

The Messenger

News and notes for our King Street Church family. October/November 2025

King Street Church is a Regional Church

Aaron Perry, Senior Pastor

Early in his ministry, Jesus could have just set up headquarters in Capernaum. At least for a while, He could have chosen to build momentum from a home base where He was well-received and where He did many miracles. Strike while the iron is hot, right? However, in response to mounting ministry pressure, Jesus retreated to the wilderness to pray (Mark 1:35).

The Wilderness. It is also translated as a lonely place, a remote place, and even the desert. Why go to the desert to pray? Because even though He was tempted there, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit and angels attended him there, too (Mark 1:12-13). Jesus went to the wilderness because He received clarity in the wilderness. In the wilderness, Jesus resolved to keep going. He would not set up home base in Capernaum, but He would keep going to more towns and villages.

There are two takeaways for King Street Church from this account. First, King Street Church will stay on the move, as well. We call this being a “regional church.”

“I don't know what took you to the wilderness, but I know who you can find there: Christ! And Christ will use you to transform the wilderness.”



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K S C IS A REGIONAL CHURCH

God has strategically placed King Street Church in downtown Chambersburg. We love our community. We want to serve the city in Jesus' name and in Jesus' way. At the same time, did you know that King Streeters come from Carlisle, Greencastle, Hagerstown, Shippensburg, and more? People come from around our region to be part of King Street Church. God has drawn people together from a wide region and has opened our hearts and minds to the good news of Jesus Christ. A regional church has an array of ministries and discipleship initiatives to meet a range of needs and discipleship opportunities. We will continue in that good work.

Being a regional church means we think outside our physical location, too. King Street Church will continue reaching not just beyond our walls and even our closest proximity, but into the wider world. One way that we do this is through our midweek videos and social media messages. Through the internet, God has opened the world to hear and see what God has to say at King Street Church. Another way we reach beyond our walls is through...you! Since our people come from all around the region, so our church goes into the wider region. If you *come to* King Street Church, then you *go as* King Street Church. Being a regional church means that King Streeters are missionaries. You make King Street Church a regional church.

Here's the second take away, and it's why your mission is so important. Jesus is transforming the wilderness. While Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit and then chose to go into the wilderness to pray,



He also was driven into the refuge of the wilderness because of pressures from the towns (1:35). Does that sound familiar in your life? You might feel like you've been in the wilderness, a lonely place, the desert. Maybe you're still there. I don't know the circumstances. I don't know if you've followed the promptings of God's Spirit and this is where you are; I don't know if you're running from something and the wilderness is the only safe place to go—perhaps resigning from a job or breaking off an unhealthy relationship; I don't know if various pressures of life have pushed you out there. But you're in the wilderness.

May I share some good news? Whatever your circumstances, Christ has been there, too. He was sent into the wilderness, withdrew to the wilderness, and was driven into the wilderness. Christ knows your circumstances,

too. And while Christ now reigns in heaven, it is not to escape the wilderness, but to show He reigns even over the wilderness. Christ is reigning at God's right

hand so that you don't need to be in the wilderness alone. I don't know what took you to the wilderness, but I know who you can find there: Christ! And Christ will use you to transform the wilderness. Your faithful presence in prayer will make the wilderness a different kind of place for others around you.

You never know who you'll meet in the wilderness. While Christ stayed on the move, He found another person in need of healing:



"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mark 1:35

a leper (Mark 1:40-42). The leper could never have entered a town. Maybe that's why Christ kept on the move: so that people who otherwise couldn't get to him could now find Him.

Maybe Christ keeps us on the move—thinking outside our walls as a regional church—for the same reason: because more people need to hear about Him. There are some people who can't make it to us, so we must go to them. If you are in the wilderness, maybe you've been sent there so that others may find Christ in you.

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

PHIL SHUMAN: CELEBRATING 55 YEARS!

Phil was hired as our organist in 1970. We are so grateful for his legacy of faithful service at King Street Church!



ATTEND WITH A FRIEND SUNDAY

Attend with a Friend

On **Sunday, September 28**, King Street Church held “Attend with a Friend” Sunday. All month Pastor Aaron had been leading us in a series that focused on evangelism: **Sharing Good News When Bad News Sells**.

It was a very special morning. Our Welcome Ministry, led by **Heather Adamson**, prepared extra gifts for first-time guests, displayed nicely on new Welcome Centers with round signage that can be seen from multiple angles.

The Media & Production Team, led by **Tyler Roberts**, programmed over 700 NFC tags which are placed on every pew- and seat-back in our worship spaces. Just tap these tags with your phone to visit our most popular web pages.

Our Adult Choir and Worship Team collaborated on a stirring version of “My Jesus” at 8:00 and 11:00 services. We witnessed four baptisms during our 9:30 and 11:00 am services.





Another special element of the morning was the commissioning of our missions team. Pastor Steve led us in prayer over **Pastor Jay Brown** and those from King Street that are going to Central Asia to serve with Orphan's Tree.

Pastor Aaron's message challenged us to ask ourselves a question with eternal implications: *where is my name written?*

Thank you to everyone who invested the time and effort to bring a friend to church on September 28. It is our desire to pursue an evangelizing culture here at KSC, that we may carry the Good News of Jesus with us, as ambassadors of Christ and King Street Church.



BAPTISMS

These brothers and sisters in Christ were baptized on **Sunday, September 28**, during our worship services. Their full written and video testimonies are available to see on The Hub at kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub.

Abigail Sollenberger I want to be baptized today to show how far God has brought



me towards healing and redemption and to show everyone that I am a believer and am stepping away from the shame and guilt over the past and into a new light.

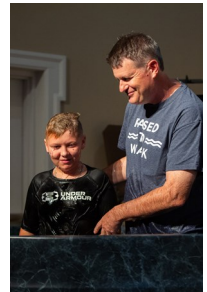


Sylamise "Sisi" Pierre

Since I gave Him my life, my depression is gone, He set me free from my past, and my only desire is to serve God and to look like Jesus. Sometimes I fall, but He always makes a way to take me back to where I belong.

Carter Scovell

I know that Jesus died for my sins. I want him to come into my life; then the world will know that I am a follower of Jesus. I want to be baptized today because I want Jesus in my life.



Eli Ankerbrand

I want to be baptized today because I believe God has called me to baptism as a step of public obedience and faith.

Uprise Comes to King Street

On **Sunday, September 14**, we were blessed to welcome musician **Bodie** to our services. Bodie was in the area to minister at Uprise Festival 25, and accepted Pastor Nathan's request to join us for worship. In addition to being a Christian musical artist, Bodie serves in his local church, and was the runner-up winner on the 22nd season of the TV show, *The Voice*. He used that platform to share the Good News of Jesus with the world. It was a gift that this talented man of God was willing to join us for worship, and share His own worship with us.



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.

RECENT EVENTS

Celebrating Ignite!

Ignite was an amazing event for our students. The student festival was **Friday-Sunday, August 22-24**; young people from many local churches gathered as followers of Jesus to celebrate their faith in Him.

Pastor Rob Gunkelman likes to ask people the question, "If you could do anything for God and you knew you wouldn't fail, what would you do?" He was on a prayer walk when he felt the Lord challenging him to answer the question for himself. His vision was for a community-wide festival where students would be encouraged to embrace their faith, and inspired to use their gifts to impact the world for Christ.

The event became a collaborative effort with over a dozen Franklin County churches. The worship team was led by Pastor Nathan Hann, along with members from the Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring, Five Forks Church, and World Harvest Outreach. Lauren Zook, our Associate Director for Students and Young Adults, provided support as well.

Pastor Rob spoke the first night, followed on subsequent nights by Bella Kauffman (*Shippensburg Campus of Grand Point Church*), and Xavier Schell (*Otterbein Church, Waynesboro*) on Sunday.



One of the beautiful things about this multi-church event was experiencing the diversity of others who share our love for God, but who worship or pray a little differently than we do. There was a united spirit of love for Jesus within the group. Over 250 students attended on Saturday night, with nearly that many on Sunday night, when several students were baptized by their respective pastors.



Plans are already being voiced to repeat Ignite next year. Praise God for this vision, and for the fruit that it has already produced.

New Sermon Series: The Beatitudes

On October 5, Pastor Aaron will begin a six-week sermon series on one of the most powerful portions of Jesus' teaching—**The Beatitudes**.

In Matthew 5-7, Jesus lays out a way of life that rewrites the rules of what really matters. His words were radical for the people who first heard them, and they remain just as countercultural today. Imagine sitting on that hillside, hearing a message that challenged everything you thought you knew about blessing, strength, and faithfulness. That's the invitation of the Beatitudes—and together we'll discover what it means to live in the way of Jesus.



RECENT EVENTS



Rise & Lead Men's Conference

The Rise & Lead men's conference was held **Saturday, September 20**, from 8 am—12 noon in the Student Ministry Center. Our guest speaker was Michael Anthony—pastor, author, and founder of **couragematters.com**. He spoke about training our minds 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.

About 80 men attended the event, which was hosted by our Band of Brothers Men’s Ministry. The guys enjoyed bagels at breakfast and pizza for lunch.

Band of Brothers meets every Wednesday during the school year, at 7:00 pm in M27/29. All men are invited to participate.

We are grateful for men and women at King Street Church who seek to enrich and encourage our church family.



KSC Women's Ministry Blesses Local Church Partners

Carole Kirkpatrick



On **Saturday, August 9**, over 35 women of all ages gathered over snacks, coffee, and tea for the first She Blesses Ladies' Craft Morning at KSC. Ladies enjoyed learning new crafting skills in order to make greeting cards, floral book vases, bracelets, and receiving blankets and diapers with which to bless others in our community through some of the KSC partner ministries.

Women could choose to donate their craft to partners such as Sweet Grace

Ministries, CROSS, and Shook Home or give as a gift to bless a friend or family member. Twenty-nine handmade cards were created and donated. Others made 55 bracelets for mothers who suffered a miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or stillbirth. A small group sewed together a bagful of tiny receiving blankets and diapers to include in comfort kits for families who suffered a loss through Sweet Grace Ministries. As each item was made, the crafter prayed for the person who would be receiving it.

The morning included a time of worship and encouragement with plenty of fun and fellowship.

KSC Women's Ministry exists to disciple women in becoming fully devoted followers of Christ within a multi-generational community using their gifts to build the health and fruitfulness of King Street Church.





Night of Worship

On **Monday, October 6**, we will gather in the Student Ministry Center from 6:30-7:30 for an All-Church Night of Worship. Our RESET team is leading the evening, which will include worship, prayer, mini-testimonies, and more. It's going to be an amazing night – for *everyone* at King Street — and we hope you will come and be part of it! If you can stay, we'll have snacks and fellowship afterwards, plus support groups. Groups for men and women meet separately. They are safe spaces to share whatever is on your heart, and receive encouragement.

All Saints Day Memorial List

We want to remind our church family that on **Sunday, November 5**, we will publish a list of all those in our church family who have passed away in the last year. You will be able to find the list in the worship folder, and online at kingstreetchurch.com/the-hub.

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, October 9** and **Thursday, November 13**, 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.





Shoebox Packing Party

Every year King Street Church packs up boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This year, we propose doing it together! The Shoebox Supply Warehouse (709 Marden Ave, Shippensburg, PA 17257) is hosting a night just for King Street on **Tuesday, October 21**, from 6-8:00 pm.

The warehouse offers many items for purchase from school supplies to “wow” items. Families can shop that night to supplement what they have already purchased, or can start from scratch. You can take already-wrapped boxes from our supply in the lobbies and bring those boxes with you that night. The warehouse also has boxes available for purchase.

For those who like to use the “Follow Your Box” option, you can just take their boxes home with you after purchasing items and can pay the shipping online. This gives you the packing label with the special code to track your box.

We hope you will join us on October 21, for a real packing PARTY! *These photos are from a packing party that our Foundations Sunday School hosted. They packed the boxes together and prayed over them.*



Surviving the Holidays

If you’ve lost a loved one, the prospect of facing the holidays can be very difficult. Surviving the Holidays is a GriefShare workshop that offers advice, support, and encouragement. This year’s event is **Sunday, November 9**, from 2-4:00 pm, in M29. To help us plan, please RSVP 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 and attend with them.

Adoption/Foster Group

This support group for foster and adoptive families meets on **Tuesday, October 21** (*Chick Fil A meal*) and **Tuesday, November 18** (*Thanksgiving Potluck*), at 5:45 pm in M27. This group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey. Dinner is provided. Also, the group is hosting a seminar on **Saturday, November 1**, from 9 am - 12 noon in the Student Ministry Center. The seminar — **Equipped: Creating Trauma-Responsive**

Spaces for Children and Families—will provide an understanding of relational trauma and the tools necessary to create healing spaces. See details and sign up via the code.



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.

Wednesday Nights with KidzConnect!

During the school year, we offer ministry for children on Wednesday nights. 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 1st to 5th grade small group leader, contact Becky Hann at bhann@kschurch.org, or visit serve.kingstreetchurch.com.

After-School Program: Support our After-School Program by serving on Monday or Tuesday each week, now through April. We need **tutors** to help boys and girls ages 6-11 with their homework (4:45-6:00 pm weekly.) We also need people to help with **meal preparation** (4:00-7:00 pm, once monthly). If you can help us to love our neighborhood kids, or would like more information about this opportunity, contact Jeanie Helman at (717) 264-4651 ext. 206, or jhelman@kschurch.org.



Trick or Treat: On **Saturday October 25**, Crosswalk Children's Ministry team will be connecting with local families at the Trick or Treat event that the city is hosting downtown. We will be handing out some candy to the children along with some information about our church. We are hoping this will be a good event for us to help our community learn more about King Street.

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**, at 11:00 am in M221. You only need to attend one class. The dedication services will be on Sunday, November 2.



Serve with Us! Our Children's Ministry is in need of 3-5 people to commit to helping in our classes on Sunday mornings. Getting a few more helpers and teachers allows us to keep classrooms open! Your willingness to serve empowers us to teach the Good News to hearts that are tender to Him.

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.

THE STREET Student Ministry

Upcoming Events:



- **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING:** Sunday, October 19, at 1:15 pm in the Student Ministry Center. Learn more about the trip next summer to serve with Eagles' Nest International.
- **SERVE SATURDAY:** Saturday, October 18. Students, sign up to serve on the Student page at kingstreetchurch.com/student. If you know of a person or organization who is in need of our help, please contact Lauren at lzook@kschurch.org.

- **STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT:** Wednesday, November 5: This event is hosted by the student and worship ministry, but the whole church is invited. Bring the family to participate in a night of worship and prayer.
- **HERSHEY BEARS GAME:** Sunday, November 16: We will meet at the Baker Center lobby and travel to the Giant Center together. Registration will begin in October.



NOTE: The Street will not meet on **Wednesday, November 26**, the night before Thanksgiving.

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

Follow [thestreetsm](#) on Facebook or Instagram.

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. We just kicked off our fall series, *The Book of Jude*, by Eric Geiger. Here are some other dates to keep in mind:

- **Saturday, October 25:** Barn Party at the Myers' Farm at 7:00 pm. Email for details.
- **Thursday, October 30:** Every fifth Thursday is a Sabbath Thursday and we do not meet.
- **Thursday, November 27:** Due to Thanksgiving, there is no meeting.



Serve September: The Porch invested their time to serve others during the month of September. We helped to pack boxes for a Once More Ministry distribution (more about OMM on page 25) of food and toiletries to people in need. We also spent time with migrant workers served by Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry.



For more information about The Porch, visit kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult, and check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Email Lauren Zook at lzook@kschurch.org for event details.

RESET **RESET** is a worship service and support system with a goal of 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 at 6:00 pm in the Student Ministry Center (*lower level of the Baker Center.*) Come for all or part of the evening:

- **Light meal and community**
- **Large group:** worship, prayer, and either a testimony or a message.
- **Support groups for men and women:** While those who attend the groups may be of different ages, backgrounds, and dealing with different challenges, we have found that a closeness grows around the time of confidential sharing.

Gather FOR WOMEN: Our ladies at RESET are starting a group with a multifaceted focus:

- to develop community to “*stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another*” (Hebrews 10:24b-25)
- to share our current life challenges in a safe and nurturing environment
- to receive and understand God’s wisdom for our individual journeys with Jesus

The group meets every other Monday beginning **October 6** in the Student Ministry Center. We will begin at 6:00 pm, where we’ll join the larger RESET community for a light meal and worship. At 7:15 pm we’ll meet in our own room for prayer, sharing, and encouragement; our time will include discussion of a chapter of *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. The fall dates are October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, and December 1 and 15. See details and sign up at

kingstreetchurch.com/reset.

What Scripture passage or Bible story captures your heart for RESET? When asked that question, Andrea Allen, one of our RESET leaders, shared this:

“I think of Mark 2 where the friends of the paralytic man lower him through the roof to get him to Jesus for healing. The RESET community is there for each other, encouraging one another to seek Jesus for healing and sometimes metaphorically carrying them in to Christ when they cannot carry themselves. RESET is a safe place for people to be real about their struggles and not fear being judged. I am excited about RESET because this is what church is supposed to be.”



FRIENDS
giving

FRIENDSGIVING AT RESET: We will celebrate Thanksgiving on **Monday, November 24** at 6:00 pm. We’ll enjoy a meal together, followed by worship; everyone is invited, whether or not you usually attend RESET.

PRIMETIMER SENIOR ADULTS 2025 CALENDAR

Our Senior Adult Ministry community, known as The PrimeTimers, is a community that offers life-giving activities for our senior men and women.

Date/Day	Event	Cost/Person	More Information
Thursday, October 23 (Registration is closed)	Mini-bus Trip: "Fall Getaway to Cumberland County"	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who have signed up, remember we are departing at 9:00 am sharp, from Weis Market, Wayne Ave Lunch is CASH only
Wednesday, November 12 Final Payment is due October 8	Bollman Bus Trip to the American Music Theater Christmas Show: "Deck the Halls"	\$135.00 <i>includes show, lunch, transport, gratuities</i>	Last chance to register! <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 Final Payment is due December 1	Christmas Luncheon	\$20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 noon in the Baker Center Catered meal of stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the CASHS Choristers.

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 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.



THE LEGACY OF Janet Besore

Janet Besore, a beloved member of King Street Church since 1998, passed away on May 16, 2023. In her generosity, she chose to bless our church by leaving a portion of her estate to invest in the next generation. We are deeply grateful for her faithful legacy and lasting gift.

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
• August 3	811	203
• August 10	802	203
• August 17	833	206
• August 24	866	214
• August 31	796	205
• September 7	898	195
• September 14	957	260
• September 21	804	206
• September 28	916	208

Communion Offering

- **OCTOBER:** The offering will go to **UB Global Missions**, to support the United Brethren's missions effort.
- **NOVEMBER:** The offering will go to the **Salvation Army**, to provide for their holiday food distributions.

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 mbspangler@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
AUGUST	\$244,780.00	\$216,345.32	\$(28,434.68)
SEPTEMBER	\$195,824.00	\$199,701.68	\$3,877.68
Year-to-Date	\$1,922,277.00	\$1,913,570.07	\$(8,706.93)

King Street Church is charged for every credit card transaction that we process. If you make electronic contributions, we encourage automatic deductions from your bank account. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/give or scan this code, then select "Automatic Deductions." You will need to complete a one-page form. By saving on credit card fees, King Street Church is able to invest your faithful giving into relevant ministry.





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.

NOTE: The Board did not meet in July.

August Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Monday, August 18, in the Fellowship Room.

Senior Pastor Report (Pastor Aaron Perry) – Pastor Aaron praised the KSC staff and members for their ability to stay faithful and strong over the past two years. Pastor Aaron announced Vision Sunday will be August 31 and Attend With A Friend Sunday will be September 28.

Executive Pastor Report (Pastor Steve Flint) – Pastor Steve reported that he and Pastor Aaron met with the other pastors to discuss the proposed Vision for King Street Church to be a regional, teaching and resourcing church. The pastors shared their philosophies of ministry as they work towards their ministry plans for the upcoming ministry year.

Elder Report (Eldon Lehman) – The elders met with Pastor Aaron and Pastor Steve

and discussed the Vision for King Street Church and strengthening relationships. The elders expressed interest in the “Rise and Lead,” men’s event being held on Saturday, September 20.

COMMISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

Adult Ministries (Bryan Bender): An Adult Ministry Appreciation Night was held on August 15. New weekday adult classes will begin in September. Men are invited to join the “Rise and Lead,” event being held on Saturday, September 20.

Children’s Ministry (Pastor Becky Hann) – Follow-up letters were sent to students and staff involved with VBS. The new ministry season starts soon and a few teachers are still needed.

Finance Commission Report (Dan Gehris) – Dan Gehris reported on July 2025 and 2025 YTD financial results. Dan also shared that 34 Student Grant applications were approved this year and we supported 22 Rhodes Grove campers from King Street Church this summer.

Local Outreach (Tom Knepper) – A Quarterly LOC Meeting was held with eleven ministry partners that King Street Church supports.

Missions (Don MacAskill) – A team of eight individuals from KSC will leave for Kazakhstan to work with Orphan’s Tree from October 2-11, 2025. We are looking into an opportunity to support young Haitians from our UB partners in training programs for trade skills. We hosted B and S P who serve with

the immigrant community in Nebraska, at our July meeting.

Personnel Relations Commission

(Brian Mace) – The PRC is discussing the staffing needs in our custodial department.

Property (Dan Adamson) – John Little reported that LifeVac units will be installed in the church buildings soon. Dehumidifiers in the office building are being installed. The Rotz Foyer elevator needs retro-fitting. The roof leak in the Baker Center is being evaluated. The Student Ministry Center freezer needs replaced.

Student Ministry (Nathan Rosenberger) –

We have had several events throughout the summer like rock climbing, Laurel Lake Day, Serve Thursday, two mission trips, and Bible Studies. There is excitement for the upcoming Ignite event in Waynesboro, PA later this month.

Worship Arts (Carolyn Chenaille) – The worship teams recently met together to connect and encourage each other. Nathan Hann will be meeting with all the worship ministry volunteers to coordinate the Fall 2025 schedule.

New Business – Pastor Aaron presented a report on KSC Identity, Nature, Vision and Structure.

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



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

Faith Journeys – M24; all ages welcome

Foundations – M28; mixed ages

Good Samaritan – B3; seniors

Joy Class – M21; middle-aged

New Life – M215; seniors

9:30 AM (continued):

Reflections – M27; middle-aged to seniors

Truth Seekers – M4; middle-aged to seniors

Vertical Vision – M1; 40s

11:00 AM:

Feet to Faith – M27; 40s to seniors

Solomon's Porch – M9; mixed ages

Walk in the Word – M2; middle-aged/seniors

Engaging & Blessing

OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL

Engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel is our mission at King Street Church. You will see this passion portrayed in a wide variety of local and international ministries.

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. Each box is filled with small toys, school supplies, personal care items, and more. Most importantly, each is packed with the Good News of the Gospel in the child's language. This is a Christmas project that matters.

If you pack a box at home, it needs to be returned to the church lobbies by **Sunday, November 16.**

See details about the KSC Packing Party on **Tuesday, October 21.** (page 13).



There are several ways to participate:

1. Starting **Sunday, October 19**, pick up pre-wrapped, empty shoeboxes from one of our lobbies. Fill the box according to the guidelines provided inside and return to the lobbies by Sunday, November 16.
2. Visit the **Shoebox Supply House** at 709 Marden Avenue in Shippensburg. They offer discounted items that are OCC-approved. You can purchase items to supplement your boxes or fill boxes right there at the warehouse. They are open limited hours; visit shoeboxsupplyhouse.com for details.
3. **Build-a-Shoebox Online**: KSC has our own page for keeping track of how many boxes we fill online. Visit kingstreetchurch.com/occ.



InterVarsity *with Kara Miller:* Milestones!

September 2025: InterVarsity is a campus community that helps students and faculty follow Jesus with their whole lives, for the rest of their lives.

45 Years

This month I have completed 45 years of ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship! When I signed up for 3-5 years, I had no idea what God had in store! I have been a part of many different teams in three different states (not including Iowa, where I was in InterVarsity



as a student) and served as primary staff on twelve different campuses! *Left, Kara's boss, Andrew Berg, speaks at the 45th anniversary event.*

Caleb and I have also completed 45 years of marriage, having begun our relationship as students in InterVarsity at Drake University.

75 Years

In the fall of 2026, we will be celebrating 75 years of InterVarsity's ministry at Dickinson College! There is a committee of alumni beginning their work on planning that anniversary celebration! For those of you who are interested, set aside Dickinson's homecoming weekend, October 23-25, 2026, and join us on campus!

The End of An Era

Also coming up this year will be the 10th anniversary of InterVarsity at Penn State Mont Alto. We approach this with gratitude for God's faithful work on that campus, but sadly, there will be only one more year after that, as Mont Alto is one of seven branch campuses that Penn State is closing at the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

We have 2 more years to reach students on that campus. *Above, Kara with Intervarsity student leaders at Penn State Mont Alto.*



Longing for *Revival* on Every Campus

Invitation to a New Beginning

Even as the campus prepares to close, InterVarsity students are preparing themselves and others for the future. The three student leaders at Mont Alto for the coming year have recently committed to giving calls to faith at the first three Bible studies this fall! They have received training and are convinced that this is the step God wants them to take. Will you pray for Jonathan, Donovan, and Naki, as they practice, pray, and take this courageous step to invite their friends to follow Jesus? Will

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you also pray for them as they invite people to come to Bible studies? And will you also pray that God will be preparing students, even now, for this invitation and that there will be some who will respond?

New Adventures for Athletes

We are trying something new at Wilson College this year, with a few student athletes who are gearing up to start outreach Bible studies for their teams. One student leader has already gathered her team and is excited about the possibilities for the coming year. At least one Mont Alto student is also considering this. Please pray for Lizzie (right), Kayla, Josh, and others who are leading or considering leading.



Financial Update

I celebrate God's faithfulness and the privilege of being part of working with college students in the mission of InterVarsity, but still need additional financial support to continue my current responsibilities on campus. Will you please pray for additional support? *Below, Kara with her husband Caleb, and three grandchildren.*



Help Needed at the Cold Weather Shelter

Winter is coming. For those who don't have a home, it is a lifeline to receive food and a warm bed at the 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.



Once More Ministries Update

Yvonne Poznaniak, OMM Team

OMM 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.

At our distribution on **September 13** — and with the help of our amazing team — 300 packages of food and toiletries were provided to 300 families (**1,162 people**) in the Franklin and Cumberland Counties.

We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers, whose mission it is to reach our community for Christ! This includes our food partner ministry, Maranatha; those who donate time, effort, funds, and supplies; students who lend “muscle” to our efforts; and office personnel who provide admin support. We are greatly blessed with a team of volunteers who love Christ and love people! Thank you for all you do before, during, and after our distributions! You make the distributions possible!



God at Work: In ministry, we often feel that we’re there to help others, and we are! But sometimes... maybe we need to shift our thinking and realize the Lord is using those we’re ministering to in order to minister to us as well.

Upon meeting one of our recipients, a volunteer noted a look of love in his eyes. She struck up a conversation with him. The reason for the look in his eyes? It was his love for Jesus! He said “I love Jesus” over and over!

Friends, **this is what it’s about! HE is what it’s about!** Our friend shared Jesus’ love with us as we were trying to do the same for him! This encounter was impactful to one of our volunteers. As we work in ministry, we should remember that we don’t just minister to others; we’re also ministered to in the process. God doesn’t waste an opportunity to speak *through* us as well as *to* us.

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 the Gospel with our community.
2. **Donations**
 - **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!)
 - **Shop the traditional way** using the list in the blue box below. Collection bins displaying this list are located in each lobby. *Items should be in new, unopened condition.*



3. **Translators:** Thankfully, our volunteer team is full *with the exception of this one critical position*. We need translators who can speak Haitian-Creole or Spanish, to serve with us once a quarter, and help us to communicate with those we serve. 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, December 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

A Word from the W Family

August 2025

Children's Camps in T

Back in February R was organizing Bible lessons on Moses and preparing the camper workbook for the children's camps in T. As of last week, the three camps are finished for 2025. The camp that was held in Eastern T. had 91 campers, more than ever before, and a larger percentage came from M. families. This camp ministry has been active for 35 years. The director writes: "Being able to run a Christian children's camp in

a M. country for 35 years is a great blessing and privilege. We believe over this period thousands of children have met Jesus Christ and come to know God."

Words from the campers:

- God told me to continue walking in His way.
- God said, "I will help you."
- God said through the lessons that He is always with me.
- I learned that God is merciful and loves us very much.
- God told me to support my brother.
- God taught me to be holy through the lessons at camp.

Praise God for the camp ministry that draws children to Himself while they are young!

Family Update

Back in July we spent a week with our children and six grandchildren. We have our own family traditions: playing Dutch Blitz, making our favorite foods and a day at the lake. What a blessing!

When our children were young so many of you prayed for them, their safety, their schooling, their spiritual lives. So we thought that perhaps an update is in order.

Our oldest son J lives in Illinois, with his wife and four children. He works as an electrician and plays cello as a side gig.

L lives in Tennessee. She is married and home-schools their two children. She continues her counseling practice part-time.

M lives in Michigan and works many hours in medical research.

We are so thankful for God's work in their lives through the challenges of growing up in a M. context and in their transition to the USA. In recent years J and L and their families have been involved in new church plants in the cities where they live. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement directed to and for them.

Ways to Pray

- Pray for the Bible studies in I. that Ms are now attending. May the beauty and goodness of Jesus draw many to believe His truth.
- Pray for discipleship efforts among the believers from a M background so they are grounded in their faith in Christ.
- Pray for continued spiritual impact from the children's camps in T.
- Pray that our and other long-distance ministries to believers in T. will be effective for

their spiritual growth and the training of godly church leaders.

- Pray for our upcoming trip to I. in late September and early October. Ask God for good travel and effective interactions with the workers who serve there.

As we see God at work in various ways, we are so aware of the effects of your prayers. Thank you for your partnership with us!

B&S P

September 2025

Summer Bible Club

About fifty children, twenty parents, and seventy helpers, helped make the summer Bible club week a memorable one. Included were seven children with special needs, some needing personal buddies. The ladies' class yielded great spiritual conversations this year, and countless seeds were planted in the hearts of children from various religious/geographical backgrounds.

Refreshing Fellowship

Our ministry group met in Michigan for a time of inspiring field reports, teaching from our US Sending Center Director, worshipping together and blessed conversations at mealtimes. T got to hang out with boys his age this time, a special perk. C was a helper in that teen boy class. S was stretched and blessed to head up the worship team. The week helped encourage and excite us for what God has in store.

Blast from the Past

What pure joy it was for B to reconnect with a Navy Chaplain friend after 30+ years. It was during his time in the Navy that B trusted Christ as His Savior, and this friend was first person he spoke to afterwards.

An Important Transition

Part of this summer was spent helping some of our most faithful ministry partners, S's parents, transition into a new place and getting the house ready to sell. Please pray as S returns Thursday, that she and her brother and friends would be able to complete everything that needs to be done to get the house ready for sale. Pray also for B and the boys while Mom is away.

Prayer Requests

- T is starting junior high school and J needs a job. We pray that both boys would grow in their walks with Christ and desire to keep godly friends around them.
- C and B are starting a discipleship/mentoring class on Wednesday nights this September. Pray for the participants and for God's leading.
- English classes resume soon. May more of these least-reached women hear about Jesus. Pray for drivers and nursery workers.
- The Kids' Bible club needs a location to meet. Pray that God would open the right doors if clubs are to continue at this time.
- "Solomon" will return to court soon to await his fate after making unwise decisions on a motorcycle. Please pray that God would use this time to teach him and change the trajectory of his youth for the better.
- "Flower," a teen, is asking deep questions but fears push back from family. Her religion is not answering her questions. Pray she would trust Christ.
- Pray that we would find a house better suited for our ministry lives. It will take a miracle to get more space on our budget, but God is able.
- Pray for "Nellie" to follow her husband in truly putting

her faith in Jesus and not give in to the social pressures of Is.

- Thank you for praying that God would raise up MORE prayer warriors and financial partners. Thank you to those who ALREADY faithfully pray and give! We are grateful for you!

The Lehman Family

Serving in Kenya, September 2025



Hello from Kenya! We pray that this newsletter finds you all doing well! We are so thankful for each one of you and the blessings you are to us!

A few weeks ago, our pastor used this painting as a poignant reminder of how truly global the gospel of Jesus Christ is! (third from left is a Maasai elder from Kenya) What a blessing and privilege it is to be a part of the body of Christ. We've recently seen in a fresh way the



importance of remembering Paul's words in Romans 12 - "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (v. 4-5). In our day of instant and constant communication on many media platforms, it's easy to slip into the pitfalls of comparison and feelings of inferiority, wishing God had gifted us differently. We pray that each one of us will rest in the knowledge that God knows us better than we can ever know ourselves, and that we'll continue to serve God with the gifts He's bestowed on us, wherever we are.

Family Visiting

We were blessed with an absolutely wonderful time with Bethany's family when they visited for three weeks in June. From going on a safari to riding bikes around Rosslyn's campus to going to church, it was fantastic to be able to share our lives with them. The three weeks went by way too quickly! It was amazing to have all 18 of us here together in Kenya to create once-in-a-lifetime memories together. Although we missed visiting family and friends in the States (when we visit in the summer of 2026, it will have been 2 years since last visiting), we were so grateful that family got to come to us instead!

All the cousins hiked together on Crescent Island, a safari walk with wild animals! They loved seeing all the animals (like up close and personal with a giraffe) while also searching for big pieces of shiny black obsidian on the ground.

Back in School

Our summer was so fun and busy that it felt like we blinked twice and suddenly we were back in

school! Though Rosslyn Academy starts earlier than most schools in North America (our first day with students was August 7), we console ourselves with the fact that we have off school for Kenyan and American holidays, plus a three-week break at Christmas. Caleb (4th), Olivia (2nd), and Noah (K) are all enjoying school with the joys and challenges that come with it. Chris is continuing in his role as MS EAL teacher and 7th Grade Level Leader, with a new role of being an assistant coach for Rosslyn's cross-country team. Bethany moved from MS Learning Support to Elementary Learning Support and bumped up her hours, though she still enjoys her part-time status. Pray especially for Bethany as she navigates her new role and new expectations in working with her young students with special needs.

Cultural Sunday

This past Sunday was a celebration of cultures at church, where each family wore colorful clothes that represented their home or heart culture. Everyone brought food from their cultures as well, and we enjoyed a huge meal afterwards! Our family dressed in red, white and blue, and brought classic American macaroni and cheese (with Kenyan cheese) and chocolate chip cookies (with

chocolate chips from the USA). Some of our kids' favorites were chin chin from Nigeria and clafoutis from France. After the delicious food, several groups shared songs or stories from different cultures around the world: here a group is singing a French worship song.



40th Birthday and Marathon

Chris had a big summer: running his first marathon and turning 40! Chris ran the Nairobi Expressway Marathon through the city, and the kids all made signs to cheer him on! A few weeks

later, Bethany and Chris got away to an Airbnb to celebrate his birthday with beautiful views of the Ngong Hills outside of Nairobi. We also got to celebrate with eating at a new restaurant with friends and playing some games (two things Chris loves)!



Praises

Praise God for a great start to our school year! Our kids are thriving in school and loving their teachers and friends, and Chris and Bethany are settling into their roles.

Praise God for a fun, safe, and amazing time hosting family in Kenya in June! We made so many fantastic memories!

We are so thankful that our renter for our house in PA has agreed to stay for the foreseeable future!

Chris's sister Rachel and her husband Drew welcomed their first baby in August. They are all doing well, and we love seeing pictures but also miss getting to meet him in person.

Prayer Requests

In late October, Chris will lead a group of 56 7th graders and 7 teachers on their annual CFS trip to Naivasha, Kenya, where students will serve others and learn more about God and His creation in Kenya.

While Bethany does enjoy her new role in Elementary Learning Support, it has been a difficult transition in some regards. Please pray that Bethany will be encouraged in her important work of meeting the diverse learning needs of her students.

Millions of people here in Kenya have been hit hard by increased prices across a variety of products and services, compounded by the corruption that is evident by Kenya's leaders on many levels.

Please pray that we would not get so caught up in the little details of life that we forget that we are serving God through loving and supporting our students.

Monthly Support: Almost There!

We are so grateful to all of you who have committed to supporting us monthly! We are at 95% of our monthly financial goal - so close! Our Rosslyn salary does not quite cover our family's living expenses and so your support helps us be able to continue to work and serve here. It also enables us to have the means to help with needs that we see all around us on a daily basis. These last few months we've been able to provide orders of fruit and vegetables for the babies at The Nest, as well as help pay school fees for some dear Kenyan friends of ours. Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to connect directly with any of our international partners, please contact Jay Brown, Pastor of Mission & Discipleship, at jbrown@kschurch.org.



King Street Church

Our mission is to engage and bless our community with the Gospel. We are a regional, teaching, and resourcing church.

Ministry Staff: (in alphabetical order by first name)

- Aaron Perry, *Senior Pastor*
- Becky Hann, *Pastor of Children's Ministry*
- Dan Gehris, *Business Manager*
- Jay Brown, *Pastor of Mission and Discipleship*
- Lauren Zook, *Associate Director for Students and Young Adults*
- Nathan Hann, *Pastor of Contemporary Worship*
- Rob Gunkelman, *Pastor of Student Ministries*
- Steve Flint, *Executive Pastor*
- Susanna Allen, *Director of Communications*
- Tyler Roberts, *Director of Media & Production*

REACH OUT! Email any staff member by using the first initial and last name, plus kschurch.org. Example: Lauren Zook is lzook@kschurch.org.

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 December/January issue should be submitted by **November 19** to Susanna Allen, sallen@kschurch.org, or 56 N. 2nd St, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

How to Give

- **Pay Online with a Credit Card:** Visit kingstreetchurch.com/give to make a one-time 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 ahartman@kschurch.org.
- **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 am to 4 pm.

Worship Times

In-Person Services:

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

Watch Online at kingstreetchurch.com, Roku, YouTube, Apple TV, or Facebook:

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



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I will praise God's name in
song and glorify him with
thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

