

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family.

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You Are a Theologian

Aaron Perry, Senior Pastor

Did you know that you are a theologian? “Well, I don’t think so!” is how some might respond. But, yes, you are a theologian! Why? Because you have thoughts about God. There are things you believe to be true about God and there are things you believe to be false about God. And a theologian is one who thinks about God.

Others might embrace the role of theologian...perhaps a little too much! These friends might find a way to correct every preposition, proposition, and proclamation they hear about God. The Apostle Paul encouraged believers in the city of Colossae to be gracious in their conversations with outsiders, seasoning their conversations “with salt” (Colossians 4:6). Why were they to have gracious, seasoned conversations? So that the believers could answer the questions of unbelievers. Sometimes it is easy to aim at having the last word in a theological conversation rather than seasoning the conversations to keep them going until the answer can be heard. Not only does salt enhance conversational flavor, it also preserves relationships to keep the conversation going.



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YOU ARE A THEOLOGIAN

So, yes, you are a theologian and, remember, your theological work is not just to know things about God, but to know God and to help others to know God, too.

Here's some good news: God does not tell us to start being a theologian on our own or by ourselves. God comes to us. You might say that God introduces himself to us and tells us about himself. This work of God is called revelation. God reveals himself through acts in history, in his written Word, and even by witnessing to our spirit through our experiences. In all of these ways, God gives us the strength to hear, know, and believe the truth about God by his Holy Spirit.

Most clearly, fully, and finally, God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ. What does this mean? Everything we know about God must fit what we know about Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ illuminates everything we know about God.

Do you have a best friend? I feel like I have several. Over the years and through many experiences, I've gotten to know them. One of the best parts of being a friend is being able to anticipate what a friend might do or say. Because I know them well, I can predict how their character will shine through. Of course, sometimes they

surprise me. I find out something new. They hold an opinion I didn't anticipate or prefer one activity over another. But when they take an action that is completely out of character, then I know something is wrong. They might be stressed, overwhelmed, or critically discouraged. When we say that God is revealed fully and finally in Jesus Christ, we might yet be surprised at something God does, but God's actions, promptings, and desires will never be against the person and character of Jesus. God is never stressed, overwhelmed, or discouraged. God is the source of peace, power, and hope. So, if you think something is true about God but it is not true about Jesus Christ, then it's not true about God. Similarly, if something is true about Jesus Christ, then it is true about God.

Think back to your best friend. Were there some things you thought were true about him or her but you later found were not true? Of course. I have a friend or two who thought I

had a sense of humor, but as they've gotten to know me, they aren't so sure. Ha! Well, what about God? Are there things we thought were true or think are true about God that we found out weren't true or that we might change our minds about? Yes, of course. Now, we must not change our minds about things taught clearly in Scripture or revealed in Jesus Christ, and we ought



Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths. Guide me
in your truth and teach me, for
you are God my Savior, and my
hope is in you all day long.


Psalm 25:4-5

to be very slow to change our minds about things held by Christians through the centuries. However, in our personal relationships with God, things might become clearer.

Sometimes these changes only come about in real-time and in real relationships. At one point in my life prior to joining King Street Church, God was directing me to a new role. Everything about the role lined up. It fit my calling, gifts, passions, and education. I was excited. But something was nagging at me. Like a little pebble in my shoe, there was a consistent bit of discomfort when I took a step toward this new role. Just as I might take off my shoe and shake out the stone, I opened my heart to God. “God, why do I have this nagging in my spirit about taking this new role?”

As I prayed over the next few days, God revealed to me an error in what I believed about God. In my spirit, I believed, *God’s will for my life should always have a bit of misery*. This caused me to fear the new role, as it seemed “too perfect.”

I subjected this belief to God’s Word and to Jesus Christ. Do you know what I found? I was believing something that wasn’t true! God’s will doesn’t require misery; nor is every calling one that will be especially hard. God does allow difficult things into our life and God does allow suffering, but God doesn’t orchestrate misery just to make sure

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a pink hat and a blue denim shirt, standing in a field of tall grass and looking upwards. The image is soft and slightly out of focus.

Look to the
Lord and his
strength;
seek his
face always.

Psalm 105:4

we have some. Once I realized I was believing something that wasn’t true, the spiritual discomfort went away and I took strong steps forward to the new role.

So, why do I remind you that you’re a theologian? And why do I let you in on this story from my life? Because sometimes we don’t recognize our own theology, or the

errors that might exist therein. Sometimes the events of life can cause us to confront these beliefs. It’s important in these moments that we go to Scripture, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to confront the errors and correct our thinking.

In our current sermon series, *God’s Story, Our Stories*, I want you to hear my theology. I want you to have a sense about what your senior pastor believes about God and God’s Word by looking at the whole story. If you know my theology, then you can keep me accountable. At the same time, you can examine your own theology as we study the Scripture together.

While I can’t put everything into a sermon—nor would you want me to!—you might want to hear more about something. Feel free to ask! Do you know what will happen? We will help each other grow as theologians for the purpose of knowing God and making him known.

See Pastor Aaron’s recent messages at kingstreetchurch.com, or YouTube.

Let's Move!

Andrea Adams, Lay Delegate for the Personnel Relations Commission

Eight of us from KSC traveled to Fort Wayne, IN, from July 15-18 to attend the United Brethren in Christ National Conference. This year's theme was "Let's Move," a motivating message for us to make disciples who also make disciples.

Each evening consisted of a worship service with a speaker followed by a reception, where we could mingle with other attendees and learn about the various UB and other associated ministries.

Wednesday was filled with the business meeting for the pastors and lay delegates. The directors of each UB ministry shared their annual reports (all still available online), elections were held for the executive leadership team, and Bishop Todd Feters was re-elected to maintain his current position for the next four years.



Bishop Feters had assembled a task force to review how the UB understands and defines "church," and that group prepared a white paper with their findings that was available before the conference and is still available online. At the meeting, Gary Dilly presented recommended updates to the UB Discipline based on their study. The updates were primarily for clarification, and most recommendations passed easily with wording changes made to a few. The full-day business session makes for a long but productive day.

On Thursday morning, we could choose two from over 15 workshops to attend. Some free time was scheduled into the conference on Thursday afternoon, and the KSC crew used this time to get to know Pastor Aaron and Heather better, as we were all willingly locked in an escape room together. It's a good thing we escaped with 57 seconds to spare or

else Pastors Aaron and Nathan may not have made it home for services Sunday morning!

The conference always ends with an ordination service and message from the Bishop on Friday morning. The conference, which is open for anyone to attend, is always a great time to catch up on the many ways that the denomination and other UB churches are serving and making an impact for the Lord across our country and around the world. It's enlightening, encouraging, and motivating.



From Mary Burkholder:

"One of the highlights for us was getting to know Pastor Aaron and Heather better. We feel extremely blessed that they are at King Street and look forward to their ministry with us. Don and I also enjoyed the time we spent with fellow King Streeters and former King Street pastors. The keynote speaker talked about KC Underground and the way micro-churches are springing up as a result of people sharing their lives and testimonies with their friends."

KC Underground (kcunderground.org) in Kansas City, exists to equip and empower ordinary people to flourish in their souls and family, spilling over into mission where they live, work, learn, and play.

Magnified VBS

Becky Hann, Pastor of Children's Ministries

Thank you to all who participated in making Magnified VBS possible this summer.

Through your generosity we were able to impact the lives of 230 children each night. They were introduced to the fact that God Sees Them, God Cares About Them, God Loves and Forgives Them and that God Keeps His Promises.

We raised **\$2,879.17** for **UB Missions** and for **Orphan's Tree Mission** in Kazakhstan.

The children also filled bags of nonperishable food items and toiletries to be handed out to the homeless community in Chambersburg.



We love how VBS at King Street becomes a church wide effort each year. People of all ages giving of their time to make beautiful decorations, coming to help decorate, purchasing snacks for the kids to enjoy, serving at VBS and helping with clean up.

One of our most precious stories is how one of our crew leaders at age 80 had the opportunity to lead a 2nd grader to Christ. It goes to prove if we have breath in our lungs and are willing to be used by God, he has a place for us to do His work no matter our age.

Thank you, King Street Church, for all you did to make Magnified VBS such a success and blessing.

See the VBS Recap video at kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub



Loving Our Community

Our children packed over 200 supply bags for our local homeless community. Elementary kids filled bags with toiletry items; our pre-schoolers filled theirs with non-perishable foods. Thank you to everyone who helped provide the items for the bags! **Jimmy Rice, Epic Quest for Jesus**, will distribute the bags. We are grateful that our children are learning to love people in need.



STUDENT GREECE TRIP UPDATE

Student Greece Trip

Notes are from the Student blog,
www.ppm.org/mission-trip-journals/20277

Pastor Rob Gunkelman: “The Greece Mission Team returned home from their 10 day trip on Saturday, June 14. The team was able to serve five different ministries (feeding the homeless, New Start Ministries, Hellenic Ministries, Christian Refugee Relief, and another refugee center) and visited multiple biblical sites. While they were at the place of Lydia’s baptism (Acts 16:11-15), three students chose to be obedient to Christ’s calling and were baptized. Thank you for all of your prayers and all of your financial support. The students’ and leaders’ lives were impacted in large part due to your generosity.”



June 7 update by George Kalopisis: Our team had the opportunity to explore and learn about ancient Corinth today. We learned about the apostle Paul and his co-workers during their time in Corinth. We were able to walk the streets and see the same mountains that Paul would have experienced. Today the new testament was brought alive for us in the ancient city of Corinth.



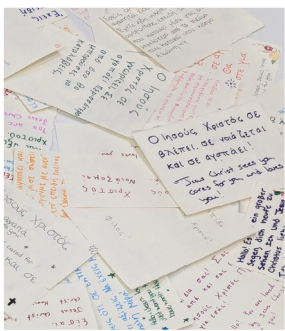
June 7 update by Beth Kalopisis: Our church partner Anton joined us in Ancient Corinth and explained about the Beama, which was where Paul would have stood while he was being judged by the Roman authority and Sostenes, the leader of the synagogue. Sostenes likely became a Christian and is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:1. We also saw the Erastus stone; the inscription is the only physical archeology tied to a Christian believer mentioned by Paul in the Bible.

Taking in more views of the city, we ate dinner at a rooftop restaurant in Plaka. It has views of the Acropolis on one side and Wolf Mountain on the other.





June 9 update by Beth and George Kalopisis: Today we handed out lunches and prayed with the homeless we came across on the streets. First we went shopping for the food. Our team looked up phrases in Greek and wrote notes to include in each lunch.



June 10 update by Jonathan Baarda: Today we visited the ministry of our partners that serve the prostitutes, called New start. Dimitris and Alexia shared about their work and how God called them and blessed them. Then we made a prayer walk in one of the areas where prostitution is legal. Many brothels. It was very emotional. After lunch we saw a documentary that showed us that most prostitutes are forced, abducted and mentally destroyed. Sold as slaves and exploited. A horrible fate.

We didn't take pictures on the street. After this day we ate pizza at the hotel and we all needed some time to put in place what we had heard and seen today.



June 12 update by George Kalopisis: A portion of our group had the opportunity to serve with Heidi and Danella from

the Netherlands, who were our coordinators and taught us about the work they do to provide for the refugees in the nearby camps. We served by filling orders for shoes, clothing and food that would later be delivered to the camps. It was a great time to learn and serve together with new friends.



June 13 update by George Kalopisis: We are at the ancient Port of Neapolis where the Apostle Paul first stepped foot in Europe which was the gateway to the spread of the Gospel to the western world.

Thanks again for your support of our students!

CHAMBERSBURG PROJECT

Serving in Jesus' Name!

July 6-11 was Chambersburg Project, an annual service event that brings together students from all over our city, to complete home repairs for those with financial and physical limitations. More than a dozen teens participated from King Street, along with skilled adult leaders.



This update was written on the Chambersburg Project Facebook page, posted by [Ed Herald](#):

“Chambersburg Project 2025 is successfully completed. Once again, we enjoyed some of the hottest days of the year as we took on some larger projects which took more time but our work crews still joyfully completed work at 47 homes. This year’s project team included 70 youth and over 30 adults, divided into 11 crews.

“The crews completed projects including two complete roof replacements, repairing subfloors and installing vinyl flooring in several homes, building/rebuilding 11 handicap ramps, and various other tasks such as constructing stairs and repairing decks and porches for access to homes, repairing/replacing front doors, sealing/painting decks and ramps, yard work and other minor repairs. Our spiritual messages challenged the youth to grow in their faith and understanding, that we are called to follow Christ and serve him and others.

“Participants included young people from King Street Church, Mercersburg United Methodist, Fairview Avenue Brethren in Christ, LifePoint Church, Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church and Otterbein churches, and three youth from other churches.”





After working all day, our students gathered with the other crews to worship God, play games, and hear a message from one of the pastors.

During the intensive week, our young people lived out our mission to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. We are proud of them for working so hard for the sake of others, and for enduring the hot week. We trust that God will use their service to develop their faith and character.



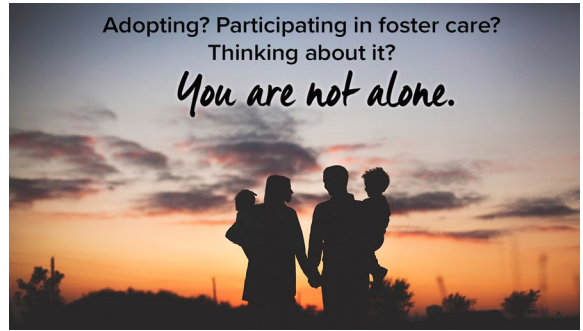


Women's Prayer & Fellowship Gathering

Ladies, you're invited to an hour of worship, prayer and fellowship for all women of King Street ages 16+. We will meet on **Thursday, August 14** and **Thursday, September 11**, from 6-7:00 pm in the Middle School Room (M16). We seek to grow in our knowledge and love for Jesus, bring our prayer requests to His throne, encourage each other, and enjoy affirming fellowship as women of God.


Weekly Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email — which normally highlights an upcoming activity — sign up through the link on our homepage at kingstreetchurch.com, or text keyword PREVIEW to (717) 401-7777.



Adoption/Foster Group

This support group for foster and adoptive families will resume on **Tuesday, September 16** at 5:45 pm in M27. This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where you are in the process. Dinner is provided. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (September—May). Questions, reach out by email to adoption@kschurch.org.



Labor Day

The church office and building will be closed on Monday, September 1 and RESET will not meet that night.

Remember, you can always keep updated on our 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.



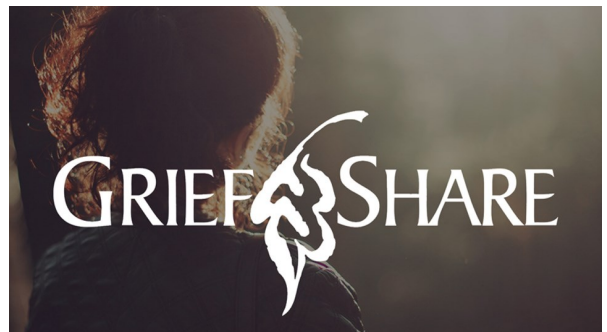
UB Golf Tournament

This year's UB Golf Tournament is on **Friday, September 5**, at Greencastle Greens Golf Club. There are two start times and a noon meal will be provided. Pick up a registration form in any of the lobbies. Proceeds benefit Rhodes Grove Camp. Sponsorship forms are available at the church office. Questions, email Bobby Culler at bobbyc@mtp-church.org.

Important Faith Steps

If you are interested in being included in baptism or partnership classes, or would like more information, contact Marsha Spangler at (717) 264- 4651 or email mbspangler@kschurch.org.

- **BAPTISM:** Baptism is an important step in the life of a believer. Our next baptismal service is planned for **Sunday, September 28**. If you would like to be baptized or learn more about what baptism means, attend the meeting on **Sunday, September 7**, at 11:00 am in Team Central.
- **PARTNERSHIP:** At King Street Church, we call our members "partners" because they commit to partner in the work that God is doing in and through our church. We expect to hold Partnership Classes on **Sundays, October 5 and 12**.



GriefShare Support Group

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a loved one. Find help and healing among those who understand your grief on Monday nights at 6:30 pm, beginning **Monday, September 8**, downstairs in room M29. Come early at 6:00 pm to join RESET for a light meal and fellowship. Register online at griefshare.org/loss/events (enter zip 17201) or call the church office at (717) 264-4651. If you know of someone who might benefit from this, please invite them. The groups meets for 13 weeks.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Facilitated by Pat Bowers and Sharon Love, this group meets every other week from September through June, from 8:00 – 9:30 am in M9. This fall, they will continue their study by Stormie Omartian titled "Lead Me Holy Spirit" with text reading and group discussion. The group also spends a portion of their study time with sharing and prayer requests. All ladies are welcome. Questions, contact Sharon. They will resume meeting on **Thursday, September 11**.

See more Bible Studies on page 15.

ADULT MINISTRIES

She Blesses

Ladies' Craft Morning
August 9 • 9 am-12 noon

Ladies' Event: Crafts & Blessings!

Saturday, August 9, 9:00 am—12 noon
Room M27/29 (lower level of the Baker Center)

Our women's ministry invites all ladies to attend the craft event on **Saturday, August 9**, from 9:00 am—12 noon in room M27/29 (downstairs in the Baker Center). Our time together will be more than crafts! We will use our God-given creativity to bless others and receive blessings in return. We are planning several craft projects; each attendee will choose 1 or 2 to work on. We'll provide instructions and supplies. The projects include making bracelets and blankets for Sweet Grace Ministries. Even if you aren't "crafty," we still have projects that you can do! Our time together will include coffee, snacks, and a word of encouragement. We ask that you bring your own scissors and consider a donation of \$5 (at the door). See more information and sign up by August 6 at kingstreetchurch.com/women.

Rise & Lead Men's Gathering

Saturday, September 20, 8:00 am—12 noon
Student Ministry Center

Men of all ages are invited to our upcoming Men's Gathering. Together we will learn more about how to become the man of God that we're capable of becoming, in accordance with how God created us.

Our guest speaker is **Michael Anthony**, a pastor, author, speaker, mentor, and founder of couragematters.com. Pastor Mike will show us how to train our brains to "take captive every thought and make it obedient" so that what happens in our lives isn't an accident, but intentional, God glorifying and personally rewarding. Our tentative schedule includes:

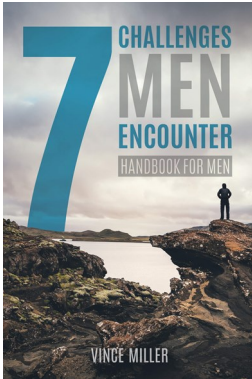
- Coffee and bagels at 8:00 am
- Keynote speaker, followed by discussion breakouts
- Pizza at 11:30 am

On his website, Pastor Mike says that he seeks to "speak and mentor to change lives, not just offer information. I'll help you and your group change your thinking, emotions, habits, and results — so that life as you knew it is positively, permanently changed. I speak not from theory, but from battle-tested, first-hand experience — with years of sweat equity in the real world. Courage will be your new way of life."



Young men aged 15-18 are free. The cost is \$15 for ages 19 and up, when paid in advance. The cost is \$20 at the door. Sign up through the link at kingstreetchurch.com/men.

Men: 7 Challenges Men Encounter

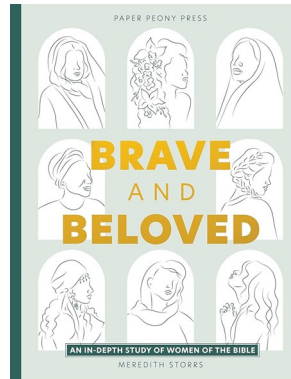


Men are invited to participate in our group, “Band of Brothers” that meets on Wednesdays beginning **September 10**, at 7:00 pm in room M27. Their next study is **7 Challenges Men Encounter** by Vince

Miller. We’ll have 2 weeks of lessons to set the tone and then start this series on September 24.

The Right Now Media description states, “Daily it's getting more challenging to be a man. Our present culture is redefining manhood and confusing men in their pursuit of Biblical manhood. But how will you respond? What will you say and do when the world demands a response? Discover how to respond by rejecting passivity, accepting responsibility, leading courageously, loving unconditionally, living with integrity, serving humbly, and investing eternally. Let others see masculinity and manhood through the lens of Christ in your life with these seven characteristics and become a better man, husband, father, and leader.” Learn more and see a trailer at kingstreetchurch.com/men.

Women: Brave & Beloved



This fall, the KSC Women’s Ministry will be leading a Wednesday night Bible Study “exploring the wisdom and diversity of women in the Bible.”

Brave and Beloved, by Meredith Storrs, engages women in the “amazing ways God weaves the lives of women in Scripture into the redemption story.” Can you name 30 women in the Bible? You’ll know at least that many by the time you finish this study! And not only will you know who they are, but you’ll understand how they were used by God and how your own life can also reflect God’s love for the world. The 20-session study will begin in September and continue through early 2026, Wednesday nights starting **September 10**, from 7:00-8:30pm. Sign up with the QR code.



Women: Mark Study



Ladies, please come and join us as we study the Gospel according to Mark. All you need to bring is your Bible as the Bible Study lessons will be provided. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 9**, at 10 a.m. in Room M4 for a "Meet and Greet" and to receive the lessons. The Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, September 16**. In order for us to have enough

materials available, register at kingstreetchurch.com/women or contact Marsha Spangler at (717) 264-4651. The study is led by Deb Baker and Joyce Cooper.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CROSS WALK kid min at ksc

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

Promotion Sunday: Sunday, August 24, is the day that nursery, preschool, elementary and youth move up to their next class or grade. Be sure to check your child's tag

for their new classroom assignment. Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary students report to the rooms on their tags. Middle and High School students have Sunday School at 9:30 am and are encouraged to worship or serve during the 11:00 hour. All of our ministry areas will be in need of more helpers as we approach the new season. Please consider serving. Visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com to see opportunities.



Wednesday Night Ministry: KidzConnect!

We look forward to beginning again this September. Watch for updates in the worship folder for the exact date. Doors to the CMC open at 6:45 pm and we end at 8:00 pm. Right now we are building our team — if you can help as a first to fifth grade small group leader, contact Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org, or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

Child Dedications: We look forward to holding a Child Dedication event this fall. Classes will be held on **Sunday, October 5** and **Sunday, October 19**. You only need to attend one class. The dedication services will be on Sunday, November 2.



Serve with Our Children! As we plan for the new ministry season starting on August 24 the children's ministry team is looking for some people who would like to invest in the lives of children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved in this life changing ministry please email Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org.

Learn more about Children's Ministries at kingstreetchurch.com/kids. If you have questions, reach out to Heidi Roseman at hroseman@kschurch.org.

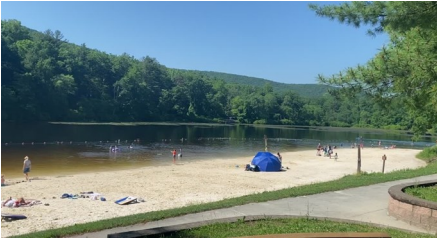
STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday School: Students in grades 6-12 meet at 9:30 am for Sunday School. At 11:00 am, students are encouraged to attend worship or serve in a ministry area.

Upcoming Events: Join us as we wrap up summer and kick off the fall season.

THE STREET

Student Ministry



- **FULLER LAKE TRIP:** Join us at Fuller Lake in Pine Grove Furnace State Park on **Wednesday, August 6**. We will meet at the church at 9:30 am and return around 3:00 pm. Bring a packed lunch/water, sunscreen. If you plan to swim, bring a swimsuit and towel. If you'd like to enjoy the hiking trails, bring good shoes.

- **ROCK CLIMBING:** We are going to Rockville, MD, to climb at Movement Gym on **Thursday, August 14**. We will leave the Baker Center parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$35, plus bring money for dinner. Space is limited so register soon!
- **NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE:** We invite incoming 6th graders and new students (and their families!) to visit the Student Ministry Center on **Sunday, August 17**, at 11:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for new families to learn more about Student Ministry.



IGNITE

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Student Festival

- **IGNITE!** Our Student Ministry Team is partnering with other local church youth ministries to host Ignite!, an event designed to empower our students to impact their circles of influence with the Gospel of Jesus. Mark your calendars for **Friday-Sunday, August 22-24**. We'll meet at the park owned by Otterbein Church in Waynesboro; there will be music, teaching and food trucks! More details are coming soon.

- **THE STREET KICK-OFF:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a new year of The Street on **Wednesday, September 3**, for games, worship, a message, and small groups. We start at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 to hang out in the Baker Center Gym. The evening will end at 8:30 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to bring your friends!

Learn more about Student Ministries at kingstreetchurch.com/student. If you have questions, reach out to Lauren Zook at lzook@kschurch.org.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT



The Porch is a young adult ministry that exists to gather individuals to support and challenge one another while centering our lives on Jesus Christ. Life is so much better

when you are in community with Jesus and others.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Student Ministry Center from 7-9:00 pm. At these gatherings, we seek to build relationships, share life together, and gain practical and applicable insight from God's Word to apply to our lives. Special nights:

- **August 7:** We're excited about another young adult worship night with prayer stations and a testimony. Join us at 7:00 pm in the SMC; we will be combining with the young adults from LifePoint Church.
- **August 9:** This is our campfire night at Brooke & Colin Stouffer's home at 6:00 pm. S'mores will be provided. Bring a lawn chair. If you'd like to attend, reach out to the Porch via email.
- **Serve September:** We will be doing service projects during our large group gatherings (September 4 and 18). On September 4, we will serve with Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry.
- **September 11:** Small groups for guys and girls will kick off
- **October 10-12:** The Porch will be having our annual retreat at Three Springs Ministries in Morris, PA. Last year this event provided an amazing opportunity to rest, experience spiritual refreshment, and enjoy community in a fresh way. The cost is \$100 for the weekend. The deadline to register is September 18 — watch for registration info soon on our web page.

For more information about The Porch, visit kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



(above) Some of The Porch members served last year with Sweet Grace ministries, making baby gowns from wedding gowns. (below) These photos are of Three Springs Ministries, location of the October retreat.



RESET **RESET** is a worship service and support system that has a goal the lifting up of Jesus as our hope in the problems of life. At RESET, we are building safe environments to be real and to name what's broken. We are building an authentic community, a family, a place to belong.

All are welcome! We meet on Monday nights in the Student Ministry Center (*lower level of the Baker Center.*) Come for all or part of the evening:

- 6:00 pm: **Light meal and community**
- 6:30 pm: **Large group:** worship, prayer, and either a testimony or a message.
- 7:00 pm: **Support groups for men and women:** We find that a rare closeness grows around the time of confidential sharing.



RESET PICNIC: Join us for our annual RESET picnic which is Monday, September 15, at 6:00 pm. Food will be provided. Sign up on the sheets displayed in the Student Ministry Center on Monday nights, or email Susanna at sallen@kschurch.org. It's a great time to meet others in the RESET community.

Jean Ellis, one of our RESET leaders, describes the purpose of RESET when she says, "RESET provides a place where people are fully accepted, no matter their situation or life choices. It is a place where they receive support in their journey. It is also a place that facilitates the work of the Holy Spirit in personal healing and relationships."

She goes on to explain, "For me, RESET is a place where I can have relationships that go below the surface. I can open my heart when I am struggling and be loved. It is a place where we are positioned to hear the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts and hurts. Where we learn how to let Jesus into our places of brokenness and pain so He can heal and bring spiritual growth."

"I think of John 4 where Jesus interacts with the woman at the well. Jesus knows her broken life and He speaks to her in total love and acceptance. He honors her intelligence and knowledge of spiritual things. He gives her hope and the promise of salvation. He proclaims to her, a Samaritan woman, that He is the Christ, the Messiah. As she excitedly shares with her town about Jesus, many more believe and are saved. The woman is honored for all eternity in the scripture for her receptiveness and courage."

PRIMETIMER SENIOR ADULTS 2025 CALENDAR

Our Senior Adult Ministry community, known as The PrimeTimers, is a vital part of our church. This ministry offers Christ-centered activities addressing the spiritual, social, physical and educational needs of senior men and women.

| Date/Day | Event | Cost/Person | More Information |
|---|---|--|---|
| No Events in August | | | |
| Wednesday, September 10 <i>Final payment is due September 1</i> | Picnic at Greene Township Park Pavilion #2 | \$10.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 noon; please arrive a little early so we can eat at noon. The meal will be chicken, macaroni salad, coleslaw, chips, watermelon, brownies and water. |
| Thursday, October 23 <i>Final Payment is due October 1</i> | Mini-bus Trip: "Fall Getaway to Cumberland County" | \$25.00 <i>includes admission, step-on-guide, transport, gratuities</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am, depart Weis Market, Wayne Ave Activities: Cumberland County Historical Society Museum, gift shop, Carlisle Indian School, Historical Graveyard, Boiling Springs Underground Railroad. Lunch on your own at Hamilton Restaurant in Carlisle (CASH ONLY) |
| Wednesday, November 12 <i>Final Payment is due October 8</i> | Bollman Bus Trip to the American Music Theater Christmas Show: "Deck the Halls" | \$135.00 <i>includes show, lunch, transport, gratuities</i> | <p>Seats still available!— sign up soon!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 am, depart Weis Market, Wayne Ave 10:30 am, show starts Lunch at the new Hershey Farms |
| Wednesday, December 10 | Christmas Luncheon | TBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entertainment will be the Chambersburg High School Choristers. More details coming soon. |

CONTACT: To sign up or ask questions, call **Frances Humelsine** at (717) 263-8633.

CANCELLATIONS: The final sign up/payment due date and the cancellation date are 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.

PAYMENTS: Make your check payable to **KSC PrimeTimers** and note the event in the memo line. If mailing, 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 the event(s) for which you are paying.



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 |
|-----------|-----------|--------|
| • June 1 | 983 | 215 |
| • June 8 | 798 | 242 |
| • June 15 | 812 | 228 |
| • June 22 | 758 | 196 |
| • June 29 | 839 | 214 |
| • July 6 | 837 | 210 |
| • July 13 | 791 | 213 |
| • July 20 | 777 | 220 |
| • July 27 | 803 | 230 |

Communion Offering

- **AUGUST:** The offering will go to **KSC Student Missions Fund**, to provide missions support through King Street Church.
- **SEPTEMBER:** The offering will go to **Once More Ministries**, to support our community 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 mspangler@kschurch.org.

Giving Report

These offerings are part of the General Fund, and comprise “undesignated” giving. A more detailed church budget is found on the back of the monthly Board of Administration report; printed copies are provided on the Information Walls in the lobbies.

| | Month/Annual Budget | Actual Giving | Difference |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| JUNE | \$244,780.00 | \$216,254.39 | (\$28,525.61) |
| JULY | \$195,824.00 | \$211,954.46 | \$16,130.46 |
| Year-to-Date | \$1,481,673.00 | \$1,497,543.07 | \$15,870.07 over |

Thank you for your faithful giving and attendance during the summer months, when many people enjoy a different rhythm of life and ministry. We plan for these adjustments in budget and ministry leaders. One way you can help us to plan is by signing up for automatic giving. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/give or scan this code to learn more or to sign up.





God at Work

THROUGH KSC LEADERSHIP

BOARD REPORTS: *The Messenger* contains brief highlights from Board meetings with the most pertinent details. Board Summaries are found under the “Watch & Read” tab at kingstreetchurch.com. Printed copies of Board summaries are placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies each month.

May Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Monday, March 19, 2025.

Executive Pastor Report (Pastor Steve Flint) – Pastor Steve Flint shared about the beginning of Pastor Aaron Perry’s ministry with us and the planned church picnic.

Elder Report (Eldon Lehman) – The elders are looking forward to meeting with Pastor Aaron. Justin Sollenberger will be leaving the Board of Elders and they are seeking a replacement.

COMMISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministries (Bryan Bender): The Porch ministry had a picnic at Norlo Park. There will be a meeting on August 15 to encourage leaders in Adult Ministry. A men’s event is being planned for the Fall.

Children’s Ministry (Pastor Becky Hann) – Growing Tree Preschool has finished

for the year and has had their graduation. The Children’s Ministry is preparing for VBS.

Finance Commission Report (Dan Gehris) – Dan reported on April 2025 and 2025 YTD financial results.

Local Outreach (Tom Knepper) – An LOC quarterly meeting was held on May 6th with 16 ministry partners in attendance. Tom shared that it is so good to see the various ministries helping each other and that King Street Church is definitely making a difference.

Missions (Don MacAskill) – The Missions Commission has been praying for all the missionaries that are connected with our church. The commission discussed our missions in Haiti. There will be a meeting in the future for those interested in the Orphan’s Tree visit to Kazakhstan.

Property (Dan Adamson) – Floor cleaners have been purchased by John Little. The Property Commission is discussing the church vehicles and if any changes need to be made in the near future.

Student Ministry (Nathan Rosenberger) – The name, “The Street” is being changed to, “The Well.” Daniel Black, a student from Messiah College, will be serving as an intern this summer. Middle School and High School Sunday Schools will be combined for the summer. “Awaken Us” is being planned with other churches this summer. A Climbing Day, a Hershey Park Day and a Lake Day are being planned as well. The youth will be

involved with the Chambersburg Project this summer. A volunteer picnic is being planned.

Worship Arts (Carolyn Chenaille) – The various choirs are wrapping up for the year. The Hann and Hartman families will be leading worship at Rhodes Grove Family Camp.

June Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Senior Pastor Report (Pastor Aaron Perry) – Pastor Aaron Perry confirmed that his family has moved into their new home and are getting settled. He has been familiarizing himself with the pastors, elders, board members, staff and various ministries of KSC. He is preaching a sermon series entitled, “This is Our God.”

Executive Pastor Report (Pastor Steve Flint) – Pastor Steve has been helping Pastor Aaron acclimate to his new position. He stated what a blessing it was to be a part of the child dedication service. He asked for prayer regarding Vacation Bible School.

Elder Report (Eldon Lehman) – The elders met with Pastor Aaron and Pastor Steve. Having the pastor’s best interest at heart is very important to the elders. They discussed having spiritual sensitivity to the board, pastors and each other, and that prayer is very important to them as well.

COMMISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministry (Pastor Jay Brown) – Carole Kirkpatrick is spearheading the Adult Teachers and Organizers Appreciation Night in August

Children’s Ministry (Pastor Becky Hann)
A prayer request for a successful VBS this year was made.

Finance (Ken Adams) – Funds for “Night to Shine” will be carried over from year to year going forward after a proposal was brought forth to the Finance Committee by Dan Gehris. Ken also reported that \$3,145 was given by KSC towards Rhodes Grove Camperships. In Dan Gehris’ absence, Ken reported on May 2025 and 2025 YTD financial results.

Local Outreach (Tom Knepper) – The LOC Quarterly

Missions (Don MacAskill) – Don reported on various donations that were being made to various organizations by the Missions Commission. The commission is awaiting information concerning funding students pursuing education in Haiti. The commission is hoping to get 7-8 commitments to travel to Kazakhstan in October for Orphan’s Tree.

Property (Dan Adamson) – Life Vac Kits have been ordered. He reported that there is a humidity problem in the administrative office building. On a Dan Adamson / Ken Adams motion to approve the purchase of two HVAC Dehumidifiers for the administrative office building, the motion passed unanimously.

Student (Nathan Rosenberger) – The high school students teaching middle school students is going very well.

Worship Arts (Carolyn Chenaille) – A drum kit has been donated to the Baker Center. Keyboardists are still needed. Tyler Roberts reported a new camera has been donated and that Cooper Keath is serving as an intern for the summer.

Please pray for our church leaders,
that they would be led by the Holy
Spirit in their decisions.

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel is our mission at King Street Church (KSC). You will see this passion portrayed in a wide variety of local and international ministries. The highlighted ministries operate independent of King Street Church, but are supported by us and people in the congregation serve with them. See the whole list at kingstreetchurch.com/serve.

Help Needed at the Cold Weather Shelter



Winter is not too far away. For those who don't have a home, it is a lifeline to receive food and a warm bed at the Cold Weather Shelter.

WANTED: A person who is looking for a new ministry. This person would be responsible for recruiting volunteers for the purpose of staffing the cold weather shelter and providing a meal for the residents one evening a week for the months of December through March. The staffing at the shelter would be from 7:00 pm to midnight.

For years King Street has staffed this ministry and has proven to be one of the shelter's biggest supporters. If you are interested in this ministry, please call John Comerer at (717) 372-3725 for further details.

Operation Christmas Child

King Street Church has participated in the OCC Shoebox Project for many years. We regularly pack up to 2,000 boxes each



Christmas. This October we will again collect boxes; you may want to purchase box items now — perhaps when shopping for school supplies — to avoid the rush!



Sweet Grace Ministries

2025 in Review

Sweet Graces offers support, hope, and empathy to those who endure miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.

Director's Letter

Katy Dortenzo, Executive Director/Founder

It has been another year of immense needs and increased responsibilities as we continue to follow where God desires this ministry to go. In 2024 we began serving three new hospitals, bringing our total number of partnered hospitals to 27. We are aware that with growth, the need for those with hearts for this work is extensive. As our staff and volunteers grow, roles and responsibilities also grow and change. In 2024, we created terms for our current board members. This decision encourages us to bring in new faces with fresh energy and ideas every three years. It also allows board members to serve for a term and then go off if they desire without any pressure to keep serving. In our busy world, we know this is important. But we also know this sacred work can be heavy, and serving for a time may be all an individual is called to do.

We are grateful for our board treasurer, Jessica Tice, and board member, Melinda Ocker, who will be rotating off in this first class. Both of them have served selflessly and faithfully for over 13 years. Although they will not be "official"



Over 1,000 people attended the annual Walk to Remember, and 800 tuned in online.



board members, they will always remain a part of this team. We would like to extend a huge thank you to each of them and wish them well as they enjoy a little extra time in the new year.

We welcome three new board members: Ryan Stouffer, CPA (*Chambersburg*), will be our new Treasurer. Cynthia Spencer, retired social worker (*Chambersburg*), and Elena Griffis, RNC-OB (*Frederick Health*), will serve as new board members. Each individual brings a unique skill set and perspective to our board as we move into the new year. We are thrilled to have them join in ministry with us.

I have many goals for 2025. There are many hospitals that need and desire partnership. We have new areas to begin support groups. Our current areas are in need of more regular training as nursing turnovers continue to grow. If I think about all the need too much, it is overwhelming. But God... God already knows the places he will send us—we just need to listen and follow. He knows how the needs will be met—we just have to trust. Please pray with us, and for us, as we look forward to a new year of serving the families we support. Thank you for continuing to help us provide support, hope, and empathy to all families enduring the loss of their sweet babies.

Turn the page for a Sweet Grace testimony.

LOCAL OUTREACH UPDATES

Grayson Connor Renn's Story

Savannah Renn, a client

A routine 37 weeks check-up on July 15, 2024, turned into our worst nightmare. As the midwife put the doppler on my stomach we heard nothing but static. We were quickly escorted down the hallway for an ultrasound where we thought we would see our son wiggling around and heart ticking away, but we were met with quite the opposite. His arms crossed over his chest, his perfect profile, he was still as can be. "I'm sorry there is no heartbeat" the sonographer said. Gut wrenching noises and the most visceral reactions left me as I begged for answers, "What happened? What did I do wrong?" My husband cried and tried to keep me from falling off the exam table. We were inconsolable arriving at the hospital to be induced. Our minds were flooded with questions and a longing for someone to understand our pain. We didn't know it yet but we would soon find a family and a place where we felt seen, loved and valued at Sweet Grace Ministries.

Our midwife Jackie had ties to Sweet Grace; she asked if she could contact them on our behalf to send out a photographer to capture photos of us as a family once our son was born. In a haze of aimlessly wondering how this was happening, we knew this would be our only chance to make these memories together. On July 17, 2024, Grayson Connor Renn was born sleeping. He weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz, and was 20 ¼ inches long. A photographer immediately came to us without any hesitation for how late it was to capture what are now our most prized possessions. I kept telling the photographer she could come the following day to do photos since it was so late, but she insisted she come

take them for us and we were in awe of her compassion, thoughtfulness, and patience with us through the emotional event.



While we were in the hospital a basket of comfort items was sent to our house. The basket provided us with a collection of meaningful items that helped us navigate grief, carry Grayson's memory with us, and receive support from a group. We didn't know how much the basket and photographs would mean to us until several months after our loss. Every day we look back on our photos as they hang in our house, are posted on our social media, and revolve as screensavers on our phones.

Looking at the photos I feel complete rather than empty. They remind me of the joy we felt from the moment we found out we were pregnant to the moment he was in our arms and joy met grief. The support we gained from Sweet Grace has been unbelievable. There is a warmth and familiarity at support group as if we've known these people for years, but the reality is that having a space with other families who know the significance of pregnancy and infant loss as deeply as you do is the best support we could've ever asked for. I don't know how we would've made it through this earth shattering experience without Katy and our "loss friends" who have become more like family.

See more about the ministry of Sweet Grace at sweetgraceministries.com.

NETwork Ministries

March/April Newsletter

NETwork shares the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. They seek to equip children/young adults with the skills necessary for spiritual growth, academic achievement, Christian leadership, and life management..

God at Work

Josh Moseley, Teen Director

Sometimes the impact we have on young lives unfolds in ways we can't immediately see. But then, there are beautiful moments when God's work becomes crystal clear. I recently witnessed one of these moments with a student I've known for a while. In the past, I've had to intervene in some pretty intense sibling conflicts with her—the kind that go beyond words and pushing.

Recently, this student came to our office to share about some unwanted attention she was receiving from other students at school.

As she recounted the situation, she described feeling incredibly angry, her blood boiling. But here's where the story takes an amazing turn. Even as the other students continued to escalate the situation, she was able to step away and process her intense emotions. And what did she decide to do? *She prayed for those girls!*

Isn't that incredible? This seemingly simple story is a powerful testament to how the Lord changes our hearts. This young person, who once wrestled with animosity even within her own family, chose to release this anger so it wouldn't poison her own heart. And even more remarkably, she chose to pray for those who seemed intent on creating conflict. What a powerful example of transformation! It reminds us that the seeds of love and grace we sow in young hearts can indeed blossom into profound and unexpected change.

Banquet Highlights

A highlight from our banquet in April was a pair of testimonies.



Amy Leary, a volunteer, shared about her experiences volunteering and how God spoke to her through our youth:

"For sure these kids have taught me so much more than I've taught them. God has used them without them even knowing it. They've taught me patience, how to truly have grace, and most importantly, how just being with someone means much more than having all the answers to homework or other life problems. God's timing to affirm my continued role as a volunteer was no mistake. My hope is that as these kids grow and as I run into them in the community, God will continue to use me to speak hope and love and grace into their lives.

"Through my time at Kids Club, I have seen the value of just being present. I see the staff being Jesus' hands and feet by just 'being' there, and that is what I've learned to emulate with NETwork kids. God accomplished so much through me and in me in just one afternoon a week!"

Here's an excerpt from Yaneilee's testimony; she is a high school student:

"When it comes to my relationship with Jesus, NETwork has shown me it's okay to be doubtful and have questions. I feel more comfortable in what I believe in, that God always has a purpose for why and how he does things in my life. The staff are an example of righteousness and helped me adopt principles in my life, like daily prayer.

"NETwork is important to our community because it guides, protects, and shapes our youth. We are the future, making StreetLeaders and all of NETwork an essential, crucial part of generational changes for the better.

"As a StreetLeader, I hope to make an impact on the kids by letting them know there is always going to be someone that loves and cares for them. I want to be someone I wish I had growing up; even if it's just one kid who feels the love and care, I reached my goal of making a difference in someone's life in a positive way. Thank you to all those who support NETwork."

We had a wonderful night at our banquet, celebrating how God is at work. With 500 folks joining, notable highlights were youth performances and testimonies.

Kevin did a stellar job emceeding the night. We also honored Jen Good and Josh Moseley for a DECADE of serving on staff with NETwork. Wow!

Our team did share about neighborhood violence, as this has impacted many of our youth and families. We've now had 7 shootings in the last 5 months here in the neighborhood, and since our last newsletter, bullets from one of them flew into one of our kids' homes while he was at Kids Club. Praise God no one was hurt.

At the banquet, Ben reminded us that God has often called people of faith to live out their walk with Jesus in contexts of great need, among the hungry, poor, sick, imprisoned, and in places where there is suffering and violence. He challenged us to keep showing up and serving together among those who are vulnerable and hurting in our town (and world) today.

Jen asked us to wrestle with tough questions: **Where is God in all of this? Is God even in our neighborhood?** She shared a very moving personal reflection, countering the negative narratives we hear and highlighting how we've seen God at work through community support, fierce love, and trust that has led to deeper relationships. When the disciples encountered a storm, they panicked in fear. Where was Jesus? He was in the boat, and he calmed the storm! And he's in our "dangerous" neighborhood, and he's at work in our youth. We want to stay where Jesus is, trusting in him amidst all the brokenness. Jen closed by asking Jesus to calm the storms around us and bring peace. Very powerful!

Our keynote speaker, Sandra Maria Van Opstal, shared about the loaves and the fish and encouraged us to come alongside our youth so they reach their potential. What a gift!

Our financial goal for the evening was to raise \$235,000. We fell short, but the night was a success in so many ways and we are thrilled to celebrate \$177,000 raised in gifts and pledges—an incredible outpouring of generosity from many folks in our community! This includes 55 monthly supporters, including 24 new monthly donors, and more may come in. What an encouragement! Praise God with us!



To participate,
scan the code or visit:
[kingstreetchurch.com/
school](http://kingstreetchurch.com/school)



It is a King Street Church tradition to support families in need in our community by providing school supplies. This year, we will again share school supplies and filled backpacks with local organizations that already serve the community.

This change, made last year by Jeanie Helman, Children's Outreach Coordinator, proved to be effective. We worked through ministries that connect with segments of the community who may not have access to mainstream giveaways; one such work is a work that serves migrant families. We will also provide full book bags to our own After-School Program and Agape English Ministry families.

Will you consider contributing to this community giveaway? Our church family is invited to sponsor a bag for a child, or provide funds in any amount.



SUPPORT NETWORK

MINISTRIES: Friday, August 8 — 6:00

-8:30 pm — NETwork Community Garden. Includes live music, good food, performances, artwork from kids, and opportunities to give. NETwork Ministries serves vulnerable community children. RSVP by August 4: (717) 264-4640 or networkchambersburg@gmail.com.



SUPPORT CROSS: Tuesday,

October 14 — Save the date; details to come. CROSS serves people with developmental disabilities. Their annual fundraiser is a chance to see how God is working through CROSS and in the lives of their residents.

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. We're currently gearing up for our next quarterly distribution and anticipate a huge turnout!

NEXT OMM DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (or until supplies are exhausted)

We would like to thank our very dedicated volunteers, whose servant hearts simply love to bless, serve, connect with, and reach our friends in the community for the Lord. As well, we are grateful for King Street Church congregants and church leadership, local businesses, and partner ministry who donate funds and supplies. The Lord has blessed us with incredible people whose talents perfectly fit our ministry!

Ways to Help OMM:

1. **Prayer:** Please continue to pray for OMM not only to meet physical needs but also to meet our ultimate goal—reaching lives for Christ by sharing His light with our community.
2. **Donations:** Shop the traditional way, by using the list in the blue box below. You can also use the Amazon Wish List: Simply scan the QR code with your phone to see our Amazon Wish List! Choose from the selected items, and quantities will update so that you can see our greatest needs in real time. Amazon can then deliver the items directly to the church (choose this option!)
3. **Translators:** Thankfully, our volunteer team is fully staffed with the exception of this one position. If you're able to help us once a quarter as we communicate with our friends whose first language is Haitian-Creole or Spanish, would you consider serving with us? No formal training is required—just a love for people and a knowledge of conversational English and Haitian-Creole and/or Spanish.



For more information about OMM, please email us at omm@kschurch.org.

UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday, September 13, 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*)
- Deodorant: men's and women's
- Paper towels (*individually-wrapped*)
- Toothbrushes (*single, 2-, 3-, and 4-packs*)
- Toothpaste
- Facial tissues
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap
- Razors
- Feminine hygiene products

Missionally Engaged

AROUND THE WORLD

Partner Ministry

July 2025

The Way

Anu's* dad was a drug addict, and because of this, Anu was growing up in an unsafe home. Anu had never been shown the good way to live, and it showed in his behavior. Anu was rude and disobedient. He had not seen another way. When a team came to live and serve Anu's village, he joined their free tuition classes. There, Anu learned not only academics, but also a different way to live – the way of Jesus. He heard Bible stories, and his curiosity grew. Soon Anu put his faith in Jesus. The rebellious child started following Jesus' way.

It didn't take long before his family noticed changes in Anu. "I've never been a good example," his father told the team. "Please be a good example for him." So, the team of two continued to train Anu and his faith grew.

But change didn't just end with Anu. Anu soon began sharing his faith with his family who became curious and have since joined the local fellowship to learn more about Jesus. These days, the child who was never shown the good way is now showing the Way to his family.

*Name changed**

Prayer Points

- To be transformed by Jesus and walk alongside Him.
- The team in the area gave a teaching to believers outside under the Mango trees, for there was no building and sun-scorched weather. Then, five people who were around there to watch the teaching decided to put their faith in Jesus. Praise the Lord, who is faithful and makes all circumstances work for His kingdom. Pray for these new believers to be transformed by Jesus and follow His example in their lives.
- Pray for a new fellowship in a certain district. By the grace of God, many believers gather to worship Him. However, the room they gather in is too small for many, and they are planning to build a new room to meet. Pray that they may be able to do that and keep living lives that reflect Jesus' character.
- Pray for those who have just come to faith and are taking discipleship teaching by workers in different districts, that they can walk the path of seeking to live in alignment with God's will and become true disciples of Jesus.

Orphan's Tree

July 2025

In March we hosted our first camp for orphans in Kazakhstan. A team of eight volunteers from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs led the camp and twenty-one orphans enjoyed five days of being loved on and having activities in music,

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arts & crafts, and sports. The theme of the camp was "Home": physical, emotional, and spiritual places of home. Each morning began with teaching based on Abraham on a specific aspect of home and in the afternoon, small groups continued that discussion. The orphans, our staff, interpreters, and volunteers all loved the camp and cannot wait to see each other again! As "Home" was the theme, one of the days in craft class was tying warm blankets for their homes.

In May, our Russia staff held a retreat and 15-year anniversary celebration of Together Fund, our non-governmental organization, in Russia. I recently received a report from our director, Yana, and this is a small part of what she said: This celebration was especially important not only as a way of having fellowship and networking together but growing professionally as a team. All staff took part in our first strategic session whereas before only staff leadership participated. With Together Fund working in different regions, it is vitally important for our staff to meet in person, share experiences, learn more about one another, and inspire one another.

On June 12, thirteen ministry center participants and staff ran the half marathon race in Kostroma. While some ran the full half marathon, others ran a 10K and a few a 5K. We are encouraging more young people to participate and the initial plan for 2026 is to run the half marathon race in Ivanovo.

In early August, a volunteer team from Harmony Zelenople Global Methodist Church will be traveling to Kazakhstan to host a second camp. This camp is closer to Almaty, and we expect between 30-35 orphans to attend. The theme of the camp will be Making Wise Choices. These early camps are critical to the start of our ministry as we expect to be in long-term relationships with these young people.

Our annual Orientation Camps will take place in four regions of Russia in late August and early September. Even though we are currently not sending teams from the US, our staff host orphans who have just left their orphanages at the age of 16 or 17 years old. Each region has a slightly different plan for their camp, but all with the objective of introducing a safe and healthy environment and welcoming orphans to participate while attending a tech school or college.

A third trip by American volunteers to Kazakhstan will take place in early October. This group is from King Street Church in Chambersburg PA and will be led by board member Jay Brown and staff member John Smith. They will be working with young families as well as college and tech school students. These young people are in Taldykorgan, about a 3 ½ hour drive from Almaty, where we have set-up work.

For all the groups going to Kazakhstan, this will be their first mission trip there. With the current unrest in the Mideast, we would appreciate prayers for the teams' logistics as flight patterns are changing daily. As a ministry, we are excited to have groups going back to support our local staff and engage with orphans and their local communities!

DC

May 2025

Happy Resurrection

"If you Christians really believe Jesus is God, then who was He talking to in the garden of Gethsemane?"

If you were asked this, how would you answer? This was a question that I was asked by a friend a few weeks ago, which led to us seeking the answers to these deep questions together. Although he did

not receive the answers that he was looking for, I pray that it's driving him deeper into finding the truth of the Good News. These types of questions are way more common than you might think. Sometimes they're asking to try to stump you and other times, as in this example, it's asked out of genuine seeking of the truth. When I get these questions, it makes me think of the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch and the Isaiah scroll (Acts 6:26-39). So many times people bring false assumptions or misunderstandings of what Bible believing Christians really believe and we, through the Holy Spirit, are given the opportunity to help explain these things. So, with that being said, I challenge you to ask yourself, how would you answer if/when you are asked this question?

Sorry for such a strong start to the letter. With it just being Easter, these questions have been on my heart. But truly, when people start asking those questions, it really gives me so much joy because it shows a curiosity regardless of their motives.

The Easter celebration was so good for us here in the Middle East, let me share what my Easter weekend was like! My team leader and I put on our grill master aprons and grilled up some great chicken and beef shish kababs. We went to a local Christian village and had a nice Good Friday picnic and service with some local and expat friends. It was encouraging and a ton of fun. It was great celebrating the day Christ died for us.

Then on Resurrection Sunday, I had a full day of celebration. It all started at a "sunrise" picnic with some students of a local English center from a near by village. We took a bus full of dancing and singing local teens and young adults to a nice area with trees. There we had a great breakfast together, then we sang some songs about God and my good friend shared the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. From there, I drove to a church service in a park with my English fellowship and

another English church. We had a nice service in both the local language and English. The service had both believers and nonbelievers attend, which led to some good conversations about the story of the resurrection. It was a wonderful weekend and both events were great opportunities to celebrate the resurrection and share the truth with nonbelievers.

Please lift up all those who heard the Good News that weekend and continuously have questions about the Lord.

I'd like to give a special thanks to everyone who has been supporting me, whether that be financially, prayerfully, or even just sending a message here and there. All of you make doing this work and living here so much easier and encouraging. Also, thank you everyone who sent me cards a couple weeks ago, they brought me so many laughs and tears. But truly it was really encouraging, such a blessing, and super needed for me, so thank you guys SO much.

Frisbee Tournament

As I've spoken about in previous updates, I am really starting to get heavily involved in the ultimate frisbee community here, and it's grown a lot. For those who don't know, ultimate frisbee is like a mix between soccer and American football, except it uses a frisbee. You can't run with the disc, and there's not supposed to be body contact. Well, in April, I helped one of my best friends here run an ultimate frisbee tournament. It was really fun and also a great way to unite the region.

Volleyball Opportunities

I'm excited to tell you about another opportunity that the Father has given me to teach/coach volleyball. This time it is in a refugee camp close to my city. A local NGO (Non-Government

Organization) that is run within the camp was starting a volleyball training program with some local guys as coaches. They heard about my coaching experience and asked if I would partner with them through my NGO in teaching their coaches. So now every Saturday I drive to this camp and do my best to lead a practice in my broken Language without a translator. Although it's difficult and frustrating sometimes, it's a great challenge and it's great to be with the few players that are committed.

April was a month full of celebrations of all kinds, both Christian holidays and Islamic holidays. During one of the Islamic holidays which was called "Eid Al-Fitr", it's tradition to visit



your neighbors and family and also give children candy.

My team leader and I decided to really use this to visit a lot of people. On the first day of Eid Al-Fitr, we visited 8 homes, some of them for a few hours. It was invigorating for me since, as most of you know, I love to be around a ton of people. But

one of these visits stood out to me, which is what the picture is that's connected to this. We went to visit a local Islamic leader and when we arrived there were also local historical Christian priests and other leaders there as well. It felt like a very important cultural and religious breakthrough, that local Christian leaders were visiting the Islamic leaders on their holiday. (I also felt completely out of place in this picture as everyone else was dressed up in their cultural garb and I was in a plain collared shirt lol.)



Adult Sunday School: These classes are great places to plug-in, make friends, become accountable, and share life with others. All of them welcome couples and singles unless otherwise noted. If you would like more information on a class, contact Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission & Discipleship, at jbrown@kschurch.org.

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; middle-aged
New Life – M215; seniors
Reflections – M27; middle-aged to seniors

9:30 AM (continued):

Truth Seekers – M4; middle-aged to seniors
Vertical Vision – M1; 40s

11:00 AM:

Faith Journeys – M28; young couples
Feet to Faith – M27; 40s to seniors
Solomon's Porch – M9; mixed ages
Walk in the Word – M2; middle-aged/seniors



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 worshipping?

Relationally Connected by Jesus

Who is your community?

Missionally Engaged for Jesus

Who are you serving?

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- Jay Brown, *Pastor of Mission and Discipleship*
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- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
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- Steve Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Susanna Allen, *Director of Communications*
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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.

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- 11 a.m. – Sanctuary (*Contemporary*)

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- 9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
- 11 a.m. – Contemporary Worship



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“The time has come,” he
said. “The kingdom of God
has come near. Repent and
believe the good news!”

MARK 1:15

