

# Latrobe Alliance Church

February 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

### 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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## Preparations

As I write this, there is a snowstorm going on outside my window. Yes, it's January. Yes, we haven't had much winter yet. Yes, it was one of the warmest Decembers on record. And so on.

But it's still snowing – and February is coming!

Funny thing about February – I like February. I like February because I like spring. You have to get through February to get to spring, even though some people call it the "Longest month of the year." It's the bleakness of February that sets up the wonder of spring.

So here's a positive way to face February, with some words of encouragement from God that just might break us out of the drudgery of winter:

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ the new creation has come. The old has gone, **the new is here!*** Let's take time to meditate on all the new that God has given each believer.

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and **have it to the full.*** Take time to consider what life to the full means for the believer.

Lamentations 3:22-23 *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His **compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.***

2 Corinthians 4:16 *Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly **we are being renewed day by day.*** Let's seek that daily renewal that comes through The Word and the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 4:13 ***I can do all this through Him** Who gives me strength.* What would you like to accomplish this year? Jesus says you can do it through Him.

So there it is for 2016: The new creation of life to the full, renewed day by day and able to do all things through Him Who gives us His strength.

So I'm ready for February – but I'm still looking forward to spring!

Blessings.

*Pastor Tim*



March 24 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
at 7:00 pm

March 27 - Easter Sunday

# Worship Assistants

|      | A-V Tech / Sound | Ushers                    |
|------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2/7  | Lee S.           | Sherman H./Ed S./Han S.   |
| 2/14 | Doug Mc.         | Jake K./Gavin K./Monty K. |
| 2/21 | Lee S.           | Denny B./Chris H./Tom M.  |
| 2/28 | Doug Mc.         | Bob L./Ben H.             |

Safe Place



|      | Safe Place/SS | Safe Place/MW  | Deaconess Greeter | Food Fellowship |
|------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2/7  | The Grumbines | The McCrackens | Judy M.           | McCracken       |
| 2/14 | The Onuskos   | Judy M.        | Joyce O.          | Houpt           |
| 2/21 | The Youngs    | Pat H.         | Cherry L.         |                 |
| 2/28 | Darlene H.    | The Halls      | Judy M.           | Semelsberger    |



Nursery Attendants



Children's Church Volunteers

|      | Nursery/SS | Nursery/SS | Nursery/MW  | Nursery/MW | Children's Church     |
|------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
|      | Lead       | Helper     | Lead        | Helper     |                       |
| 2/7  | Kelly S.   | Cherry L.  | Courtney O. | Abby Mc.   | Cherry L.             |
| 2/14 | Donna Mc.  | Jill K.    | Tricia H.   | Mya S.     | Lisa P.               |
| 2/21 | Joyce O.   | Angela F.  | Stacey P.   |            | Darlene H./Christy H. |
| 2/28 | Kelly S.   | Kim M.     | Lisa P.     | Alexis P.  | Lee S./Kelly 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 March edition is:

**FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup>**

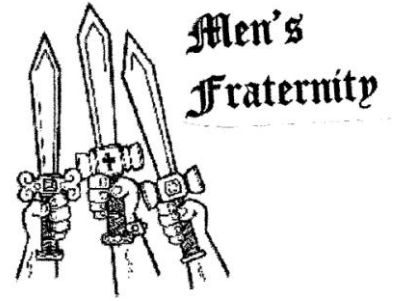
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## Governing Board

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

\* Nursery Handbook revisions to comply with the current laws concerning clearances. *Tabled until next month.*

\* Discussion of 2016 Budget. *Approval for presentation to the congregation. Congregation must approve at the Annual Congregational Meeting.*



## Men's Fraternity

Tom Milford is the facilitator for this ministry, which meets every other Saturday morning at 7:30 am here at the church.

The new study is "A Long Night's Journey into Day: The Path Away From Sin" by James Emery White.

See our monthly calendar as to which Saturdays the men meet. Rumor has it, this group has a running weekly order at Dunkin' Donuts. ☺



## FEBRUARY

- 3 – Joyce Onusko
- 4 – Christopher Hanko
- 4 – Kevin Rounds
- 9 – Matthew Onusko
- 14 – Tracy and John Miller
- 24 – Ruth Kantorik
- 26 – Frankie Krakosh
- 28 – Ty Miller

## Great Commission Women

We are happy to announce that Kim Milford has taken the position as leader of Great Commission Women.

In her new position, she will serve as a liaison between our church and the International Workers in our district. She will gather women to attend the retreats as well as the fall and spring rallies. There may also be a service project to benefit short or long term missions.

Let's all encourage Kim as she begins this new role.



**“Until you’ve given it to God, you’re still holding on to it”**



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



## **Church Family News**



### **Going to the Dogs**

Kara Semelsberger had her 11th birthday party at the Derry indoor pool on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead of receiving gifts, she asked that donations be given to the Animal Rescue League of Pittsburgh. Over 100 lbs of food was donated in addition to toys & supplies. She also collected \$71.00 in cash donations.

What a sweet, giving heart you have, Kara!



Buy now for Christmas shoeboxes:  
**Dental Hygiene Items**



### **Recognition for Years of Service**

Pat Houpt was recognized by the Derry Area Retired Employees (DARE) Scholarship Program at a luncheon in December at DiSalvo's Station Restaurant.

The DARE Scholarship Program began in 1999 and has awarded 37 college scholarships to senior Future Educator Association members. Last year three \$1,000 scholarships were given.

Pat has served as Advisor for the education intern program at Derry Area High School and was honored for 10 years of service.

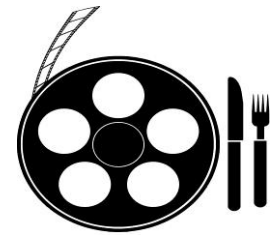


### **News from the Nursery**

If anyone would like to volunteer in the nursery and is age 12 or older, we would be happy to have you. You may serve either during Sunday school or Morning Worship.

We have a group of little ones that you will really enjoy caring for.

Please see Kim Kantorik for more information.

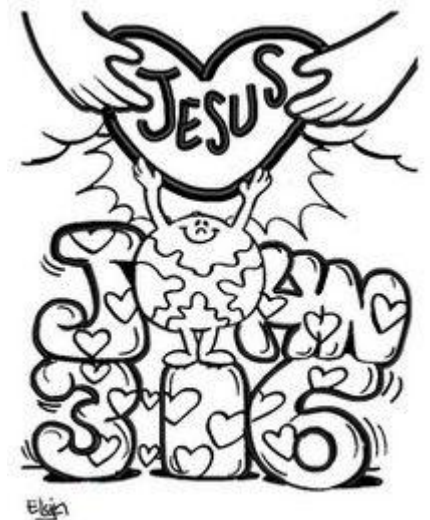


### **Valentine's Dinner and a Movie**

Do you know a couple who might need a little encouragement or maybe some special time together? Our Valentine's Dinner and a Movie outreach is a great place for that.

On **Feb. 13th** at 6:30 pm, our sanctuary will become a classy dining room, with very special touches. A catered, world class dinner will be served followed by the movie "War Room".

It is only \$5 per couple to attend. Due to limited space, registration is required. See Joyce Onusko to register.





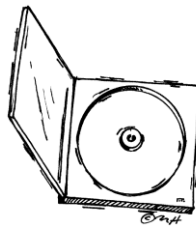
## GROUNDHOG DAY

This **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, why not make a trip to Punxsutawney to see Phil make his famous prediction for 6 more weeks of winter (you know he will, he **always** sees his shadow!)

A 1 ½ mile trek will take you to Gobbler’s knob for the main attraction events which begin at 3 am. There are also buses available to take you there. Ticket booths for buses open at 2am. Once you’ve seen the stage show, fireworks and the great prognosticator, Phil, himself, you can take advantage of other activities in town. Some of them are; chain saw carving, craft show, kid’s korner, scavenger hunt, art show and a historical hay ride and town tour, just to name a few.

There are restaurants where you can eat as well as church’s and organizations who are serving food. These can be found at the website below. You will see the 6’ tall fiberglass groundhogs that have been artfully decorated and placed around town. Be sure to stock up on your Phil souvenirs at Punxsutawney Phil’s Official Souvenir Shop, visit the Punxsutawney Weather Discovery Center, and view art at Phantastic Phil’s.

The official schedule can be found at:  
[http://www.groundhog.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/finalguide.pdf](http://www.groundhog.org/fileadmin/user_upload/finalguide.pdf)



## 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.



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## Operation Christmas Child Update

This past Christmas what fun we had packing shoeboxes full of gifts for children we didn't know or even know where they lived. Well, now we know that the churches 45 shoeboxes are on their way to the Republic of Togo, a small country in West Africa. How exciting to think that maybe the 10-14 year old boys and girls have already opened their presents AND are preparing to participate in The Greatest Journey Bible study.

Operation Christmas Child is a project we want to continue and see grow here at Latrobe C&MA. I've already started collecting items, have you? It's super easy to see our donations grow and grow.

- ✓ Check what is on clearance/end of season or holiday stuff
- ✓ Utilize coupons... Harbor Freight often has a free flashlight/tape measure with a small purchase
- ✓ Going to a career fair ... pick up some free pens, pencils...
- ✓ Does your dentist give free toothbrushes/toothpaste? Maybe they'll give you two 😊
- ✓ Set aside your spare change to help ship the boxes

The ideas are endless! If you don't want to hold onto the items or are afraid you will put them away and forget about them, GIVE YOUR STUFF TO DONNA. She has bins waiting to be filled.

**Remember, What goes into a box is FUN....What comes out is ETERNAL!**