

The Heartbeat



The Newsletter for the Western Pennsylvania District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance

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Young Men's Visions and Old Men's Dreams

Rev. Richard Jenks, District Prayer Convener

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (Acts 2:17).

The old man sat in the door of his tent, in the cool of the evening, gazing intently at the mountain in the distance. He had been seeing that mountain in his mind's eye for many, many years. But tonight it was finally here. How many battles, how many friends had died, how many troubles since that day forty five years ago when he had stood on that very mountain and knew that this was the land that would someday be his home.

This was the place he would raise his family, grow his crops and worship Jehovah, free from the oppression of Egypt and the emptiness of the wilderness. Did not Moses swear on that day, saying, *"Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God"* (Joshua 14:9).

Tomorrow he would stand before Joshua and say, *"lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain!"* (Joshua 14:10a).

What made the difference between Caleb's life and the life of all the rest of his peers? Except for Joshua all of Caleb's friends and peers that left Egypt died in the wilderness. Some had died of plagues, some in battle, and some of old age but Caleb had lived on, defying enemies and sickness, desert heat and cold, scorpions and serpents.

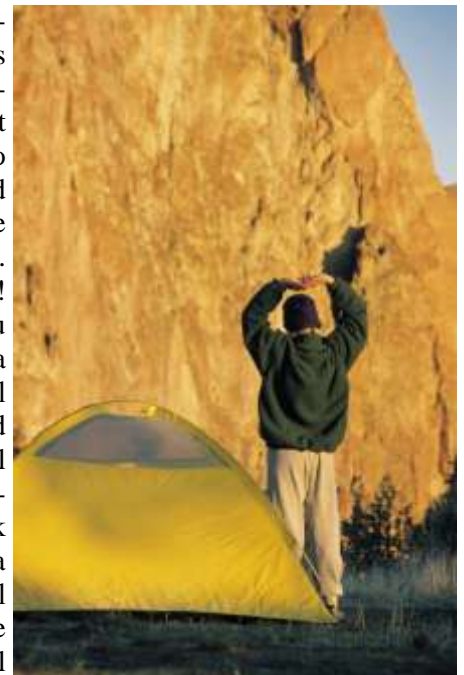
Age and death are the enemies only of those who have no vision. Men like Caleb and the Apostle Paul can say clearly, *"for me to live is Christ and to die is*

gain" (Philippians 1:21). A vision that carries us no further than our Social Security check or retirement party gives us nothing to dream of and no mountains to conquer.

Many young people plan their lives with a view of getting ahead so that they will be able to quit working and retire. They believe that life begins then. Your life is now! Ask God to give you a vision of a "mountain" that will carry you beyond yourself and small goals that do not require great faith. Ask Him for a "mountain" with real giants on it to be conquered and a goal that will still have

dreams left to be fulfilled when most of your peers are sitting in rocking chairs and dreaming only of what is past or might have been if their vision had been larger.

The abundant life is made up of visions and dreams, visions that demand a great God, and great faith in that great God. Visions produced by the Holy Spirit must by their very nature carry us to greater heights, broader vistas, and richer rewards than can be realized in the power of human might alone. *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts (Zechariah 4:6).*



PASTOR/STAFF CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2009

- **Beeman, Rev. Daniel (Traceen)**, Correction on home phone: 814-263-4246
- **Chisholm, Rev. Daniel (Myrle)**, Retired and transferring to South Atlantic District effective August 16.
- **Furl, Ken, (The Orchard Foundation)**, New Title - C&MA Gift Planner. Address: PO Box 549, Cortland, OH 44410, phone: 330-638-1622, cell: 330-219-1909, fax: 330-638-6953 and email: furlk@cmalliance.org
- **Lanz, Rev. Mark (Jane)**, New Pastor at Nanty Glo Alliance Church effective August 23.
- **McCready, Rev. John (Corrina)**, New Pastor at Ellwood City effective September 6.
- **Miller, Rev. Steven (Denise)**, New Pastor at Osceola Mills effective August 23.
- **Nelson, Rev. Marvin (Hilary)**, New Assistant Pastor/ Middle School Student Ministries at Allegheny Center Alliance Church effective August 16.
- **Toomey, Rev. Joseph (Robin)**, Director of Church Planting, New home address: 407 McCombs Rd, Venetia, PA 15367
- **Waite, Rev. Jack (Shirley)**, New 911 address: 253 McFarland Rd., Tyrone, PA 16686.

Email Changes

- ◆ Rev. Tom Bain, St. Marys - tbain@windstream.net
- ◆ Rev. Robert McNeel, Retired - jmcneel2@netzero.net
- ◆ Ridgway and St Marys Alliance Churches - awakeningalliance@windstream.net

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian and Rebecca Kirk announce the birth of a new baby daughter. Lena Elizabeth was born August 6, 2009. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 ½" long. Welcome Lena to the District Family.



Nathan and Lindsay Watkins, of Somerset Alliance Church are pleased to announce the birth of a baby daughter. Rowan Charlette was born August 5 weighing 8 lbs and she was 20 " long. Welcome Rowan to the District Family.



Mr. Steve and Cay Heath New Assistant Pastor at Warren Alliance Church

Steve is 53 years old and has been married for 26 years to his beloved wife Cay. God has given them seven sons who range in age from 8 to 23 years old. Four of the boys remain at home and the others are doing well. Cay has home schooled the boys most of the way through school. They have made their home in Warren for the past 23 years. They enjoy youth soccer, kayaking, Bible quizzing, reading and many other activities.

Rev. Steve and Denise Miller New Pastor at Osceola Mills Alliance Church

Steve and Denise met at Practical Bible Training School (Davis College) where they both graduated. They were married in 1973. Steve also attended Bryan College and graduated from Liberty University. They pastored independent churches for 14 years before joining The Alliance in 1988 in the Northeastern District. Steve was Assistant Pastor at the Hope Alliance Church, New Hartford, NY, before taking the senior pastor position at Amherst Alliance Church in Buffalo, NY. After 11 years they accepted the Senior Pastor position at the Coudersport Alliance Church where he served until 2001. He began a ministry to area churches doing pulpit supply, seminars, and interim pastoring. Having recently felt the call to return to full-time ministry, they are very pleased to be moving to Osceola Mills.

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RECENTLY ORDAINED

Paul Haworth was ordained August 28, 2009. Paul serves at the Butler Community Alliance Church as Assistant Pastor for Worship Ministries.

Scott Woodlee was ordained August 29, 2009. Scott serves as Pastor of the Franklin Alliance Church.



Prayer Requests/In Remembrance- Remember these special needs in prayer



♦ **Ishmael Conklin**, six-month-old son of Rev. Mark and Steph Conklin (Emporium Alliance), was born without fibula bones. Doctors have confirmed that Ish will not be able to walk without serious intervention, most likely through amputation. Please pray for God's miraculous work in Ishmael's life.

♦ **Ethel Figard**, wife of deceased WPA District pastor, C. John Figard, recently underwent follow up testing regarding her lung cancer. A PET Scan showed that the tumor in the right lung is

growing again and detected several other new tumors. Ethel began chemotherapy on August 31. She may be contacted by email at grammalion1@hotmail.com or by mail at 64 Lion Drive, Hanover, PA.

♦ **Janet Jones**, (retired) is recovering from foot surgery. Please pray for complete recovery.

♦ **Larue Mullins**, wife of Rev. William Mullins (Pastor of Northern Cambria/Patton Alliance) is scheduled for surgery in September. Because of her struggle with Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), surgery could trigger a reoccurrence of RSDS in her hand or elsewhere in her body. Pray that the hospital and doctor will cooperate with the non-traditional accommodations necessary to fight the onset of RSDS or that she will be able to find a physician willing to work with her special needs.

♦ **Rev. Robert Marshall (Retired)**, former WPA District pastor (serving the Warren and Bedford Alliance churches), is in critical condition in a New York hospital. Please pray for God's healing touch for Bob and for comfort and strength for his wife, Shirley, during these difficult days. The Marshalls reside in Lockport, NY.

♦ **Rev. David Walborn (Retired)**, is recuperating from hernia surgery. He will appreciate your prayers.



William Connolly, Sr., father of Mr. William Connolly (Pastor of Friendship Community Alliance in Derry) passed away Tuesday, August 25. A military service was held at Lopatich Funeral Home followed by a funeral mass at St. Vincent Church in Latrobe, PA. Please remember Mr. Connolly and family in your prayers.

Mr. Herman, father of Rev. Jack Herman (Uniontown Cherry Tree Alliance) passed away Monday, August 3rd. Services were held in Richmond, VA. Please pray for the family, especially for Jack's mother who also has health problems.

Irene Hutchison, mother of Pastor Marvin Hutchison (North East Alliance), entered the presence of the Lord on Saturday, August 1. Services were held at the Spartansburg Alliance Church. Remember the Hutchison family in your prayers.

Mr. Walter Shope, former Christian Worker in the WPA District and member of Huntingdon Alliance Church, passed into Glory on Tuesday, August 19. Services were held at Peter's Funeral Home in Huntingdon. Please remember Walter's wife, Irene and family in your prayers.

Rev. David Volstad entered the presence of the Lord on Sunday, August 9th. The Volstads served as International Workers to Chile and David served as the Regional Director for Latin America. After concluding his ministry at the C&MA National Office, he and Lois, moved to Pittsburgh to join the staff at ACAC and had a valuable and effective ministry there. David served a total of 51 years! Viewing and services were at the Allegheny Center Alliance Church in Pittsburgh. Recently retired from his ministry position at Allegheny Center Alliance Church, David and his wife, Lois, moved to the retirement community in



District Churches Seeking Pastors

- Beaver
- Bedford
- Clearfield*
- Coalport
- Coraopolis Whosoever*
- Greenville
- Moon Twp West Hills*
- Neshannock
- Pgh Hilltop Community*
- Sewickley Pinehurst*
- Shinglehouse*
- Webster Avenue*

Churches With Credentialed Interim Pastors

- Acmetonia*
- Clymer
- Erie Grandview
- Mahaffey*
- Punxsutawney*

Churches With Uncredentialed Ministry Leaders

- Mina, NY
- NC Clifton Flat
- NK Greensburg Road.
- New Wilmington
- Sandy Lake

Churches With Lay Leadership or Pulpit Supply

- Ambridge
- Beccaria
- Gray
- Titusville

*Receiving Resumes

Anyone interested in submitting a resume should send it to the attention of:

Rev. Jeffery Norris, DS
341 Chestnut Street
Punxsutawney, PA 15767
Phone: 814-938-6920

Cabot, PA. Please remember the Volstad family in prayer. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Lois Volstad, 148 Marwood Rd, #1217, Cabot, PA 16023.

We Need One Another

By Rev. John Fogal, Sr

We all need each other. The Apostle Paul wrote, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’” (I Corinthians 12:21). God made us as relational beings and we need to be in healthy, growing relationships with others in the Body of Christ. God wants no spiritual hermits. We cannot be independent or co-dependent but interdependent. We all need what all the “one another” commands do for one another.

This principle of INTERDEPENDENCE is seen in all of God’s creation. Think of the science of ecology and how all the parts of creation must be integrated into the whole. If you change one part, it impacts the other parts. Your doctor needs to know what medications you are already taking before he/she prescribes a new medication because of their interaction and possible side-effects. We see this principle from the minutest microorganisms to the most magnificent stars.

The church is a complex living organism with many parts that need each other and are integrated according to God’s plan. No person or group within a church can do their own thing all alone. The way the individual parts of a church’s ministry are integrated into the whole organic system is more important than the parts themselves. Decisions you make in one area of church life will impact—for good or ill—other areas of church life. Leaders need to think about the long-term implication of decisions or non-decisions (which are really decisions). When you plan to start a new ministry, think about the possibility of drawing people away from existing ministries and the effect that will have on them. If you plan to have an evangelist come, what effect will this have on those in the church with the gift of evangelism and how will you nurture the new babes in Christ?

Here’s an idea that may help make sense of this concept. Think about planning regular meetings (maybe quarterly) with ministry leaders/department heads for the purpose of sharing what God is doing and what each one is planning for the future. Give each person a few minutes to

talk about what has happened since you last met and what is being planned. How can the trustees help the nursery department become more efficient? How can the Elders provide better support for the outreach ministry of the church? Think through what effect each decision has on all the ministries of the church. Make sure that each part sees how it needs all the other parts. No surprises. No gaps in ministry.

This same principle applies to churches as well. We all need each other. Even the larger churches need other churches. That’s how our districts are structured. The

Preamble of the District Constitution states, *The District is...to provide for the regional relationships which are indicated in the New Testament. While the local assembly is the primary visible form of the church, the relationships beyond the congregation are essential if the local church is to fulfill its function in fellowship, evangelism, church health and multiplication and world missions.* I see far less evidence of this now than when I started in the pastoral ministry. One of the good things we are observing now is that pastors of larger churches are taking the initiative to meet with pastors of smaller churches and learning a lot about shepherding people—even if that

applies to the pastor of a larger church in his relationships with staff and lay leaders. Admittedly, a larger church needs the district for different reasons than smaller churches but we all do need each other.

The bottom-line problem with accepting this concept is our pride. It hurts our ego to admit that we need someone else. But, it is true. Nobody can make it on his/her own. We need God and must come before Him as “poor in spirit.” And, we also need other members in the Body of Christ. Let’s gratefully acknowledge that fact and thank God for all He does for us through other parts of His Body—and, look for ways to pour ourselves into the lives of others. Remember, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”



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Disciplemaking Ministries

Mrs. Cheryl Grossoehme, Director

Let's Ring the Bell!!!



Children's Mission Project "Playground for MKs"

June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010
Darhan MK School,
Darhan, Mongolia

Goal: To provide playground equipment for the school and a safe place for the children to play.

The play area at the school needs considerable improvement. There is no playground equipment at the school. The children play on a dirt or brick surface or they play basketball on a cement slab. Under that cement slab is a large open cistern. There is a huge concern for the children's safety.

Brent and Lisa Liberda's children attend the MK school. It is for younger children of our workers up to 6th grade. There are also a few non-C&MA students that attend the school. We just discovered that the project is larger than just the MKs and playground equipment. It is a very strategic and integrated project to renovate the whole playground and

yard of the MK school, the training and youth center. It will be used by the MKs, the youth coming to the youth community center, and the students at the training center.

All contributions will be used for the purchase of playground equipment and improving the grounds to make it a safe environment for the children. Whatever might be in excess will go towards improving the area with some landscaping. To learn more about the Liberda's work in Mongolia, visit their website at www.liberdafamily.com.

Resources for the project are available. Contact Ruby by phone: 814-938-6920 or email: pizskerr@cmawpa.org.

Kidz Mission Impact
Grove City Alliance Church
Postponed
September 26, 2009

JOLT

Junior High Youth Retreat
October 16-18, 2009
Family First Sports Park, Erie, PA

Guest Speaker: Joe Snyder
Worship Leader: "Recession"
(See details on page 6.)

BREAKAWAY

Senior High Retreat
April 16-18, 2010
Family First Sports Park, Erie, PA

Envision: Taipei 2010
Taipei, Taiwan
January 2-8, 2010

Envision is a new "missional conference for young adults ages 18-25. For details use the following link: <http://www.alliance-youth.com/envision/>

Legacy Builder Coordinators Meeting

September 19, 2009
Grove City Alliance

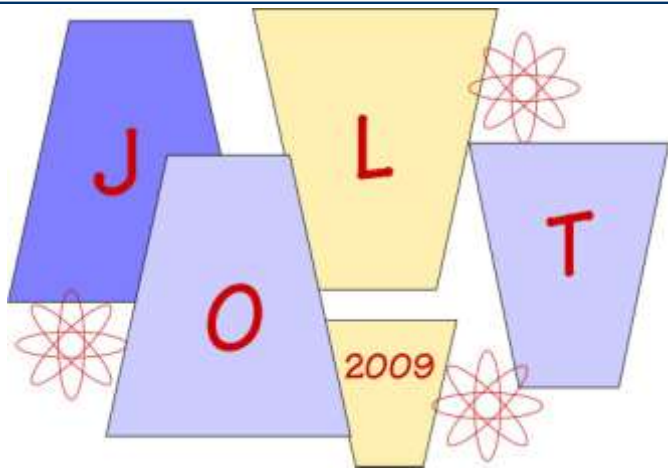
You are invited to an informational meeting at the Grove City Alliance Church, Grove City, PA. The meeting is scheduled September 19, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be at your own expense. Following the meeting, you are invited to go as a group to the Slovak Folk Crafts located near the church. Contact Ruby by phone: 814-938-6920 or email: pizskerr@cmawpa.org to indicate your intention of attending.

Mahaffey Youth Camp
MINISTRIES MISSION TRIP
Matamoros, Mexico
January 30-February 6, 2010
*"Hand in Hand - Partnering
in the Gospel"*

Geared for teens, this ministry trip will accept teens and adults of all ages who are committed to learning and serving in a short term missions endeavor. The cost per participant will be approximately \$950 plus airfare. Contact Nancy Depp by phone: 814-277-5544 or email: office@mahaffeycamp.com

C O L L I D E
LIFE 2010
Louisville, KY
July 6-10, 2010
Cost is \$395

Registration opens October 1, 2009. For more details, visit the website www.lifeimpactcma.org/LIFE/2010.html.



Junior High Youth Retreat
 Family First Sports Park
 Erie, PA
 October 16-18
 Registration Deadline
 September 29



GET READY FOR AN AWESOME WEEKEND!!

Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders - Here we are again arriving at another year of JOLT, the Junior High Youth Retreat! JOLT is a high impact weekend filled with opportunities for your students to mature in their journey with Christ! We want to thank you for being such a vital part of your students' lives each and every week! The JOLT team is excited to announce that **Joe Snyder** has agreed to join us as the main speaker and the band, **Recession**, will be the Worship Leaders.



RECESSION!

Bridging the gap between piano rock and a unique sound, Recession is a five man set weighing in from Pittsburgh, PA. Band members include: Joseph Bucci (vocal, guitar, piano), Nick Cotherman (guitar, organ, vocal), Brian Schultz (guitar, mellotron, piano, vocal), Kevin Hixon (drums, bells, vocal), and Bryan Humphreys (bass, glockenspiel).

MEET JOE SNYDER!

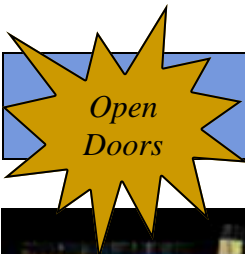


Joe is always excited about having the opportunity to share his love for God with young people. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, he is currently the East Community Pastor for the Oak Pointe Church located in the suburbs of Detroit, MI. Joe gained extensive experience as a youth pastor and has a degree from Philadelphia College of Bible and he also has his Master of Divinity degree. He has been doing junior high youth work for nearly 20 years.

Joe is married to Dana and they have 2 children; a daughter Kaleigh and a son Cole. Joe loves **Starbucks White Chocolate Mochas**, **Coldstone's Nights of White Chocolate**, anything round that begins with **Krispy** and ends with **Kreme**, Jeep Wranglers, and all Philadelphia sports teams...especially the Philadelphia Eagles.

Elegant, beautiful and intelligent, this is the kind of music that draws you in and holds you in its space. Atmospheric with lovely piano and guitar dancing about, each song is exceptionally laid out. Driving Recession's influence and personal lives are their individual relationships with Jesus Christ. The band has the gift to compose hard-hitting, send "chills up your spine" songs as well as softer, more thoughtful songs that make you reflect on your own life. Their music grabs the minds and hearts of new and old fans alike.

They recorded their first EP the summer of 2007 in Nashville. Independent record labels started scouting them upon hearing their newly posted tracks online. As well as these opportunities, they won both of Pittsburgh's rock n' roll competitions.



2009-2010 MISSIONS CONFERENCE



Missions Conference Theme:

OPEN DOORS

Theme Verse: Colossians 4:3

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

WPA Choice Tour:

Steps to Follow for Scheduling a Missions Conference:

- CHOOSE emphasis, dates, international worker and GCF support.
- CONTACT the ALLIANCE worker to schedule ministry in your church
- CONFIRM your choices with the district office using the Report Form **in the User's Manual** or e-mail from <http://cmawpa.org/International-Ministries/WPA-Choice-Tour/Choice-Tour-Report-Form.aspx>. (This is a new way developed for your convenience.)

The Report Form should be completed as soon as you have your plans set.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following churches for sending in your Report Form:

Ali. Crestmont	Ali. Hopewell	Beaver	Berlin	California
Chippewa	Cranby Twp Oak Hill	Cresson	East Lake	Elizabeth
Ellwood City	Irvona	Latrobe	Ligonier	Castlewood
NC Peoples	NC Wash. Union	New Wilmington	Greensburg Rd.	Norwin
Oil City	Pinehurst	Pleasantview	Portersville	Reynoldsville
Sandy Lake	Sharon	Smethport	Tionesta	Ty Bald Eagle
Union City				

AFTER your Missions Conference:

SEND the Expense Sheet for your worker along with your check covering your **district tour fee and your worker's honorarium/love offering and mileage to the District Office.** (These can be found online or in your International Worker Catalog.)

If you do not use a WPA Choice Tour worker, please send in the expense sheet with your district tour fee only. This form can be found at <http://cmawpa.org/getdoc/0f85bcfd-53df-4ba6-bf42-becc882d8a2d/Expense-sheet-non-choice-tour-missionary.aspx>

(Churches do not pay the worker directly unless it is a non-WPA Choice Tour worker.)

For more information go to: <http://cmawpa.org/International-Ministries/WPA-Choice-Tour.aspx> or call/e-mail Lynette Norris at 814-938-6920/norrisl@cmawpa.org

District Pastoral Chaplains



Sutton/Ulrich Cottage

The purpose of the cottage is to provide a safe haven for official workers and their families who reside in and are a part of the Western PA District of the C&MA and who may need a place apart for rest, study, prayer and in **general for one's personal pursuit of God.** Contact Rev. Bill Wood for reservations.

Northeast Quadrant

Rev. Bernard Knefley
814-274-8661

Northwest Quadrant

Rev. Edwin Dixon
814-786-7669

Southeast Quadrant

Rev. William Hazlett
814-736-4032

and
Rev. James Vandervort
814-444-8783

Southwest Quadrant

Rev. William Wood
Chaplain Coordinator
724-863-5179



ALLIANCE DISTINCTIVES 203

Union City Alliance Church
Thursdays, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Rev. Jeff Conley
September 10, 17, 24, 2009
October 1, 8, 15, 2009

This course studies how The C&MA came into being and why it exists. Students will research and prepare personal position papers on each aspect of the Fourfold Gospel—Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King. Tuition: \$100.

Contact Susan by phone: 814-938-6920 or email: harri-sonsg@cmawpa.org for more information.



Rekindle the Flame Gathering November 10-12, 2009

Nyack College and Alliance
Theological Seminary

“We believe the Lord’s desire is to bring a fresh wind of His Spirit throughout the Alliance movement. Our desire is to call together those who long to know the manifest presence and power of our living Lord Jesus Christ, and who desire to fan into flame a radical recommitment to advance His Kingdom throughout our world!”

For more information and/or to register, visit the event website at www.rekindletheflame.net.



2009 EXPOSITORY PREACHING 206

Oak Hill Alliance Church
Cranberry Twp, PA
Thursdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Instructor:
Rev. Clarence Croscutt
September 10, 17, 24,
October 1, 8, 15,

New Stanton
Alliance Church
New Stanton, PA
Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30

Instructor:
Rev. Clarence Croscutt
September 8, 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13

Receive instruction on developing and delivering expository sermons using an eight-step system. Tuition: \$100



Rest and Renewal Retreat for Wives of Pastors

Speaker: Yvonne Hart
September 17-19, 2009
Fair Haven Ministries
Roan Mountain, TN

This retreat is truly a blend of rest, teaching, developing friendships, solitude, good food and learning from others. Some topics are as follows: Loving God with all your mind, Boundaries—How to say “no,” Loneliness/ Friendships, Being You/ Using Your Gifts and Working with difficult people.

Questions, contact Doris Murphy by phone: 724-465-6048 or email: dorismurphy@juno.com.

Financial Peace University

Somerset Alliance Church
Counselor: Dave Ramsey

This 13-week financial course, beginning September 21, takes the knowledge from God and turns it into real action in our lives. FPU is for everyone...from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Learn cash flow, eliminate debt and how to invest wisely. For more information contact the church office at admin@somersetalliance.org or phone: 814-445-8949.

Elders Training Seminar

Speaker: Dr. Paul King

Bible Alliance Church
West Newton, PA
September 26, 2009

Cost \$10 per elder

For more information contact Rev. Jack Herman by phone 724-437-6850



“PASTORAL COACHING”

Instructor:
Rev. Paul Holland, Ph.D.
October 2009

Tuesdays: 6, 13, 20, 27
From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mars Alliance Church
Mars, PA

Coaching is the approach to the parishioner’s problems that is best suited for both pastor and parishioners. When the pastor has some comprehension of “what makes people tick” and understands the parishioner’s dilemma, helping can begin.

No registration is required. Tuition is \$5.00 per session.

WPA District Office Personnel

District

Leadership Team

- Rev. Jeffery Norris,
District Superintendent
- Rev. Philip Harrison,
Asst. District Superintendent
Regional Team Leader
- Rev. Joseph Toomey,
Director of Church Planting
Regional Team Leader
- Mrs. Cheryl Grossoehme,
Director of Disciplemaking
Ministries
- Rev. Robert Douglas,
Director of Church Health
Regional Team Leader

Support Staff

- Kathy Anderson
- Janeen Barrett
- Susan Harrison
- Dixie McIntire
- Lynette Norris
- Ruby Piszker



Veterans Only Weekend

October 16-17, 2009

Mahaffey Camp

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Jack Williams

Seminar Leader:

David Barnas, C.R.N.P

Nurse Practitioner

This event is sponsored by Point Man outpost of Murrysville Alliance Church.

For more information call Pastor Myron at 724-327-7206.

*Oh, that I had wings like a dove;
then I would fly away and rest! I
would fly far away to the quiet of
the wilderness (Psalm 55:6-7).*

*Mahaffey Camp
Prayer Retreat
September 27-29, 2009
Led by Rev. Howard Darr*



“WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH
ALL THAT TIME?”

WE ARE GOING TO SLOW DOWN!

**WE ARE GOING TO LISTEN FOR THE VOICE OF
OUR MERCIFUL GOD!**

WE ARE GOING TO PRAY FOR DIRECTION!

**WE ARE GOING TO PRAY FOR THE GRACE
FILLED POWER TO DO ONLY
WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO!**

Let's slow down together and enter into a Sabbath rest. We will listen deeply to God's Word. We will pray for each other to receive grace that only God can give in order to follow our Lord and resist the things that readily clutter our life.

Rev. Howard Darr is pastor of the Kinsman, Ohio Alliance Church and is a former Pastor's Chaplain for the WPA District. He has recently completed his master's degree from Alliance Theological Seminary at Nyack, NY.

The District Prayer Committee recommends that you attend the Prayer Retreat. Expect to work hard. This is not a seminar, conference or a vacation. We will meet together for worship and fellowship.

Cost is \$65 if you register by September 12. After that date there is an additional \$10 late fee. The retreat begins Sunday evening at 6:30 and ends Tuesday at noon. There is an additional pastor's day from noon Tuesday to noon Wednesday. Register early, space is limited. Questions? Contact Rev. Darr by phone: 330-876-0322 or email: hdarr@embarqmail.com. To download a brochure use the following link: <http://www.mahaffeycamp.com/PDF/prayerretreat09.PDF>.

FYI - Events and News, continued

3D ARCHERY SHOOT

*Edinboro Conference Grounds
September 19, 2009
9 AM - 1 PM*

- † 28 target field course- hunter or pro stakes
- † Practice range
- † Concession stand
- † Youth 3D field range
- † Cost - FREE (donations accepted)



Questions? Contact Jerry Ester by phone 814-734-3601 or email edinborocamp@hughes.net



MEN'S LINK RETREAT

*Mahaffey Conference Center
September 25-26, 2009
Speaker: Rev. Bernard Knefley*

THE BIBLE OPEN

*Saturday, September 26, 2009
Tournament will be held at Eagles
Ridge Golf Course
Located off Rte. 729 near Lumber City
Register by September 14*

Questions? Contact Ed Depp by phone 814-277-5544 or email office@mahaffeycamp.com

FALL FEST 2009

*Edinboro Conference Grounds
September 26 beginning at 2 pm*

- † Pie making contest
- † Silent auction
- † Crosscut saw competition
- † Climbing wall
- † Steer roping arena
- † Hillbilly horseshoes
- † Snack shop open all day
- † Campfire - Fellowship and testimonies at the fire circle



Questions? Contact Jerry Ester at 814-734-3601 or email edinborocamp@hughes.net

Pulpit Supply List

This list has been prepared to assist you in locating individuals to minister in your services in the absence of a pastor. The people listed are available and recommended for this ministry.

- **Rev. James Ailes (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-1549.
- **Rev. Larry Aldrich (Retired - Oil City/Franklin)**, Phone: 814-678-0004 or email: larjean216@comcast.net.
- **Rev. Melvin Allison (Retired - New Brighton)**, Mel & Jan Ministries, phone: 724-847-7445.
- **Rev. Robert Baer (Retired - Johnstown)**, Phone: 814-266-3349 or email rjbaer@verizon.net.
- **Rev. Richard E. Bartmas (Retired - Cabot)**, Phone: 724-352-0687 or email: rbartmas@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. David Baynes (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-656-7028 and email: dabclb@verizon.net.
- **Rev. Duane Blough (Johnstown)**, Phone: 814-539-4247 or email: pamduane@atlanticbb.net.
- **Mr. Joe Cox (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 724-863-3943.
- **Rev. Edwin A. Dixon (Retired - Grove City)**, Phone: 814-786-7669 or email: edixon@access995.com.
- **Mr. Ronald Evans (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-6608 or email: revansed@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Roland Gray III (Butler)**, Phone: 724-287-2322.
- **AW - Mrs. Cheryl Grosseohme (DO)**, Phone: 814-938-6920 or email: grosseohmec@cmawpa.org.
- **Mr. Ben Harrison (Punxsutawney)**, Cell phone: 724-984-7271 or email: harrisonbj05@crow.edu.
- **Rev. Richard Harter (Alexandria)**, Phone: 814-832-1955 or email: rdharter@embarqmail.com.
- **AW - Mrs. Dee Henretty (Brockway)**, Phone: 814-265-1430 and email: tph1114@brockwaytv.com.
- **Mr. Don Higley (Coudersport)**, Phone: 814-274-8833.
- **Rev. Dave Hunter (Clearfield)**, Phone: 814-661-2576 or email: dvhntr@gmail.com.
- **Mr. John Impavido, M.Ed., CAC (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-303-2750 or email: Impavido@city-net.com.
- **Rev. James Ishler (Butler)**, Phone: 724-282-9878.
- **Rev. E Paul Jacobson (Philipsburg)**, Phone: 814-342-4253 or email: pltpm@verizon.net
- **Rev. Charles Kephart (Portage)**, Phone: 814-736-3387 or email: charleswkephart@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Brian Kirk (Pittsburgh)** Phone: 412-831-5846 or email: kirkkorner@hotmail.com.
- **Rev. Gary Koontz (Pittsburgh)** Phone: 412-921-3977 or email: pgsgang@verizon.net.
- **Mr. Wayne Kurtz (Meadville)**, Phone: 814-724-7865.
- **Rev. Kirby Lantz (Beaver)**, Phone: 724-462-4043.
- **Rev. Mark Lockett (Erie)**, Phone: 814-774-3303 or email: mark.jen.lockett@verizon.net.
- **Mr. Darrell Lozier (Union City)**, Phone: 814-438-2463.
- **Mr. Jim Mahan (Butler)**, Phone: 724-352-7034.
- **Mr. Matthew Mahan (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 814-598-7837 or email: m.john.mahan@gmail.com.
- **Rev. Jerry McCauley (Retired)**, Phone: 863-699-2864 or email: jrml1957@yahoo.com. Summer months only.
- **Rev. George McNeel (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 724-736-0957 or email: gvmcneel@juno.com.
- **Mr. Gary Means (Chalk Artist Ministry - Beaver)**, Phone: 724-869-9536.
- **Mr. Dennis Morris (Portersville)**, Phone: 724-368-3719.
- **One In Spirit**, Email: one.inspirit@hotmail.com
- **Mr. John Peles (Norwin)**, Phone: 724-733-4620.
- **Mr. Robert Piel (Oil City)**, Phone: 814-676-9786 or cell phone: 814-516-5792 or email: sbpiel@comcast.net.
- **Mr. David Purvis (Mars)**, Phone: 724-625-3348.
- **Rev. Ted & Linda Sauve (Retired - Missionary)**, pulpit supply, inner healing workshops, concerts of prayer. Phone: 724-837-1070 or 724-953-5058 (cell) or email: tedlinsauve@hotmail.com
- **Rev. James Serra, Sr. (Pittsburgh)**, Phone: 412-719-5514.
- **Rev. Edia Silvis (Retired)**, Phone: 814-665-8658 or email: ediasilvis@tbscc.com.
- **Mr. James Switzer (Kittanning)**, Phone: 724-543-4176 or Email: jswitzer@co.butler.pa.us.
- **Mr. Scott Taylor (Erie)**, Phone: 814-796-2311 or 814-460-9378 or email: THaggis5@aol.com.
- **Rev. William Underwood (Retired)**, Phone: 724-696-4319 or email: wunderwood5@juno.com.
- **Rev. James Vandervort (Retired - Somerset)**, Phone: 814-444-8783 and email: jbvandervort@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Grant Walborn (Retired)**, Home phone: 724-256-5887 or cell phone: 724-841-8014 or email: WO3Q@aol.com.
- **Rev. Dr. Duane White (Retired)**, Phone: 814-765-3994.
- **Rev. Roy Wilson (Retired - Washington)**, Phone: 724-225-7381 or email royel46@verizon.net.
- **Rev. William Wood (Retired)**, Phone 724-863-5179 or email: wpnjwood@yahoo.com.
- **Rev. Jim Yates**, a member of the Focus Quartet and is available during the winter months. Phone: 814-866-8677.
- **Rev. J. Richard Young (Warren/Bradford)**, Phone: 814-368-6992 or email richyoung2@juno.com.

AW Women's Ministry • Music Ministry • Special Ministry

2009 District Calendar

Vision Statement: Our vision is to plant churches and to enable all district churches to be culturally relevant and biblically sound

Schedule of Events

- 9/7 - Labor Day, Office closed
- 9/15 - DEXCOM, Erie First Alliance
- 9/18-19 - Marriage Encounter Weekend, Mars Alliance Church
- 9/19 - Legacy Builder's Coordinators Meeting, Grove City Alliance Church
- 10/2-3 - Ordination In-Service, Mahaffey Camp
- 10/16-18 - JOLT, Family First Sports Park, Erie, PA
- 11/2-3 - LO&CC Meeting, District Office
- 11/13-14 - Church Planters/Redevelopment Pastors Retreat, Mahaffey Camp
- Properties & Buildings Committee, TBD
- 11/26-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday, District Office closed

2010 District and
Prayer Conference
Sheraton Four Points
Cranberry Twp, PA
April 27-29

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>DO closed Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>DEXCOM</i>	16	17	18 <i>Marriage</i>	19 <i>LB Meeting Encounter</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
30	31					

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 ^{Ordination In-Service}	3 ^{In-Service}
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>JOLT</i>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>LO&CC</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Church Planters Retreat</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	27	28
29	30					

DISTRICT CORE VALUES

- ◆ *Lost people matter to God! Our mission is to find them.*
- ◆ *Prayer is vital for Christian life and service. Our priority is to seek first His Kingdom in prayer.*
- ◆ *Everything we have belongs to God. Our responsibility is to be wise stewards.*
- ◆ *God wants His people to become His fully devoted followers. Our devotion expresses itself through love for God and love for others.*
- ◆ *Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Our planning and practice take God-pleasing risks.*
- ◆ *Social justice is a passion of God. Our faith champions justice for all.*