

*Latrobe Alliance Church*

*December / January 2016*

**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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**Looking Ahead**

The end of a year gives us a chance to review what has happened in our lives. We can see where we started out the year and where we are now. We can see how the challenges we have faced have made us stronger in our faith. We can see how the joys and the successes have reminded us of God's continual presence and watch care over us through the year.

The end of a year also brings thoughts of what the coming year might bring to us as individuals in our work and in our personal lives. We also think of what the new year means to our families. (By the way, we are expecting a granddaughter on or around March 17!).

This past year we encouraged our people to be 1 Peter 3:15 disciples, to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." Our Sunday School and small groups have been giving us the training on being prepared. As a result, I have had people telling me about their spiritual discussions and how they are much more confident in defending their faith. Praise God!

I would like us to think of what the year 2016 could mean to us as a church family. Proverbs 29:18 says it this way: *Where there is no vision the people perish.* As your pastor I am charged with casting vision for our church and 2016 really has me excited. The prospect of a new building brings with it ample space to finally do the ministries we have in place with the probability of new ministries developing. Using our existing ministries more effectively and instituting new ministries gives us increased opportunities for spiritual discussions. Increased opportunities could result in seeing more people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and bringing the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ even closer.

That's exciting: Advancing God's Kingdom Together! Are you ready for 2016?

*Pastor Tim*



TBA Red Cross Blood Drive

TBA Valentine's Dinner and a Movie

# Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech / Sound	Ushers
12/6	Doug Mc.	George O./Larry R./Sam G.
12/13	Dave G.	Dave G./Sean R./Joe F.
12/20	Kevin R.	Sherman H./Ed S./Han S.
12/27	Lee S.	Jake K./Gavin K./Monty K.
1/3	Doug Mc.	Denny B./Chris H./Tom M.
1/10	Dave G.	Bob L./Ben H.
1/17	Kevin R.	Lee S./Austin S./Vincent S.
1/24	Lee S.	George O./Larry R./Sam G.
1/31	Doug Mc.	Dave G./Sean R./Joe F.

## Safe Place



	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW	Deaconess Greeter	Food Fellowship
12/6	Darlene H.	The Halls	Karen S.	Morgan
12/13	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Judy M.	Sagan
12/20	The Onuskos	Judy M.	Courtney O.	Lukon
12/27	The Youngs	Pat H.	Joyce O.	Kuhns
1/3	Darlene H.	The Halls	Karen S.	
1/10	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Judy M.	
1/17	The Onuskos	Judy M.	Courtney O.	
1/24	The Youngs	Pat H.	Joyce O.	
1/31	Darlene H.	The Halls.	Karen S.	



Nursery Attendants



Children's Church Volunteers

	Nursery/SS Lead	Nursery/SS Helper	Nursery/MW Lead	Nursery/MW Helper	Children's Church
12/6	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Angela F.	Abby Mc.	Lisa P.
12/13	Joyce O.	Kim M.	Cherry L.	Mya S.	Lee & Kelly S.
12/20	Kelly S.	Joyce O.	Lisa P.	Michaela M.	Cherry L.
12/27	Donna Mc.	Kelly S.	Courtney O.	Wendy R.	Karen S.
1/3	Wendy R.	Kim M.	Christy H.	Abby Mc.	Lisa P.
1/10	Kelly S.	Cherry L.	Tricia H.	Mya S.	Darlene H./Christy H.
1/17	Donna Mc.	Jill K.	Courtney O.	Michaela M.	Lee S./Kelly S.
1/24	Joyce O.	Angela F.	Lisa P.	Stacey P.	Tricia H.
1/31	Wendy R.	Kim M.	Christy H.	Makenzy S.	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.*

# Newsletter DEADLINE

For February edition is:

**Jan. 24th**

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## Governing Board

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

\* Nursery Handbook revisions to comply with the current laws concerning clearances.

\* An explanation of Pastor's salary, Pastor's actual salary is "salary" + "professional reimbursement".

\* Approval for Pastor's remaining 5 vacation days

The next meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 8th, 2015.**

## Candlelight Service

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve  
at 6 pm**

This is a very special time together to experience the quiet anticipation of that first Christmas Eve. Let us join together for a time of solemnity and celebration.



### December

- 8 - Allyson Steffey
- 9- Jani Rybacki
- 14 – Montgomery Kuhns
- 14 – Robert Lukon
- 29 - Hans Semelsberger
- 30 – Jaxson Gibson
- 30 – Jodi and Mark Henry
- 31 – Pastor Tim

### January

- 10 – Dustin Hall
- 11 – Cameron LeBlanc
- 12 – Chloe Pohland
- 18 – Mary and Joe LeBlanc
- 18 - Maverick Steffey
- 19 – Kevin Smith



**PRAYER CHAIN  
REQUESTS ARE NOW  
TAKEN AT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE  
724-537-8907**



### CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Church Christmas Party will be held at the church **Dec. 6th** at 6pm. It will be a covered dish dinner.

This is a wonderful time of fellowship as we usher in the Christmas season.



### Lost and Found

Check your fingers!! A lady's 24k white gold ring has been found in the sanctuary. If you are missing such a ring, please see Pastor Tim.



## Church Family News

# GINGERS RULE!

Congratulations to Kevin Patrick Rounds on being recognized as a Provost Scholar at Indiana University of Pennsylvania pursuing a B.S. in Finance.

Provost Scholar eligibility requirements are; a student must be a junior with a minimum of 45 semester hours earned with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This recognition is given only once during a student's time of study.

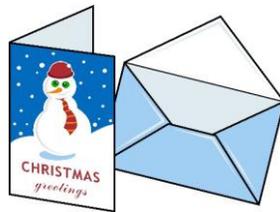


If you would like to be an usher or if you are no longer able to serve as an usher, please see Bob Lukon.



## Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, **Dec. 20th** at 6pm. We encourage individuals and groups to prepare something musical, dramatic or meditative that will help us to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Thank a Vet

Kim Kantorik will be collecting Christmas cards for inpatients at the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh. Make the day of a local veteran who is stuck in the hospital for the holidays.

As you're writing out your Christmas cards this year, make a few extras. Write a few lines to express your appreciation for what they've done for our country. Address the envelope "To any veteran" and give the card(s) to me before **Dec. 13th**.



## Breakfast in Bethlehem

Breakfast in Bethlehem will be held **Dec. 12th** from 10 am – noon for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, who are accompanied by an adult.

Guests will be served breakfast by Bethlehem townspeople followed by activities in Bethlehem Town Square, otherwise known as the church sanctuary. Children can do a craft and play games that focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

The highlight of the morning will be a living nativity. The holy family will be represented along with the animals in the stable. Children will have the chance to touch the animals, with supervision.

The event is free, but we ask that you bring an item for the Latrobe Food Bank.

Space is limited. Please call 724-875-1307 to reserve your space.



## Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Latrobe Alliance Church will be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00. Annual reports from all ministries are due by Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be printing the report on January 8 for distribution on January 10 in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

If you are a member, please make it a priority to attend this important meeting of our church's business.



We are pleased to announce the next bimonthly Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 8am – 1:30pm.

Volunteers are needed for telephoning potential donors, registering, serving in the canteen, serving as walkers AND, of course, being donors!

Sign-up sheets will be passed through the church or you may see David Houpt for further information about participating.



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## *A Prayer For the New Year*

What shall I ask for the coming year  
What shall my watchword be  
What should thou do for me, dear Lord  
What can I do for thee?

Lord, I would ask for a holy year  
Spent in thy perfect will  
Help me to walk in thy very steps  
Help me to please thee still.

Lord, I would ask for a trustful year  
Give me thy faith divine  
Taking my full inheritance  
Making thy fulness mine!

Lord, I would ask for a year of love  
O let me love thee best  
Give me the love that faileth not  
Beneath the hardest test.

Lord, I would ask for a year of prayer  
Teach me to walk with thee  
Breathe in my heart the Spirit's prayer  
Pray thou thy prayer in me!

Lord, I would ask for the dying world  
Stretch forth thy mighty hand  
Thy truth proclaim, thy power display  
This year in every land.

Lord, I would ask for a year of joy  
Thy peace, thy joy divine  
Springing undimmed through all the days  
Be thy days of shade or shine.

Lord, I ask for a year of hope  
Looking for thee to come  
And hastening on that year of years  
That brings us home to you.

Author unknown

# Advancing God's Kingdom Together



## PROJECT UPDATE November 29, 2015

Thank you for your patience. The details regarding construction are being ironed out in the next week and final adjustments will be done soon. We are closer than ever to signing the contracts with the bank and with the contractor and should do so in the near future.

Thank you for your faithful giving. Our pledges began November 1 and we have already exceeded our monthly goal of \$1,700. Praise the Lord! **Every dollar in the Building Fund now enables us to secure a loan that will fully fund the building and finish the interior as well!**

**And we now have the opportunity to make that happen.** If we can increase our Building Fund by \$26,000 between now and January 15, we can lower our loan amount to \$284,000 which will result in a monthly payment of - you guessed it - \$1,700!!

Can we raise \$26,000 by January 15<sup>th</sup>? Possibly.

Can God raise \$26,000 by January 15<sup>th</sup>? Absolutely!!

Here's what we can do:

1. Pray earnestly for the funds to come in. God answers the sincere prayers of His people.
2. Give sacrificially to the Building Fund. Every donation counts, regardless of the amount.
3. Contact family and friends to ask if they would donate toward OUR new church building.
  - a. Many people are looking for charitable contributions at the end of the tax year. We are a 501 (c) (3) and can give them a charitable donation receipt for their income tax. It's an opportunity for them and for us as well.

Let's pray and watch as God does a miracle at Latrobe Alliance Church this Christmas.