

*Latrobe Alliance Church*

*November 2014*

**Listing of Ministries**

**SUNDAY**

Worship Team Practice 8:30 am  
 Prayer Preparation 9:10 am  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

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

**Family Night 6:00 pm**

Kids Club  
 Wired/Grounded (Youth Groups)  
 Adult Bible Discovery  
 Ladies' Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY**

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

*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



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**Why Say "Thanks"?**

"We have so much to be thankful for."

Have you heard someone say that recently? Why do you think they said it? Did they just get a raise, or maybe a larger than expected income tax refund, or maybe an unexpected bonus? It seems to me that we hear that phrase most often in connection with some financial gain.

Then there is the other frequent use of the phrase – in connection with our health. Usually we hear it in conjunction with just having avoided a medical setback or emergency. I remember when I was driving and thought I was having a heart attack, the chest pain was so intense. I was truly thankful it was only a severe case of acid reflux. We also use that phrase when we are face-to-face with the failing health of another, often a loved one. Then our own health and mortality are front and center in our thoughts.

As we continue through our study on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity on Sunday mornings, we are beginning to realize what God is doing in our lives each and every day for which we should be truly thankful. It's so much more than how much money or material things we have. Our very existence in itself is miraculous, held in delicate balance by His omnipotent hand. Yes, there are those days when we would trade in our earthly existence for eternity in a heartbeat. Even then, we can be thankful that He determines when that heartbeat occurs and not us. The peace and the joy of our salvation, the confidence we have in Christ, the promise of eternal life and the opportunity to impact lives for eternity are all gifts we have received when we accepted Christ as our Savior.

When we consider these benefits of being a believer in Jesus Christ and all that He does for us, we begin to see that Thanksgiving is not a one-day observance of a national holiday. Thanksgiving is really the lifestyle of the Christian lived day in and day out with our mind's eye set firmly on our Savior and His goodness to His children. We call it "The Attitude of Gratitude!"

By the way, thanksgiving is contagious. Be sure to spread some this week. I love celebrations that last all year, don't you?

*Pastor Tim*



Dec. 7 Christmas Party  
 Dec. 14 Christmas Pageant & Parsonage Open House  
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service

# Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech / Sound	A-V Tech / Computer	Ushers
11/2	Lee S.	Matt L.	Dave G./Sean R./Josh C.
11/9	Dave G.	Sean R.	Sherman H./Ed S./Hans S.
11/16	Doug Mc.	Matt L.	Denny B./Chris H./Tom M.
11/23	Kevin R.	Sean R.	Bob L./Matt L./Ben H.
11/30	Dave G.	Matt L.	Lee S./Austin S./Vincent S.

## Safe Place



	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW	Deaconess Greeter	Food Fellowship
11/2	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Pat H.	Houpts
11/9	Darlene H.	The Halls	Karen S.	Sagans
11/16	Judy M.	The Onuskos	Judy M.	Kuhns
11/23	The Youngs	Pat H.	Pat H.	Halls
11/30	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Karen S.	Lukons



Nursery Attendants



Children's Church Volunteers

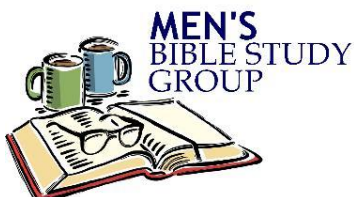
	Nursery/SS Lead	Nursery/SS Helper	Nursery/MW Lead	Nursery/MW Helper	Children's Church
11/2	Donna Mc.	Wendy R.	Lisa P.	Chloe P.	Darlene & Christy H.
11/9	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Christy H.	Abby Mc.	Cherry L.
11/16	Joyce O.	Kim M.	Courtney O.	Mya S.	Lee & Kelly S.
11/23	Wendy R.	Joyce O.	Cherry L.	Michaela M.	Lisa P.
11/30	Donna Mc.	Wendy R.	Lisa P.	Abby P.	Karen S.



Children's Church will be meeting every Sunday morning for children age 4 through those who are entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.



*We have a quiet area for Nursing Mothers in the ladies' restroom.*



Tom Milford is the facilitator for this ministry which meets every other Saturday morning at 7:30 am here at the church. The current study material is the book called *Locking Arms* by Stu Weber.

# NewsLetter DEADLINE

For Dec/Jan edition is:

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

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- 3 – Lisa Pohland
- 7 – Peyton Chismar
- 10 – Zoella Kuhns
- 11 – Jim Gibson
- 13 – Tom Milford
- 14 – Julie Lukon
- 15 – Denny Brantner
- 19 – Michaela Milford
- 21 – Frank Krakosh
- 25 – Kevin Poole
- 28 – Donna and Doug  
McCracken
- 28 – Wendy and Kevin  
Rounds
- 30 – Bret Pohland
- 30 – Kara Semelsberger



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## Governing Board

After a time of prayer, September's business was reviewed. Other business discussed was:

\*2014 C&MA Christian Community Mission Policy The paragraph regarding LAC employees' health care benefit plans covering prescription drugs that induce abortions was revisited per advice from District Office. *Pastor Tim wants to see if Medicare covers such drugs and report back at the next board meeting.*

\*Driveway Dave Grumbine looked at the driveway and thinks he has a solution. Also, Pastor will be talking with Unity Township Supervisor Mike O'Barto to see if they can offer a solution.

\*Report from Ugandan Kids' Choir An "active" performance by 10 kids. The offering was over \$1,400.

\*Meals-on-Wheels Coordinator No one has shown interest, so we will not be participating.

\*Changing Table for Men's Restroom is still needed. Kevin S. found one on the Ikea website for only \$79 as opposed to ones Pastor has been finding for \$160-\$180. Trustees will be asked to check into it again.

\*Selection of Budget Committee George asked that this committee hold on meeting until a new treasurer has been nominated and include that person in the process. The Committee will consist of George, Cherry, Kevin R., Pastor and the new treasurer.

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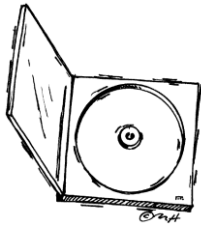
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\*Additional Red Cross Blood Drives People like coming here to give blood. Our location? Our people? *David asked that we pray about having several more blood drives here during the year.*

\*Sub Sale for Kelsey Burger Mike Burger's 27 year-old niece is a Christian and has many medical problems. She also has many medical bills. Kevin S. asked what we thought about doing a sub sale for them. George said we could ask Courtney about some of the details. Kevin will ask Mike and Val to head the sale and church members to volunteer their help. *The board approved this idea.*



*Eve Communion Service,  
Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 pm*



## 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 Pastor Tim or call the church office.



“God promises a safe landing not a calm passage.”



**To put a request on the Latrobe Alliance Prayer Chain, please call Bret or Lisa Pohland at (724) 532-2210**



For most of us Veterans Day just means a chance to enjoy an extra day off from school or work. However this November 11th, be sure to spend a few minutes on its true purpose, by acknowledging the men and women who have served in our armed forces. These include the members of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and the Coast Guard.

Originally dubbed *Armistice Day*, the holiday was first celebrated in 1938 to honor the soldiers that served in World War I. November 11th was picked as the date because the war ended at 11 am on 11.11.1918. In 1954, after the US had been involved in two additional wars - World War II and the Korean War, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day, to honor the brave soldiers that had fought in all three wars.

People often believe that *Memorial Day* and *Veterans Day* are celebrated for the same reason. There is however a subtle but important difference between the two. While both honor our military personnel, the former is a day to remember and pay respect to all the men and women that *died* serving our country in a war, while Veterans Day is to celebrate the soldiers who are still alive and served in the forces at anytime, during peace or war.

Though several other countries celebrate this day in honor of their own veterans, the significance is slightly different for each one. Some like the United Kingdom, celebrate it in honor of all soldiers - *living or dead*, while others like Canada celebrate it to honor all living veterans. They also call it different names. France and New Zealand still call it *Armistice Day*. In the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada it is referred to as *Remembrance Day*, while Malta and South Africa celebrate it as *Poppy Day*.

No matter what it is called, the reason for observing the day is the same - To show our gratitude to the brave men and women who sacrifice everything to make this world a safer place for the rest of us.

-DOGO News



Come ye thankful  
People come...



# Christmas Pageant



The Annual Christmas Pageant is fast approaching. It will be held on Sunday night, **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. We encourage individuals and groups to prepare something musical or dramatic or meditative that will help us to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to be a part of this year's pageant, please see Pastor Tim.



## Benefit Sub Sale

The church will be sponsoring a sub sale on **Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** in support of Kelsey Burger, niece of Mike Burger. Kelsey is 27 years old with medical issues which have incurred many medical bills. Our governing board approved doing a sub sale to raise money toward these medical bills.

Mike Burger, along with his brother Jim, Kelsey's dad, is organizing the sub sale with help from some of our church members. Anyone who would like to help out with the sub sale, please see Kevin Smith.

# Great Commission Comer

A few women attended the Greensburg area Fall Rally, which was held on October 25 at Murrysville Alliance Church.

Thanks for your continued donations to the Mahaffey Grove event for International Workers.

Look for an announcement about our Special Project coming soon.



## Mahaffey Grove Donations

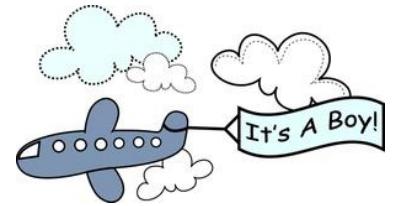
For November, we are collecting First aid items: band aids, Neosporin, Tylenol, ibuprofen, and anything similar that might be helpful.



**Nov. 1st @  
2:00 am**



## Church Family News



## Boy, oh Boy!!

Congratulations to parents Tricia and David, big brother Ben and grandma Pat Houpt on the birth of their baby boy Lucas Garysson Houpt on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. He weighed in at 8.1 lbs and was 20" long.

## **U.S. Alliance to Temporarily Withdraw Workers from Guinea**

Colorado Springs, Colo. — After much prayerful deliberation, leaders of the U.S. Christian and Missionary Alliance (The Alliance) made the difficult decision to temporarily withdraw all personnel from Guinea, West Africa, for several months to better assess long-term implications regarding staff location and ministry. This decision was reached based on the following realities regarding the rapid spread of the Ebola virus:

- Frequent contact with citizens in Conakry, where the majority of Alliance workers in Guinea serve, continues to place these workers at an elevated the risk of exposure to the contagion. Although no team members have been in direct bodily contact with known Ebola victims, the public nature of Alliance ministries in Guinea will pose a growing threat of exposure to these workers based on World Health Organization projections for the escalation of the infection rate.
- Growing concerns about the potential spread of Ebola in the United States place greater scrutiny on U.S. citizens in West Africa and their return to the United States. It is likely that our workers will face stringent contagion screening upon return.
- The Canadian government recently advised its citizens to leave Guinea based on rising level of risk of Ebola exposure in Conakry. The Canadian Alliance responded by withdrawing all personnel from the country.

“Because our values are rooted in service during such crises, it is with heavy hearts that our team is planning this move,” writes Tim Crouch, U.S. Alliance vice president for International Ministries. “We are working in earnest with the national church in Guinea to ensure that the withdrawal is executed in a way that provides for ongoing service through national channels and promising bridges for return of staff. In the meantime, however, the risks continue to grow, and we must operate in a way that minimizes the threat to our workers and serves the best interest of U.S. health and security.”

**The Alliance** in the United States comprises more than 2,000 churches, mobilized to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) by living out the fullness of Jesus Christ in personal experience and building His Church worldwide. Seven hundred U.S.-based Alliance workers serve in 70 countries.

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