue to do photography together and their family has been raising puppies for the blind for almost ten years. Carolyn is a 4-H leader in Franklin County for the Seeing Eye Puppy Club. She shared that her "full-time" job is homeschooling her boys. She loves being able to allow them to follow their interests and watching them grow and learn in both traditional and non-traditional ways.

Carolyn and Bill are members of the Reflections Sunday School Class. She is involved with worship and serving in the kitchen for youth on Wednesday evenings and also facilitating a ladies' L3 group. When asked about what she would like to see at King Street in the next five years, Carolyn shared this: "In light of all that has happened, I would love for our church to have more resources and people to help with our online presence. I would also love opportunities for our entire church body to worship together as one." Be sure to thank Carolyn the next time you have the chance to see or speak with her.



#### April 26

Offering (General Fund): \$47,907.05

May 3

Offering (General Fund): \$47,884.30

**May 10** 

Offering (General Fund): \$52,523.50

**May 17** 

Offering (General Fund): \$51,132.22

May 24

Offering (General Fund): \$33,809.81



# THE YELLOW PHASE: Regathering at King St. Church

After much prayer, consideration, and hours of discussion, we have developed a protocol that will allow our church family to meet for fellowship and Bible study during the Yellow Phase.

Over these past many weeks the leadership of King Street Church has had our hearts focused on that moment when we can once again gather in-person. As we have considered the continued health risks and government regulations, we have come to recognize that the reopening process will require a specific list of procedures.

Please know that while our language is firm, each rule is provided to protect you and to allow KSC to adhere to the highest possible standards of integrity as we move forward. We hope that you will receive this form with an open mind and heart, and a spirit of respectfulness and cooperation. If there is any special case that you would like us to consider, please mark your need in the "notes" section of the online form.

Once again we humbly ask for your prayers for wisdom as our leadership navigates the many different facets that must be considered as we reopen, and for your grace as we unveil procedures such as these guidelines for the Yellow Phase. Please know that every person in our church family is cherished and that the great privilege of meeting together as one unified body is equally precious.

Philippians 2:2 (New Living Translation), "Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose."



#### **GATHERING GUIDELINES**

#### **Yellow Phase at King Street Church**

King Street Church is excited to open our facilities during the Yellow Phase, with the guidelines outlined below. They are subject to change upon PA regulations and KSC staff discretion.

**WHO:** Participants are invited to gather in the church building who are:

- o In groups not to exceed 25 total persons
- Healthy and not presenting with a fever or other symptoms of illness
- Wearing masks and willing to adhere to 6 foot social distancing standards (between family units) in the parking lot, at entrances/exits, and throughout the building.
- o Ages 12 and older (Sorry we look forward to inviting younger children back soon!)

WHY: Participants are invited to gather for specific reasons:

- o **YES!** Bible studies, meetings, fellowship, ministry planning and preparation
- o NO, NOT YET: recreational activities or sports, meals or food sharing

**Note:** During the Yellow Phase, we will continue to offer worship services <u>online</u>, but not in the church building.

WHERE: Participants may request to use the following rooms, with priority given to KSC ministries.

- Baker Center (25 people)
- Fellowship Room (15 people)
- o M27/29 (25 people)

- Room 215 (25 people)
- Ministry C-8 (10 people)

Note: Maintenance staff will be on-site when the building is open for use.

**HOW:** Participants can apply to use a room through these procedures:

- 1. Complete the Yellow Phase Request Form at <a href="www.kingstreetchurch.com/yellow">www.kingstreetchurch.com/yellow</a>, and submit it by Thursday at 1:00 pm of the week prior to your date.
- 2. If approved, KSC will assign the room, restroom, and the doors to use to enter/exit the building. Leaders are responsible to inform attendees of these rooms and doors.
- 3. Participants must commit to:
  - o Use hand sanitizer (supplied by KSC) upon entrance and exit.
  - Follow social distancing and other safety guidelines outlined in this form.
  - o Sanitize their room before leaving with instructions/materials supplied by KSC.
  - o Adhere to their scheduled times.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to navigate the pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Molly Shull, Administrative Assistant, at mshull@kschurch.org.

www.kingstreetchurch.com/yellow

# Once More Ministries Report

Once More Ministries distribution, originally scheduled for June 13, 2020 is still undecided as of this article's deadline to The Messenger. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the unforeseen end to the local code red "stay at home" orders, it is uncertain how or when the next distribution will take place.

Once OMM is permitted to be proactive and distribute toiletries to our many brothers and sisters, (who have become regular acquaintances and friends), distribution will be very

different!



With protective gear and social distancing guidelines in place, OMM partners and volunteers will not be

able to have the interaction with those who receive the blessing of toiletries. While we will not be able to be up close and personal at this distribution time, we will still be praying in our hearts for everyone who is blessed by this ministry every quarter.

OMM prays for everyone at King Street Church, our community, our country and around the world where so many lives are touched through the many ministries that you support in various ways.

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers for this ministry; our love and prayers go out to you!

Psalm 91:1-2: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Stay safe, stay healthy. Put all your trust in Jesus our Redeemer.

## **Connecting with**



The Street Student Ministry is connecting with middle school and high school students @thestreetsm on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/thestreetsm/ and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/thestreetsm/. They are also hosting live online gatherings every Wednesday night from 7-8 pm for students in grades 6–12.



Each week, CrossWalk Kids posts resources for preschool and elementary kids on their FB page (https://www.facebook.com/KSCCrosswalkKids/). These materials usually include a video lesson, questions to discuss as a family and an activity or craft.



#### **STAY CONNECTED**

The staff at King Street Church is very eager to stay in touch with you. Our pastors are available to talk with you.

Here is a reminder of the many ways we can stay in touch:

**WEBSITE**: www.kingstreetchurch.com/ the-hub

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: King Street Church (you can also send a direct message through either of these social media platforms)

**PRAYER WALL:** www.kingstreetchurch. com/prayer

**TEXT**: (717) 401-7777

**EMAIL:** info@kschurch.org

Of course, one of the most critical ways to stay connected to each other, and especially to God, is through our Sunday worship services. During these times, staff members are available to chat and it's exciting to see people commenting from all over the area and even across the country! Over the last few weeks, our online services have been a beautiful time of praise, prayer and studying God's Word. We are offering all three service times:

**WEBSITE**: Click the "Livestream" button on the upper right corner of the page. You will be directed to www.kingstreetchurch.tv

**FACEBOOK**: Visit the King Street Church page.

**APPLE TV/ROKU Devices**: Search for and add the King Street Church channel

#### **JUNE 2020 BIBLE READING PLAN**

Following Jesus: A Journey Through the Gospels

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1	Mark 9:14-29	11	Mark 11:12-19	□ 21	REST
2	Mark 9:30-35	12	Mark 11:20-26	□ 22	Mark 14:1-11
3	Mark 9:36-41	13	Mark 11:27-33	□ 23	Mark 14:12-26
4	Mark 9:42-50	14	REST	□ 24	Mark 14:27-42
5	Mark 10:1-16	15	Mark 12:1-12	□ 25	Mark 14:43-65
6	Mark 10:17-31	16	Mark 12:13-27	□ 26	Mark 14:66-72
7	REST	17	Mark 12:28-34	□ 27	Mark 15:1-20
8	Mark 10:32-45	18	Mark 12:35-44	□ 28	REST
9	Mark 10:46-52	19	Mark 13:1-23	□ 29	Mark 15:21-32
10	Mark 11:1-11	20	Mark 13:24-37	□ 30	Mark 15:33-41



Name | Where Graduating From | Future Plans

#### **College Graduates**

**Lauren Diller:** Penn State Altoona: BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education | Work as an early elementary educator

**Lauren Dukehart:** Messiah College: BA in Christian Ministries | Working in Student Ministries at KSC

**Brooke Kuhns**: Waynesburg University: BS in Nursing | Work at Chambersburg Hospital

Andrew Leeper: Messiah College: BS in Applied Health Science | Pursue a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at Messiah University

Chase Martin: Liberty University: BS in Project Management | Equipment operator at David H. Martin Excavating, Inc.

**Ashley Winters**: Shippensburg University: BS in Elementary Education | Fulfill the Lord's calling in my life

**Noelle Zeigler**: Shippensburg University: Art Education | Become an art teacher

#### **High School Graduates**

**Brandon Althoff**: Gettysburg High School | Gap year, then college

**Emma Bert:** Shippensburg Area Senior High School | Wheaton College for Nursing

**Caitlyn Caffee**: Shippensburg Area Senior High School | Lebanon Valley College for Physical Therapy

Jonathan Chenaille: Mason Dixon
Homeschoolers Association |
Hagerstown Community College to
study Management/Marketing

**Bryce Diller**: CASHS | Shippensburg University for Finance

**Caleb Gayman**: CASHS | Shippensburg University for Pre-Med

Nathan High: CASHS | Enter the work force

**Sadye Horst**: Shalom Christian Academy | Liberty University

**Shaylyn Johnson**: James Buchanan High School | Summer employment

**Emma Lehman**: Shalom Christian Academy | Shippensburg University to study | Biology

**Emma Lowman**: Homeschool | Wilson College for Equine Studies

**Robby McDonald:** CMS | Penn State Mont Alto for Nursing, with goal to become an ER nurse

**Chloe Musick**: CASHS | Penn State Mont Alto for Occupational Therapy Assistance

**Owen Mussmon:** Shalom Christian Academy | Penn State Mont Alto

**Abby Ordway**: CASHS | college this fall

**Emma Ott**: McConnellsburg High School | Indiana University of Pennsylvania for Nursing/Global Health

**Arica Poorman:** CASHS | Worship Intern at Rhodes Grove Camp, then attend Liberty University

**Amber Sanford**: CASHS | Albright College for Radiologic Science/Diagnostic Medical Sonography **Anna Schaffer**: Shalom Christian Academy | Liberty University

**Lexi Sellers:** Homeschool/ Bedford County Technical Center | Work as a cosmetologist and attend barber school

Micah Shew: CASHS | Universal Technical

Institute

Bethany Snyder: Cumberland Valley Christian School | Shippensburg University for Early Childhood/ Elementary Education

**Brady Stumbaugh:** CASHS | Major in Engineering and play football

**Katelyn Truax:** McConnellsburg High School | Hagerstown Community College for Nursing

**Madison Yost:** CASHS | West Virginia University for Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Vincent Zook: CMS | Hagerstown Community College for Criminal Justice, with plans to join the State Police Academy



# BIESSPROJECT

We are just about to unveil a NEW PLAN for engaging and blessing our community this summer. In light of the pandemic, we will be unable to offer our regularly scheduled Bless Week, which was planned for the first full week of June. In the past we have used this week to mobilize our church family to completing projects for our partner ministries. Instead, we are embracing a new plan to offer ministry opportunities all summer and throughout the year as part of our new ongoing initiative, The Bless Project.

The idea is to offer opportunities as they arise, and in keeping with whatever phase that Franklin County is under, by order of Governor Wolf. We are ready to go live with a new volunteer platform that will be connected with our own website, www.kingstreetchurch.com, and also for an all-new website for The Bless Project.

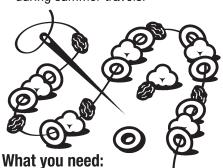
At the time of writing this announcement, we are in the Yellow Phase, small-scale projects with a limited number of people can be considered (while practicing social distancing). In the past, we have offered opportunities that would include gardening/landscaping, painting/construction, cleaning, crafts, and more. As we grow in our ability to gather, and as we think creatively about how we can serve our community, we hope to offer an even larger and more diverse list of opportunities.

The bottom line is, we are committed to serving our community in whatever ways that we are safely permitted to do so. Watch for details coming soon!

# **JUST FOR KIDS**

# ROAD

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn



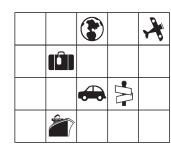
#### What you do:

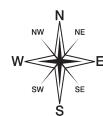
- 1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
- 2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
- 3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
- 4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.





Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng both no\_ and for\_vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over



#### Prayer and Worship Live Events

On Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings King Street Church is LIVE on Facebook for prayer and worship. This is a new way we are planning to connect with our church family over the next few weeks. On each of these evenings, KSC staff will lead us in a short time of prayer and worship. Follow the KSC Facebook page to participate.



#### **Special Dates**

- Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020
- Flag Day, June 14, 2020
- First day of summer, June 20, 2020
- Father's Day, June 21, 2020



For the month of June, Communion offerings will go to the KSC Samaritan Fund, which provides KSC families with assistance throughout the year. If you would like to contribute toward the Communion offering, you may use the specially-designated offering envelope provided in your box (at any time of the month) or you can send a check marked "June Communion Offering" to King Street Church, 56 N Second St, Chambersburg, PA 17201

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# The 7th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

for Emily Schoenleber has been delayed.

The rescheduled date will be announced when coronavirus restrictions are lifted.



## Qu@tes of the Week

"We might not know what's coming next in the Lower Story. But God is AL-WAYS in control in the Upper Story!"

> Pastor Jody Bowser, April 26, 2020



"If the words of Daniel 10 are true (and they most certainly are!), I'm left with this burning question: Why don't I pray more often?"

> Pastor Jody Bowser, May 3, 2020



"Sometimes the best thing we can do is to be still. And trust God."

Pastor Jody Bowser May 10, 2020



"When you study the Book of Daniel, there is one theme that towers above all others. I've said it many times before, and I'll say it again. In spite of present circumstances, God is in control and will win the day."

Pastor Jody Bowser May 17, 2020



"The Ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of God the Father is the reminder that history has a good ending! We are people of profound hope in the grace and justice of God."

Pastor Don Baker May 24, 2020



Remembering those from our King Street Church family who have gone to Glory.

#### MAY 2019—MAY 2020

Donald S. Schuyler June 12, 2019 Ronald L. Bowman June 16, 2019 Bruce R. Johnson June 24, 2019 Ruby M. Stouffer July 30, 2019 Sharon D. Washabaugh August 3, 2019 September 7, 2019 Mary Ellen Baughman Elaine G. Meyers September 20, 2019 Beverly J. Sword October 2, 2019 October 12, 2019 George E. Rines Paul L. Strubhar October 18, 2019 Paul L. Clark, Jr. *November 6, 2019* November 17, 2019 Elva K. Chambers Randal L. McNair, Sr. November 23, 2019 November 29, 2019 Frisco W. Short Judy L. Friese December 1, 2019 December 12, 2019 Betty E. Wenger Patricia Stumbaugh January 14, 2020 February 13, 2020 Donald L. Baer, Sr. Chad M. Cantrell February 15, 2020 February 22, 2020 Jane K. Rhinehart February 29, 2020 Ronald E. Walters March 8, 2020 Randall J. Gunder D. Lester Kuhn March 20, 2020 Arthur W. Sord *April 4, 2020* Isabell K. Thompson *April 5, 2020* April 15, 2020 Jean F. Fox Loraine G. Rotz April 15, 2020 Helen J. Shew April 30, 2020 Richard E. Mose May 2, 2020

Helen I. Gamby

Frances R. Mills

May 9, 2020

May 17, 2020

# PRIMETIMERS UPDATES

Please check the online worship folder: kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub/digitalworship-folder-2/

and the website:

kingstreetchurch.com/connect/seniors/ for schedule changes or cancellations due to COVID-19.

If you have questions or for a refund, please call Frances Hummelsine.

#### June

# Bollman Bus Day Trip to Lancaster to Sight and Sound *Queen Esther*

- Wednesday, June 10
- CANCELED

#### July

# Minibus/Van Trip to Shenandoah Theater *Hello Dolly*

- · Wednesday, July 1
- CANCELED

#### **Annual Summer Picnic**

- Wednesday, July 8
- CANCELED

#### August

#### **Lunch and a Movie**

- Tuesday, August 11
- CANCELED

#### September

# Minibus Trip to Raystown Lake for lunch followed by a cruise on the lake

- Wednesday, September 9
- Cost: \$42
- Depart at 10 a.m. from Weis Market
- Lunch from noon to 1 p.m.
- Cruise from 1–2 p.m.
- Deadline to sign up: August 12

#### **October**

#### **Minibus Trip to Mercersburg**

- Wednesday, October 21
- Tour of Mercer-Vu Farm
- Program at Charles Brechbill Environmental Center
- Cost: \$20
- · Lunch catered by Romeo's

#### November

## **Bollman Bus Day Trip to American Music Theater in Lancaster**

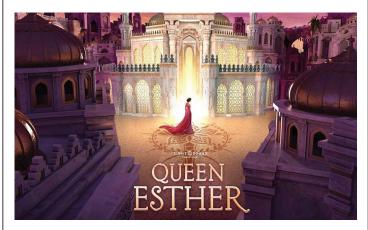
- Wednesday, November 11
- Deck the Halls
- To sign up, make checks payable to KSC Prime-Timers and mail to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
- Deposits at time of sign up: Day trip—\$10;
   Overnight Trip—\$50.
- Call Frances Humelsine at 717-263-8633 for more information.
- Cancellation Policy: The final sign up/final payment date and cancellation date are all the same date. There is NO refund of deposits or final payments after this date. If you have to cancel after this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is a waiting list.



The New Life Sunday School Class is taking a bus trip to the

#### **Sight and Sound Theatre**

in Lancaster to see



# on Wed., September 16. The cost is \$110,

which includes the show and dinner at

#### ARTHUR'S RESTAURANT

in the Eden Resort and Conference Center.

There will also be time for shopping at Kitchen Kettle Shops.

Contact Clair or Diane Hostetter (717) 267-0332



#### B and SP

April 28, 2020

(Serving in Lincoln, Nebraska with Christar)
Creative COVID-19 Ministry

We continue to "burn holes" on our phones and computer trying to keep up with people and attending meetings all over. Zoom, Facebook groups, Microsoft Teams... They are so void of hugs! A few times a teammate asked *B*'s assistance in getting teens together to do yard and tree work for someone and last week *B* got on a bike with those teens and tried to bike like a 15-year-old, both in mileage and stunts. (The chiropractor gave him quite the look today.) Personal video messages to more than 20 Yezidi families to wish them well for their spring holiday and other practical help and encouragements to many have been kindly received.

#### Shame in the Yezidi culture

"Stacy" grew up feeling she was a failure and now feels as if she lives to prove she's not, often feeling shame and guilt of not performing as she thinks others expect. She needs to believe her value comes from God and stated she wishes she believed it as much as God does. With both of us looking up Scripture to challenge and encourage her while we message back and forth, we know there is a war going on for her soul! Please keep praying.

#### **Marriage Reconciliation**

The couple in the Arabic church trying to reconcile their marriage has filed papers for him to be able to move back in with his family. May God's will be done.

#### **Praises:**

- 1. Friends like YOU praying for the work here and giving to Christar
- 2. Only 18 more days of official schooling at home for this school year! Still, we are thankful for extra hugs, less gas bought and coffee being drunk in non-travel mugs:)
- 3. A VERY memorable Easter (hail storm, transformer blowing up, power outage, candlelit lunch, church by Zoom and watching the Sight and Sound production of *Jesus* for free)
- 4. Our car was broken into; they took the coupons but not the bank envelope that was accidentally left!
- 5. The growth and attitude shift in especially one of the teens from Arabic church
- 6. Arabic church expanded allows us to see dear friends from CA who moved away!
- 7. The technology to keep up our virtual life, schooling and outbound ministry

#### **Requests:**

- 1. Pray for our Yazidi, Sabean, Chaldean and M'im friends to hunger to know Jesus personally
- 2. *K*, *B*'s mom, directs a nursing and rehabilitation facility in Connecticut. In the inner city, it has been hit hard with COVID-19, both among the residents and the staff. Please pray for comfort, strength, protection for those not already sick and quick healing. Pray also for *K*, *B*'s sister, as she works in another facility in CT, for protection for all and that they would be spared the outbreak of the inner city areas.
- 3. Grace during pandemic schooling days. The boys are really missing their friends from everywhere.
- 4. Our teammates in Asia Minor. Pray for their protection and fruitful ministry.
- 5. Wisdom planning our summer travel schedule (???)

6. Wisdom for *T*'s Urologist and peace with whatever he says.

## **Emily and Bryan Gerlach**

April 30, 2020

#### (Serving in Thailand with TEAM Global Missions)

#### **Social Distancing**

We were made for fellowship. We need it. It's hard to go for weeks on end without social interaction. We are feeling that strain with this pandemic just as you are, and in a strange way, it has brought us closer together with many from all over the world. Jameson's preschool is canceled at least through July 1, our church cannot meet and non-essential businesses are closed all over, just like in the U.S. Like many of you, Emily and the kids have been weathering this storm at home. Bryan has been working from home some and going into the office too, which has been running on a reduced staff. We have been taking it day-by-day and striving to remain rooted in Christ. We know that His timing is perfect and none of this took him by surprise. Please read onto the next page to see how our ministry partners here have been using this as an opportunity to bless those around them!

#### Thailand's Response to COVID-19

Like most of the world, Thailand basically shut down in response to this pandemic. In March the government entered a state of emergency, giving broad powers to the Prime Minister. As of April 29 there were 2,954 confirmed cases in Thailand including 54 deaths. Chiang Mai has seen 42 total cases and one death. There is a nationwide curfew from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. each day. All incoming flights are banned from entering Thailand until June 1. Schools are all closed until July 1. All non-essential business functions have been forced to shut down.

Many Thais are daily laborers, essentially living paycheck to paycheck. Since lots of

people are not able to work and many do not have savings that can withstand the continued unemployment, there are a lot of Thais who are struggling to put food on the table. This is a real and pressing need and we have been blessed to be able to work alongside our church and foundation to help address it!

#### The Cool Shade of Life Church

Even though the leadership of CSL is directly impacted by the fact that there are no church services, and very little offering coming in, they have been inspired to reach out to their neighbors. Thanks in part to generous donations from our supporters, the church has provided bags of food for over 30 families in the communities surrounding the church. These are all Buddhist people with no connection to the church. They are fathers and mothers, grandmas and grandpas who have now been blessed by the body of Christ. Khun Lot (our Thai surrogate grandma and the best cook in Thailand) was not to be left out of the generosity and so has been cooking meals on Monday and Thursday nights for our church members to come and pick up for their families. The church hopes to continue to reach into the local communities, share food and love with their neighbors and build relationships that will be the foundation for sharing the gospel. Amen!

#### The Bread for Life Program (FCF)

Members of FCF projects have also been getting in on the action, starting the Bread for Life Program. It is also a food distribution program funded by donations from within and outside of Thailand. To date the program has distributed boxes of food for 100 families and plans to continue as long as there is a need. The intent is to work through existing relationships, providing food for communities where we have projects working or FCF staff and volunteers have contacts so that those relationships can be deepened. It is a trying time for many families and communities and we are so blessed that we can play a small role in providing sustenance

for some of the many who are in need.

#### **Opportunities to Participate**

If you feel called to participate in one of these endeavors, that would be a huge blessing!

To make a donation to the Bread for Life (FCF) food drive, you can go to FCFThailand. org, go to "Get Involved" and then click on "COVID-19 Food Drive".



Food and financial donations have been made from within Thailand and internationally to the FCF food drive.

To support the Cool Shade of Life, please contact us at Bryan.EmilyG@gmail.com. We can get you connected with the church.

Everyone can pray! Please join us as we pray for the people of Thailand to come to know Christ in a profoundly tangible way through these food drive endeavors. Pray that Christ would be glorified even as so many struggle and that the body of Christ would continue to shine The Light!

#### **Praises:**

- Currently healthy!
- The air quality improved this week!
- Bryan has been settling into his role!

#### **Prayers:**

- For the Thai church to be impactful
- Continued Health
- Wisdom for how to walk through this time

#### Karli Frelin

May 1, 2020

## (Serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Campus Outreach International)

April has been full of ups and downs. There have been moments of clarity and moments of much uncertainty. I am thankful that we are able to taste and see that God is good in the midst of much chaos.

Mai has been such a faithful friend. The picture below is of Madison, Mai and myself on my birthday. She was so sweet. On Saturday, she



Madison, Mai and Karli

brought Madison a slice of cake for her birthday. We planned on encouraging Madison during dinner, and by God's grace, Mai unexpectedly showed up at the perfect time. She was able to experience us praise God for Madison's life and talk through evidences of God's grace in her life. On Monday, she gifted me with a piece of cake for my birthday and was able to join us again for dinner. I'm so thankful Mai was able to be around several Christians this week. I pray that she would be attracted to the aroma of Christ and she would begin asking questions about who Jesus is and why He is so important to us.

This month, I have been able to spend a good amount of time with my housemates. I'm thankful to enjoy quality time, have good conversations and to have a chance to really build trust with one another. Please pray for

the deepened relationships that have been built. Pray these relationships would be contagious to the Thai people we are building friendships with.

There have been many walks this month. I really enjoy walking with friends and I'm thankful for the encouragement that comes from walking and talking. Christian is one of my best friends and I praise God for the conversations that are tough but sanctifying.

Also, can you all continue to pray for *F*? It really just seems like she is struggling with her walk with God. Please pray that she would really thirst for God's word.

During our time off campus, Madison and I have been teaching English online to university students at Maejo University. It is another university in Chiang Mai and we have several Thai staff with Campus Outreach that serve there. One week we strictly teach an English lesson and the next week we use the Jesus Storybook Bible to teach a lesson. This upcoming week we are going to start this model with our friends at Chiang Mai University. We want to use this time to build relationships and have Gospel centered conversations. Please pray for these sessions. Ask God to use these online lessons to save Thai students!

### Rigo and Chrysti Andino

May 20, 2020

(Serving in Honduras with Commission to Every Nation)

#### **COVID-19 Hits Honduras**

Honduras has joined many other countries in a fight to contain a disease they feel ill-prepared to treat. A week before any cases were confirmed in Honduras, the president decided to begin by closing all borders. All traffic, whether by air, land, or sea, was stopped. It left Hondurans trapped in other countries and non-Hondurans trapped here. There are

now over 700 confirmed cases and 77 deaths. This has caused even greater measures to go into effect and the country has done a complete lockdown in many regions. All workplaces and public gatherings have been stopped unless it is related to healthcare or food distribution. People are only allowed to travel to a grocery store one day a week according to their ID numbers or in some places only by home delivery. For many people, this has lead to hunger. The government does not pay unemployment, so people are at the mercy of others to be able to obtain food. Although the government has distributed food, it is still not enough.

We have worked hard to prepare the hospital to be ready to treat COVID-19 patients. There is a separate area for them to go through. We were able to get a special flight which brought down the protective equipment we needed and extra training has been done with the staff. Although we pray Honduras will not be hard hit and this area may not be needed, we are blessed to be ready for what may come. We continue to pray as we watch the world facing so many challenges.

#### A Sacrifice

Due to the situation in the country, we are not having many patients show up to the clinic and emergency room. It is very difficult to travel for us since all public transportation has been stopped and there are checkpoints, with police checking all private vehicles to see why they are on the road. This has made it necessary for us to only have three days of clinic and reduce the hours of all of our employees to try to keep the hospital running.

When we met with the employees, they all agreed to have their hours cut to help save everyone's jobs and showed gratitude for the opportunity to keep working when so many are without work.

#### When Hunger Hits

When people are used to just going out and finding work for the day to try to buy some food

for their family, a complete lockdown is hard. It means they are not able to go out to find a job in home repair or a construction job.

The people they normally work for are out of work, so they are not hiring for odd jobs. This is the situation for friends of ours from the church. After many days without work, they went out hunting and killed an animal, which they thought was their last meal for a while. Right then, we were able to get some food to them, and as they opened the bag, they began to cry. God had brought them food just in time.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and the needs of the people around us to send food as needed. Some of the other missionaries from the hospital have also been helping get food to those in need. It is so wonderful to see people caring for others in spite of their own needs. We have also received some special gifts, so we have been able to reach out a little further. The missionary kids and the teens from the children's center have had fun bagging up the food. We are blessed to be part of such a great group of people.

#### **Our New Home**

Living next door to 20 kids has been a huge advantage for this time of sheltering in place. Even though my kids have not been off the property for about seven weeks, the fun never stops. Each day there is volleyball, soccer and playing in the sandbox to keep everyone active. There are movie nights, cooking events and opportunities to share.

We also are able to have a built-in church. We meet on Sunday mornings, under the trees to worship together and then divide into Sunday school groups. Rigo teaches the workers who are with the kids and I teach the teens. The younger kids are with other missionaries who live here.

We are so thankful God has us here during this time. We are thankful for the opportunity to help out in little ways and for the community, we can be part of.

#### Plans on Hold

Just like everyone else, we are faced with the uncertainty of the future. When will the government decide to loosen up the restrictions? When will we be able to travel? What long term effects will we have on the economy in Honduras? We planned to make a summer trip to visit many of you to say thank you in person, but for now, the plans are on hold. In the midst of so many questions, we are so grateful that we can trust God's perfect plan. As a family we have been learning what is truly important.

#### K and RW

May 20, 2020

## (Ministering to specific people groups around the world)

God uses so many different things to develop us in character and maturity. As COVID-19 continues to disrupt our nation and our lives, we have opportunity to allow God's work in our hearts. Along with perseverance, God is challenging us to grow in humility, patience, contentment and trust in Him. How is God challenging you to grow at this time?

We are sure that COVID-19 has affected each one of you. For us, we canceled a six-week trip to explore ministry possibilities among ■ in Europe and to train Christar workers. However, during this time we have seen different ministry opportunities come our way. ■ in all major cities have been sheltering in their homes for the past seven weeks. Nearly all ■ churches and Christian ministries have switched to internet-based communication.

As a result, K has been asked to preach for  $\blacksquare$ . He also re-started a weekly Bible teaching time for  $\blacksquare$  singles. In addition, this month we are assisting with a marriage seminar for Bulgarian  $\blacksquare$ . As these teaching times continue, pray for good internet connections and that God will be at work in our hearts and in the hearts of

those who listen.

The ministry is preparing for the possibility that summer camps will have to be presented differently this year. Many issues figure into their decision, so we pray and ask you to pray for wisdom and an effective camp program for the children.

*R* has been caring for her mother in Pennsylvania after she was hospitalized for non-COVID-19 pneumonia. Pray for her continued recovery and that we can find good caregivers for her.

We were thrilled to hear that the *Jesus* film was shown on **t**elevision last month. After some channels canceled the film due to pressure, the film was re-scheduled for broadcast on several other regional television stations. The organizers report that an estimated 8.2 million people viewed at least a portion of the Jesus Film over that week. Yes, that's right, 8.2 million people or 10% of the population of ■! Please pray with us that the seed that was sown will bear fruit. 

friends who minister on university campuses in ■ have news about another film of Jesus' life. "Last month, we published the Magdalena Jesus Film movie on our websites. We have received great reactions from this. About 5500 people have visited our page.... There are those who are searching and reading very seriously in this time."

We are thankful that although most of the world is confined and restricted, "God's word is not chained!" (2. Tim. 2:9). While we all are currently limited from normal activity, God continues His work in hearts.

Since the Messenger is online and available everywhere, precautions are necessary when sharing about missionaries serving in Muslim countries or other restricted areas. In order not to jeopardize our missionaries working in very challenging places, names and locations are excluded from some updates.



