

# Latrobe Alliance Church

March 2015

## 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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## How "Our Giving" Helps Our Community: Part II

*This month we continue our spotlight on ministries we support with a look at the Union Mission of Latrobe.*

*"Then they were glad because they had quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to the sons of men!" Psalm 107:30-31*

The Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc., is a Judeo-Christian based, non-profit mission, providing temporary shelter and needed services to homeless men in Westmoreland County and surrounding counties, while assisting them in their move toward self-sufficiency. The Union Mission of Latrobe was founded in 1985 by a single individual (Ed. note: Mr. Bill LaRue, father of Pat Houpt) who, in conjunction with the Latrobe Ministerium, saw the need for a short-term, residential facility for disadvantaged men, ages 18 and older. The Mission would provide housing and support for men who were experiencing economic and/or personal crises in their lives.

The men who arrive at the Mission are looking for temporary shelter and support. They are referred through a variety of local agencies. Some men come on the recommendation of a friend. The Mission provides them with a maximum stay of sixty days. The Union Mission offers these benefits and services without regard to race, color, handicap, religion, or national origin.

The Union Mission provides for the overall treatment needs of each resident through a structured, daily program which focuses on four distinct areas: employment, education, behavior modification, and counseling. Applicants to the Mission program go through an extensive initial interview and intake process. Each person's specific needs are determined and personal goals are established with the Resident Manager's assistance. A timetable for completion of these goals is negotiated between the client and the Resident Manager. Periodic reviews are held with the client to evaluate his progress. Goals may be re-evaluated and changed as appropriate during these reviews. Professional counseling is available to all residents. Any resident who has a history of

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April 2 Maundy Thursday Communion, 7:00  
April 3 Community Good Friday Service, 12 Noon  
Latrobe United Methodist Church  
Apr. 5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at  
Legion Keener Park, 6:30 am  
Apr 11 Red Cross Blood Drive, 8AM to 1:30 PM

# Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech / Sound	A-V Tech / Computer	Ushers
3/1	Doug Mc.	Sean R.	George O./Larry R./Sam G.
3/8	Dave G.	Matt L.	Dave G./Sean R.
3/15	Kevin R.	Sean R.	Sherman H./Ed S./Hans S.
3/22	Doug Mc.	Matt L.	Denny B./Chris H. Tom M.
3/29	Lee S.	Sean R.	Bob L./Matt L./Ben H.

## Safe Place



	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW	Deaconess Greeter	Food Fellowship
3/1	Darlene H.	The Halls	Karen S.	Rybackis
3/8	The Onuskos	Judy M.	Judy M.	Houpts
3/15	The Youngs	Pat H.	Courtney O.	Karen S.
3/22	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Joyce O.	Julie L.
3/29	Darlene H.	The Halls	Karen S.	Steffeys



Nursery Attendants



Children's Church Volunteers

	Nursery/SS Lead	Nursery/SS Helper	Nursery/MW Lead	Nursery/MW Helper	Children's Church
3/1	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Courtney O.	Mya S.	Darlene & Christy H.
3/8	Joyce O.	Kim M.	Christy H.	Abby Mc.	Karen S.
3/15	Wendy R.	Joyce O.	Lisa P.	Michaela M.	Cherry L.
3/22	Donna Mc.	Wendy R.	Cherry L.	Mya S.	Kelly & Lee S.
3/29	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Christy H.	Abby Mc.	Lisa P.



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.*

# NewsLetter DEADLINE

For April edition is:

## March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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- 3 – Darlene Hanko
- 7 – Benjamin Houpt
- 14 – Donna McCracken
- 16 – Judy Miller
- 20 – Janina Hall
- 22 – Joe and Angela Free
- 23 – Autumn Krakosh
- 24 – Morgan Krakosh
- 24 – Jesse Keffer
- 28 – Sam and Shirley Garthwaite
- 29 – Jake and Jillian Kuhns



**To put a request on the  
Latrobe Alliance Prayer  
Chain, please call  
Bret or Lisa Pohland at**

## Governing Board

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

Two fundraisers for the Tri-Ennial Life Conference for Youth were approved: a Tupperware Party in April and a Vendor Fair in July.

Pastor Tim was authorized to try again to contact the Salvation Army concerning using their facility for a recreation night.

Recommendations were given for the Trustees Meeting the Thursday after the Board Meeting.

A plan was approved to make up the shortfall in the church's contributions to the Pastor's retirement plan. This will take place over a three-year period.

Due to unforeseen issues it was decided to use only the Ceremonial foods for the "Jesus in the Passover" presentation. (ed. note: That presentation was cancelled due to the inclement weather. It has since been postponed until April. Watch this newsletter for more details.)

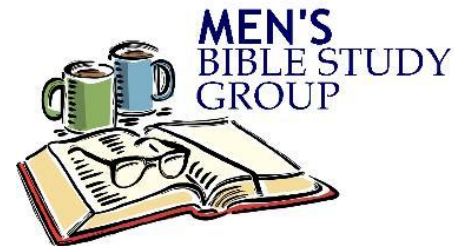


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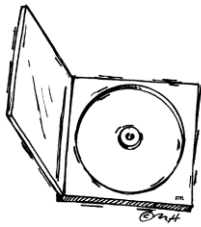
drug and/or alcohol addiction is required to become involved in area Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous programs.

The Union Mission provides each resident with a variety of experiences and guidance to assist them with their spiritual growth. Information about local church worship services and activities is made available to the residents. Each Tuesday evening, a Bible study and discussion led by students and priests from the local Catholic seminary or other community clergy persons is held on the premises.

*Pastor Tim*



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.



## CD's Now Available

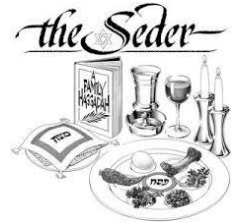
Latrobe Alliance Church is now offering CD recordings of our services. You can order individual CD's of services you have missed or you can subscribe to weekly CD's. There is no charge for this service. For further information, see Pastor Tim or call the church office.



## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is March 29<sup>th</sup>.

After the service, there will be a finger food fellowship. All are welcome to attend said deaconess Courtney Onusko.



“Jesus in the Passover”, the full Seder meal which was scheduled to be presented Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, was canceled due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled for a later date.



“If earth were too comfortable, we would have no desire for Heaven”



**March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*first day of Spring*



The GO Committee is feverishly working on a cabin fever reliever to take place sometime this month. In the meantime, you should be honing all of your skills to prepare for competition. Watch Sundays' bulletins for an announcement as to the scheduled date.



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Nursery Attendants

If anyone is interested in being a nursery worker, please see or email Kim Kantorik at [kimkantorik@verizon.net](mailto:kimkantorik@verizon.net)



## Spring Forward

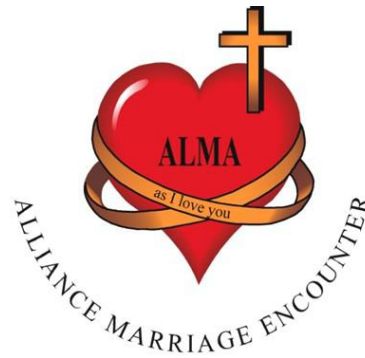
Don't forget at 2 am on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, move your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time!



## Mahaffey Grove Donations

We continue to collect items for distribution to the International Workers at Mahaffey Camp in July. For March, we are collecting kitchen supplies; kitchen towels, mitts, knit cloths, cooking utensils, etc.

Please put items in the green bin by the Information Table at the back of the Sanctuary.



## Alliance Marriage Encounter

Fayette City Alliance Church is hosting an Alliance Marriage Encounter March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown.

The Marriage Encounter is a weekend that allows a couple to focus on their marriage. It is not marriage counseling. Christian couples will share how God has worked in their marriage. But you, however, will **not** be asked to share in front of others. It is a marriage and life transforming experience.

Cost is \$100, which is to be paid at the time of registration. For more information, contact Ben & Jayne Ann Karcesky, (724) 326-4204, [karcesky1@msn.com](mailto:karcesky1@msn.com)

(ed.note: Pastor Tim has brochures and application forms for those interested in attending.)



## Church Family News

Greater Latrobe Senior High School released its honor roll for the second-quarter of the school year.

Those named were:

Grade 10, High Honor Roll, Abby N. McCracken

Grade 11, Honor Roll, Matthew R. Lukon

Great job Abby and Matt!

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 16, 2015

### **Supreme Court Brief Filed in Support of Choose-Life License Plate**

**Independence Law Center asks high court to stop censorship of “offensive” speech**

(HARRISBURG, PA) - The Independence Law Center, in conjunction with Jonathan D. Christman of Fox Rothschild LLP, filed a brief last Friday with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Children First Foundation, a pro-adoption nonprofit that has been promoting its mission through specialty “Choose Life” license plates. Some states allow groups to apply for specialty license plates, which provide revenue both to the state and to these nonprofits. While a myriad of other plates were permitted, the state of New York denied Children First Foundation’s “Choose Life” license plate after it determined that the plate was “offensive.” Litigation on behalf of Children First Foundation is ongoing in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering an almost identical issue in *Walker v. Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans*, dealing with a plate that the state of Texas found to be “offensive.” Children First Foundation is filing a friend-of-the-court brief explaining the danger in allowing government agents discretion to ban speech based on its perceived offensiveness.

“Increasingly, the average American is finding that his speech may be disfavored by the government. Even Children First Foundation was told that ‘Choose Life’ is too offensive,” said Randall Wenger, Chief Counsel of the Independence Law Center in Harrisburg. “Regardless of whether someone supports adoption or life or any other issue, all of our freedoms are in jeopardy when government can pick and choose who should be silenced based upon the content of their speech.”

“We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will uphold the right of free speech against restriction by government agents in the *Walker* case so that none of us finds himself or herself censored by the government,” said Christman.