



**“You will teach the Christian faith by your words, your deeds, and the overall shape of your life. We do this teaching work together as we live out and speak out our faith. King Street Church has been, is, and will be a teaching church—and you’re part of the teaching team.”**

**PASTOR AARON PERRY**



## **King Street Is a Teaching Church**

*Aaron Perry, Senior Pastor*

Who taught you how to throw a football, sew a button, play an instrument, cook a steak, bake a pie, read a book, perform two-digit multiplication, or work a computer? When you think about all the things you can do, you likely had many teachers. What made the good teachers really good? I grew up around teachers. I admire really good teachers. The best teachers know their subjects, refine their skills, care about their students, and can actually get the subjects into the brains and their skills into the bodies of their students. Good teachers must actually teach.

When a wealthy man was drawn to Jesus for answers to life’s biggest question, he called Jesus “Teacher” (Mark 10:17). This was a common title for Jesus and it was an honorable one. To be a teacher was not only to be in a position of authority, but to wield authority in action. Teachers taught truth. Just like the string gives force for an arrow to go in a direction, so teachers empower students to go in a direction.

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## A TEACHING CHURCH

The bow is in authority over the arrow; the truth in the teacher's mouth has authority over the learner. When the man rejected Jesus's direction, he rejected Jesus' authority. But Jesus is not simply a teacher; He is The Teacher. In the ancient story of Job, it is asked, "Who is a teacher like God? Who has prescribed his ways?" (Job 36:22b-23a). If we reject Jesus' ways, we are going the wrong way. We have nothing to teach God; we need the Good Teacher.

When I was interviewing for the position of Senior Pastor at King Street Church, I was impressed at the culture of discipleship. There were various kinds of small groups, decades-old Sunday School classes, a rich history of preaching, and well-established curriculum. The Agape English Ministry resonated deeply with me. One gentleman told me how his grandfather had taught him at King Street Church and now he's teaching his grandchildren. What a rich history of teaching! I knew that being a teaching church was not just King Street's past and present, but must be a defining aspect of its future.

King Street Church will be a teaching church only as we follow and learn from The Teacher. We will passionately and purposefully follow Jesus Christ. Our pastors, staff, Sunday School teachers, and small group leaders will all continue to seek Christ and to know Him personally. We cannot teach Christ if we do not know Christ. There is a big difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus. Likewise, there is a big difference between teaching about Jesus and teaching Jesus. We will continue to know Christ so that

we may teach Christ. We follow Christ, the Word of God made flesh, by studying and applying the Written Word by the power of the Spirit.

King Street Church will be a teaching church by continuing to be a model for other churches. Churches are unique, having different histories, people, passions, and knowledge. While churches might serve the same Lord, they have different skills and knowledge bases. Just like the best teachers know their subjects and their skills, King Street Church wants to be a teaching church from whom other churches may learn because we know our subject and skills well in our own unique way. We will be passionate about learning, being willing to adapt our ministry practices to be more effective for Christ's mission.

King Street Church will be a teaching church by creating different environments where the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be worked into the details of our church family. While the preaching of the Word of God on Sunday morning will continue to be vital, the details of the Word often take community, curriculum, and personal care for lifelong application. The full good news of the Gospel is often worked into the details of our lives in smaller communities. The Gospel of Jesus is practical—it makes a difference in our daily lives. King Street Church will provide relevant and practical teaching for our people to live out the Gospel in their personal lives on Sunday morning and in environments through the week.

King Street Church will be a teaching church as we grow more teachers. And do you know

who is responsible for teaching the Christian faith? You are. You will teach the Christian faith by your words, your deeds, and the overall shape of your life. We do this teaching work together as we live out and speak out our faith. King Street Church has been, is, and will be a teaching church—and you're part of the teaching team. We will also call out people who have a gift of teaching. God has consistently raised up young people to learn, guard, and teach the faith. King Street Church will support the training of those God is raising up as teachers.

Let me confess something: I'm not most interested in who taught you how to throw a football, sew a button, or bake a pie. I am interested in who taught you about Christ. Who taught you the story of the Christian faith? Who taught you the skills of Christ's disciples? Who taught you to stay in step with the Holy Spirit? But even more, I'm interested in who is teaching you. The question is not whether or not we're being taught, but what we're being taught and by whom. If you spend an hour a day on Instagram, Fox News, or MSNBC, you're being taught. Any of these

"I am the Lord your God,  
**who teaches you** for your benefit,  
who leads you in the way you  
should go."

ISAIAH 48:17 CSB



might be sources of truth and insight, but Christians recognize that while there are many teachers, there is only one who is The Teacher. When I heard the story of King Street Church and as I've gotten to know the people, I have become passionate about King Street Church continuing its legacy and identity as a teaching church as we learn from Jesus Christ, the Good Teacher.

## Staff Attends Conference



On Monday, October 27, sixteen members of the church staff traveled to LCBC church in Manheim, PA, for their All-Access One-Day conference. Together they worshiped, learned, processed the sessions, and enjoyed each other's company. Pastor Aaron shares: "This isn't just about us learning, but also being a resourcing church and a teaching church. LCBC is giving away a lot of their knowledge. We want to be a church that gives out of our abundance, too." Thank you, church, for supporting your staff in this way.



## KSC OFFERS PRE-PARADE SHOW



### Pre-Show at the Parade!

On Saturday, November 22, the KSC Worship Team played a live set before the 55th annual Chambersburg Christmas Parade. For all 55 years of the parade's existence, our church building has stood witness just steps away from the town square, and for all 55 years members of our church family have attended the parade. It was a great honor for us that the Downtown City Council invited us to participate this year.

We were set up right on the steps of the Courthouse, and played a mix of traditional carols including







"O Holy Night," "Angels, We Have Heard on High," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," as well as favorites such as "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," and "Jingle Bell Rock."



We broke up the music with Christmas Trivia and a gift card giveaway! It was a joy to interact with the downtown community and to see so many familiar faces from our church family in the crowd. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this event. We are a downtown church, and we are committed to being part of it.

# King Street Winners!

Our students were invited to enter the Franklin County Sunday School Association Poster and T-Shirt Design Contest. The theme was "The Bible Is..." Some of our young people won!

<b>1ST PLACE:</b>	Emma Beth Perry (age group 12-14) *
	Elli Rife (age group 15-19) *
<b>2ND PLACE:</b>	Lydia Crider (age group 12-14)
	Becca Althoff (age group 15-19)
<b>3RD PLACE:</b>	Cora Hester (age group 12-14)
	Addison Roberts (age group 15-19)

\* Emma Beth and Elli's designs have been entered into the State Contest!

## Mission Trip to Central Asia

### From Pastor Jay Brown:

In October, a team from King Street traveled to Central Asia with Orphan's Tree to minister to "orphan grads" — teens and young adults who grew up in state-run orphanages and are now trying to figure out life on their own. Independent living skills and the ability to develop community are desperately needed for these young people, and the message that there is a God who loves and values them can be revolutionary, especially in a setting where a nominal adherence to Islam is the religious backdrop.

Serving on a trip like this is an important way to communicate the love of Christ through the Gospel, but it also makes a significant impact on those who serve. This response from a King Street team member is a summary of the trip and also a great testimony of how God works in our lives through missions.

The team would also like to extend deep thanks again to everyone at church for their tremendous support of the effort.



## Orphan's Tree

### From Megan Fogelsanger:

Central Asia was my first missions trip, and because of that, I don't think I ever would have accurately predicted the impact it would have on my life. We spent a lot of time hearing the stories of the orphan grads. Some told us what their childhood was like,

others told us what they were struggling with now as adults. One young woman told us how she, with her older brother, provided for her two younger sisters when she was just 9 years old. She made sure they all had food to eat and that they made it to school each day. She did this well enough that it took months before anyone realized the children were on their own. I can say with absolute certainty that I could not have done what she did at 9 years old.

Hearing her story and just being with the orphan grads really shifted the focus in my heart because there are so many who have similar stories all around us. It has given me a refreshed sense of gratitude for the life I've been given, and reminded me of the importance of sharing my faith. I've spent so much time focusing on my personal relationship with God and thought that I needed to have all of that under control before I could fully focus on others. But I feel that is what God wanted me to take away from this trip. He wanted to show me that through Him I can help others and serve others and comfort others. There are no skills that I need to learn or develop *before* God can use me; He will meet me where I am and walk with me through this journey. I just need to depend on Him. It doesn't matter if I'm in my community or halfway around the world- "Here am I, send me."





# Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

On Tuesday, October 21, over 100 people gathered at the Shoebox Packing Warehouse in Shippensburg to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The evening was a great success! Thank you for investing your time and resources to spread the Gospel to children around the world. It's not too late to fill a box! You can still fill a virtual shoebox online through the link at [kingstreetchurch.com/occ](https://kingstreetchurch.com/occ). We know that our total is already over 2,000 boxes — praise the Lord! We look forward to giving you a final total later in December.







Remembering  
those from our  
King Street Church  
family who have gone  
on before us.



NOVEMBER 2024  
through  
OCTOBER 2025

Patricia Goulding ~ November 12, 2024

Charles W. "Chuck" McClanahan, Jr.  
November 12, 2024

Guy V. Musick ~ January 1, 2025

Ariana Geesaman Slaybaugh ~  
January 2, 2025

George "Sunny" Straley ~  
January 25, 2025

Rhoda B. Eckman ~ February 6, 2025

Edna M. Keller ~ February 10, 2025

Marilyn Louise Spielman ~  
February 17, 2025

Leah M. Williams ~ February 21, 2025

Phillis A. Gayman ~ March 17, 2025

Mary Lou Bookheimer ~ March 23, 2025

Aden Eugene "Gene" Diller ~  
April 19, 2025

Thomas "Tom" Lynch, Jr. ~ June 8, 2025

Kathy S. Coppens ~ June 25, 2025

Galen Lee Myers ~ June 30, 2025

Dr. James "Jim" William Shira ~  
July 18, 2025

James P. "Jim" Howard ~ July 23, 2025

Emory L. Shatzer ~ July 23, 2025

G. Arthur "Art" Fairchild ~ August 21,  
2025

Randal "Randy" L. Brookens ~  
October 14, 2025

PSALM 34:8, "The Lord is *near* to the *brokenhearted*  
and *saves* the *crushed in spirit*."

# King Street Women Lift Up Pastors' Wives

King Street Women gathered on October 3 for an event called **Lift Her Up: Encouraging the Encouragers**. Dozens of KSC women of all ages joined together to get to know Pastor Becky and the other pastors' wives and to enjoy a time of fellowship and worship. Ladies feasted on charcuterie trays and a dessert grazing board as they got to know others they may not have met who also attend King Street Church.

"We are a large church with multiple services. It is difficult for ladies to do more than pass each other in the hallways. Pastor Becky and the pastors' wives could go unnoticed week after week, yet they play vital roles in the ministry of the church. Tonight's event gives all of us the opportunity to get to know one another better, especially our pastors' wives," explained KSC Women's Ministry Team member Carole Kirkpatrick.

There were moments of laughter and tears as three of the six pastors' wives held a Q & A panel. Becky, Pastor of Children's Ministries, Suzanne Flint, wife of Executive Pastor Steve Flint, and Heather Perry, wife of Senior Pastor Aaron Perry participated. They shared more about themselves, their own lives, and the powerful influence King Street Church has had



on their families. Pastor Becky shared stories of how King Street Women, both in the room and already in heaven, had impacted her own life as she and husband Paul were raising their three sons.

Suzanne Flint reflected afterwards, "The event for the pastors' wives and our lady pastor (Becky) was a sweet evening of encouragement. From the tablescapes to the gift bags and delicious food, the room radiated with warmth and caring. I felt embraced and supported by the wonderful women of King Street Church. May we now share this love with others that was so showered on us! Thank you!"

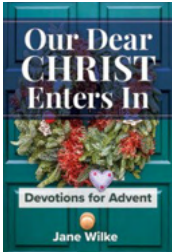
The event ended with a time of worship and prayer. The ladies were given a beautiful bookmark titled "7 Prayers for a Woman of God." Everyone prayed each of the prayers over Pastor Becky and the pastors' wives. The hope is that the bookmarks will become both keepsakes and reminders to pray for not only pastors' wives but for each other.



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### Advent Devotionals

Advent began on **Sunday, November 30**, and we are offering daily devotionals for the season. This year, you may choose either digital or printed copies of **Our Dear Christ**



**Enters In** by Jane Wilke. This devotional invites us to prepare our homes and hearts for Jesus' coming, with daily reflections inspired by the Nativity story and beloved holiday traditions.

We are also offering a second printed option, **A Grand Miracle**, featuring Scripture alongside quotes from C. S. Lewis. These readings explore the profound meaning of Christ's birth—what Lewis called “a Grand Miracle”—and include additional reflections by Lewis scholar Joel Heck on the incarnation, Immanuel, Narnia, and Jesus' mission to make us a new creation.

*(If you previously subscribed to receive an Advent devotional by email or text, you will automatically receive this year's content.)*

- Text “advent” to (717) 401-7777 to receive daily devotionals to your phone
- Pick up an advent devotional in the lobby (one per family)
- Subscribe to get daily emails at [kingstreetchurch.com/advent](http://kingstreetchurch.com/advent)

### Waiting for Jesus: Family Event

Our KidMin Children's Ministry invites families to a special Christmas event on **Sunday, December 7**, from 5:30–7:30 pm in the Baker Center. Together we'll journey through the Bible—from Isaiah's prophecies to the night our Savior was born—and consider what it means for us today. We'll share a meal, sing Christmas songs, enjoy games, and make a craft to help us keep our focus on Jesus. Each family will also take home resources for Advent reflection, to help in celebrating Christ's coming at home.

### Poinsettia Dedications

**Monday, December 15** is the deadline to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one (\$10.50). You can pick up a form in the lobby, sign up at the church office at 56 N. Second Street, or pay online at [kingstreetchurch.com/flowers](http://kingstreetchurch.com/flowers). On Christmas Eve, a booklet is available online and in the lobbies, listing all those being honored.



## Light in the Night

Light in the Night is a gentle, reflective gathering hosted by our RESET ministry for anyone who could use a quiet moment of peace during the holiday season. We know this time of year can hold both joy and challenges — and it's okay to show up just as you are. Join us on **Monday, December 15**, at 6:30 pm in the Baker Center as we share in worship, Scripture, reflection, and meaningful moments that remind us that the light of Christ shines even in the darkest nights. We'll have time for community with one another, a few special elements woven throughout the evening, and cookies together afterward. Come rest, breathe, and remember that hope is near.

## Piano & Organ Concert

On **Sunday, December 21**, we will gather at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a very special concert. This traditional service will be filled with classic carols played by gifted musicians. Our organist Phil Shuman and lay worship leader Bob Jones are organizing this concert. We look forward to it being a peaceful, joy-filled way to slow down, savor the season, and let the music of Christmas lift our hearts.



Christmas Eve services will be held on Wednesday, December 24, at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and at 3:00 and 5:00 pm in the Baker Center. Each location offers a unique worship style—traditional in the Sanctuary and contemporary in the Baker Center—yet every service will share the same powerful elements: the glow of candlelight and a message from Pastor Aaron rooted in the Word of God. Childcare for ages 3 and under is available at 3:00 and 5:00. We invite you to worship with us and celebrate the hope, joy, and wonder of Jesus' birth.

## Christmas Eve

*We will receive a Christmas Eve offering that will go to support a local or global ministry partner. Watch for updates in the worship folder.*



The church office and facilities will be closed:

- **Thursday/Friday, December 25/26**
- **Thursday, January 1**

On **Sunday, December 28**, all of our worship services will be held in the **Sanctuary**. We look forward to gathering in a special way during the holidays.

## Season's Meetings

This year's Advent series will focus on four realities we don't usually talk about at Christmas: death, judgment, hell, and heaven. Pastor Aaron is inviting us to look at them because they are part of every human life — and because the meaning of Christmas becomes even clearer when we understand why Jesus came at all.



In describing this series, Pastor Aaron says: “The Son of God took on flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. The Son of God, who perfectly reflected the image of the Father from eternity, entered the created world through the virgin Mary. Each of the season's meetings—Life Meeting Its End, Wrong Meeting Right, the Devil Getting What's Due, and Us Meeting God—are impacted by this once-in-a-cosmos event. Each of our life's meetings—when we face death, when we face injustice, when we face eternal choices, when we come face to face with God—can be faced because God has taken on a face in this infant child.”

## PRAYER MINISTRY AT KING STREET

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** On the **first** and **third Sundays** of each month, from 9:30–10:45 am, the Prayer Room is open for a dedicated time of prayer. Missy Ardinger is leading in prayer for King Street Church—lifting up our worship services, pastors, Sunday School teachers, our congregation, and also our nation and world. Everyone is welcome to join—whether you'd like to pray aloud, share requests, or simply sit quietly in God's presence. Questions, reach out to Missy at [ardinger.melissa@yahoo.com](mailto:ardinger.melissa@yahoo.com).

***If My People Pray* Prayer Group:** *If My People Pray* is a prayer gathering to seek the heart of God on behalf of our church, state, country, and world. It meets monthly, the first Monday of the month — including **Monday, January 5** — from 7-8:00 pm in Room M21. Wally and Lisa Black are the contacts.

# STUDENT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

## Night of Worship

On Wednesday, November 5, our students led an evening of prayer and praise in the Baker Center. The evening included many worship songs, a time of mini-testimonies called “God Tags,” and prayer stations around the room. It's always a beautiful event when we see our adults engage and interact with our students in worship... a multigenerational gathering that shows support for our young people. These students will soon be leading our church. It is an honor to watch them as they grow into their unique roles as adult followers of Jesus.





# Coming Soon

## KSC IN ACTION!



### Adoption/Foster Group

Our support group for foster and adoptive families will meet on **December 9** and **January 20** at 6:00 pm in M27. The group provides encouragement for those in the adoptive or foster care journey, no matter where they are in the process. Our group is led by those who are themselves either foster parents, or those who are impacted by adoption. Childcare is provided. Questions, contact Bethany Hanft at [adoption@kschurch.org](mailto:adoption@kschurch.org).

### Women's Prayer & Fellowship

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, December 11**, and **Thursday, January 8**, 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.



### Men's Alliance Tribe

King Street Church has launched a Men's Alliance tribe—a weekly gathering where men are strengthened through real brotherhood, biblical truth, and physical challenge. Join us **each Saturday**, at 8:00 am, behind the KSC Ministry Center (December 13 only, meet in the Baker Center parking lot). Justin Shirk is leading our tribe; each meeting includes an outdoor 30 minute workout, and a 30 minute devotional around a fire. Come build friendships, be encouraged, and take a step toward deeper spiritual growth.

### Newcomers' Reception

Have you begun attending King Street in the last six months? We'd love to meet you! Join us for a Newcomers' Reception on **Sunday, January 18**, in the Fellowship Room right after our worship services wrap up around noon. We'll spend about 30 minutes getting to know each other better.



## Blood Drive

King Street Church is hosting a blood drive in honor of one of the children in our church family: Isabel Schuster. Isabel, the 6-year-old -daughter of Brian and JoAnna, had leukemia and received many blood transfusions on her way to the maintenance phase of her treatment. The drive is **Monday, December 29**, from 12:30 – 6:00 pm, in the Baker Center gym. **You need to make an appointment;** sign up via this QR code (enter 17201 zip code to find our event), or call 800-RED-CROSS, (800-733-2767.) If you are able to serve with us by keeping the snack area stocked, contact Pastor Rob Gunkelman at [rgunkelman@kschurch.org](mailto:rgunkelman@kschurch.org).



## The Porch

Our young Adult Ministry shares a desire to build authentic community and grow in faith and affection for Jesus Christ. Visit us online at [kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult](http://kingstreetchurch.com/youngadult). Our schedule is a little different for December and January; note these dates. Follow us on social media @ThePorchKSC.

- **December 11:** Small groups meet
- **December 18:** Flapjacks & Flannels Christmas Party; food is served at 6:30 pm. This is always a super fun night!
- **January 8/22:** Large group meetings
- **January 15/29:** Small groups for guys (if you're interested in participating, reach out to Bryton at [bzook@kschurch.org](mailto:bzook@kschurch.org).)

**RESET:** Our healing ministry meets on Monday nights in the Student Ministry Center. This is a place to find community for any “issue” that keeps you from abundant life in Christ—anxiety, depression, grief, family conflict, chemical addiction—whatever you’re dealing with, you’ll find encouragement at RESET. We meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Student Ministry Center (*lower level of the Baker Center*.)



- **Large Group:** Worship, prayer, and either a testimony or a message.
- **Support Groups for Men & 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.



# Night to Shine™

TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION  
February 13, 2026



Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. On one night, hundreds of churches of different denominations from all over the world will come together to celebrate people with special needs! We still have a few guest spots available, and now we are building the volunteer team. Please consider serving at this amazing event, and let's shine bright for Jesus!

**VOLUNTEERS:** *These are just some of the volunteer positions for which we need help:*

Decorating Team  
Creative/Crafty People  
Seamstress for Alterations  
Buddy for Guest (*16+ years old*)  
Flowers & Gift Table  
Paparazzi (*cheer for guests*)

Professional Hair-dresser  
Make-Up Stylist  
Nail Tech  
Shoe Shiners  
Limousine Assistant  
Greeters /Check-In

Medical (EMT)  
Parking Team  
Popcorn Machine  
Portrait Assistant  
Security Team  
Wait Staff



[thenighttoshine.com](http://thenighttoshine.com)



## KSC Men's Ministry

Men are invited to participate in our group, “Band of Brothers” that meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in room M27. They are starting a new 7-week study on **January 7, 2026**, called **One at a Time** by Kyle Idleman. Right Now Media describes it this way:

Nobody grows up dreaming of waking up, going to work, heading home, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media, and then doing it all over again the next day until their last breath. We all want to be used to change the world. We don't want to spend our lives being time-wasters, or space-takers, or binge-watchers, or game-players, or even book-readers. We want to be difference-makers. But it's easy to get caught up in the everyday stuff of life until the years slowly go by, and with each passing year, the question seems to get louder: *Am I making any difference in this world?*



We want to make a difference, but there are so many opinions on the way to do that. Maybe there's a different way to make a difference, and we're just missing it. Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. So, how did Jesus make such a difference

in this world? If we study the story of his life as recorded in the Gospels, there are a number of answers we could highlight, but there's one particular phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is how he wants to use us to make a difference: one at a time. Making a difference isn't measured by a viral post or a name on a building. It isn't determined by a following or a fan base. Making a difference isn't dependent on what's in your bank account or who's in your contacts. Want to make a difference? Focus on the one. That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus. One at a time.

## KSC Women's Ministry

Ladies, if you're interested in joining a Bible study, these are the classes that began in the Fall and you are welcome to join in midyear.

**WOMEN: MARK STUDY: Tuesdays at 10 am (M4):** Just bring your Bible for this continuing study of the Gospel of Mark—lessons are provided. Led by Deb Baker and Brenda Sloane.

### **WOMEN: BRAVE & BELOVED:**

**Wednesdays at 7 pm (M28):** In January we will continue this study exploring the lives of 30 women in Scripture. Discover how God wove their stories—and ours—into His redemption story.

**WOMEN: Thursdays at 8 am (M9):** This group includes reading, discussion, sharing, and prayer. All ladies welcome. Facilitated by Pat Bowers and Sharon Love. Questions? Contact Sharon at (717) 264-1140 or [gslove@comcast.net](mailto:gslove@comcast.net).

## 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.

**Wednesday Night KidzConnect:** Kids in grades K-5 are invited for these high-energy evenings. Doors to the CMC open at 6:45 pm and we end at 8:00 pm. December 17 will be our last KidzConnect this year, and we will resume on January 14.

**Waiting for Jesus Family Event:** Our KidMin Children's Ministry invites families to a special Christmas event on **Sunday, December 7**, from 5:30–7:30 pm in the Baker Center gym. Together we'll take a journey through Scripture — from Isaiah's prophecies spoken 700 years before Christ's birth, to the night our Savior was born — and explore what that means for us today. We'll share a meal, sing Christmas songs, enjoy games, and make a craft to help us keep our focus on Jesus this Christmas. Each family will receive resources to help reflect on the Advent season.



*On Friday, November 21, our Crosswalk KidMin team — and many amazing volunteers — cared for more than 100 children so that our parents could have a night off. “Parents Night Out” was a fun time for us, and we pray that our families felt our love and respect for them.*



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**GPS Sunday School:** Students in grades 6-12 meet at 9:30 for GPS Sunday School. Both groups start out in the SMC, then split into their various classes. During the 11:00 hour students are encouraged to attend worship or serve in a ministry area.

## THE STREET Student Ministry

### Upcoming Events:

- **CLIMBING TRIP:** Students will go to the climbing gym in Rockville, MD for an afternoon of indoor climbing on Monday, December 22. Meet at the church at 10:00 am and plan to return around 3:30 pm. Cost is \$35 (plus a lunch stop). **Space is limited!** Make sure to sign up at [kingstreetchurch.com/climb](http://kingstreetchurch.com/climb).
- **ALMOST NEW YEAR'S EVE ALL NIGHTER:** We will join with other local students to celebrate the end of 2025 and the arrival of 2026: the event is **Sunday, December 28—Monday, December 29**. Register soon at [kingstreetchurch.com/students](http://kingstreetchurch.com/students).
- **NEW YEAR KICK OFF:** We will kick off the new year at The Street on **Wednesday, January 7** with games, worship, a message, and small groups. Doors open at 6:00 to hang out in the Baker Center gym; the evening will end at 8:30 pm.
- **WINTER SLAM 2026:** Our annual retreat is **February 6-8**. Register in January at [kingstreetchurch.com/students](http://kingstreetchurch.com/students).



*These photos show our students participating in Serve Saturday. They did yard work for people in our church family, and packed shoeboxes at the OCC warehouse.*

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

# PRIMETIMERS SENIOR ADULTS

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. This segment of our church family includes retirees, grandparents, people with adult children, couples, singles and widows/widowers, all of whom desire to be productive servants of Christ.

## 2026 Calendar:

These activities are open to all adults, including any adult Sunday school classes that desire to attend a PT event as an outing as some classes have done. There will not be Prime Timer events in January or February because of possible inclement weather. There are also no activities scheduled for July or November. Please check the church worship folder, the *Messenger*, and [kingstreetchurch.com/seniors](http://kingstreetchurch.com/seniors) regularly for any changes or additions to these events.

### March 11 (Wednesday):

### POT LUCK MEAL

- **Details:** Meat provided. No sign up needed; just show up with a side dish. Donations accepted.
- **When and where:** 12 noon in the Baker Center
- **Our first speaker** will be representing **Albright LIFE** which is an Alternative to Nursing Home care. Then, our second speaker will represent **Mercy House** and share their vision of "Compassionate Hospice care." We never know when we or our loved ones may need this information. Come to learn, ask questions, and pick up a brochure.

### April 8 (Wednesday):

### SPRING LUNCHEON (featuring Pastor Aaron!)

- **Details:** 12 Noon in the Baker Center
- **Cost:** \$10.00
- **Sign-up and Payment Deadline:** Monday, March 23, 2026

### May 20 (Wednesday):

### STATE COLLEGE TRIP

- **Details:** Guided Tour of the Arboretum at Penn State, self-guided tour at the Penn State All Sports Museum and Beaver Stadium. Lunch on your own at Hoss' Steak House.
- **Cost:** \$65.00 (*Fee includes the cost of transportation with Paylor Transport, tour fees, and creamery ice cream at the end of the activity.*)
- **Sign-up and Payment Deadline:** April 20, 2026
- **Depart:** 7:30 a.m. from Weis Markets (Wayne Ave, Chambersburg). **Return:** Around 6 p.m.



### June 17 (Wednesday):

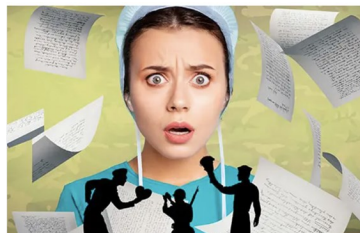
### SIGHT & SOUND: JOSHUA

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us on a Bollman Bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster featuring *Joshua*! More details will be in the next *Messenger*.



## August 12 (Wednesday): DINNER THEATER TRIP

- **Details:** **Bird-in-Hand Restaurant and Theater: “Dear Soldier Boy”** This Amish comedy is set in 1990; Iraq has just invaded Kuwait. War is contrary to Amish ways, but Anna King wants to do something to help America's troops; she and her family and coworker Sofia volunteer to write letters of encouragement to them. Anna just wants to be a blessing, Sofia wants to find a husband. It's all fine until the lonely pen pals get weekend passes and show up to surprise the girls at work!
- **Cost:** \$110.00 (*Fee includes play, meal, gratuities, and transportation by Paylor Transport.*)
- **Departure:** 8:30 from Weis Markets (Wayne Ave, Chambersburg)
- **Sign-up and Payment Deadline:** Monday, July 6, 2026

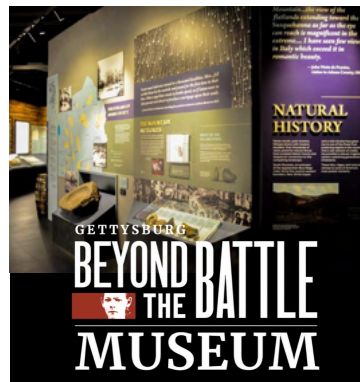


## September 9 (Wednesday): LUNCH AT BONANZA

- **Details:** 1:00 p.m. No sign-up needed; just show up and identify yourself as a KSC PrimeTimer.
- **Cost:** \$10.95 plus tax (*subject to change*)

## October 14 (Wednesday): GETTYSBURG TRIP

- **Details:** **NEW Gettysburg Museums and a Battlefield guided tour.** “Beyond the Battle” has been named by the USA Today as the Best NEW Museum in the country. The museum website says, “Walk through the thrilling journey through time featuring real citizens –before during and after they were caught in the crossfire of the civil War’s deadliest battle.” The other new museum is the Shriver House where the chaos of war collides with ordinary citizens lives. We will also enjoy a guided tour of the battlefield with a “Step-on-Guide.”
- **Cost:** TBD



## December 9 (Wednesday): CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

### PrimeTimer Event Policies:

- **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.
- **Contact:** To sign up or ask questions, call **Frances Humelsine** at (717) 263-8633.
- **Cancellation Policy:** The final sign up/payment due date and the cancellation date are all the same date. If you have to cancel AFTER this date, you will need to find a replacement unless there is someone on the waiting list. If you have an emergency that morning, please call (early) so we don't wait for you.

# Relationally Connected

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

**Attendance Report:** Our online numbers stand for unique IP addresses, each representing about two people. The In-Person attendance includes Sunday worship and Monday night RESET.

	In-Person	Online
• October 5	953	241
• October 12	792	238
• October 19	831	189
• October 26	873	238
• November 2	1,043	203
• November 9	924	199
• November 16	987	200
• November 23	921	269
• November 30	822	282

**Giving Report:** These offerings are part of the General Fund.

• October 5	\$55,137.07
• October 12	\$44,625.41
• October 19	\$54,960.96
• October 26	\$62,084.03
• November 2	\$40,730.77
• November 9	\$74,591.56
• November 16	\$53,117.05
• November 23	\$63,046.00
• November 30	\$39,797.00

## Communion Offerings

**DECEMBER:** The offering will go to **Cold Weather Shelter**, a Christian-based program providing a warm, safe place for the homeless.

**JANUARY:** The offering will go to the **After-School Program**, our outreach ministry which offers a warm meal and homework help to children from Ben Chambers Elementary.



## Congratulations

The PA Sunday School Association presented **Marie Cooper** with a 50-Year Service Award at their convention on October 25. Marie started teaching Sunday School in 1970 and has served ages 4-5 through adult. We are so grateful to Marie for her faithful service here at King Street, and her heart for imparting God's truth to our church family.



## CHILD DEDICATIONS

**Child Dedications:** On Sunday, November 2, thirteen families committed to raising their children to the glory of God; as a church family, we committed to supporting and praying for them.

- **Gavin & Madi Barnhart:**  
Dedicated Ellie
- **Nathanael & Bethany Hanft:**  
Dedicated Emerson and Emmett
- **Hunter & Kasey Martin:** Dedicated Brooks
- **Nathan & Kat Mullen:** Dedicated Annalyn
- **Derek & Ashley Tannous:**  
Dedicated Emma, Lucy, and Theo
- **Connor & Brooke Tiedemann:**  
Dedicated Emerson
- **Matt & Kendyl Wenger:**  
Dedicated Eliotte
- **Jake & Emily Angliss:** Dedicated Theodore
- **Jason & Lyndsey Frey:** Dedicated Logan
- **Bruce & Ashley McLaughlin:**  
Dedicated Warren
- **Marshall & Cheyanne Mentzer:**  
Dedicated Violet
- **Joel & Megan Van Kampen:**  
Dedicated Daniel



PROVERBS 22:6

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it."*

**Winter Weather:** The easiest way to know if we have a cancellation is to visit our home page at [kingstreetchurch.com](http://kingstreetchurch.com); IF we have any type of cancellation, an **Alert Banner** will scroll across the top of the page. We share posts on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, found under "King Street Church." On Sundays only, you can hear a message on the church voicemail: **717-264-4651**. We also send out an **email** to everyone on our email list; subscribe at [kingstreetchurch.com/email](http://kingstreetchurch.com/email).

## MONEY MATTERS & MORE

**Offering Envelopes:** The end of the year is approaching, and we want to remind you to pick up your Church Contribution Envelopes.

Tables will be set up in the Rotz Foyer (to the side of the Sanctuary) beginning Sunday, **December 7**. If you contribute using church envelopes, please stop and pick up the box with your name. If you are contributing electronically or no longer require envelopes, please advise the church office so we can keep an accurate count of envelopes needed.

We also offer electronic and text contribution options. You can visit our website to learn more about these options.

Remember, contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt for recorded annual contributions over \$250.00. For amounts under \$250.00, you can request a receipt from the church office.

**In January, contribution statements will be emailed to donors with email addresses on file.** (Please check your junk/spam folder!) If you are unsure if we have your correct email address, please contact the church office. Printed statements will be sent via mail to donors without email addresses. Your contributions continue to support King Street Church's effort as a church to "engage and bless our community with the Gospel."

**Year-End Giving:** Your year-end tithes, offerings and gifts **MUST BE RECEIVED** or, if mailing, post-marked by 12/31/2025 in order to qualify and be credited to your 2025 contribution records as a tax-deductible donation.



## Showing Up in Downtown!

On Saturday, October 18, the **Adamson** family represented King Street at Applefest. They gave out over 700 snacks and flyers about our church to those passing by on Main Street. Just over a week later, our Crosswalk KidMin staff participated in a downtown Halloween event where they handed out candy and information about King Street. Please pray with us that we can shine the light of Jesus to those in our neighborhood who need to know Him!





# 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](http://kingstreetchurch.com). Printed copies of Board summaries are placed on the Information Walls in the lobbies each month.

## September Highlights

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Monday, September 15.

**Senior Pastor Report** (Pastor Aaron Perry) – In the past two months Pastor Aaron has worked to identify and communicate King Street Church’s identity, nature and emerging vision to staff, elders and to the Board of Admin. To refine the leadership structure, he discussed the importance of the pastors, the elders and the Board being the hands, heart and head. Pastor Aaron reported on his personal work for the month and strategic questions he presented to the staff and leadership to consider. He also reviewed the importance of “Attend With A Friend” on Sunday, September 28.

**Executive Pastor Report** (Pastor Steve Flint) – Pastor Steve shared that he and Pastor Aaron met with the other pastors to gain insight into their ministry philosophies. Pastor Steve shared the booklet, “Essentials” which is available to anyone who is interested in connecting with various groups in the church.

**Elder Report** (Eldon Lehman) – Eldon reported the elders met with Pastor Aaron and Pastor Steve and discussed the possibility of celebrating patriotic days as we had in the past. Eldon wants the church to know that the Prayer Room is open and available on Sunday mornings.

## COMMISSION REPORTS *(alpha order)*

**Adult Ministries** (Bryan Bender): The Adult Ministry Appreciation Night had about 90 people in attendance. Men are invited to join the “Rise and Lead” event being held on Saturday, September 20.

**Children’s Ministry** (Pastor Becky Hann) – “Ice Cream Sundae” was a great success. Three young adults from the congregation have become new teachers in the Children’s Ministry. A few more teachers are still needed at this time.

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

**Missions** (Don MacAskill) – A team of 9-10 people will leave for Kazakhstan to work with Orphan’s Tree from October 2-11. We are supporting five young Haitians from our UB partners in training programs for trade skills. Andrew E. from Operation Mobilization in the Himalayas will visit on September 21. Tio, from Cornerstone Malawi, will visit on November 2.

## **Personnel Relations** (Brian Mace) –

The PRC discussed realignment of the commissions.

**Property** – John Little shared that he met with Bonded Applicators to get a quote on roof repairs to the Baker Center and Meadows Buildings. Eastern Elevator will be contacted to give an estimate on the Rotz Foyer elevator.

## **Student Ministry** (Nathan

Rosenberger) – The Ignite event was an amazing time of fellowship and worship with

14 churches participating and about 185 young people in attendance. Several of the students at KSC are becoming more involved in teaching which gives them a stronger sense of being part of the body of believers here.

**Worship Arts** (Carolyn Chenaille) – The worship teams recently met together to connect and encourage each other. Nathan Hann will be meeting with all the musical groups that are forming.

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

## **October Highlights**

The Board of Administration of King Street Church met on Monday, October 20.

**Senior Pastor Report** (Pastor Aaron Perry) – Pastor Aaron shared that the pastors are using Forming, Storming, Norming and Performing to have purposeful team development, using *trust* as the main theme. Pastor Aaron has conceived preaching topics, completed a Strategic Ministry Plan, led the September 28 event, helped plan the budget with the Finance Support Team, participated in the Project Priority Team meeting and preached at Houghton University.

**Executive Pastor Report** (Pastor Steve Flint) – Pastor Steve Flint shared that we have 7 people attending the partnership class which will finish up on October 26. On October 5 we welcomed 15 people to our Newcomer Reception.

**Elder Report** (Stanley Helman) – There is ongoing training for new elders.

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

**Adult Ministries** (Bryan Bender): Heather Adamson did a great job putting together a Newcomer Reception this month. The new partnership class is underway, led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jay.

**Children's Ministry** (Pastor Becky Hann) – Our After School Program started on October 6 under the leadership of Jeanie Helman. Children's Ministry will represent King Street Church at the Community Trick or Treat event on October 25. We are planning a Parents Night Out on November 21. There are plans for a Family Christmas Celebration on December 7.

**Finance Commission Report** (Dan Gehris) – Dan reported on September 2025 and 2025 YTD financial result; he also presented the 2026 Budget Proposal.



**Local Outreach** (Tom Knepper) – November 11 is the next LOC Quarterly Meeting with community ministry partners.

**Missions** (Don MacAskill) – KSC had a great trip to Kazakhstan with 9 people from King Street Church plus one other person attending. We were the first to launch ministry with orphan grads in the city of Taldykorgan. We met with orphan grad parents and teen grads. We shared lessons on life and relationship skills against a backdrop of faith.

**Property** (Dan Adamson) – John Little is revisiting the Ministry Center Project to bring to the board for future consideration.

**Student Ministry** (Nathan Rosenberger) – Student attendance figures remain between 160 and 180 attendees each week. We have had

three events recently, including Small Group Night, Serve Sunday and a Missions Meeting concerning the mission trip to Guatemala.

**Worship Arts** (Carolyn Chenaille) – We worked with RESET to host a Night of Worship. We are looking forward to participating in the Chambersburg Christmas Parade. Phil Shuman and Bob Ramsey will host an Organ Christmas Concert on December 21. Dan and Heather Adamson represented KSC at Applefest.

**New Business** – Pastor Aaron presented the Strategic Ministry Plan. The main themes were to align KSC's three significant leadership teams (staff, elders and board), to unify the staff and pastors as one ministry team leading the people of KSC in ministry, to build toward a comprehensive ministry pathway and to attend to King Street Church's financial habits and culture.



**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](mailto: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; families with young children, all ages welcome  
**Foundations** – M28; mixed ages  
**Good Samaritan** – B3; seniors  
**Joy Class** – M21; middle-aged

### 9:30 AM (continued):

**New Life** – M215; seniors  
**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

### Serve Our Community!

Nearly 15 years ago, the late Gary Porter approached John Comerer in their Sunday School class, and invited him to see God's work at the Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter. This ministry of KSC — where we serve every Wednesday night during the winter months — was initiated by Gary and he served regularly until he passed away in December 2021.

John says, "Gary was an innovator. He saw a need and he jumped on it. The Cold Weather Shelter became one of his personal passions."

Gary often asked his fellow attendees at King Street to accompany him. For John Comerer, it was an easy *yes*.

Upon his first visit, John says, "I definitely saw a need. I saw that there are many people in Chambersburg that are homeless and need help."

John describes that in the winter months, the help that the shelter offers is life-sustaining. He explains, "They don't have the money to pay for rent, and some struggle with mental illness. At the shelter, they get a free meal and a warm place to sleep."



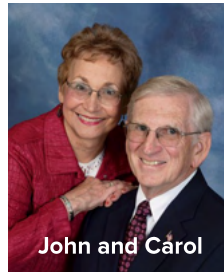
### Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter



John claimed the torch of responsibility from Gary. He now manages this ministry, on behalf of King Street Church, from December through March, which includes these duties:

1. **Meals:** He asks Sunday School classes to deliver a meal each Wednesday night at 7pm. This is also a great opportunity for friend groups, Bible studies, and L3s.
2. **Guest Oversight:** John offers the meal for the guests to eat, helps clean up afterwards, and provides general oversight until midnight. He provides general care, answers questions, welcomes guests, and calls for medical help if someone is ill.

**PLEASE HELP:** John needs other men to assist him in this task. It is ideal if one person can serve from 7-9:30, and then another from 9:30-midnight. *(The shelter has a staff person who sleeps overnight).* If you can provide a meal, or help John on Wednesday nights, please email him at [jcomerer@comcast.net](mailto:jcomerer@comcast.net).



John and Carol



## 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.

### WAYS TO HELP:

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**
  - a. **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 deliver the items directly to the church.
  - b. **In-Person Shopping:** Below are the items we collect. Collection bins displaying this list are located in each lobby. Please note that items should be in new, unopened condition.



- Laundry detergent (30-64 oz) and dryer sheets
- Dishwashing (liquid) detergent
- Toilet paper (small 4 or 6-packs)
- Paper towels (individually-wrapped)
- Facial tissues
- Toothbrushes (single, 2-, 3-, and 4-packs)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Razors, men's and women's
- Toothpaste

3. **Translators:** Thankfully, our volunteer team is fully staffed with the exception of one critical position. We are in great need for someone to help us to communicate with our friends whose first language is Haitian-Creole or Spanish (once a quarter.) No formal training is required—just a love for people and a knowledge of conversational English and Haitian-Creole and/or Spanish.

We at OMM wish you a beautiful celebration of the birth of our Savior and a blessed 2026!

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (ESV) ~Isaiah 9:6*

**UPCOMING DISTRIBUTIONS: December 13 and March 14**

**9:00 am-12 noon (or until supplies are exhausted!)**

**For more information about OMM, email us at [omm@kschurch.org](mailto:omm@kschurch.org).**

**Stay Connected at KSC!** You can always keep updated on our latest events at [kingstreetchurch.com/today](http://kingstreetchurch.com/today). If you would like to receive the weekly announcements via text, get on the list by texting TODAY to (717) 401-7777.



## Bake Cookies for a Good Cause

The Franklin County Jail Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Distribution again this year. We have the opportunity to bake homemade cookies for the inmates.

Deliver your homemade cookies to the Fellowship Hall at Salem United Brethren Church (4349 Letterkenny Road, Chambersburg, 717-263-4123) during the week of **December 8-12** (9 am-3 pm). You are also invited to join volunteers at Salem on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 pm, to pack the cookies into individual bags.

On Sunday December 14, the Chaplain and his team will hand deliver a bag of cookies to each inmate! Your participation in past years has made a genuine impact! Chaplain Bartlett has received numerous thank you notes from inmates describing how much they appreciated the homemade cookies.

# Missionally Engaged AROUND THE WORLD

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The Messenger* contains highlights from communications with our international ministry partners. If you would like to receive regular updates or financially support a particular partner or ministry, please contact Pastor Jay ([jbrown@kschurch.org](mailto:jbrown@kschurch.org)). Our ministry partners would love to share with you more about their work.

## Emily Schoenleber

November 2025

### Heading Overseas

I am so excited to be heading back to England for the month of January! If you've been around

here for a while, you might remember that I spent a couple of years doing university campus ministry all over the United Kingdom with Circuit Riders in 2019 and 2020. I fell in love with the nation, the people, and felt so privileged to see first hand how God is



moving there. I have a dear friend that I lived with in New Zealand who is on staff at a local church in England with the vision to bring healing, wholeness

and freedom to broken lives and communities, helping people on the journey of loving, trusting and following Jesus.

Weekly activities include children & youth groups, messy church (outreach to young families), discipleship groups, young adults ministry, Sunday gatherings and worship events.

In addition to the church, there is also a community project run in partnership with the church that serves as a food bank distribution centre and community cafe. It exists to provide practical support and a place of connection for those facing hardship in the local community. They engage with people from all walks of life— from homeless communities to refugees to single parent families to those in debt and many more. I am so excited to be welcomed in and able to serve in these areas for the month of January.

### Day by Day

If I'm being honest, these past few months have been the hardest I've had to walk through in a long time. I have been walking through a lot of loss, grief, and disappointment. There is so much that's happened in my life in recent months that I can't change or control and so much I don't understand. As I continue to go through my day to day of work, classes, preparing for England, spending time with friends and community, I find that even in moments that I try to be happy and excited, I feel like I'm still carrying this undercurrent of grief and sadness. Please pray for endurance, healing, strength, and comfort.

This past Sunday was our church's annual Global Impact Sunday. This is a day each year that our church highlights the missions work

around the world that the Christian & Missionary Alliance is doing. (This is the denomination of my church here in Kentucky). One thing I have always appreciated about the Alliance's approach to global missions is that 80% of their international workers live in the most unreached areas in the world, where people have little to no chance of knowing Jesus.

As I listened to all of the stories and testimonies of what the Lord has been doing globally this past year, I found myself thinking that more than ever, I remember that I am a missionary— through and through. From the time I first felt called when I was 15 and every big and little moment since then. In recent weeks I have been thinking and praying about 2026 and considering opportunities and open doors for me to go back overseas for other short/mid term trips. I would love your prayers as I continue to seek His guidance for 2026.

### Prayer Requests

- Comfort, healing, and peace
- That the Lord's plans and purposes would be established in my life
- Provision for my mission trip to England and just for my time there as I enter a season of being on the field short-term
- Energy, strength, and endurance

### Thankful For

- Wonderful friends, a community who cares so deeply for me, here and around the world
- My little house in Wilmore that I've had the privilege of living in for almost four years
- The peace and strength of God that sustains me each day
- The snow flurries on Sunday and most of the day yesterday, but also for the warm weather we're getting this weekend
- All of YOU and your prayers and support



## New Projects, New Lessons

Hello my faithful friends and family! Do you ever get to a point in life where you feel as though the Lord has finally got something across to you that he's been trying to tell you for a long time? Well, me too. And that's what I would love to share with you all! But before we get into that, I want to share some pretty awesome stuff that's been happening here. Also I want to apologize for the amount of time it's taken to send another update! The more time that passes, the harder it is to fit everything into one update!

As you saw in my last update, I have started coaching in a refugee camp. The ground is super bumpy, the grass was uneven, and the net was old and needing replaced. It would have been very easy to twist an ankle. So, it was decided that the court would be fixed with sand and the net would be replaced. SO, with your support, we were able to help with the cost of the court and net. Through this, the volleyball project has grown exponentially! We went from 12 people in the first couple of weeks to 39 people the past couple of weeks, ages 14-24, with some helpers that are a little too young to play. I've seen the players get better at volleyball, but I've also seen myself get better at communicating as well. The players that have been with me since the beginning are much more comfortable with me now and even help me communicate when I'm floundering in my language. Think of this project as your project as well. Thank you so much for your support.

Now for what the Lord has been teaching me lately. As I was on my short little trip through

Europe with a friend (I'll talk more about that later in this letter), I was talking with said friend about FOMO (Fear of missing out). We were discussing how it has affected our lives. As we were talking, I realized that there's another acronym that fits me well as well: FODP (fear of disappointing people). This revelation helped me realize that I have let the fear of man control my behavior so many times in the past. Whether that means being worried about what someone will say about me, fearing to confront someone, or just plain saying *no* is hard sometimes.

Galatians talks about this exact point in chapter one verse ten when it says, "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Oh how often do I live for the approval of man and not the Lord. Pray that we may live lives as servants, not of humans, but of the One Most High.

## Biking Friends

One of the new ways that I have found good exercise and bonding with good friends is through biking together. I've been on several bike rides, and I haven't even fallen yet! It has been a joy to start doing more exercise and has helped a lot mentally and spiritually.

## Body Building Competition

This past month I've worked out so much that I entered into a body building competition... I'm just kidding but I did have the unique opportunity to attend a local body building competition. My language helper has been working over the past year to get his body to a point that he could do well at a body building competition and he was finally ready to enter one. It was a ton of fun for me to come support

him and it really meant a lot to him and our friendship. It was also fun meeting all of his other friends and being the only foreigner there.

I would love to share about my recent travels! I took a quick week long trip with my good friend Benni around a few countries in Europe. We went through Germany, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein (which was one of the best), and Austria. The Lord had given multiple opportunities to pray for people as well as share truth with many. It was amazing seeing the areas that my friend grew up in and meet many of his childhood friends. I'm grateful for the time that we got to share together as he is moving back to Germany this summer.

One final thing; within the last few months I had the privilege to join my church in a short term trip to Mexico and then take a trip to Sweden and Denmark. I am so grateful for this opportunity for so many reasons. One, it was amazing to be back with so many of my brothers and sisters from church; both my Mexican family and American family. It was very encouraging to be around so many believers and to see the Good News shared with people coming to faith! It was truly amazing and am super glad I was able to be there with everyone. I am so thankful for the team. Every one of you encouraged me and impacted me in more ways than you can imagine.

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for my team as they are away for the summer, and pray for more teammates as there are several people visiting the next coming months.
- As many of my expat friends are leaving, pray for more local friends.

- Pray for local followers and secret believers and those who are persecuted.
- Pray for A (a new believer) as he works a lot and does not have time to study the WORD. Pray for his faith to grow.
- Pray for R who is deeply expressing interesting in seeking, M who is very close to being a Follower, and O as we have deeper and deeper conversations and read the WORD together.
- Pray for unity and trust among expats and local believers and that conflicts can be resolved to the glory of God.
- Pray against spiritual warfare and against discouragement, anxiousness, and overthinking.
- Pray for peace in my region in every country around me and for the leaders of those countries.

## Marilyn Reeck

*October 2025*

### Heading Overseas

God is so good! I am now back in Honduras and surrounded here by many good friends and church members. Though I do live by myself at our house here in La Ceiba there hasn't been a day that I haven't had people around. Also, Christy, my oldest, and granddaughter Abby live an hour away and we see each other weekly.

Last night I finished a virtual Trauma Healing training that I have been co-leading. Planning for, leading, meeting with team members is time consuming and at times stressful but each one of these trainings is rewarding. It is wonderful to meet new people. We never know beforehand who will sign up to receive

the training. Among them this time we had a very happy Quechua Indian man from Peru (who kept us laughing), a Costa Rican missionary who works with Indian groups in Peru, and a Venezuelan young woman. They serve the Lord under difficult circumstances and it is a privilege in turn to serve them.

*The Nasa group recording a Bible story.*



*The Waonaan live along a river.*



*The Misak live on the mountains.*

And now...I have an opportunity to be more blessed! An in-person workshop from October 20-29. Tomorrow, I travel first by land 7 hours away, then spend a few hours in a hotel and be at the

airport a little past midnight for my flight to Cali, Colombia. There I will be met by our team of 4 others—one coming from Peru, one from Venezuela and 2 others from other parts of Colombia. We have been in communication organizing this great event, over the last few months. Three different Indian groups of 4 in each group, have already been translating the Trauma Healing materials to their language-- all done orally.

We will be checking their recordings to see if they have captured the goals for each lesson and then a more professional recording will be produced. Another part of our task will be to take them through the training so that they in turn can set up and facilitate Healing Groups in their own language. Eventually, they will train their own people.

Pray for each team as they travel by land and/or by river to arrive at the retreat center. One of the key pastors, Ramiro, has had to hospitalize his father. Pray for quick recovery so that Ramiro will be able to travel.

The Lord has been impressing this verse on my mind recently. I am taking it as His promise to me. *“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* Isaiah 41:10

I could do none of this without your prayers. Thank you so much. Always grateful,

Marilyn





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“For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon  
His shoulder.

And His name will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

ISAIAH 9:6