



# MARION HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH



## **Position Opening: Solo Lead Pastor**

Church Address: 4607 Rochester Road, New Brighton, PA 15066

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## Western Pennsylvania District MHAC Church Profile

### General Information

**Name of Church:** Marion Hill Alliance Church

**Location:** New Brighton, PA (Marion Hill Neighborhood)

**Type of Community:** A Borough Located 28 Miles NW of Pittsburgh  
(Near the Confluence of the Ohio and Beaver Rivers; Population 5,719)

### Statistical Data

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Inclusive Membership</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Professions of Faith</b>					
Age 0 – 11	0	0	0	0	0
12 – 18	0	0	0	0	0
19 – 30	0	0	0	0	0
31+	1	2	0	2	3
<b>Total Professions of Faith</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Giving for Local Church</b>	<b>145,836</b>	<b>134,493</b>	<b>139,902</b>	<b>175,190</b>	<b>134,885</b>
<b>Giving for Alliance Missions</b>	<b>40,534</b>	<b>31,303</b>	<b>22,983</b>	<b>42,191</b>	<b>44,967</b>
<b>Total Church Income</b>	<b>186,370</b>	<b>165,796</b>	<b>162,885</b>	<b>217,381</b>	<b>179,852</b>

## Ministries

### 1. SERVICES

SUNDAY 0945 Life Groups (Sunday School) two adult and one children's class  
1045 Church service and Junior Church  
1800 (6PM) Sunday Evening Service  
WEDNESDAY 1900 (7PM) Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

### 2. OTHER KEY MINISTRIES:

Praise Team	Project Christmas Child
Christmas baskets for the shut-ins Women)	Stamp ministry (part of Alliance
Seniors' luncheon once a month	Card Ministry
Alliance Women	Activities / Outreach Ministry
Alliance Kids Club	Funeral dinners & Church dinners
Special services involving food & fellowship	

### 3. DESCRIBE PRESENT WORSHIP FORM(S) / STYLE(S)

Morning service is traditional.

- A short worship video
- Welcome
- Announcements
- Moment for missions
- Opening prayer
- Two hymns
- Two more contemporary choruses or songs
- Offering/offertory
- Congregational welcome – greet each other
- Children's message
- Pastor's message
- Closing chorus/song
- Benediction/closing prayer

#### 4. Current Church Leaders

Eric Bosh, Head Elder, Trustee

Deborah Brewer, Governing Board  
Secretary

Judy Geist, Church Treasurer

Priscilla Hazlett, Head Deaconess

Nancy Heberling, Missions  
Treasurer

Sandy Liberty, Alliance Women  
President

Debra Neidlinger, Christian  
Education Superintendent

Daniel Minkus, Elder, Head Trustee

Debra Minkus, Acting Church  
Secretary

Wayne Moser, Elder

Judy Schaub, Assistant Church  
Treasurer

Larry Young, Elder

## Analysis

### 1. List key goals for the next 3 years in order of priority.

- a. Get younger families to come and join us in worship.
- b. Start a ministry for the community.
- c. Would love to be able to do the **Apocalypse House** ministry again. Need more people to do it. Need young people to be involved.

### 2. List key accomplishments of the last 3 years in order of importance.

- a. We have maintained good support for the church and the CMA organization, specifically missions, even though our numbers are few.

### 3. List the church's most significant strengths/resources.

- a. Our people support the church and CMA organization. We have good support for missions.
- b. We hold fast to the teachings of the Bible.
- c. Our congregation supports each other, prays for each other and is family.

### 4. List the church's most significant challenges/weaknesses/obstacles.

- a. We are an older congregation. We have lost adherents to the larger churches in the community. A good number of our youth grew up and married and are in the ministry at churches of their own.
- b. There are 63 churches listed in the Beaver County directory in our area of New Brighton, Beaver Falls, Chippewa, Beaver, Rochester, Bridgewater, and Fallston. We need to find a way to make our church known and relevant in this community, to have a mission. We need to "advertise" our church. Marion Hill has become an older population, so we need to expand our outreach.

## Pastoral Expectations

### 1. OUR PRIORITIES FOR THE PASTORAL ROLE (highest priority to lowest priority)

PREACHER / TEACHER	Gives significant attention to preparation for sermons and other Biblical instruction and can effectively communicate the Biblical knowledge and its life's applications.
SHEPHERD / CARE GIVER	the church leader's job is to watch out and care for the congregation by having the Spirit given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring for the needs of the congregation.
INTERCESSOR	Is a prayer warrior for his congregation: a ministry of prayer as a major pastoral role.
EVANGELISM	Relates to unbelievers, brings people to a faith in Christ. Leads the congregation in reaching out to the community around us.
DISCIPLESHIP / DISCIPLER	He is a follower of Jesus. Mentors others in their commitment to follow Christ. Gives focused attention to the development and the effective operation of discipleship ministries of the church.
LEADER / VISION CASTER	Clarifies the direction of the church, maintains core values, leads in the establishment and evaluation of strategies, and mobilizes the congregation to fulfill its vision.
ADMINISTRATOR	Effectively manages the congregation in its day-to-day ministries and operations.
MISSIONS PROMOTER	Develops a theology of missions for the congregation and challenges its members to financial, prayer, and other means of support in the spread of the gospel around the world.
COUNSELOR	Gives wise, Biblical counsel for a variety of spiritual and emotional needs.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPER	Promotes a culture of raising up lay leaders and works actively to equip, support, and encourage these leaders.
COMMUNITY LEADER	Engages with activities, problems and needs of the surrounding community and leads the church to have an influence in the community.
RITUAL OVERSEER	Gives priority to important transition rituals such as dedications, marriages, and funerals in the lives of individuals and families. Plans activities to make such times as meaningful as possible.

## **2. THE PERSONAL STRENGTHS THAT WE VALUE**

SHOWS THE LOVE OF JESUS – compassionate but steadfast to the teachings of Jesus. God’s word is still the same.

SELF-CONFIDENCE BUT HUMBLE – The center of attention is to be Jesus and the Father.

HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR!!! / ENJOY LIFE

GETS ALONG WITH OLDER CHRISTIANS AS WELL AS CONNECTING WITH YOUTH  
- easy to talk to

PERSONAL STABILITY

A GOOD LISTENER, COMMUNICATOR, AND ENCOURAGER

ABILITY TO KEEP CONFIDENCES

ABILITY TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS AND RETAIN THEM

FORWARD THINKER – has a vision for the future of the church.

## **3. HOW WE THINK A NEW PASTOR SHOULD FULFILL HIS LEADERSHIP ROLE**

The church leader’s job to watch out and care for the congregation by having the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring for the pastoral needs of the congregation.

He should have the desire and the ability to attract younger couples and help us reach the youth in the community.

He’d love God and others. Have a sense of community and a love for that community.

He must “connect” with the congregation. Our congregation is friendly and loving. We hang around after the service and talk, many of us go out to lunch as a group once a month. He must desire to become a part of this “family”.

He would form a relationship with the churches in the area, not just New Brighton. Fellowship with the other CMA pastors in Beaver County and the surrounding counties.

He would enjoy a variety of musical styles, both the old hymns and contemporary music.

Be must be able to think outside the box and help us to innovate.

## **Attachments**

Financial and compensation information will be shared with serious applicants through the interview process. Demographic information is available from the district.

Below please see pictures of church properties, as well as some interesting historical information.

Marion Hill  
Alliance Church



Side angle  
view.



View of Sanctuary  
from Upper Sound  
Room.



View of the  
Fellowship  
Center.





Parsonage: 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath with finished third floor.



View from parsonage deck of back yard and 2-car garage.



**PASTORS (P, PW, YP, LP, PS) who emerged from MHAC**

Linda Bellig (PW)

John & Katie Bernard (YP, PW)

Paul Breen (LP)

Paul Cochran (YP)

Beverly Davis (PW)

Clyde Davis, Jr (P)

Ken Davis (P)

Alex & Rachel DeRosa (YP, PW)

George Dockter (P)

Jim & Libby Eckles (P, PW)

David & Tara Hardie (P, PW)

Timothy Hardie (PS)

Bill & Patty (Bellig) Jamison (P, PW)

Andrew & Betty Ketterer (P, PW)

Connie (Breen) Krajacic (PW)

Chad Leeson (P)

Jim Liston (P)

Max Muska (P)

Frank & Faith Smith (P, PW)

Timothy Young (P)

T. Wayne Young (P)

**MISSIONARIES (IW's) who emerged from MHAC**

Jim & Donna Albright (IW)

Eldora (Pander) Borger (Art)

Larry & Millie Brown (IW)

Dan & Karen Bunn (IW)

Austin & Kara Burnell (YWAM)

Jane (Hamilton) Jackson (IW)

Norma Jean (Blinn) Jueckstock (MU)

David Kennedy (IW)

Gary & Mary Locy (IW)

Gary & Thelma Locy (IW)

Milton & Nancy Pierce (IW)

Barry, Jr & Cathy Richards (IW)

Debbie Richards (IW)

Robert & Ann Rinard (IW)

Mary Jo Rosensteel (IW)

Don & Jane Wurzel (IW)

## CHURCH HISTORY

Our church had its beginnings in a small chapel that was located between 41<sup>st</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets near the old Marion Hill School building (now an apartment building). It was built in 1870 by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg McKee, who were devout Presbyterians. It was the first church in our community. There came a time when interest lagged, and it was thought that the chapel might be closed. Consequently, the late Mrs. John (Birdie Mennell) Cable and the late Mrs. William (Ethel Shaffer) Court staged a visitation campaign and people returned to the chapel to worship. The late Rev. R.R. Brown, then pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Beaver Falls, came to preach and assist in the development of the church.

The Sunday School grew and in a short time, the chapel was filled. Classes were large and numerous, and since it was difficult to present God's word in such a small building, we realized the time had come to make plans for a larger facility. In 1922, the late Rev. Charles N Van Arsdale became our first pastor. After much prayer, he too felt that God would have us take a step of faith and begin planning. In time, we were able to purchase the lot on which the present church is located, and in 1927, our new church was dedicated. We were so thankful that God had provided a beautiful place of worship! Rev. Van Arsdale was our pastor until 1934 and was truly a good shepherd to us.

The late Rev. M.J. Boyd was our pastor from 1934-1943. His messages on prophecy will always be remembered, and our congregation continued to grow. Rev. Paul Freligh, a former missionary, was our pastor from 1941-1944. Rev. Milton Scripture was our pastor from 1944 until 1949, and through his untiring efforts, God continued to bless. Rev. J.K. Bellig was our pastor from 1949-1970. Our Sunday School and church were growing, and again we needed more space. With God's guidance, an addition was built on to the present structure and dedicated to the Lord in 1957. A few years later we felt the need for a recreation center, so the Alliance Fellowship Center was built and dedicated in 1962. How we marveled at God's goodness to us! The church's first organ was purchased during Rev. Bellig's ministry. Rev. Paul Cochran served as our Youth Director from 1967-1970.

Rev. Clyde Davis Sr. came to us in 1970. By this time all our properties were debt-free, and we needed more space, so it was decided we should build another addition. This annex, dedicated on August 20, 1972, gave us more room in the sanctuary and more classrooms. Again, we marvel at goodness of God. Rev. Davis was our pastor until 1983.

In 1984 Rev. Wayne Young came to us. He served as pastor until God called him home in 1997.

Rev. James Krouse served as pastor from 1997 until May 2023 when he retired from the ministry.

*One hundred and fifty-three years of ministering to Marion Hill and the surrounding communities. We humbly thank God for His goodness and marvel at His grace. We pray that God grants Marion Hill Alliance many more years to serve these communities.*