

Gospel Grapevine

February 2021



“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

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Sunday Worship Service: 10am | Life Application Classes: 9am | Music Rehearsals: 8:15am

Me & My Shadows

February is home to couple minor holidays like Valentine's and President's Day, and one of the oddest, Groundhog Day, where a furry would-be meteorologist pops out of its burrow to predict the winter weather (with probably similar accuracy as all the rest). But it got me thinking about how shadow is used or portrayed in the Bible.

When I think of the word shadow in scripture, the first verse that comes to mind is Psalm 23:4 -

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me”. There are many places in the Bible that use shadow to represent darkness and to remind us of our own mortality, but as Psalm 23 tells us we should not fear the shadows because God is with us.

However, shadow is not always used to represent the darkness of the world; often it is used in positive, uplifting ways and even for healing.

- ***“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.”*** (Psalm 36:7)
- ***“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”*** (Psalm 91:1-2)
- ***“So that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.”*** (Acts 5:15)

As Bible authors used shadow in different ways, so too is the choice how we can look at the world. In these times it's easy to see the darkness; feel the weight of our struggles; and fear ominous “foreshadowing”. Augment

this with a year's worth of sheltering in place and we can feel even more vulnerable and alone. But we must remember we can take refuge in the Lord, trusting in Him and His love, without a “shadow of a doubt”! Staying focused there, it will be like the words of one of my favorite Hymns:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

Look full in His wonderful face

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.*

As we move forward in 2021 I can foresee brighter times. I pray that much will soon return to the “old normal” where, unimpeded, we can get on with the work the Lord has for us. I welcome all to join me in this prayer as we strive to keep our heads up and in His light where He can see our shining, unmasked faces!

Jeff Tuholski
Leadership Chair

Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team

I would like to thank Kathy Maes, Cheryl Hipsher, and Jenn Adams for making soup for the 1-16-2021 Soup Bar & Trivia afternoon. We had 11 people that came out and enjoyed the soup and we tested our knowledge at trivia. Jeff won both rounds!

Our next upcoming event is BINGO night 2-13-2021 at 6:30pm. We will furnish Pizza for all. March 12th will be Game Night and we will have different snacks.

Thank you for coming out & supporting these events.

Cindy Carlisle, Team Leader
Cheryl Frick

STAY CONNECTED!

Weekly uploads to YouTube:

Sundays - 10am Worship Service Live-Stream

Mondays - Church Check-in Video

Thursdays - Midweek Meditation Video

Also posted on Facebook, Email

*Email shfellowship@att.net if you wish

to receive updates and stay in the loop!



Agape BINGO
Celebrate the love of God
with our love-themed
BINGO night!
Sat., Feb. 13th,
6:30pm

Scrapbooking & Hobby Night

All hobbyists welcome!

Bring your own snack and drink

-No sharing currently-

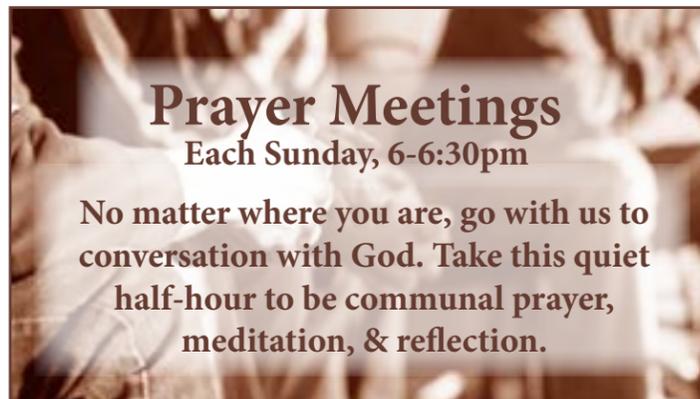
Wear your mask into your table spot!

Come join us for a fun night
of fellowship and stories.

Any question just let me know!

Thanks, Tammy

Fri., February 19th - 6:30pm



Prayer Meetings
Each Sunday, 6-6:30pm

No matter where you are, go with us to conversation with God. Take this quiet half-hour to be communal prayer, meditation, & reflection.

FREE Movie Night & Popcorn



A retired cop mourning the loss of his family considers making a drastic decision until he meets a mysterious woman who gives him a reason to re-examine his life.

Sat., February 27th, 7pm

Music & Worship Ministry Team

The Music & Worship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and talents during Sunday morning worship services this past year. This congregation is especially blessed with talent. Let's all continue to use our gifts to glorify the Lord. Whatever you have to share – singing, playing an instrument, song writing, liturgical dancing, drawing, poetry, etc, we would love to include you in the Sunday morning services. If you have an idea for a “Call to Worship” segment, scriptures to share, special music, or would like to give a personal testimony, we would love to include those as well.

Please let us know your ideas by using any of the following options:

- If you're reading this online, click the link below to fill out a form and submit your suggestions electronically: [SHF Congregational Participation REQUEST FORM](#)
- Contact Scott Hipsher either in-person, via telephone, or e-mail: scott_hipsher@att.net
- Leave a note in Scott's church mailbox
- Contact the church office telephone and leave a message for the Music & Worship Ministry Team or mail a letter to the church “Attn: M&W Ministry Team”

We want to involve all of our congregation's gifts and talents for the edification of the church and glorification of our amazing God!

*ATTENTION tech-savvy individuals and those who aspire to become such! We are currently seeking individuals interested in operating the livestream equipment and projector on Sunday mornings. Please contact Scott Hipsher or any member of the team for more details.

God Bless,
Scott Hipsher, Team Leader
Jenn Adams, Donna Hipsher, Steve Frick

Story Behind the Hymn . . .

Over the next few newsletters, we will share the stories behind some of the most popular hymns and worship songs we often sing on Sunday mornings.

“Holy, Holy, Holy” – Reginald Heber (1861)

(by Dolores Smith, *Crosswalk.com* contributing writer, & the Sharefaith Team from *Sharefaith Magazine*)

The prophet Isaiah had a vision of God's heavenly court. In that vision, he saw God seated on an exalted throne surrounded by angels called the seraphim. Isaiah heard



the angels repeatedly cry out – “**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory!**” (Isaiah 6:3) Upon hearing this, Isaiah fell down in humility and with adoring worship, exclaimed – “*Woe is me!*” Years later, Reginald Heber wrote this hymn in response to his awe of God's holiness.

Reginald Heber was a poet from a wealthy English family. He entered religious life first as a church vicar in England and then, in 1823, as the Anglican Bishop of Kolkata in India. During this time, he composed “Holy, Holy, Holy,” praising God and the Holy Trinity. The hymn was inspired by the prophet Isaiah's vision.

Heber was the first person to assemble a hymnal in which hymns were ordered around the church calendar. As a minister in the Church of England, he wrote the poem “Holy, Holy, Holy” to be sung specifically on Trinity Sunday – a day set aside to celebrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The poem lay forgotten until after he died in 1826 at the age of 43. His widow found the unpublished hymn among a collection of papers. She then shared it with musician John B. Dykes. The hymn text was published that same year. But it wasn't until 35 years later that John Dykes composed the tune “Nicaea” to accompany Heber's poem. The hymn text and its accompanying music were first published together that same year in 1861.

The hymn begins with the following well-known verses:
*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

The symbolism of three is repeated throughout the hymn, as seen in the verse praising God for being “*holy, merciful, and mighty,*” and the verse adoring God for his wondrous works in the “*earth and sky and sea.*”

God has since used this song to impress millions of people across the globe with the truth of His holiness. It was published in our congregation's blue hymnal – “Hymns for the Family of God” in 1976.

Shepherding Team

Everyone should have received a letter in January telling you who your new deacon is. If you didn't please let one of us know. We have also added a new section in the 2021 Directory stating who the Deacon families are. If you need anything please reach out to any one of the deacons.

Feb 7th we are having Communion during the worship service.

Respectively submitted,
Cindy Carlisle, Team Leader
Jack Cary, Jeff Tuholski, & Denise Tuholski

PAPER & HYGIENE PRODUCTS PANTRY OPENS AGAIN WED., FEB 10TH, 6-7PM (DRIVE-UP ONLY)

Missions & Evangelism Ministry Team

Mission of the Month

RETA is our mission for Special Donations for February. RETA is a great faith based organization that continues to provide life affirming services and build Christ centered families! Please keep RETA in your prayers, and if you can, please donate to RETA by marking your giving envelope.

Paper Hygiene Pantry

Thank you Jenn for highlighting the Pantry in your Church Check-In on Jan 18th. And, thank you again church, for the many volunteers and donations to this ministry! Thanks to you, we were able to bless 56 local families with your donations last month! And with PRAYERS!!! What a blessing to have added these prayer warriors!

If you want to donate product to the Pantry, we could use Paper Towels for February. Thank you for any and All donations to this ministry!

Blessings!

Denise Tuholski, Team Leader
Marcia Troup, Brent Freel

JUST FOR FUN

Finish these popular idioms:
(answers on back page of newsletter)

1. "break a _____"
2. "turn over a new _____"
3. "kick the _____"
4. "cut him some _____"
5. "get it _____"
6. "hit the _____"
7. "straight from the _____ mouth"
8. "stick to your _____"
9. "once in a _____"
10. "I _____ care less"
11. "when pigs _____"
12. "cry _____"
13. "_____ from the hip"
14. "tickled _____"
15. "by the skin of your _____"
16. "_____ tears"
17. "preaching to the _____"
18. "raining _____"
19. "let the _____ fall where they may"
20. "missed the _____"

Search Committee

The search committee is meeting once again with some new revision. Marcia Troup resigned and Jeff Tuholski has stepped in. Jenn Adams is now the committee chair.

We've met to discuss possibilities for the new year in our fresh Pastoral Search. Our profile is being tweaked to reflect our committee changes and Torin Eikler, our District Executive, will be working with us again soon to find some new prospects for a Part-Time Pastor.

This is not easy work so we turn it over to the Lord. Please keep our committee in your prayers.

Jenn Adams, Chair
Steve Frick, Sue Freel, Donna Hipsher, Jeff Tuholski

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."
- 1 Corinthians 16:13*

HOPE is wishing
something would happen.
FAITH is believing
something will happen.
COURAGE is making
something happen.

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team

Greetings. I have been working hard in finding Pulpit Supply pastors. It has been a difficult job during this time. There are some churches that are during video services instead of coming to their churches in person. I understand because of the COVID-19 we all need to be cautious.

I thank the pastors that have been willing to come to our church thru the last couple months. Ed and I will be leaving for Florida on the 29th for 2 months. I will be taking the information that lists the Pulpit Supply pastors and will continue to contact people who would be willing to bring us a message on a Sunday morning.

If anyone has questions or even suggestions, please call or email me. My contact information is Cell Phone 574-360-9978 or email - Suefreel@kampco.com. If you know someone please send their phone number and name or email address to me. This would be a big help for me.

We will miss everyone and will be praying for our congregation during this time. I would like to close with this poem that Ed has written.

**Life Can Be Up and Down
Life can be up and down,
But you are never alone.
The Bible is always there to read.
And God's love is always shone.**

**Life is not always what you want it to be,
You have your plans, but they change.
Remember to pray and seek His way.**

God's Blessings,
Sue Freel, Team Leader
Donna Hipsher, Steve Frick

101 THINGS GOD CAN'T DO (1-8):

1. GOD CAN'T LIE

Hebrews 6:18 - "God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged."

2. GOD CAN'T BE GIVEN A PROBLEM HE CAN'T SOLVE.

Matthew 19:26 - "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

3. GOD CAN'T LEAVE YOU.

Genesis 28:15 - "And behold, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

4. GOD CAN'T FORSAKE YOU.

Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

5. GOD CAN'T DESPISE A CONTRITE HEART.

Psalms 51:17 - "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise."

6. GOD CAN'T ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO BE ASHAMED.

Joel 2:26 - "You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed."

7. GOD CAN'T GIVE HIS GLORY TO ANYONE ELSE.

Isaiah 42:8 - "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols."

8. GOD CAN'T SLEEP.

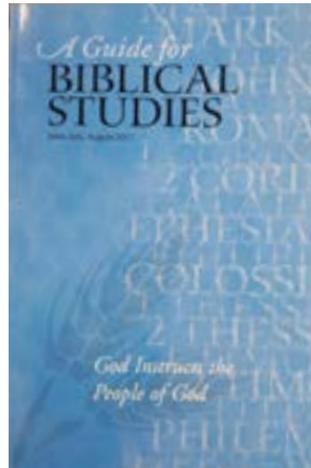
Psalms 121:4 - "Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."

Christian Education Ministry Team

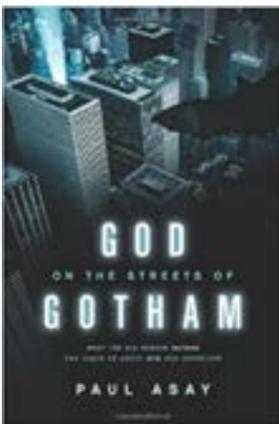
Are you enjoying the verses with “love” in each of them? When you remember Psalm 91:14, try putting your own name and pronoun in it. It makes it more personal and real. For example: “Because he loves Marcia,” says the Lord, “I will rescue her; I will protect her, for she acknowledges my name.”

For our Life Application classes each Sunday morning, we are going to do something DIFFERENT. We are offering two classes with different topics of study for you to choose from, rather than always going to age-related classes. We can be inter-generational!! Everyone is invited to come. One will be held in the fellowship hall and one in the library.

The first study comes from the Brethren Press, called *God Instructs the People of God*. This book walks through examples of how God has instructed his people in the Bible, instructions he still has for us today. Some of what we will look at includes what God’s people learn of prosperity (scripture background from Joshua), listening for God in changing times (scripture background from Judges), and a case study in community (scriptures from Ruth). This option will be taught by Marcia Troup and Steve Frick and will meet in the far end of the fellowship hall (rm 206). The first lesson will be January 31st, or you may join any time.



Jenn Adams & Scott Hipsher lead the class meeting in the Library (rm 105), which has begun a study of *God in the Streets of Gotham*. This book delves deep into the psyche of classic comic book character - Batman - examining his motivations, strengths and weaknesses. What do God and the Caped Crusader have in common? While Batman is a secular superhero patrolling the fictional streets of Gotham City, the Batman is one whose story creates multiple opportunities for believers to talk about the



redemptive spiritual truths of Christianity. While the book touches on Batman’s many incarnations over the last 70 years in print, on television, and cinema for the enjoyment of fans everywhere, it primarily focuses on Christopher Nolan’s two wildly popular and critically acclaimed movies - movies that not only introduced a new generation to a darker Batman, but are also loaded with spiritual meaning and redemptive metaphors. All are welcome to join us to discuss drawing these spiritual lessons from everyone’s favorite vigilante.

JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 9 AM FOR YOUR CHOICE OF STUDY!!!

Thanks,
Marcia Troup, Team leader
Denise Tuholski and Sally Whitmer

How to Stock Your Pantry during COVID -19

article from DaveRamsey.com



We’ve learned a lot from the year 2020: how fast germs can spread, how many pounds you put on when working from your bed in your fluffy robe, *and* how you can’t rely on the grocery store to always have their shelves stocked. Yep, last year has been one for the books. But pandemic or not, it’s always a good idea to have a little extra food on hand and know how to stock your pantry *just in case*.

If you’re thinking of stocking up on food and other items in case of another big COVID-19 wave this winter, you’re not alone. About 57% of shoppers are planning to stock up again. Why? Well, we learned a thing or two last time. No one wants to be caught off guard with nothing left in the pantry or sink cabinet (remember the whole toilet paper situation?). We’ve all figured out what items we *truly* can’t live without, and now that we know, we can’t go back.

Stock Up the Pantry, but Don’t Go Overboard

All right, let’s just say this right out of the gate—you don’t need to fill your entire cart with 15 bags of beans, 20 bottles of ketchup and enough toilet paper to TP your entire neighborhood. When you go that extreme with stocking up, shelves go bare and there’s nothing left for the rest of us. Oh, and that’s what creates a “run” on specific products too. Aka when everyone rushes to the store to buy up all the toilet paper. So be prepared, but keep your cool. Don’t fall into the extreme stocking up frenzy.

And grocery stores have learned a thing or two about how people go crazy with stocking up too. They won’t be caught by surprise this time either. They’ve learned their lesson from the first wave of COVID-19 lockdowns and are starting to limit how many cleaning products, paper products, toiletries and meat you can buy at a time.

Items to Stock in Your Pantry

- Beans and legumes
- Rice and grains
- Peanut butter
- Jelly and preserves
- Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Nuts
- Cereal
- Powdered milk
- Nondairy milk (almond, oat, etc.)
- Sugar
- Yeast
- Crackers
- Canned soups
- Flour
- Popcorn
- Rolled oats
- Garlic
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Pasta
- Tomato paste
- Rice cakes
- Dried fruit
- Condiments
- Spices
- Coffee and tea

How to Stock a Pantry on a Budget

Set a budget.

Stocking up your pantry? Yep, you need to add it to your budget. If you know you want to stock up on dry goods the next time you hit the grocery store, then figure out how much you want to spend on that. Maybe that means you up your food budget by \$50 for the month or maybe you’re adding a line item just for Costco—whatever you do, just make sure you budget *first*, not after.

Make a list.

All right, we gave you a list of things that are great pantry staples, but that *definitely* doesn’t mean you have to buy everything on that list. Don’t go overboard! Pick and choose food items that actually make sense for your family to buy. Then, make a list and stick to it—just like you would with your regular grocery shopping.

Pick staple items you can use for meal prep.

When you’re trying to figure out how to stock your pantry, remember to go in with a game plan. What kinds of meals could you make with these pantry items on your list? That will help keep your pantry packing focused and help keep the random stuff out. If things were really bad, could you just crack open a can of beans? Of course. Still, let’s assume that’s not the case and stock that pantry full of things you can actually use to make full-on easy pantry meals. Also, you can totally eat a can of beans on a regular night too—no judgment.

Buy food you normally eat.

Here’s the golden rule when it comes to stocking up your pantry on a budget. Are you ready? Don’t buy things you wouldn’t use. Pandemic, natural disaster, pigs falling from the sky, or whatever emergency you’re trying to get ahead of—just buy the stuff you know you’ll eat anyway. That way, when it’s all said and done, you won’t be stuck with 20 cans of tuna when you never touch the stuff. If you didn’t catch it the first time, we’ll say it again—only stock up on food that you *actually* eat. Your budget and stomach will thank you.

Steer clear of junk food.

Maybe you’re sure your kids (or you!) couldn’t make it two weeks without animal crackers. We get it. Just be sure you’re not stocking up your pantry with every cookie that Pepperidge Farm and the Keebler Elves ever made.

Look for sales and use coupons.

This is how to stock your pantry 101 right here. Deals are everywhere! Keep your eyes peeled for buy one, get one free and 50 cents off a can types of sales. They happen all the time, you just have to be on the lookout for them. When they do go on sale, that's the time to stock up. And let's not forget about a little thing called coupons—you got to love them. They come in handy for everything and can even help you save when you're stocking up your pantry.

Buy in bulk.

You've got to be careful with buying in bulk because if you're not, you'll end up busting your budget pretty dang fast. So, do a little price comparison. If you know you're going to stock your pantry with 12 cans of black beans, price out what each can would cost you at a grocery store versus a bulk store.

Let's say you do some price checks and find out you can pick up a 25-pound bag of long-grain rice for about nine bucks at Sam's Club. Sounds like a good deal, right? But just to be sure, you check over at Kroger. Twenty-five pounds of rice there would set you back about \$15. That's almost double! Good thing you crunched the numbers before you spent any money. It pays to do your research and compare prices before you head out the door to shop—so follow through with it (you'll be glad you did).

Buy generic.

Brand-name Bush's black beans are about \$1 at Kroger. But the generic Kroger brand costs a little less at 79 cents a can. Now, a 21-cent difference might not seem like a huge deal, but if you're buying 12 cans of beans, that adds up—to \$2.52 to be exact. Multiply that savings by all the different things you're stocking your pantry with and buying generic can save you a ton of money.

Do a pantry audit.

A what? A pantry audit, folks. It's not as weird as it sounds. Once or twice a year, dig through your pantry and read labels, check expiration dates, and see how long you've had the stuff. This is also a great way to know what you really have on hand and what you've run out of. Plus, it will save you from buying repeats of things you already have, which all adds up to more savings for you (score!).

You Don't Need a Pandemic to Keep Your Pantry Stocked

Here's the deal. You might be feeling a lot of pressure to go out there and stock up your pantry, but really, you should always have some staples on hand. It's never a great idea to have absolutely zilch in your cabinets, so keep some food on the shelves—pandemic or no pandemic.

And making that little bit of effort doesn't have to totally blow your budget either. Up the grocery line by a few bucks and just grab a couple extra canned goods each time you shop. That way, you don't have to do a massive overhaul to keep your pantry stocked up on essentials. And the next time people start gearing up to raid the shelves, you won't have to be one of them.

SHOCKED IN HEAVEN

author unknown

**I was shocked, confused, bewildered
as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
nor the lights or its decor.**

**But it was the folks in Heaven
who made me sputter and gasp—
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,
the alcoholics and the trash.**

**There stood the kid from seventh grade
who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
who never said anything nice.**

**Herb, who I always thought
was rotting away in hell,
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
looking incredibly well.**

**I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.**

**"And why's everyone so quiet,
so somber – give me a clue."
"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you."**

February Library Suggestions

Last September, I gave you a list of classifications of books other than non-fiction (20) and fiction (21) that are located on the right side of the library upon entering. Since Pat and I have worked more in the library, we have found more of them. Below you will find a total list, some of which we are not sure what to call them! I am putting our guesses in parentheses. Don't forget about the class/small group study sample books on the far wall by the window in the upper two shelves.

- 3 – (Life history of Jesus)
- 4 – Prophecy
- 5 & 6 – Books of the Bible
- 7 – Holy Spirit
- 8 – Sermons
- 10 – Prayers
- 12 – Poetry
- 13 – Different religions/Missions
- 14 – Church of the Brethren
- 15 – Evangelism
- 16 – Christmas
- 17 – Marriage (stories of faith)
- 18 – (Women in the Bible)
- 19 – Family
- 20 – Study guides, Non-fiction
- 21 – Fiction
- 22 – Research
- 23 – Recreation



- 24 – (Stories of leaders)
- CR – Crafts
- HE – Health
- REF – (Reference)
- TE – Teen
- GS – General studies/educational books
- LF – Children's books

Does anyone know why the letters LF are used for children's books? We don't know the origin of these classifications. We have been putting most into 20 and 21.

Every book should have the classification with the first couple letters of the author's last name on the spine of the book. Enjoy our library!

Marcia Troup
Pat Gordy

Everence

Everyday Stewardship

I have read the fall issue of Everyday Stewardship and want to recommend some articles of interest. Did you know that Everence is celebrating their 75th anniversary? Page 4 tells about the new book written about their history – Where the People Go. Be sure to read about the difference between Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Supplement plans on page 7, Consumer debt in the current economy on page 9, and many more interesting items. I am placing this magazine on the table by the library for you to read. The note on it says,

"Take, Read, Return." I encourage you to do just that!

Submitted by **Marcia Troup**, Stewardship Advocate

Getting to Know You!



Jason Hipsher
October 8, 1976
44 Years Old

Do you have any pets?
Yes, 1 cat

Do you have any children or siblings?
I have two sisters.

Do you have any special/favorite hobbies or activities?
Painting

Are you married? For how long? Where did you meet or where did you get married?
No.

Do you have a favorite genre/type of music?
rock and roll

What is one achievement you are proud of?
I can run fast.

What is something you can't get right, no matter how many times you try?
spelling

Where do you work now or what jobs have you had in the past?
I worked at Flexco with my dad.

What takes up too much of your time?
sleeping

What is something you wish you knew more about?
Everything.

Where is the last place you traveled to?
Florida

What is something small that makes your day better?
If I get to draw

List some interesting facts about yourself:
*1. I can draw and paint.
2. I can play the guitar.*

What do you like to do with your hands?
Draw

Can you share something about your current faith journey, how you came to Christ, or a special moment where you saw God working in your life?
When I got hit by lightning.

District News Notes

Several District Executives in the Church of the Brethren, including Northern Indiana DE Torin Eikler, have been used in a phishing scam through email addresses that look similar to the ones they normally use. As with any emails, do not respond to emails that come from an unknown address. Another clue is that there is often misspelling in phishing emails.

Camp Mack is excited to announce that they are offering "In Search of Joy", a spiritual retreat during the first weekend in February. This special event is a new program for the camp, providing Bible study and spiritual experiences for adults in our churches. Please share this opportunity and the attached brochure with your congregations and any others you feel might be called to attend. Because of the pandemic, attendance is very limited. Safety protocols will be in place. If you have any questions, please contact Gene Hollenberg at gene@campmack.org or call at 574-658-4831.

The District Women's Retreat that was postponed until April 24, 2021 has now been cancelled. The women at Lincolnshire feel that with the pandemic and their members being older, they would not be able to manage. Monies sent to Lincolnshire are being returned to churches and individuals. Contact Cheryl Thomas if you have any questions, 260-316-3114. Is there a church that would want to pick up the reigns and host a District Women's Retreat in the future?

Meeting for worship: Some congregations have returned to in-person meetings. Some congregations have developed an approach that gives people the option of worshipping in person or worshipping remotely. Other congregations continue to refrain from meeting in person and have developed helpful ways to connect remotely. Please check with your congregation as situations are changing daily.

An anonymous gift has been received by Haiti Medical Project to support the new latrine project established in 2020. The donor offers \$25,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching gifts from other donors. Send matching gifts to Haiti Medical Project, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.



February's Worship Service Ministry Volunteers



Children's Life Application Class Teacher Schedule
Elementary (K-5th grade) - Denise Tuholski

Attendance Schedule - Sally Whitmer
Life Application Class Nursery Schedule - N/A at this time

Prelude

2/7 Scott
2/14 Jeff
2/21 Donna
2/28 Cindy C.

Projector

2/7 Cheryl H.
2/14 Cindy C.
2/21 Cindy C.
2/28 Cheryl H.

Sound

2/7 Darrel
2/14 Ron W.
2/21 Ron H.
2/28 Darrel

Chorister

2/7 Steve
2/14 Steve
2/21 Marcia
2/28 Steve

Praise Team

2/7 Steve, Tammy, Ron H.
2/14 Marcia, Tammy, Ron H.
2/21 Steve & Marcia
2/28 Ron H. Marcia, Jeff

Praise Prayer

2/7 Steve
2/14 Tammy
2/21 Marcia
2/28 Jeff

Worship Leader

2/7 Steve
2/14 Jeff
2/21 Fred
2/28 Tammy

Greeters Door A

2/7 Jeff
2/14 Denise
2/21 Cheryl F.
2/28 Jenn

Greeters Door B

2/7 Marcia
2/14 Sally
2/21 Jenn
2/28 Jeff

Welcome Center

2/7 Denise
2/14 Sally
2/21 Jenn
2/28 Jeff

Stewardship

2/7 Ron & Donna - Tammy
2/14 Ron & Donna - Tammy
2/21 Steve & Cheryl - Cindy C.
2/28 Steve & Cheryl - Mike

Bible Fun Day

2/7 Jeff
2/14 Denise
2/21 Tammy
2/28 -

***NO Nursery services available at this time**



2021		Mission of the Month: RETA (Reason Enough to Act)						
Sunday	Munday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
31 6pm Prayer Meeting Bob Kenuga	08 Joel Victor	09 Danielle Sheldon 	10 Brenda Bennett 6-7pm Paper & Hygiene Products Pantry Open	11 Shawn Hipsher	12 Carissa Hipsher	13 Clara Hipsher 6:30pm Agape BINGO	06 Clara Hipsher	
14 Leadership Team Meeting after worship 6pm Prayer Meeting Linda Gingerich	15 Sue Ann Miller 	16 Peggy Miller	17 Jenn Adams	18 Ron Whittaker	19 Cindy Whittaker	20 Virgil Gingerich	27 Mark Messick	
21 6pm Prayer Meeting Brent Freel	22 Darrel Hipsher	23 Cheryl Hipsher	24 Jason Hipsher	25 Jeff Tuholski	26 Denise Tuholski	27 7pm Movie Night - Saved By Grace Barb Hipsher	28 James Scott	
Watch for COVID updates on In-Person meetings Stay safe, and pray for us all. The Lord is with you! Look for our virtual church video uploads: Church Check-In: Mondays Midweek Meditation: Thursdays								

CAMP MACK



Follow Camp Mack on social media to keep up with the current projects and opportunities. Thank you! Your continued support means so much to us. We are grateful that you volunteer, donate, and pray. The pandemic continues to affect camp financially. When visiting Camp Mack, please wear a mask for our employees' and guests' safety, use the sanitizer at the entrances to the Welcome Center, and maintain a safe distance from others.

Keep your eye out or call camp for information on Camp's take and bake meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Order by the Sunday prior at 5 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP:
Rent space at camp: You, your family, your friends, your church family, and your acquaintances can rent space at Camp Mack! Consider bringing your family for a weekend at camp or hosting a small event. Please contact the camp office either by phone or by email.

- Upcoming Events:**
- February 5-7 "In Search of Joy" new spiritual retreat—a weekend filled with Bible study, outdoor activities, camp programming, reflection, active sharing, worship, and prayer, all in a safe space. Come be refreshed and renewed, ready to find joy once again.
 - February 7 Eagle Watch: Travel to Mississinewa to view migrating bald eagles and end your day at the roost.
 - February 13 Snow Camp—9a-4p: a day program for 6th-10th graders. Enjoy a day with friends at camp. Play outdoors, reverse tie-dye a mask, sip and paint, warm up around the campfire, and much more. \$35, lunch and snacks included.
 - February 14 Monthly Virtual Campfire
 - February 18-21 February Quilt Retreat
 - February 25-28 Scrapbooking Retreat
 - February 27 Get-A-Way Days: knitting & crocheting, scrapbooking, and board games
 - March 6 Volunteer Celebration

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for sustainability and opportunity for camp. We still face difficulty. We continue to pray for you and the health of this world.

JUST FOR FUN Answers:

- leg
- leaf
- bucket
- slack
- together
- hay
- horse's
- guns
- blue moon
- couldn't
- fly
- wolf
- shoot
- pink
- teeth
- crocodile
- choir
- cats and dogs
- chips
- buck

