

Latrobe Alliance Church

November 2012

Listing of Ministries

SUNDAY

Intercessory Prayer	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am

Adult Discovery Group	6:00 pm
Kids Club	6:00 pm
Wired/Grounded (Youth Groups)	6:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery (through age 3)
Pre-K to grade 2
Grade 3-5
Youth, Grades 6-12
Young Adult
Adult

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
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Our Mission:

*To bring honor to God by helping people everywhere.

*To learn to trust and obey Jesus.

Our Priorities

- *Exalting God's Name
- *Exploring God's Word
- *Encouraging God's People
- *Exhibiting God's Character
- *Expanding God's Kingdom



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A Busy November (with a welcome pause to give thanks)

Sitting here at my desk a week before "Trunk or Treat", it's hard to comprehend how that event begins a schedule that doesn't really stop until Christmas Day. Let's look at it: one week after Trunk or Treat, it's Ministry Workout. Then the most important Presidential Election in recent history, followed by the Youth Super Bowl, Veterans Day, the community Thanksgiving Service, our own Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service and Thanksgiving. And that's just November – I'll save December's schedule for the next edition of the newsletter. But I want to take a minute to comment on the last major event in November.

Thanksgiving: the day of the year when the entire country pauses to give thanks. Presidential Proclamations are worded in such a way as to direct our thanks to the Almighty. God had brought the original settlers safely here and provided for them and protected them. He has blessed this country with a bounty unheard of in recorded history. He has protected us from foreign empires and even attacks on our own soil. President Obama, in his 2011 Proclamation, directed the nation to give thanks to each other and to God.

If we acknowledge that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17), and that "our God will meet all our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19), then our thanks will be from the heart. God will be the object of our thanks. Our thankfulness will encompass the riches of our families and friends, our priceless salvation in Christ, our health, and so many other intangibles that all work together to make our life the wonderful life that it is.

This Thanksgiving, take time to join with others – in your families, at church, in the community – to give thanks to the One Who really deserves our undying gratitude. It allows us a breather between the busy schedules of November and December. It's also a great way to get ready to give thanks for the greatest gift of all – God's Son becoming a man to be our Savior.

Pastor Tim



Dec. 2	Church Christmas Party (tentative)
Dec. 16	Christmas Pageant & Open House
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service

Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech / Computer	A-V Tech / Sound	Ushers
11/4	Luke	Doug	Mike B./Sean A./Joe L.
11/11	Angie	Dave G.	Dave G./Patrick R./Sean R.
11/18	Sean R.	Kevin	Ed S./Luke S./Josh C.
11/25	Eric	Doug	Sherman H./Dustin H./Dylan H.

Safe Place

	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW
11/4	The Onuskos	The McCrackens
11/11	The Youngs	Judy Miller
11/18	The Grumbines	Pat Houpt
11/25	Darlene H.	The Halls



Nursery Attendants



	Nursery/SS	Nursery/MW	Food Fellowship
11/4	Donna	Christy H./Madison B.	Semelsberger
11/11	Cheri	Julie L./Luke	Shrivers
11/18	Pat	Cherry L./Abby P.	Donna & Abby
11/25	Wendy	Lisa P./Noah	Houpts



Children's Church is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for ages 4 through 8. Children will be called to the back of the church during Morning Worship.

Monday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Friday	by appointment



John Hanko
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NewsLetter DEADLINE

Nov. 18th

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- 3 – Lisa Pohland
- 5 – Noah Shriver
- 7 – Peyton Chismar
- 14 – Julie Lukon
- 15 – Denny Brantner
- 21 – Frank Krakosh
- 25 – Kevin Poole
- 28 – Donna and Doug
McCracken
- 28 – Wendy and Kevin
Rounds
- 30 – Bret Pohland
- 30 – Kara Semelsberger

Governing Board

After a time of prayer, October's business was reviewed. Other topics of discussion were:

*Nursery Guidelines/Children's and Youth Ministry Volunteers Policy Last month's modifications of these were again reviewed. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to table further discussion until next month.

*Volunteer Personnel Form Discussion was tabled until next month.

*Purchase of wireless hand microphone It has been purchased and is in use.

* Youth Fundraiser Kim had an idea for a fundraiser where it's advertised and different vendors, such as Avon, Tupperware etc., gather in a place such as the Legion and give part of their sales to the Youth Group.

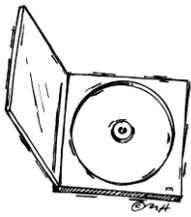
The next meeting is scheduled for **November 20th, 2012.**

Church Humor

A grandmother read to her grandson how the man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and turned to salt. The grandson asked, "What happened to the flea?"



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CD's Now Available

Latrobe Alliance Church is now offering CD recordings of our services. You can order individual CD's of services you have missed or you can subscribe to weekly CD's. There is no charge for this service. For further information, see Eric McCracken.



Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY on November 4th



Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service on **Nov. 21st** at 7:00 pm.



Musings on Christmas Past and Pageants

Have you noticed the stores? It's not even Halloween yet and they have their Christmas stuff out ready for sale. I can hear you now: "Couldn't they wait at least until closer to Thanksgiving?" I know, because I've said it too. However, I'm just as much at fault as the stores.

When I was teaching music in the public and Christian schools, we would have Christmas music playing in our home as early as August. Because I saw my groups only once per week, we started work on our Christmas concerts early in September. I had to have

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We had a successful and inspiring Missions Weekend this past September, when Christine Queer Doren visited with us and shared about her recent work in Macedonia. Each of the events was well-attended. Twenty women at the Friendship Breakfast learned how to make a perfect omelet from Chef Mark Henry and heard Christine's talk on "The Paradox of the Egg." Hearts were touched as we learned that while we can't put our cracked lives back together ourselves, God can completely restore us...so that He can "crack" us again and use us in a good way. Our Sunday school hour had 25 participants, and Christine shared much about Macedonia's historical, cultural and spiritual heritage. We also heard about Macedonians she has met whose lives have been touched by Christ. She shared more of the same during the worship service and at the Taco Dinner- where 45 of us made our own tacos and were served by the Youth Group.

The Faith Promise pledges during the weekend totaled \$2900. In the coming months, look for Missions Moments videos during our worship service, which will feature different places and people where the international ministry of the CMA is at work. We also look forward to sharing about specific international workers from Western Pennsylvania each month, in the pages of this newsletter.



Requests for Bids Are Going Out; Lending Institutions Being Contacted

The building committee has been forwarding to Chet, our architect, suggestions of contractors for site preparation and general contracting that we have been receiving from the church family. Chet is sending out the plans to these contractors to obtain their bids. At the same time we are in the midst of contacting numerous banks and lending institutions. So there is a lot of activity going on. We thank everyone for giving your pledged support to the building fund. By the way, in case you have wondered why the building fund may not appear to be growing, it is because of the expenses we have had to pay for the surveys, our architect and the various fees for the approval process for the site plan and water runoff plan. These expenses have come to around \$13,000. When these expenses are factored in, the building fund is truly being blessed by God through his people. Please continue to pray for the selection of the right contractors and lending institution, for additional funds to minimize loan amounts, and for the Lord's guidance and direct involvement. If you do have suggestions of contractors, there is still time to inform the committee of your suggestion. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

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the music picked out, purchased and ready to rehearse almost before school started if it was going to be ready in time.

Lately it's been like that here at the church: finding skits for the Pageant as well as the Christmas party, finding groups and people to participate, scheduling practices, memorizing lines, and so it goes. There was lots to do but very little time in which to do it.

This brings me to the Christmas Pageant 2012. This year we are returning to the original concept of the pageant, which was: our people doing what they want to do to celebrate the Birth of Christ. We all have talents and need an outlet in which to use them. Wouldn't you like to surprise us by sharing a talent with us that no one knows about but you?

So here's the deal: if you would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, please let me know in November. **The Pageant will be held on December 16 at 6:00** with an Open House at the Parsonage to follow. I have books of skits and readings available for your use. Any musical performance is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to this year's Pageant. Together we can make this a very memorable celebration of the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Spaghetti Dinner

The youth-served monthly Spaghetti dinner for this month will be held on

Nov. 12th

Monetary donations are being accepted to buy food in bulk so that it is consistent from one dinner to the next. You can place these donations in an offering envelope and mark it "Youth Spaghetti Dinner". We are also accepting donations of desserts. There will be a sign-up for desserts on the bulletin board in the entryway prior to each dinner. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Wendy Rounds or Donna McCracken.



Church Family News



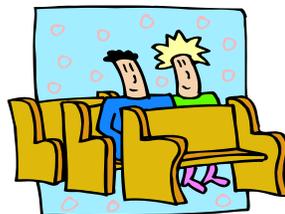
Nightenmale?

The PA Music Educators Association (PMEA) District Honors Choir festival is being hosted by GLSD on Nov. 2nd and 3rd. The actual location of the festival is at Seton Hill University's Performing Arts Center. Accepted into the PMEA District Honors Choir was GLSD senior Patrick Rounds. The Honors Choir is divided into men's and women's, with the Honors Men's Choir working with guest conductor Dr. Stephen Barr from Slippery Rock University. Congratulations, Patrick!



Fiercesome Foursome

Congratulations to Caryl Pohland who, along with her teammates Barb VanKirk, Pam Policastro and Judy Vittone, won the Women's Golf Association Fall Classic event at Latrobe Country Club! She was also listed for her skill for being closest to Pin No. 2. Nice job, Caryl.



Out of our Pews And Into the News

Janet Smith was caught by the *Trib* for their "Question of the Week" on Sept. 26th and confessed to using Aldi's brands to save money when grocery shopping. They took a very nice picture of her too. Way to go, Janet!.



Dave Grumbine,
Webmaster



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