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#### The Next Phase

By Pastor Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care

October 2016: I was in my wood shop building a Christmas gift when Don Baker called to see if I would be interested in taking the position of Minister of Pastoral Care at King Street Church upon the retirement of Les Stine. If interested I would begin January 1, 2017. I prayed about it, along with conferring with Lois, and felt that it would be a good ministry. Since then, I have had the wonderful opportunity of ministering to many people from King Street Church and beyond. Over this period, I have had the privilege of making thousands of contacts with people as I've visited them in hospitals, care facilities, private homes, funeral homes, and offices; and through opportunities to preach, teach, and minister to them.

When I was first contacted, I was asked if I would serve in this position for a couple of years, which has stretched into many more years. I have thoroughly enjoyed ministering to you in so many ways. I believe that God has used me to touch many lives through spiritual needs, grief, counsel, encouragement, etc. This has been a

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special time for me to use my God-given gifts to minister to you.

You know that I was diagnosed with prostate cancer some months ago. I had my radiation treatment for five and a half weeks. Through the prayers of many of you, my treatments have gone very well with very few side effects. I will not have results of the radiation effectiveness for three months. However, since last fall, I realized that I was having some minor physical issues that probably were not related to the cancer. I came to realize that I am getting older, even though many of you think that I am the Energizer Bunny. I will be 83 years old on February 19.



Therefore, after prayer and talking with Lois, I have decided that it is time for me to conclude my daily ministry as Minister of Pastoral Care at the end of February 2024. I have talked to both Pastor

Steve Flint and Aaron Smith (Chairman of the Personnel Relations Commission). Both agree with my decision.

With Pastor Steve's encouragement, I will continue to conduct some funerals as requested. I will continue to teach some Sunday School classes as I am asked. I have two classes for which I am already scheduled to teach.

Lois and I are going to continue to attend King Street Church. We love our church, and we believe that God has great things for KSC in the years ahead. God has blessed King Street Church from its beginning, as I have witnessed under the leadership of Dr. Clyde Meadows and many other pastors since then. I have known each of the pastors and been friends with them. God has used them significantly through the years to preach the Bible and lead the church. I believe that God still has a great future for King Street and will provide the senior pastor that He wants our body of Christ to have. I pray for God's rich blessings upon King Street Church and its ministry locally and around the world.

I may now be able to get back to creating some projects in my wood shop. Also, Lois is already making a list of chores which I need to do. I may even get in a game or two of golf this summer.

Just one example of Pastor Ron's woodworking skills is this dresser, part of a bedroom suite that he designed

and built.
He made
the jewelry
box as well.
No, Pastor
Ron will
not be
taking any
orders!



#### **CELEBRATING PASTOR RON COOK**

#### Ron Cook: A Man of Ministry

By Susanna Allen, Director of Communications

Over the past eight years, if you have been sick in the hospital, unable to get out of the house, or have suffered the loss of a loved one, chances are you have met Pastor Ron Cook. In his very capable, compassionate way, he may have prayed with you, offered words of comfort, read the Scriptures to you, shared in personal communion, or planned a memorial service of someone very dear.

His work is some of the most challenging and also the most critical that occurs in our church. His ministry has been a gift of immeasurable value to our church family! On some of our darkest days, Ron Cook has waded fearlessly into the pain and the messiness of those situations to handle arrangements, offer solace, and point to Jesus.

Pastor Ron has a BA from Huntington University and a Master of Divinity from Huntington College Theological Seminary. For 40+ years he

pastored United Brethren churches. Beginning in 1994, Pastor Ron began to serve as chaplain for several local businesses, a ministry he continues to this day.

Pastor Ron's first attempt to retire was in 2007; while he remained active in ministry, and was preaching from time to time, he was not pastoring a church. It was from that place that we called him to serve as Pastor of Ministerial Care in

2016. We didn't have to twist his arm; Ron's deep desire to be used by our Savior for Kingdom work led him to accept the job.

Very often in staff meetings Pastor Ron gives updates, with tender concern, about parishioners who are sick.

Regularly, Ron ministers to people who are not, themselves, part of our church family. They might be the relative of a member, someone at the hospital who needed a minister and he was there. It is clear the Lord plans many a divine appointment for Pastor Ron, as his interactions have often resulted in people coming to faith, becoming connected to King Street Church, or otherwise seeing Jesus through his words and care. Ron Cook loves people, and he demonstrates that every day.

Around the office, Pastor Ron is an inspiration. He is our eldest staff person, and yet he is very often the first into the office. It is not unusual for Pastor Ron to

be studying in his office at 6:30 am. In fact, he was really up at 3:30 am, has already spent more than an hour in personal devotions and prayer, exercised, and then prepared for work! Ron's wife Lois confirms he has kept this schedule for many years.

Even so, Pastor Ron isn't one to finish his day early. He can be found



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conducting services, attending meetings, checking in at RESET and generally... well, caring for people! Ron grew up on a farm and developed a strong work ethic as a young boy.

Being "old-school" in his daily schedule has not prevented Pastor Ron from being progressive in many other ways. He is quite tech-savvy and during COVID, personally visited all of those who were shut-in so that he could connect Roku devices to their TVs so that they could continue to watch Sunday services. Ron also uses Photoshop when he creates the covers for funeral programs.

Pastor Ron's wife Lois says that Ron taught himself everything he knows about computers. She says he has an adventuresome spirit and is also very creative in ways you might not expect. He is quite the actor when it comes to skits, and is a skilled baker who makes (among other things) homemade breads and pies.

At his heart Pastor Ron is a family man, and it is these loved ones who are most precious to him. Lois is his wife of 61 years; they have three daughters and sons-in-law, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Pastor Ron has resisted using the word "retire" in his communications about this next phase of life. Those closest to him know that he will never stop the ministry to which God has called him. We certainly hope that our church family will join us in respecting Pastor Ron's need for rest, and appropriately contact the office for any future needs, and yet also look forward to all that God will do through Ron in the days ahead.

Steve Flint, Executive Pastor, says, "I have the deepest respect and admiration for Pastor Ron in his faithful service over the many years in Christ to the church, and to the King Street Church family. Well done Pastor Ron!"

Pastor Ron Cook is a treasure to us, and not just to King Street Church. He is a gift to his family, his friends, the people of God, and to the lost ones who need to know Christ. We sincerely hope in this next season that he will have more time with his beloved family, and time to express his creative, adventure-filled heart!

Join us for a goodhye reception for Pastor Ron and Lois on Sunday, February 25, in Team Central.

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Staff Announcements**

By Susanna Allen, Director of Communications

#### **MOLLY SHULL RETIRES**

On Monday, January 8, the church staff threw a goodbye party for retiring colleague and friend, Molly Shull. Molly served for nearly 6 years as our Administrative Assistant to the Pastoral Staff.

Around the church office, Molly was known to be faithful, dedicated, and efficient. Even more importantly, she was cheerful and one who would listen well. She was a friend to all.

Molly invested her life and heart in a way that takes them way beyond the bounds of a job or list of duties. She was always willing to do whatever was asked of her. She exemplified a

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quality not uncommon in our staff members putting God first above all other considerations.

She was a volunteer in many areas including Agape English, VBS, Children's Ministries, Once

More Ministries, and more.

Adam Keath, Pastor of Restoration and Recovery, says this about his time working alongside Molly: "I already miss Molly! Her kind and positive attitude in the office was always a gift. She is one of those people that always make you feel welcome in her presence, a good listener, and a godly woman. Thank Molly. Enjoy retirement!"

#### **NEW ROLE FOR MARSHA SPANGLER**

The role of Administrative Assistant to the Pastoral Staff is an important one! We are so blessed that Marsha Spangler has agreed to step into it.

Marsha has already been working in our church office for several years, splitting her time between Communications Assistant and Receptionist. She will continue in her work with communications as she now invests in serving alongside our pastoral team.

The person who is hired in the Receptionist Job (see page 23) will be taking over the hours that Marsha previously spent at our front desk.

Marsha is known for her strong initiative, attention to detail, and efficient work ethic. We know that she will be an asset to Executive Pastor Steve and the rest of the team.

Marsha reported to Dan Gehris, Business Manager, when she served as Receptionist. He says, "I am incredibly happy for Marsha as she embarks on this new journey here at King Street Church! Marsha did an amazing job in her role as receptionist and I have no doubt that Marsha will exceed all expectations in her new role as Administrative Assistant. I sincerely appreciate all Marsha has done over the past nearly seven years on staff at King Street Church and God clearly has more plans for Marsha on staff here as she begins this new role and new path God is leading her down. We are very blessed to have Marsha on staff and look forward to all that God has in store for her in the months and years ahead."

Marsha, left, with her husband Gene and daughter Tia.



#### PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

#### **Pastor Search Update**

As we continue on our journey to find a new Senior Pastor, here are a few reminders of what we have laid out from the beginning.

First, we desire to make a choice that carries us many years into the future. This means that we are extremely thoughtful, prayerful, and measured in our decision making.

Also, we desire to be ready in all ways for the next season God has for us, and for this man of God. This time of transition — of prayer, discussion, and the receiving of counsel from those such as Bishop Todd Fetters and Chemistry Staffing — are allowing us to prepare and we already see the benefit of that investment.

All those involved are eager to enter the next phase for King Street Church, but more than that, we are committed to doing so with patience and wisdom so that we are confident in God's leading in each step.

Chemistry Staffing has finished reviewing our questionnaire/profile and we are in consultation with them in regards to the search.

UPDATE: We know that they have interviewed a number of potential candidates, and are in the midst of their extensive vetting process. We are waiting for them to identify the very best candidate.

Thank you for you joining with us in continued prayer over this transition, the pastoral team, and our next Senior Pastor.

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;" Psalm 37:7a

#### THE PROCESS

It's a marathon, not a sprint!

**Step 1:** 40 Days of Prayer & Fasting, to get our hearts and minds focused on Christ as we engage in this important process in the life of our church.

**Step 2:** Submit the Questionnaire, according to 5 components of a "Chemistry Fit." These include:

Theology: Does this person believe the same as us on both core and secondary issues?

Culture/DNA: Will this person be a good fit for our community, church, and culture?

Personality: Does this person play well with others? Are they likeable?

Skills: Does this person have the talents and abilities that we need to do a good job?

Chemistry: Will this person fit on our team? Do we want to do life and ministry together?

**Step 3:** Chemistry Staffing will review our questionnaire and prepare a profile and job posting, and will screen applicants through their process.

**Step 4:** When a candidate is identified, Chemistry Staffing will present them to our leadership team (including Bishop Todd Fetters). Then we will conduct our own interviews.

## God at Work THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: The Messenger contains brief highlights from Board meetings, with the most pertinent details. To view the full summary, visit kingstreetchurch.com; the Board Summaries are found under the "Watch & Read" tab. Printed copies of the latest Board summaries are also placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies monthly.

#### **October Highlights**

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in the Fellowship Room.

#### **EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT**

Pastor Steve Flint said the the administrative staff at the church office are all doing a great job and are very much appreciated. He gave updates about upcoming speakers, and baptism/partnership classes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Glenn Watson updated the Board on the recent Project Priority Team Meeting and reviewed the updated Project Priority List.

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

(alphabetical order)

Adult Ministries – Mark Willson shared that our mission partner from Malawi will visit KSC on November 12. He gave an L3 and Newcomer Luncheon update.

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger reviewed the 2024 Budget Proposal. Dan Gehris reviewed September 2023 financial results and 2023 YTD figures.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers said that Craig Newcomer spoke to the LOC about the Cold Weather Shelter and Maranatha Ministries. The LOC would like to invite local churches to the Quarterly Partner Meeting, and be highlighted on a Sunday morning to show the congregation how their tithes/offerings are being used by the LOC.

**Missions** – Jay Brown shared that Malawi Sunday is being planned for November 12. Prayer was requested for our missionaries.

Property – Gregg Thompson advised that Noelker and Hull Associates, Inc. can produce drawings for the Narthex Project. The emergency lighting project is 95% completed. Projects such as shades for the courtyard, concrete paving for the Ministry Center, pew refurbishing in the Sanctuary and tree trimming were also discussed.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger shared that on September 23, KSC hosted the National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training simulcast. He reported on upcoming events including the Hershey Bears hockey game and small group night.

Worship Arts – Carolyn Chenaille shared that the Night of Hymns on October 1 was a success. She also shared about upcoming opportunities including the Night of Worship, Family Service, Mass Choir, and Christmas Concert. There is a need for more electric guitar players.

#### BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

#### **November Highlights**

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in the Fellowship Room.

#### **EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT**

Pastor Steve Flint reported that many of the KSC staff attended the "All Access One Day" event at LCBC Church in Manheim. Family Sunday was a huge success and the Newcomer luncheons were a blessing to those who attended. Pastor Steve plans to do a video update to the church about the status of our Senior Pastor search.

#### **ELDERS**

Greg West reported that the Board of Elders are looking for new members. There are currently two new elders in training.

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS** (alpha order)

**Adult Ministries** – Ralph Todino shared that there are two new members being considered for the Adult Ministries Commission.

**Finance** – Brad Etchberger put forth the 2024 Budget for Board approval, and it was successfully approved. Dan Gehris reviewed the October 2023 financial results and YTD financial figures.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers reported on the Local Outreach Partner's Meeting that was held on October 9. Maranatha Ministry reported there are 133 homeless children in the Chambersburg Area School District and that lice kits are greatly needed. Once More Ministries is holding a distribution on December 9. The Salvation Army is in need around the holidays. Night to Shine will be held in February 2024 at Antrim BIC.

Missions – John Schaffer reported that on Sunday, November 12, we will highlight the ministry in Malawi with meetings in the Student Ministry Center and a luncheon afterwards. Bruce Main (CEO of Urban Promise International) will be present to give an update on Cornerstone, Rays of Hope and Namakango ministries.

**Property** – Gregg Thompson reported that four additional lay people are needed on the Property Commission. Gregg advised that two heat exchangers will need to be replaced soon. There was a discussion on pew refurbishment.

**Children's Ministry** – Alexander Rosenbaum shared there is a Parent Workshop being planned around the topic of technology. December 3 is the Children's Christmas Party with a "Gingerbread Bash" theme.

**Student Ministry** – Nathan Rosenberger reported that 70 students and 10 leaders enjoyed a Hershey Bears Ice Hockey game on October 15. He also reported on the All-Church Worship Night and first Small Group Night. He listed upcoming events including Serve Saturday, Christmas Parties, and the "Almost New Year's Eve All Nighter."

**Worship Arts** – Carolyn Chenaille reported on upcoming events: Mass Choir and Christmas Concert.

#### **December Highlights**

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in the Fellowship Room. Glenn Watson, Chairman of the Board of Administration, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Ken Adams opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

#### BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

#### **EXECUTIVE PASTOR REPORT**

Pastor Steve Flint reported there were two new partners added to our congregation. The Country Creek Christmas event was a great success. Hats and gloves were distributed to all the students at Stevens, Buchanan and Ben Chambers Elementary Schools as a gift from King Street Church. We had 340 people attend the KSC Christmas Concert. Pastor Steve also shared that Becky Hann has received her provisional pastor's license from the United Brethren denomination.

#### **ELDERS**

Greg West reported that he has three candidates willing to serve as members of the Elder Team starting in 2024. One of the candidates has previously been a member of the Elder Team and two are new to the Elder Team and are in the process of completing their Elder training. A motion was passed to move forward and present the testimonies and biographies of the two new Elder Team candidates to the congregation.

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS** (alpha order)

**Adult Ministries** – A motion passed to approve Bryan Bender as the new Chairperson of the Adult Ministry Commission and Carole Kirkpatrick as a new member of the Adult Ministry Commission.

Children's Ministry – Alexander Rosenbaum reported that the Safety Plan was discussed with parents. Alexander also shared that the Gingerbread Bash was a great success.

**Finance** – Dan Gehris reviewed the November 2023 Financial Summary Report including YTD figures. He also presented the 2024 King Street Church Financial Resolution outlining how many and which King Street Church officials can commit

the church on financial matters. Dan also presented the updated 2024 King Street Church Financial Support Personnel Resolution outlining which personnel, and to what degree, are authorized to handle KSC funds.

Local Outreach – Sharon Bowers reported that the LOC gave financial gifts to the following organizations: Monarch's Way, Operation Christmas Child (in honor of Roy and Martha Rotz), Sweet Grace, PMI, Franklin County Jail Ministry and Fruitbelt Farm Workers. A motion passed to accept Jim Gilbert as a new member of the Local Outreach Commission.

Missions – John Schaffer reported that the Missions Commission gave financial gifts to the following organizations: Malawi (3 ministries), Operation Mobilization, Orphan's Tree, Voice of the Martyrs, UB Global, Urban Promise, Samaritan's Purse and Fellowship of Christians and Jews. A motion passed to approve Don MacAskill as the new Chairperson of the Missions Co-Mission and to approve Andy Paszkowski, Tina Mentzer and Rob Mertz as new members of the Missions Commission.

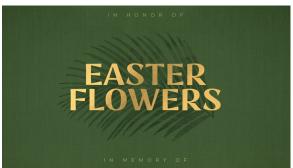
**Personnel Relations** – A motion passed to approve Daren Stouffer as a new member of the Personnel Relations Commission.

**Property** – Gregg Thompson shared drawings for Ministry Center improvements. The Board members were able to view them and ask questions.

**Worship Arts** – A motion passed to approve Daryl Crider as a new member of the Worship Arts Commission.

#### EASTER AT KING STREET CHURCH









#### **Lenten Devotionals**

It is our prayer that as we journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, we will be reminded of our broken humanity, and also anticipate Christ's victory over sin and death. We are offering print and digital versions of "Guided to the Cross" by Ed Arle. Pick up a booklet in the lobbies or visit kingstreetchurch.com/lent to see how to receive these devotionals by text or email.

#### **Easter Flowers**

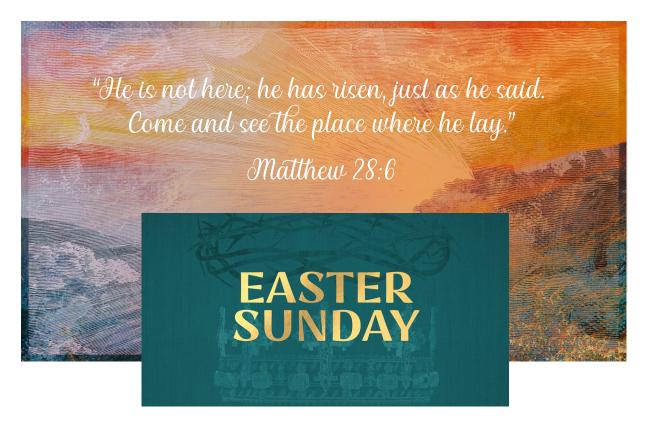
Help decorate the church by ordering an Easter flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Find a form in the lobbies or order online at <a href="kingstreetchurch.com/">kingstreetchurch.com/</a> flowers. The cost is \$10.50 and the deadline is Monday, March 11. Flowers can be taken after the Easter Sunday services or from the Baker Lobby on Monday, April 1.

#### **Maundy Thursday Service**

On **Thursday, March 28**, you are invited to join us for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The service will feature Scripture, a responsive reading, prayer, and the sharing of elements.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

On **Good Friday, March 29**, we will keep vigil with Christ with a "Stations of the Cross" contemplative experience devised by Pastor Adam Keath and Pastor Rob Gunkelman. Members of our church family can complete the self-guided experience any time they wish in the church building.



#### **Easter Worship**

We are excited to remember Christ's sacrificial death and celebrate His resurrection together! Here is the schedule for Easter Worship Services:

#### Sunday, March 31:

- 8:00 am in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am in the Sanctuary & Baker Center
- 11:00 am in the Sanctuary & Baker Center

CrossWalk Children's Ministries will offer nursery care and preschool children's classes at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Other groups will not meet that day (elementary children, students and adults).

#### **Online Services**

#### Sunday, March 31:

- 8:00 am (traditional)
- 9:30 am (contemporary)
- 11:00 am (united)

These services are available at <a href="mailto:live.kingstreetchurch.com">live.kingstreetchurch.com</a>, on Facebook, on YouTube, or through our Roku/Apple TV apps.

# Coming Soon KSC IN ACTION!



#### 'If My People' Prayer Group

Join a team here at KSC that is committed to praying for revival in our families, our church, community, nation, and world. You're invited to a prayer opportunity on the second and fourth Mondays of every month — February 12, February 26, March 11 and March 25 — at 7:00 pm in M21. Come early at 6:30 pm and join RESET for worship.

#### **GriefShare**

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, this can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. The group will meet from February 5–April 22, downstairs in M27. You are encouraged to join us on any week. Sessions are self-contained. To register, contact Marsha Spangler at (717) 264-4651 or email mspangler@kschurch.org.



#### **Love & Unity**

If you are aspiring to develop more knowledge regarding Godly marriage — whether already married or single — you are invited to a Valentine's Day event on **Wednesday**, **February 14**, at 7:00 pm in M27. This event, facilitated by Lowell & Karen Martin, will offer principles from God's Word that lead to a healthier, stronger marriage relationship. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### Stay in the Loop!

You can always see the latest events at kingstreetchurch.com/today. If you would like to receive the weekly announcements — and news of our latest events — via text, get on the list by texting "today" to (717) 401-7777.



## Adoption & Foster Care Support Group

This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where you are in the process. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (September – May), at 5:45 pm in M27. On Tuesday, February 20, we are holding a date night for our families with adopted or fostered children. We will meet for a typical gathering on Tuesday, March 19. Childcare and dinner are provided. Questions, contact Bethany Hanft at adoption@kschurch.org.



#### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when we prepare our hearts for Easter. This year our Ash Wednesday service is on **Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day**, The service will include music, prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

#### **Baptism Class**

Baptism is an important step in the life of a believer. Our next baptismal service will be on March 31, Easter Sunday. If you would like to be baptized, or would like to learn more, attend a class on **Sunday**, **March 3**, at 11:00 am in M119 (Team Central).



## Night to Shine Friday, February 9

Night to Shine is a party for our friends with special needs. It has taken many months to plan and prepare. Please be praying for our Night to Shine Leadership Team, the more than 250 (mostly King Streeters!) who are serving as decorators, buddies, hair stylists, shoe-shiners, traffic helpers, and dozens of other roles. Pray that our guests will feel loved and celebrated!

#### STUDIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN



#### **New Women's Study**

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in M28, a group of women led by Karen Martin will study The Power of a Praying Woman, a series by Stormie Omartian.

Praying for others can sometimes seem easier than praying for yourself. You may be sensitive to many needs in the lives of your family and friends, but your needs are also important.

Freely come to the Lord with your dreams and the things that weigh on your heart. Spending time alone with Him will lift and comfort you as you draw close to Him in prayer. His desire is to show you how to not just survive but thrive in all areas of your life. With confidence, boldly ask God to help you become the woman you have always longed to be.



#### **New Men's Study**

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in M27, a group of men led by Lowell Martin will study The Book of Joshua: Courage for Everyday People, a series with Louie Giglio.

After roaming the wilderness for decades, God's people finally reached the Promised Land. But there were still obstacles that stood in their way. Securing the land God had promised them would require strength, courage, and faith.

In this eight-session series, pastor Louie Giglio shows us that our story today isn't too far removed from Joshua and the Israelites: we need the same strength, courage, and faith to face the challenges in our lives. We will learn what it means to follow God faithfully, no matter what obstacles are before us.

**New! RESET Women's Group:** Beginning Monday, March 11, a new group called Women of Faith & Friendship will meet every other week to journey toward greater freedom from worry, and support one another along the way. A jumping off point for discussions will be The Answer to Anxiety: How to Break Free from the Tyranny of Anxious Thoughts and Worry by Joyce Meyer. See details on page 20.

New Office Hours: We have adjusted our office hours. We are now open 9 am— 4 pm, Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed to the public on Friday and any needs on Fridays will be accommodated by appointment only.



## hope & courage women's conference

#### Saturday, March 16 9 am - 4 pm

- \$35/ticket, includes lunch
- · Antrim Church, Chambersburg
- Keynote speaker: Alisa Childers, author of "Another Gospel?" and "Live Your Truth and Other Lies"
- All women 16 and up are invited!

KSC is one of five churches hosting the Hope & Courage Conference on Saturday, March 16. Our conference will encourage and equip women toward a deep love for God's Word and a strong biblical worldview. Eloisa Rice will share during a main session, and gifted local speakers will be featured during one breakout session.

Visit the conference website to see our goals, program schedule, meal options and more!

Be strengthened and encouraged as we highlight the sufficiency of Christ in the battle against fear, anxiety, discontentment and discouragement.

This is a rare opportunity to be with a multitude of like-minded spiritual sisters, all lifting up our faces to the father for hope and courage as we seek to thrive in a culture that often opposes the Gospel.



### hopeandcourageconference.com

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Sunday Morning:** We offer ministry for children nursery through grade 5 at 9:30 and 11:00.

**Kids Choir** offers children in grades 1-5 a chance to learn more about music and worship, and use their energy to sing and move to the glory of God! Our spring session has

begun; join us on Sundays at 11:00 am in M7 (Choir Room).

**Wednesday Night KidzConnect:** Kids in grades K-5 are invited for these highenergy evenings. Doors to the CMC open at 6:45 pm and we end at 8:00 pm.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

• PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: The Children's Ministry Team would love to take care of your children so that you can enjoy a date night on Friday, February 16, from 5:30-8 pm. We will be providing dinner and age-appropriate activities for



your kids so that you can have a much needed break. Please enjoy a date with your spouse or a night out with a friend or simply go home to silence. This invitation is for ALL couples and single-parents of our King Street Kids from nursery through 5th grade. We appreciate you! To help us plan, please register at kingstreetchurch.com/date.



- PARENTING WORKSHOP: We are excited to offer another workshop on Sunday, March 10, as a way to enrich our families and to support them in our challenging culture. This workshop, "Parenting with Emotional Health in Mind," will be held from 4-6 pm in the CMC. We will be using some materials by Orange; their materials describe that, "It is designed to empower and equip parents to meet their kid's mental health challenges head-on and support them in the way they need most."
- **SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!** This summer's Vacation Bible School will be **June 23-26** and include ages 4- through completion of 5th grade. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach, God's rock-solid truth in a world of shifting sands (Romans 12:2).

#### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**GPS Sunday School:** Students in grades 6-8 meet at 9:30 and grades 9-12 meet at 11:00 am for GPS Sunday School. During the alternate hours, students are encouraged to attend worship or serve in a ministry area.



#### **Upcoming Events:**



• **30 HOUR FAMINE:** The 30 Hour Famine is a project through World Vision that helps to raise money and awareness of those in our world experiencing hunger. We will be holding the event with all students in grades 6-12 from **Friday, March 8**, at 7:00 pm

(students will begin fasting on their own at 1 pm), through **Saturday, March 9**, at 7:00 pm. We'll do a variety of things during our time together: local work projects, devotions, learning about the populations who experience hunger, as well as lots of fun and games. We'll break the fast with a pizza party in the Baker Gym.

• **EASTER PARTY:** We are planning an off-site Easter party on **Wednesday**, **March 27**. Save the date and watch for more details coming soon!

#### Save the Date for Summer Events!

- **SUMMER SNEAK:** June 12-16 (students finishing grades 8-12)
- MISSION TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND: June 22-28 (students finishing grades 7-12) Details will be coming soon!
- **CHAMBERSBURG PROJECT:** July 7-12 (students finishing grades 6-12) This annual missions opportunity involves making home repairs for local families. Plan now to participate!



**Opportunity:** We are looking for housing for a PRIME intern who will be staying with us May-December. While we would gratefully consider any option, we are seeking someone who may have an in-law suite or apartment off of their home. This is an amazing way to show hospitality and encourage a young ministry student who will be working with our Student team.

For questions about any youth events, contact Lauren Zook at <u>lzook@kschurch.org</u>.

Follow thestreetsm on Facebook or Instagram.

#### PRIMETIMERS SENIOR ADULTS

EVENT CALENDAR						
Date/Day	Event	Cost Per Person	More Information			
Wednesday, February 21  Final Payment is due February 12	Luncheon; everything provided by PT Committee	\$10.00	Noon in the Baker Center			
Wednesday, March 13 None Needed	Potluck Meal: meat provided; bring a dish to share	Donation	<ul> <li>Noon in the Baker Center</li> <li>Jared Childers of the R Thomas Murphy Law Offices will speak on estate planning, power of attorney, wills, trusts and more.</li> </ul>			
Wednesday, April 10 None Needed	Lunch at Bonanza	\$9.99 plus tax and gratuity	<ul> <li>1:00 p.m. — Bonanza Senior Special</li> <li>Identify yourself as a KSC PrimeTimer; they have a room reserved for us.</li> </ul>			
Wednesday, May 8 Final Payment is due March 25	Mini-Bus Trip to Bird-in-Hand Theater and Restaurant in Lancaster	\$75.00 Includes play, meal, gratuity, transportation	<ul> <li>"The Confession"- An Amish Love Story</li> <li>8:30 a.m. Depart from WEIS</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Meal</li> <li>1:00 p.m. Play</li> <li>Concludes at 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul>			
No Events in June						
Wednesday, July 10	Mini-Bus Trip to Raystown for Lunch and Sightseeing Cruise on the Queen Mary	ТВА	<ul> <li>Departure time to be determined</li> <li>Lunch will be on your own at Traditions Restaurant and Bakery: www.traditions web.com/restaurant/home</li> </ul>			
No Events in August						
Wednesday, September 11 Final Payment is due September 6	Picnic at Green Township Park Pavilion #2	\$10.00	<ul> <li>12:00 noon – more details to come</li> <li>Please arrive a little early so we can eat at noon.</li> </ul>			
Wednesday, October 16 Final Payment is due September 1	Bollman Bus Trip Sight and Sound "Daniel"	\$170.00 Includes meal, gratuities, transportation	<ul> <li>Arrive a little early</li> <li>7:45 a.m. Depart WEIS Market</li> <li>10:30 a.m. Arrive at Sight and Sound</li> <li>2:00 pm. Depart Sight and Sound for Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant</li> </ul>			
No Events in November						
Wednesday, December 11	Christmas Luncheon	TBA	TBA			

#### The PrimeTimers

The Senior Adult Ministry program at King Street Church, known as The PrimeTimers, is a vital part of our church. This growing ministry provides Christ-centered activities addressing the spiritual, social, physical and educational needs of senior men and women. This segment of our church family includes retirees, grandparents, people with adult children, couples, singles and widows/widowers, all of whom desire to be productive servants of Christ. Anyone twenty one years of age and up is welcome to participate in their activities.



#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**



- **Website:** Download the Annual Calendar and Registration Information at <a href="https://kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers">kingstreetchurch.com/primetimers</a>. (Or choose "PrimeTimer Adults" from the "Connect" tab.)
- **Printed Materials:** Packets and sign-up forms are on the Information Walls in all of our church lobbies.
- **Deposit:** You are not officially signed up until your deposit is received: Day Trip: \$10, Overnight Trip: \$50.
- **Checks:** Make your check payable to **KSC PrimeTimers** and note in the memo line for which event(s) you are paying.
- Mailing: If mailing payments, send to Frances Humelsine, 408 Benjamin Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Include a note with the check that includes your name, address, phone number, e-mail (if you check it often), check amount, date, and for which event(s) you are paying.
- Contact: If you have questions or wish to sign up, call Frances Humelsine at (717) 263-8633.
- Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel after signing up, call the above number immediately as there may be people on the waiting list. The final sign up due date/final payment due date and the cancellation date are all the same date. If you have to cancel AFTER this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is someone on the waiting list. If you have an emergency that morning, please call (early) so we don't wait for you.
- **Trip Insurance:** If you desire trip insurance for overnight trips, you will need to acquire it on your own. We offer AAA brochures. To qualify, you must sign up for insurance immediately after signing up for a trip.
- **Trip Updates:** Updates on departure times, etc., are included in the weekly church worship folder/bulletin and in each Messenger (which can be found at <u>kingstreetchurch.com</u>, "Watch and Read").
- All trips in 2024 will depart from Weis parking lot on Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

**The Porch:** The Porch young adult ministry meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center. Small groups connect on the second and fourth Thursdays; guys meet in the SMC and





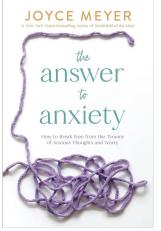
girls meet in Team Central. Visit us online at <a href="https://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult">kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult</a>.

• **ROLLER SKATING:** On Thursday, February 29, (5th Thursday) we will meet at Roll R Way from 6-8pm to roller-skate and then get ice cream at Kenny's.

**RESET:** RESET is a support system that lifts up Jesus as our hope in the messiness of life. We meet on Monday nights to grow together and share in authentic community with one another, and remove barriers that keep us from experiencing abundant life in Christ. Join us at 6:30 pm in the Student Ministry Center; small groups meet at 7:00 pm for sharing and support. Groups change based on attendance and leadership but our most regular ones include the following, which meet weekly unless otherwise noted:

- Women's Mixed Issues
- Co-ed Parents' Group (bi-weekly)
- Men's Mixed Issues
- Men's Grief Support
- Men's Chemical Dependency

**Needed:** We need childcare helpers (teens welcome!) to care for a small group of kids twice a month. There is a stipend available. Contact Courtney: <a href="mailto:cmdevine1994@gmail.com">cmdevine1994@gmail.com</a>.



#### **NEW LADIES GROUP: Women of Faith & Friendship:**

Beginning Monday, March 11, a group of women will meet every other week through June 17 (8 meetings), from 7-8 pm in M24 to explore how God may want us to notice Him in our experiences of anxiety. We will use this book by Joyce Meyer as a jumping-off point for our discussions: The Answer to Anxiety: How to Break Free from the Tyranny of Anxious Thoughts and Worry. This group — facilitated by Andrea Allen and Susanna Allen — offers a chance to journey toward

greater freedom from worry, and support one another along the way. You are invited to join in for prayer and worship at RESET at 6:30, but

you do not need to be part of RESET to attend. To help us plan, sign-up at <u>kingstreetchurch.com/reset</u>.



#### CHRISTMAS FLASHBACK!

Here are a few fun pictures from our family event, The Gingerbread Bash. Thank you, Crosswalk Staff and Volunteers, for hosting such a fun and meaningful time for our children and families.











#### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING UPDATE: \$13,362.01 Received!

This year, we invested our Christmas Eve offering to spread the joy of Jesus to Unreached People Groups in Central Asia, specifically, to reach the "Shoptar" people (not their real name, but used for security reasons), a tribal Muslim people in two countries. There are over 80 million Shoptars — imagine a group larger than Australia + Canada + Haiti and they are statistically 0% Christian. The leaders of our denomination, United Brethren in Christ, are seeing a window of openness right now and believe it's a critical moment to get involved. Our gift will go towards their major initiative to send the Gospel into these regions.

Jay Brown, Pastor Mission & Discipleship, says: "Unprecedented numbers of people are responding to Jesus around the world in places where the Gospel has never been heard before. Thank you for participating in this opportunity to share the Kingdom with an unreached people group! Your amazing generosity will help bring people into the Kingdom of God in ways that we can only imagine right now. Please follow up your giving with prayer for the Shoptar people, and we will update you from UB Global as we have the opportunity."

## Relationally Connected CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

#### **Attendance Report**

Our online numbers stand for each unique IP address, each representing about two people.

		In-Person	Online
•	Nov 5	920	213
•	Nov 12	885	255
•	Nov 19	903	267
•	Nov 26	867	264
•	Dec 3	900	366
•	Dec 10	854	455
•	Dec 17	901	346
•	Dec 24	718	249
•	Christmas Eve	1,403	129
•	Dec 31	812	304
•	Jan 7	420	354
•	Jan 14	866	288
•	Jan 21	803	302
•	Jan 28	874	264

#### **Communion Offerings**

- FEBRUARY: The offering will go to our Generosity Fund, to be used for random acts of kindness and generosity.
- MARCH: The offering will go to Once More Ministries, to support the local outreach household supply ministry.

In the Hospital? If you would like to request a visit or prayer, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Marsha Spangler at <a href="mailto:mspangler@kschurch.org">mspangler@kschurch.org</a>.

#### **Giving Report**

These offerings are part of the General Fund.

\$55,683.80
\$42,458.00
\$63,805.00
\$40,654.84
\$52,907.00
\$56,047.95
\$79,441.72
\$60,163.03
\$13,362.01
\$67,330.00
\$69,035.43
\$42,611.00
\$45,279.00
\$57,440.28

#### **Giving Statements**

2023 Giving Statements have been sent by email to those with an email address in our database. (Check your spam/junk folder!) Paper statements have been mailed to those without email addresses. Contact Andrea Hartman at <a href="mailto:ahartman@kschurch.org">ahartman@kschurch.org</a> if you have not yet received your statement.

#### **New Partners**

Partners (members) walk with Christ and pledge to join the church community by embracing its mission, engaging in its ministry, contributing to its finances, and submitting to its authority. We plan to welcome new partner **Evelyn Barnett** on February 4.

#### **BAPTISMS**



#### **Celebrating Baptisms**

On Sunday, January 7, we celebrated the baptism of Reuben Sollenberger. Below is a portion of his testimony. See the full testimony and baptism recap video on The Hub at: kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub

**REUBEN SOLLENBERGER:** I was 5 years-old and I was talking with my sister Abigail about Christ and she asked me if I wanted to be a believer...

I accepted Him into my heart. I needed Him in my life because I knew without Him I wouldn't go to Heaven and I knew that He died on the cross for my sins. I have devotions every day before school with my Mom and I go to church with my family. I try to tell other people about Jesus. I want to be baptized today to show everyone that I am a believer in Jesus.

Our next baptismal service will be on **Sunday, March 31, on Easter Sunday.** The preparation meeting for participants is **Sunday, March 3**. If you are interested in taking this important step of baptism, join us at 11:00 am in Team Central (located along our central hallway).

Children 12 and under who are interested in baptism should plan to attend a special class just for kids on either **Sunday, March 3 or 10, at 11:00 am in M221.** 

#### **Job Opportunity: Receptionist**

We are seeking to hire a Receptionist who would serve in the church Administrative Office on **Thursdays** from 9 am - 4 pm. The Receptionist provides an inviting and cheerful greeting to all who contact King Street Church for information and assistance; they also offer support to the office clerical staff.



Our ideal candidate has a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, is proficient in using Microsoft Word/ Excel/email/text messaging, has

experience working in an office environment, and is gifted in people skills, leadership, administration, and encouragement. See the full job description and application details at <a href="kingstreetchurch.com/job">kingstreetchurch.com/job</a>.

#### **Shoebox Update:**

We are excited to announce that this year we collected

#### 2,946 shoeboxes!

That is nearly 3,000 lives impacted for Jesus. We learned that Franklin County gave approximately 37,000 boxes, so we were privileged to give approximately 8% of that total. Thank you for investing in God's work through Samaritan's Purse around the world!

## Engaging & Blessing OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

#### **Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter**



The shelter is open. In previous years, King Street Church has provided volunteers and food each Wednesday evening through March. This has proven to be a great ministry to the homeless in the Chambersburg area. If you are interested in volunteering and/or providing food, call John Comerer at (717) 372-3725.

## King Street Church on Crime Watch Page!

Jim Washabaugh let us know that on November 18: "The Thursday Night 'Grow in His Word' class engaged and blessed our community, the Chambersburg Police Department. Our class provided a meal to the Officers and their Special Events folks after the annual Chambersburg Christmas parade! We provided hoagies from Hat's Heroes, pretzels, chips, soda, water and a cake from BJ's. We made their Crime Watch page!" They said:



THANK YOU! The Chambersburg Police Department would like to thank the King Street Church's Bible Study group for their food donation for the officers and special event staff taking part in the annual Christmas Parade in the Borough tonight.

#### **Once More Ministries Update**

Once More Ministries shares the love of Jesus and builds relationships by providing toiletries to those in need in our community. We collect toiletry donations year-round and hand them out at quarterly distributions. Over the last several distributions, we have seen significant increases in community turnout for supplies. The need is certainly great!

If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, we would like to take a moment to update you on our new Amazon Wish List. We have been humbled by and so thankful to the Lord for the outpouring of generosity we've seen already through this new donation option! Thank you to every



we've seen already through this new donation option! Thank you to everyone who has donated, whether through Amazon or through our donation bins located in each lobby.



You can now help OMM by ordering online. Scan the QR code with your phone to see our Amazon Wish List. Choose from the selected items and quantities and Amazon will deliver the items directly to the church. As items are purchased, the quantities will be updated, so you can see what our greatest needs are at a given time.



See these boxes, stacked in our OMM storage room? They have all arrived from Amazon and are waiting to be unpacked by our OMM volunteers. It is SUCH an encouragement to receive these supplies from our church family!

If you prefer to shop for items in person, below is a list of the items we collect. Items should be in new, unopened condition. On the collection bins in each lobby, you can find a shopping list.

#### **UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION:**

Saturday, March 9, 9:00 am—12:00 pm or until supplies are exhausted.

- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz) and dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toilet paper (small 4 or 6-packs)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant: men's and women's
- Paper towels (individually-wrapped)
- Toothbrushes (single, 2-, 3-, and 4-packs) *These are given out twice a year.*

- Toothpaste
- Facial tissues
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap
- Razors
- Feminine hygiene products

## Missionally Engaged AROUND THE WORLD

#### K&R W

December 2023

#### **Update—Bulgaria Trip**

We saw the hand of God in so many ways during our time visiting In Bulgaria and want to praise Him and have you thank Him with us. We expected some difficulties in terms of tight connections, train rides after dark in a foreign country, etc. Each step of the way the Lord brought us to our destinations in good time, with help when we needed directions.

The Lord helped us overcome jet lag pretty quickly, and K began teaching the morning after we arrived. The students seemed eager to learn, asking good questions. K was surprised to find that he would preach not only on Sunday, but on Monday night at a second church in a different neighborhood. On Tuesday night about 40 women came to the ladies Bible study where R shared from John 15. God gave us grace to be able to speak during those times, despite raspy voices and an infected tooth (R). We saw God's grace to provide an emergency dentist who started R on treatment.

We found the In Bulgaria to be enthusiastic in worship; we were humbled in seeing their passion for the Lord. The Bulgarian ministry has resulted in many claiming faith in Christ. As we come to the end of another year, we

especially want to thank you for your partnership with us in ministry. As we each pray, God is at work to build His church in communities who did not know of Jesus in past decades.

Below we share part of a report from a pastor in ■. He and his wife stayed in ■ after the Feb earthquake to serve earthquake survivors who had nowhere to go. God has been at work in the hearts of many in recent months.

At the old building, (before the earthquake) we regularly received about 50 children for the kids activities we have done for several years. Now we have over 300 children coming! People are hungry. Their hearts are very open. They are coming continually, faithfully every week, not just to see what we do one week and not come the following week. I am sharing the divinity of Jesus Christ with them - that Jesus is the essence of God. We are seeing that there is much, much fruit.

Praise God for bringing eternal hope to earthquake survivors.

#### HB

January 2024, recently returned from teaching English overseas in ■.

#### **Update**

I hope you enjoyed the holidays spending time with loved ones celebrating the great gift of love the Father has given us. This Christmas, I've held tightly to the reminder that our Father's ways are greater than my own and that He is a good Father who cares deeply for all of His children.

I've meditated on these truths often lately as I've been processing some unexpected news. In early December, I received the news that my organization has decided to remove all teachers from the province school indefinitely as they evaluate the health and safety risks of living in the province. I will not be returning to the province for the next school year, and this change could potentially be permanent. This news came as a shock to me. For so long I'd been holding so tightly to my eventual return to the province, just for it to be taken away. It's been a lot to process.

Through my processing, I've been comforted by the omnipresence of our Father. He is still in ■. He never left. He loves the ■ people more than I ever could. He cares for them just as much now as He did when my teammates and I were still there teaching. I'm incredibly grateful for my two years in ■ and I trust that my time there was not in vain. The Father will use the work He did through me and He will continue to work in ■ now. As I grieve and process the loss of the place that became my second home, I am choosing to release ■ and its people into the hands of our good and loving Father.

If you're anything like me, hearing this news brings up a short, but complex question, "Now what?" The short answer is I don't know yet. I have a lot of options, which can be both exciting and overwhelming. I could go with my current organization to a different location, join a new organization in ■, or find employment in the US. Whatever comes next, I want to make sure I'm intentionally seeking the

Father in my next steps and following wherever He leads me. I hope you will continue to join me in this journey as I seek the Father's will for the future.

I'll be attending a 3-week retreat in Michigan for people who have lived and worked overseas. My hope is that this time will provide space for me to process the events of the past 2 years in ■, spend intentional time resting in the Father, and gain some clarity and direction for the future.

Through all of the ups and downs of the past few months, I've been so grateful for all of your support. Your continued lifts, emails, financial gifts, and encouragements mean so much to me. In a season of so many unknowns, your support is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

#### **Praises**

- Connection with like minded community through local fellowships
- Spending Christmas with family for the first time in 2 years
- Seeing my teammate get married

#### Lifts

- Clarity and direction from the Father for future decisions
- The Father's work to continue in the hearts and minds of the ■ people.

#### **Emily Schoenleber**

December and January 2023, serving with Global Catalytic Ministries

#### **Prayer Request**

I'm turning 27 next week! My birthday is on the 13th and my friends and I have planned a

few fun things for the day. I think it will be a good day, but I have definitely have been dreading this birthday (and the next one) for a couple of years. My brother Ryan was 27 when he died a couple of years ago and I knew it would be hard to turn that age. It just feels so weird and wrong that I'm almost his age, that I'll outlive him.

I've never navigated a year that he didn't handle first. As kids and teenagers it was seeing him do things first and learn them, and then being taught later on. Graduating high school and getting ready to step into adulthood. Driving was a big one I remember too. Just like he taught me how to shoot a basketball or throw a football when I was barely big enough to actually hold the ball, haha. I loved being his little sister. I loved having someone to look up to and follow around, even if it drove him crazy sometimes.

Even though we walked different experiences as adults, I guess there was something comforting about knowing he had already explored the unknown territory of each new age a few years before I got there. Last week I was really dreading it and just wanted to skip ahead to January. But as my friends and I made plans I started to feel a little better and get excited for the first time. I think it will still be a pretty bittersweet day, but praying the Lord redeems it in a way only He can.

#### **Herrnut**

I just returned from a trip to a small town in the east of Germany. It was such a joy! I've wanted to come for almost ten years, since I first heard about the Moravians. Their love for and obedience to the Lord marked the nations and influenced Christianity more than most of us will ever know. I am so grateful for the beautiful work God did in and through them.

Stones of remembrance are right and good. It's so important that we remember and honor what

God has done. It stirs our faith and reminds us of who He is. He is a God of new mercies every morning, He is a God of daily bread. But stones aren't bread.

Whether it was a move of God from hundreds of years



ago or from last year, we must not allow our hunger to be satisfied with stories from the past. Rather, we let those stories ignite our hearts and stir our faith to believe for more. Let us run this race, not let us be stagnant and dwell on the past believing the lie that our best days are behind us.

In my own life, it's easy to live off of past encounters with God; thinking I have enough history with Him that I can make it through a day on my own. (I can't; I get cranky, unkind, impatient, frustrated, controlling, all those not fun things.)

Last week I felt empty and exhausted. I said to God, "I don't know what's wrong with me, but I know I need You. I need my daily bread." I felt Him say, "That's it! That's the key you need." Jesus told us to ask for daily bread and He modeled a life of communing with the Father. He led me to Psalm 19 and highlighted v7, "the law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." It was like fresh water to my soul.

I don't want to spend my life camped out staring at stones. Revisit them, of course, but I want to be present in what God is doing here and now, knowing He still has much more in store for us.

#### The Kindness of God

In 2019 and early 2020 I spent time in the UK and Europe while working with Circuit Riders. My trip to Herrnhut overlapped with the first Circuit Rider team to ever come to Herrnhut! I even got to see some old friends too. One of the German girls leading the team had been our student host when our Circuit Rider team came to her university in Germany back in 2020! Seeing how much this movement has grown in these past years blesses my soul and I'm so grateful for the season I ran with this family. The original Circuit Riders were of course influenced heavily by the Moravians through their influence in the life of John Wesley. Two years ago the Lord brought me to a small Kentucky town where there are two institutions named for the Circuit Rider, Francis Asbury. It's just so special all of these threads and connections that the Lord has woven together! There is always so much more to write and share with you all, but I will leave it there for now! Thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement. It really does mean so much!

Love & blessings, Emily

#### B&S P

October 2023, serving in ■.

#### God's Heart is for the World

Daily we watch, maybe too much, as the horrors of this sin and war-filled images fill our screens, through images and words. Many tears have been shed for the pain of Brothers and Sisters and the fate of those who have suffered and those who perished without knowing Christ. Having friends in the Middle East and teammates who have friends and family there brings reality a bit closer. Join us in praying with two Christian Brothers, one from ■ and one a Messianic Jew.

#### **Thank You for Praying**

- God has graciously provided some funds towards a purchase of another van. We are still on the hunt and have just not been able to give it full-time attention. We are grateful for the teammates who lent us their vans on occasion.
- Children who attend club/
   church have their dad home from jail now, and they are settled into another home.



- Housing was found for the gentleman from
   church whose family is currently split.
- B recently had a good conversation with a young ■ man who lost his dad. B's experience walking through legal matters and heart issues both were used to encourage this young man.
- The English class for ladies is now even more diverse and going well. Even though Bible stories are clearly presented, the women keep coming, women from several 'religious' backgrounds and nationalities.
- B's connections as a Chaplain were able to help get our friends in a face to face meeting with a Fire Captain, and both boys are now lined up to train as First Responders. We were also able to get pertinent information through the Red Cross about an family who had a fire since B was allowed to be given information.

The short-term team from NC made great connections and got lots of fodder for prayer. Since the picnic and mini care fair that week, two of our dear ■ sisters have been attending ■ church services regularly.

#### **Please Pray**

- Our friend and his wife rejoiced over the birth of a baby only days before our friend's father died back in ■. Pray for comfort as they grieve this huge loss.
- Wisdom as parents: always!
- Our continued van hunt
- The family in the fire had a son that got severely burned. Pray for the resources for their home and quick healing for the son, a high school senior.
- Pray hearts of the ladies in English class would be opened to Truth
- Humble hearts in a hostile family situation within the church body
- The Children's Bible Clubs are in full swing. Pray for young hearts to be open to Jesus and plant seeds in others to bloom later!

#### **Adult Sunday School**

Sunday School classes are great places to plug-in, make friends, become accountable, and share life with others. All of our classes welcome couples and singles unless otherwise noted.

#### 9:30 AM:

Buds of Promise – M121 – seniors

Chronicles – Ministry Center, C8 – middle-aged

Disciples – M9 – middle-aged to seniors

Foundations – M28 – mixed ages

Good Samaritan – B3 – seniors

Joy Class – M21 – mostly middle-aged

New Life – M215 – seniors

Reflections – M27 – middle-aged to seniors

Truth Seekers – M4 – middle-aged to seniors

#### 11:00 AM:

Feet to Faith – M27 – 40s to seniors

New Journeys – M28 – young couples / engaged

Solomon's Porch – M9 – mixed ages

Tell Me Something | Don't Know – M19 – mixed ages

Vertical Vision – M1 – 40s

Walk in the Word – M2 – middle-aged to seniors

#### Winter Weather

Sunday Services & Special Events: The decision to cancel worship services is made by 7:00 a.m. We are conservative in our decisions and are not inclined to close unless the weather is severe. If you feel unsafe about traveling, please choose to watch online.

Wednesday Nights: If Chambersburg Area Schools are closed for bad weather, or dismiss early, then our evening activities are <u>canceled</u>. If schools start late in the morning, this does not affect evening activities.

#### Where to Find Information:

- Homepage Alert: If we have any type of cancelation, an "alert banner" with the information will appear across the top of our homepage at <u>kingstreetchurch.com</u>.
- Facebook: Our page is under King Street Church
- Radio: WIKZ (95.1 FM), WCRH (90.5 FM)
- Church Voicemail: 717-264-4651



### Our mission is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.

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

#### **Spiritually Alive in Jesus**

Who are you worshiping?

Relationally Connected by Jesus Who is your community?

Missionally Engaged for Jesus Who are you serving?

#### **Ministry Staff:**

- Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission and Discipleship
- Ron Cook, Minister of Pastoral Care
- Stephen Flint, Executive Pastor
- Dan Gehris, Business Manager
- Rob Gunkelman, Pastor of Student Ministries
- Becky Hann, Pastor of Children's Ministry
- Nathan Hann, Pastor of Contemporary Worship
- Adam Keath, Pastor of Restoration & Recovery
- Tyler Roberts, Director of Media & Production
- Lauren Zook, Associate Director for Students and Young Adults
- Susanna Allen, Director of Communications

### Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or would like to request a visit or prayer, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email mspangler@kschurch.org.

Messenger Deadline: Articles and information for the January/February issue should be submitted by March 13 to Susanna Allen, <a href="mailto:sallen@kschurch.org">sallen@kschurch.org</a>, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

### How to Give

- Pay Online with a Credit Card: Visit <u>kingstreetchurch.com/give</u> to make a onetime payment, or set up recurring gifts.
- Automatic Deductions: The church can arrange for recurring deductions from your checking or savings account. See details on our giving page (noted above.)
- **Text to Give:** Text keyword GIVE to our church text line, (717) 401-7777. You will be prompted to enter an amount, and then your payment information (first time.)
- **Giving Envelopes:** We can provide you with personalized giving envelopes. For more information, call the church office at (717) 264-4651 or email Andrea Hartman at <a href="mailto:ahartman@kschurch.org">ahartman@kschurch.org</a>.
- **Giving Boxes:** Offering boxes are located at the entrances of our worship venues.
- Send to the KSC Office: Mail your check or envelope to 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201. You can drop-off your gift during office hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Worship** Times

#### **In-Person Services:**

- 8 a.m. Sanctuary (*Traditional*)
- 9:30 a.m. Baker Center and Sanctuary (*Contemporary*)
- 11 a.m. Sanctuary (United)
- 11 a.m. Baker Center (Contemporary)

#### Watch Online at <u>kingstreetchurch.com</u>, Roku, YouTube, Apple TV, or Facebook:

- 8 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 11 a.m. United Worship



...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

