The Messenger

November 2013

I received this story from Linda Grimm, who is an elder on the Mission Committee as well as a Menaul Mission Team participant, and I felt it was indicative of our commitment to becoming a more missional church. **Mission IS Possible!** God bless! Stu

**SNIP, STAPLE AND STUCCO—WHY MISSION MATTERS**

It was Monday morning at Menaul. My fourth such Monday morning, standing in the maintenance shed waiting to find out my work assignment for the week. The past three years I had volunteered for a variety of tasks at Menaul School in Albuquerque; pulling weeds, trimming bushes, shoveling stone, painting and pulling up carpet to name a few. Keith, head of the maintenance crew, told us there would be four major projects this particular week and when he said “hanging chicken wire”, I raised my hand to volunteer. Sounds different, I thought, and besides I wanted to do something that kept me outside in the beautiful New Mexico weather.

Our group of five women took shape: a lay pastor, a retired microbiologist, a curriculum writer for a vocational school, a Florida snowbird and myself, a nurse. Not a construction worker among us. Minor detail. God has a way of working things out. Mike, our go-to-guy for the past three years, got us started that first morning. Wisely, Mike did not overwhelm us with the enormity of the project. He gave us the “big picture”: stucco the rear of a storage building. We were to measure and cut wire netting paper, snip chicken wire, staple both to the building, mix and apply a prep coat of cement and apply a final stucco coat. Simple, right? Ah, no. We had two pairs of mediocre wire cutters, one staple gun, unwieldy large rolls of wire netting paper and our work surface was the ground or one folding table.

We dove right in the spirit of Presbyterianism! The New Mexico sun was beating down on us unrelentingly and we had to take frequent breaks to rest and stay hydrated. We were plagued by the three B’s: bugs, blisters and bruises. Other mission team members would wander over to see our progress from time to time, but funny thing, none stayed to help out! We stuck with the job all week.

The four of us gals in our late 50’s and 60’s praised God for sending us Kasey to be on our team. She was from Virginia and invited on the mission trip by her cousin and our leader, Deb. Kasey was young, patient and willing to do the hardest task we faced: mixing the stucco in the cement mixer. It was like following a cake icing recipe and Kasey had a knack for knowing just the right consistency of the stucco mix. She was always there and the first to volunteer when needed. A real blessing to us!

The five of us got to know one another better and some for the first time. We laughed, talked, prayed, sweated and sometimes just sat or worked in silence, comfortable with one another. We learned that Kasey was unsure how she felt about spiritual matters and that this mission trip was one way she was searching for answers. We shared some of our thoughts about God with her and let her know we are always available to listen.

We were called “The Three S Girls” by the rest of the mission team for “Snip, Staple and Stucco”. But we were more than that to each other and that is why mission matters. Mission can take many different forms and in many different places but all types of mission have one thing in common: Mission takes you out of your comfort zone to where God wants you to be. God uses you to join with others for a common good and to touch someone for Christ. Even if that person is yourself. You see, you may think you are looking for answers. We shared some of our thoughts about God with her and let her know we are always available to listen.

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I may never have the opportunity to see or work with Kasey in mission again. I thought I was the experienced mission team member. Kasey, on her first mission trip, taught me about experiencing the moment where you are, patience, perseverance and depending on God and one another. Kasey is why mission matters.

P.S. Please support mission trips, ministry and maintenance at The Church of the Covenant by coming to Consecration Sunday, at three services on Sunday, November 10th! Make MISSION POSSIBLE through our church! (Please see the article on page 3 for additional information.)
NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH

Elizabeth “Libby” Moninger
Operation Christmas Child            Steve & Lucy Johnson

Gordon Allen Wilson Jr.
Memorial Committee              Carolina Therapy Services
Memorial Committee              Steve & Anita Gordon
Memorial Committee              Kathy H. Tuttle

THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS
The deacons thank the congregation for their strong response to the recent bedding/clothing drive. We hope to continue doing this on an annual basis.

THANK YOU
Ruth Sharpnack called the office to express her thanks to everyone for the cards, prayers and pastoral visits while she was in the hospital recently. She is very thankful and blessed to have such a wonderful church family. She will be at Southminster for an undetermined length of time as she recovers.

WOO HOO
SPAGHETTI DINNER – HUGE SUCCESS
I want to sincerely thank EVERYONE who helped with the spaghetti dinner. I wish I could list all of your names, but I know I would leave someone out and that would be a tragedy. Thank you to all who sold tickets, made baskets and/or worked that day, and thank you to those who came and ate the spaghetti and bought tickets for the Chinese auction and made donations. It takes everyone working together to pull this off. The Church of the Covenant family is the BEST. It was a joy to watch the evening unfold. Everyone just jumps in there and helps out. Together we did it! We served over 500 dinners in two hours and raised over $5,000.00. You have helped make it possible for our mission team to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Haiti this coming January. With God, Mission IS Possible.

WEDDINGS
Gabriela Brova and Charles Selvoski were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant on Saturday, October 12, 2013 with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS
Those who have been elected to serve include:
Administration - 2014 - Jonathan Pachter
Auditor - 2014 - Scott Day
Trust Fund Management - 2014 - Sonna Agnew
Nominating Committee - 2014 (plus 2 Elders and 1 Deacon), Diane Edwards, George Jones, Betty Lou Engle, Susan Kepler, Elsie Hall - chair.
Deacons - Class of 2016, Don Faust, Cloteel Friesner, Rachel Gladden, Charlotte Herron, Jeff Legler, Del Mounts, Jason Barr - will serve 1 yr. unexpired term of Patrick McCarter.
Elders - Class of 2016, Joel Braun, Jerry Davison, Dennis Myers, Jessica Hickman, Crystal Miles, David Taylor.
We appreciate your commitment and dedication to our church as leaders!

IN HOME COMMUNION
The ministry team will be serving communion to our homebound members on Sunday, November 3 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. If you know of someone who would like to receive communion please call the church office at 724-222-0190.

THEME FROM THE WEB!!
The address is www.churchofthecov.org.
You can download the Messenger by going to the Newsletter tab and then clicking on download the Messenger.

USHER TEAM 7 IS ON FOR November
Kim Carter                 Thomas Kearns                 Delmer Mounts
Sandra Cincinnati          Eric Meyers                  Charles Neff
Harriet Johnson            Robynne Moessner              George Thompson
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
“MISSION IS POSSIBLE”
November 10, 2013 - Services at 8:30, 943 and 11:00 a.m.

PLEDGES AND INVOLVEMENT CARDS RECEIVED AND DEDICATED AT ALL THREE SERVICES

Please plan on attending church on Sunday, November 10, 2013 for Consecration Sunday. This is the culmination of all of our work, sign ups, prayer, preaching and studying for this Fall as we stand up and commit ourselves as a church to be and become “more missional” for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don’t you want to make a difference in our community and world? Then come to church on November 10th!

There will be a continuously serving CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in the Commons Area following each of our worship services. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. there will be FOOD and FELLOWSHIP continuously available.

Financial PLEDGE CARDS will be passed out on this Sunday as well as the bright orange INVOLVEMENT CARDS. We ask people to prayerfully fill out both and then drop them off as part of the Consecration Service. Our PLEDGES fund our mission commitments, as well as our ministry and our maintenance of our beautiful church building. Our INVOLVEMENT cards are our promise to use all we have been given by God for the betterment of our community and world. Even though you may have already turned in an INVOLVEMENT CARD please take time to fill out another one for dedication on November 10th.

There will be special moments for mission at all three services and a special prayer offered by the stewardship committee. If for whatever reason you happen to be out of town on the 10th we will mail you these materials.

At the end of the 943 service we will take a picture with all those in attendance raising their involvement and pledge cards. And at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. service we will do the same. Please plan on being part of this capturing of the moment when we as a church consecrate ourselves to mission in Jesus’ name.

Don’t you want to be part of what God is doing for our community and world? Then come to church of November 10th!

We believe that indeed “Mission IS Possible” because we have a great God and we have a wonderful, faithful congregation. We believe “with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19: 26) and with YOU AND GOD that “Mission IS Possible”.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness from your Stewardship Committee!

Elder Debbie Evans, Chair; Elder Terri Grantz, second elder; Joel Braun, Susan Kepler, Barry and Emily Blose, Kerri Lacock, and Stu Broberg, staff

MY HOPE WITH BILLY GRAHAM

It's right around the corner! Have Billy Graham come into your living room to help share with your friends what a relationship with Christ means to you. My Hope with Billy Graham will be held in conjunction with his 95th birthday. It will be a thirty minute program on TV from which you can launch a way to reach into the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors with the gospel message. The times are as follows:

Thu Nov 7 at 10:00pm on The FoxNews Channel and Fri Nov 8 at 7:30pm on ABC

We have something for you so you can maximize this opportunity. The Matthew kit shows you how to invite people into your home to see this program and follow-up properly....just like what happened when Matthew (Levi) had Jesus over to his place. See Don Nixon to get your Matthew kit.
As we move into November, we begin to talk of turkeys, cranberries and our long Christmas shopping list! Oh, what a fast paced and festive time of year it will be! But we need to remember that, for some, childhood memories of eating lots of turkey and waiting up for Santa Claus have been replaced by thoughts of loss and loneliness, because someone with whom they usually spent the holidays is now with the Lord. At The Church of the Covenant, we seek to celebrate the birth of our savior with all of the pageantry it deserves, but we also seek to recognize the pain some people feel and to include them in the hope that Christ brings to us all. The pastoral care department of the COTC will be offering two events in November to assist members who are struggling with loss at this time of year. On Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7:00pm in the parlor, Pat Boyer will lead a discussion about dealing with sadness during the holidays. Pat is a long time member of the COTC and a licensed social worker. She is also personally acquainted with the grief of losing loved ones. In Pat’s own words:

“This is an opportunity for those who are bereaved to be among others carrying the same burden. It is not meant to make anyone feel sad, but hopefully to lighten the burden of grief.”

In addition, our quarterly healing service on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00pm in the chapel will focus on healing sadness during the holidays. We will join together to bring before God our sorrow and to ask God for healing in our pain. Certainly, anyone needing healing prayer of any kind can come to this service as well, but the focus will be on healing our feeling of loss, so that we can be more open to receiving the gift of the Christ child into our hearts again.

Dates to know:

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7:00pm parlor: Grief discussion with Pat Boyer
Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm chapel: “Blue Christmas” Healing Service

Grateful to be with you,
Pastor Emily

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**PASTORAL CARE NEWS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Friday November 1**
All Saints’ Day
Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21
Matt. 5:1–12

**Saturday November 2**
Neh. 5:1–9 or Ezra 1:1–11
Acts 20:7–12

**Monday November 4**
Neh. 6:1–19 or Ezra 3:1–13
Rev. 10:1–11
Matt. 13:36–43

**Tuesday November 5**
Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47 or Ezra 4:7; 11–24
Rev. 11:1–19
Matt. 13:44–52

**Wednesday November 6**
Neh. 13:4–22 or Hag. 1:1—2:9
Rev. 12:1–12
Matt. 13:53–58

**Thursday November 7**
Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26 or Zech. 1:7–17
Rev. 14:1–13
Matt. 14:1–12

**Friday November 8**
Ezra 7:27–28, 8:21–36 or Ezra 5:1–17
Rev. 15:1–8
Matt. 14:13–21

**Saturday November 9**
Ezra 9:1–15 or Ezra 6:1–22
Rev. 17:1–14
Matt. 14:22–36

**Sunday November 10**
Ezra 10:1–17 or Neh. 1:1–11
Acts 24:10–21
Luke 14:12–24

**Monday November 11**
Rev. 18:1–8
Matt. 15:1–20

**Tuesday November 12**
Ezra 9:26–38 or Neh. 4:1–23
Rev. 18:9–20
Matt. 15:21–28

**Wednesday November 13**
Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18 or Neh. 5:1–19
Rev. 18:21–24
Matt. 15:29–39

**Thursday November 14**
Neh. 6:1–19
Rev. 19:1–10
Matt. 16:1–12

**Friday November 15**
Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 16:13–20

**Saturday November 16**
Neh. 13:4–22
Rev. 20:1–6
Matt. 16:21–28

**Sunday November 17**
Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26
Acts 28:14b–23

**Monday November 18**
Matt. 17:1–13

**Tuesday November 19**
Ezra 9:1–15
Rev. 21:1–8
Matt. 17:14–21

**Wednesday November 20**
Ezra 10:1–17
Rev. 21:9–21
Matt. 17:22–27

**Thursday November 21**
Rev. 18:1–8
Matt. 15:1–20

**Friday November 22**
Neh. 9:26–38
Rev. 22:6–13
Matt. 18:10–20

**Saturday November 23**
Neh. 7:73b—8:3, 5–18
Rev. 22:14–21
Matt. 18:21–35

**Sunday November 24**
Christ the King
Isa. 19:19–25
Rom. 15:5–13
Luke 19:11–27

**Monday November 25**
Joel 3:1–2, 9–17
1 Peter 1:1–12
Matt. 19:1–12

**Tuesday November 26**
Nah. 1:1–13
1 Peter 1:13–25
Matt. 19:13–22

**Wednesday November 27**
Obad. 15–21
1 Peter 2:1–10
Matt. 19:23–30

**Thursday November 28**
Zeph. 3:1–13
1 Peter 2:11–25
Matt. 20:1–16

**Friday November 29**
Isa. 24:14–23
1 Peter 3:13–4:6
Matt. 20:17–28

**Saturday November 30**
Micah 7:1–20
1 Peter 4:7–19
Matt. 20:29–34

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER
### NOVEMBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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<td><strong>WELCOME TO THE MISSION FIELD</strong></td>
<td>2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, “Ambassadors for Christ” v. 20</td>
<td>Mission is on our doorstep as well as across the globe; as our society becomes more and more secular our Mission is to become more missional. Pastoral Prayer: Ministry Team</td>
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<td><strong>IT IS NOT ABOUT ME</strong></td>
<td>John 3: 16-21, “For God so loved the world...” v. 16</td>
<td>We are transformed in order to transform; we are saved in order to save; we are gifted in order to give. There is a purpose beyond ourselves. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes dedicated as part of worship. “Thank you for giving to the Lord”. Pastoral Prayer: Ministry Team</td>
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<td><strong>Thanksgiving Eve Service</strong></td>
<td>Pastor Emily Miller preaches.</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 1793 Preacher: TBD The three churches host a community Thanksgiving Eve service; ongoing cooperation between The Church of the Covenant, Faith UP Church and First Presbyterian Church 1793.</td>
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<td><strong>Advent Sermon Series: Angels We Have Heard on High</strong></td>
<td>Luke 2: 8-14, “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host...” v. 13</td>
<td>In communion we are surrounded by our loved ones, a mighty cloud of witnesses. Pastoral Prayer: Ministry Team</td>
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THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to slow down and turn our hearts and minds to God to give thanks for all our blessings. There are two opportunities to worship and fellowship with your church family.

THANKSGIVING DINNER—A traditional, delicious thanksgiving dinner lovingly prepared by Cyndi and Carol will be WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th in the Covenant Center. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:15 so that folks can get here after work or practice or ?? After dinner, there will be a time of worship and a presentation by the mission team that traveled to Menaул, New Mexico in September. Come and hear how God touched hearts and lives! The evening will conclude at 7:30. Dinner will be $8.00 per person. SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

THREE CHURCH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

First Presbyterian, 1793; Faith United Presbyterian; and The Church of the Covenant will again be giving thanks together. The worship service will be at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, 1793, 100 E Wheeling St. @ 7:00 pm on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH. Rev. Jason Hefner, Faith United Presbyterian will be preaching. Music will be provided by a combined choir of all three congregations under the direction of Darla Pepper-Miller, The Church of the Covenant accompanied by George Rau, First Presbyterian, 1793. There will be a children’s message. Non-perishable food items will be collected to donate to the Washington County Food Bank in addition to monetary offerings. If you would like to participate with the combined choir, please contact Darla Pepper-Miller. Rehearsals will be November 18 & 25 @ 7:00 pm @ First Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is providing many exciting times and opportunities. The adults and youth are completing their study of “BECOMING A GOOD SAMARITAN.” Many people are finding God’s call on their heart to ACTION! Please look in the weekly bulletin for new topics for the Sunday morning classes for adults and for week day opportunities also. The Senior High youth will begin a study of Mark, and the Middle School youth will begin “Claim the Life Journey”!

The children’s classes are continuing through their study of the GROW PROCLAIM SERVE curriculum as they journey through the Old Testament from Judges to David the King, and then to the Prophets. All of the classes are studying the same scripture and story in an age-appropriate format each Sunday. The children’s sermons reflect the story to be examined in class instead of coordinating with the Pastor’s sermon!

Why not consider finding a time to study God’s word either with a group or class or privately? Such a spiritual discipline for ALL God’s children will offer more meaning to your worship experience as well as give you guidance and strength for daily life! Adults—what an example to set for your children! Children and youth—what an example to set for your parents!

Janet Nevin, Director of Christian Education - 724-222-0190 ext 115 or jnevin@churchofthecov.org.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

September 29 marked a great milestone in youth ministry history. Our teenagers pulled together and pulled off a Battle of the Bands that will go down as a launch to be remembered. Over 150 people showed up to see three bands put out their best stuff in an attempt to claim the trophy and $200 cash prize. In the end the Carolyn Hock Band did just that. With soaring vocals and some great back-up musicians Carolyn won the hearts and votes of most of those in attendance.

There are too many people to thank so I will just give a general shout-out to the members of The Church of the Covenant regarding the number that helped and the effort they gave. This event went head-to-toe without a hitch. That includes all the technical aspect, the food, the admission process, the presence of adults, the fun we had and the voting. A huge thank you to all that gave of themselves to make this happen.

We also had another adventurous hayride at the Phelan farm on October 20. One thing for sure....Dick Phelan doesn't skimp on hayrides! We traveled that farm like few people get to see it. There were numerous deer, muddy creeks to forge and steep hills to climb. It was a beautiful clear, cool night. There were also hotdogs and s'mores over the fire, fish that were caught and general teenage frivolity.

The next big event will be Fallout...our high school retreat on Dec 6-8. More information on page 8. For November we will mostly be on our regular Sunday schedule...Middle School at 6:00pm, High School at 6:45pm. If you can help with food some Sunday please let us know.
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

What a FANTASTIC night we had on Oct. 17th! How special it was to meet and hear Alex tell his story of how he received a shoe box when he was 9 years old while living in an orphanage due to the genocide in Rwanda. First and foremost it was a great night for Christ! Secondly, it was a great night for the ministry of OCC. And thirdly, it was a great night for The Church of the Covenant. It was an honor for our church to host such an event for the community. To all who attended and to all who helped out in any way, I say THANK YOU! And of course a special thanks to Chick Carlisle. His singing touched many hearts that night!!

We are fast approaching the deadline for OCC 2013. The collection week begins Nov. 18th so we need to have all of the boxes packed by Nov.16th. God has wondrous plans for OCC at our church this year. Many of you have felt His dream for this ministry and have responded to that dream with your support. If you haven’t done so already, I ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring a shoe box as Operation Christmas Child is making Jesus Christ known among the children of the world! The shoe box sponsor forms can be placed in the collection plate or turned into the office anytime. God bless all of you and as always…. THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!!!

**MISSION IS POSSIBLE: CALL FOR PRAYER WARRIORS**

As you most likely know by now the theme this fall is Mission is Possible. To that end, all members of the church are being asked to commit to participation in a mission project of their choosing; there are many to choose from. A mission booklet is available which list the many missions the church supports.

However, we realize that although some may have the heart and desire to participate in a mission project they aren’t able to because something limits their ability to be an active physical participant. Limitations may be physical, lack of transportation, and others.

No church project can be successful without ongoing prayer support. That is where YOU can be an active participant without leaving your home.

How can you help? Become a PRAYER WARRIOR praying on a regular basis for the success of your chosen project. Review the information in Mission handbook and consider which of the many projects you want to support. Prayerfully consider this request, chose a project and volunteer to be part of the PRAYER WARRIORS. The contact person is Pat Boyer 724-225-5374 or 412-860-2747. If you need a Mission handbook please call the church office – 724-222-0190 and we will make sure you receive one.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. DR. NAT ROE!**

The Rotary Club of Washington recently awarded Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Roe the Andrew G. Uram International Service Award which recognizes a local individual who has provided humanitarian relief abroad or worked to promote world understanding and peace. Nat Roe became a Rotarian in 1963 when he was an Agricultural Engineer performing missionary work in India. In India, he helped to educate the villagers about kitchen gardens, water conservation, composting and improved cultivation methods. But his international service to the poor and began in the 1950s, also as a missionary, he educate in Cameroon, about the impacts of slash and burn gardening and to introduce fish ponds to provide a source of protein and for sale. Nat is celebrating 50 years as a Rotarian this year but he has donated all of his adult life to service. He continues to serve by motivating the members of the Rotary Club with stories of his many good works.

**INFORMATION FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle will meet Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 2:00 PM in the parlor and the Evening Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:15 PM in the parlor. All are welcome to join us in our study of the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy.

**EVENING CIRCLE UPDATE**

Hey Covenant Women! Ever thought of joining a small group for Bible Study and fellowship? Presbyterian Women invite you to join The Evening Circle on Thursday, November 14th at 6:15pm in the Parlor. We are exploring a Bible Study on Exodus and copies are available and will be given to you prior to the class. We invite first-time participants; you can join us at anytime! Bring a friend! Please call Linda at 724-228-5828 if you are interested or have any questions. We meet for one hour and refreshments are served.

**DEADLINE FOR THE November MESSENGER Is October 15TH!**
**MARTHA WASHINGTON QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW**

This biennial show will be held at The Church of the Covenant in the Covenant Center.

**Dates:** Nov. 8th 10 AM-5 PM - Nov. 9th 10 AM-4 PM - **Admission:** $5.00

Over 100 quilts and quilt-related items will be on display. There will be vendors, raffles, flea market and demonstrations. Lunch is available. For more information, please contact Sue James at 724-258-8458, email at marthawashingtonquilters@gmail.com, or see our blog at www.washingtonpaquiltguild.blogspot.com.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM in the dining room. Proceeds will go toward Mission efforts of Presbyterian Women at The Church of the Covenant.

**MEN’S RETREAT**

Heroes....we all have them and some of us get to be one! If ever there was an era starved for heroes, it's this one. Bob Jamison will be our speaker for the weekend and we will dive into the lives of a few biblical characters like David, Paul and even Boaz, King David's great grandfather. Bob is the Founder and President of Adam's Quest, a dynamic ministry to men. He had been President of Family Guidance for 24 years prior to his current role.

We'll be taking the van to Jumonville early Friday evening Nov 15 (leaving the church at 6:30pm) and returning Saturday evening Nov 16. The cost of $79 includes Friday night lodging, breakfast and lunch Saturday and program costs. Your reservation and payment is due by Nov 10. We will plan to walk up to the cross (or drive up if needed) on Saturday afternoon. The plan is to stop for dinner on the way home Saturday evening.

See Don Nixon for details and a brochure or on our website under “Special Events”

**SR. HIGH YOUTH RETREAT**

**Fallout....Manhunt....Cold Lake....Awesome Lodge!**

All of that and some great music, inspiring messages and cabins on the lake. The Fallout high school weekend will be December 6-8 at Salt Fork State Park in Ohio. The cost is just **$120 by Sunday Nov 3**. Church members pay just half of that amount (**$60**). We will bring our own food. Go to www.campuslifetrips.com and go to the bottom of the page under Partner Churches where it says Register Now. Don't pay on line. Turn your money into the church. Make sure you **register by Nov 3** so we get the best cabins possible. Bring your friends!

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT TRAVEL GROUP**

**GHOST, THE MUSICAL ~ SATURDAY JANUARY 4 2014**

DEPART CHURCH PARKING LOT: 10:30 am   RETURN: LATE AFTERNOON

PRICE $140.00

RESERVATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1 WITH A DEPOSIT OF **$70**. THE BALANCE OF **$70** DUE DECEMBER 1.

We will be having lunch at Lidia’s which is a great place to eat. After lunch we go to the HEINZ HALL for the musical show GHOST. This is a new Broadway musical from the Oscar winning movie by the same name. The musical’s tale of everlasting love is thrilling entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Lunch will be at 11:30 and the show starts at 2:00.

This should fill up fast so call or email your reservation. Some reservations have already been made.

**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS THEATER PRODUCTION OF MOSES ~ JUNE 19 & 20, 2014**

Depart Church Parking Lot Thursday at 7:00 AM and return Friday, late evening.

Price per person (double room) - $325 (will be $310 if we have 40 reservations).

Reservations due February 1, 2014 with a deposit of $100 and the balance to be paid March $100 and April $125.

Another great trip to Sights and Sounds for their new musical on Moses. Along with the show, we will do some touring, shopping and eating. Our itinerary should be as follows:

**Day 1** ~ Upon arrival, Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping and lunch on your own. Amish farm house and farmlands and dinner in Amish Home. Leola Coach Shop (buggies), Chalk Talk @ Elva’s Studio, check in at Country Inn of Lancaster.

**Day 2** ~ Breakfast at hotel, Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, Wilbur Chocolate, Lititz – shopping and lunch on own, Sights and Sounds for Moses, dinner at Miller’s Smorgasbord.

This trip will fill up fast so call or email to get your name on the reservation list! Make checks payable to Margaret McWreath and mail to 560 Shirls Avenue, Washington Pa 15301. Any questions, please call 724 225 3226 or email mmcwreath@msn.com.
The following books were donated to the library. The Library Committee thanks the donors. All have been cataloged and are ready to be checked out. The library is in Room 308, the first room on the right as you enter the third floor hallway from the elevator. The card catalog will help you to locate a book by author, title or subject.

Given in Memory of Earl Sharpnack by Barb and Tom Knight. Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship by Jon Meacham. The author explores the relationship between the two men who led the free world to victory in WWII. It was a crucial friendship and a unique one – a president and a prime minister spending enormous amounts of time together (113 days during the war) and exchanging nearly 2000 messages. The two men had much in common – sons of the elite, students of history, politicians of the first rank and men who savored power. A lot of research was done by the author.

Given in Memory of Karen Riggle by Barb and Tom Knight. The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Adam Hamilton. In this book, the author focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus during his public ministry. He uses insights from history, archaeology, and the geography of the Holy Land. It starts with his baptism, his 40 days in the wilderness, his life in Capernaum, his ties to the Sea of Galilee, his relationships with sinners, outcasts and the poor, and his final week in Jerusalem. The book is very readable and gives a wonderful look at his final three years.

Given in Memory of Isabella Loughman by Barb and Tom Knight. (two books)

1. Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You by John MacArthur. The twelve women he covers are from both the Old and New Testaments. It is hoped that the reader will find spiritual lessons drawn from the trials and successes of Jesus’ ancestors and earliest followers. Many of the women were ordinary and common yet each was greatly affected by her life-changing encounter with God. (The library also has his book entitled Twelve Ordinary Men which is about the apostles.)

2. A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy. Binchy, a popular author, died in July 2012 shortly after finishing this book. The setting is the west coast of Ireland and the main character is a woman named Chicky Starr. Chicky decides to renovate an old mansion overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea. The book takes place in one week when a very interesting group of guests arrive. One reviewer writes that the story is filled with warmth and humor. It was on the best seller’s list for months.

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The following two books were purchased with a donation from Alice Murphy at the Book Giveaway in December. Imperfect Birds by Anne Lamott. This novel is about a 17 year old girl named Rosie and her parents. Rosie had always been well-adjusted until the end of her junior year in high school. Her mother’s hopes that Rosie would remain immune from the world’s darker impulses are dashed. One reviewer called the book “heartbreaking and delightful, moving and hopeful.” It’s a powerful and redemptive novel of love and family.

A Wish for Christmas by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer. Cape Light is a fictional town and this book is about some of its residents. David is a young man who has just returned home after serving in Iraq. He comes home with injuries that may never heal. His dream of becoming a police officer or a firefighter is gone and he has no idea what his future holds. Another town resident is a senior citizen named Lillian who is determined to live on her own terms although her daughters don’t agree. In an unexpected turn of events, she becomes a caretaker for an old friend. It changes her life in many ways.

The following gently used books were donated anonymously. The Library Committee thanks the donor(s). Electric God by Catherine Ryan Hyde. This novel is described as a contemporary reinterpretation of the Book of Job. The main character is a man named Hayden Reese. As the story opens, he is a middle-aged man who has just been released from jail. Throughout his life, Hayden has suffered loss – the unnecessary death of a younger brother, the loss of a son at childbirth and eventually, the loss of his marriage, his family and his home. But he refuses to give up and after years of struggling, he experiences an insight that enables him to understand why he has been tested so harshly. (This author also wrote Pay It Forward which was made into a motion picture.)

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING. IF YOU’re LOOKING FOR A GIFT IDEA FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING, CONSIDER DONATING A BOOK TO THE ADULT LIBRARY IN HONOR OF THAT PERSON. IT’S A LASTING GIFT THAT WILL BE ENJOYED BY MANY. CONTACT BARB KNIGHT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you’d like to read a book with a CHRISTMAS THEME, you can do the following:

1. Browse the shelves for books with a Christmas tree on their spines (most are located in the 813.5 shelves) OR
2. Check the card catalog’s SUBJECT FILE. Look up “Christmas” and you’ll find the titles and location of the books that contain a holiday theme.
**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!**

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