



*"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

# *The Higher Ground*

The Parkesburg Baptist Church Newsletter

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*"Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life."*

*- Rachel Carson -*

Dear friends,

During 2019, we have been considering the idea of calling, and all of us being “ministers” (which simply means, “servants”). I thought it was appropriate in this context to share with you a letter that was read on Youth Sunday by the student speaker, Alex Lantz. The letter below was written by his mom, Lois, and describes the impact that our youth ministry, under the leadership of Amanda & Dustin King and Ryan & Megan Clarke, have had on her children. We’re grateful for their work for the Kingdom and for the opportunity we have to support it.

Grace & Peace,



### **LETTER FROM YOUTH GROUP PARENT**

Six years ago my kids asked if they could attend Parkesburg Baptist’s Youth Group - mainly because that’s where the “cool kids” went to youth group. And let’s face it, at that age, that is what matters most. We attended church most Sundays, but our church didn’t have a youth group. So yes, I drove my kids into Parkesburg if for nothing else than to hang out for 2 hours with the cool kids. Little did I know, there were really cool leaders teaching these “cool kids”. I had no idea how life-changing it would be having my kids be a part of PBC youth group. The youth group and its leaders served as a foundation at a critical and difficult time in my kids’ lives. They were there as a constant source of affirmation and direction. I can point to Amanda, Dustin, Ryan and Megan as the reason both of my kids are planning to attend the colleges they are and following the path they are. Alex’s excitement about ministry is from talks with Ryan while on a mission trip to Vermont. It was life changing.

To the congregation at Parkesburg Baptist Church, I hope you can see what important work your youth group leaders are doing. The investment you, and they, are making in these young lives is beyond measure. Even though most of these young people won’t fill your pews every Sunday, you are sending young Christian Leaders into a world in need of them, and for that we are all immensely grateful.

Lois Lantz

## **Notes From the Combined Board Meeting on Feb. 14, 2019:**

This meeting was the first meeting for all our newly elected members. Most of the meeting was merely organizational, explaining the purpose of the joint meeting, reminding each board to elect officers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda King  
Diaconate Secretary  
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### **OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Mission Board Chairman	Michelle Myles
Mission Board Co-Chairman	Rusty Young
Mission Board Secretary	Sue MacDonald
Trustee Board Chairman	Bert Graybeal
Trustee Board Co-Chairman	Terry Daily
Trustee Board Secretary	Shirley Yuzwiak

The Deacon's are trying a new approach with a more collaborative structure.	
Deacon Board Secretary	Amanda King

### **WATCH CARE**

This years Watch Care List is currently in development.

## SUNDAY NURSERY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Cathy Pisch

## JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mar. 3	Deanna Blevins	Mar. 10	No Junior Church
Mar. 17	Deanna Blevins	Mar. 24	No Junior Church

## PARABLE QUEST

**Hey Kids** ages 3 to 12, it is time for Parable Quest. Singing, dinner, Bible stories and games can be enjoyed by all. Hope to see you there. Don't forget friends are always welcome! From 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

3/6/2019

3/20/2019

Any questions? Please call Diane Palmer 610-593-2846 or Tamara Oswald 610-857-3314.

## BYF SCHEDULE

Sunday,	Mar. 3rd	5-7 pm
Saturday,	Mar. 9th	8:00 am - Service Project
Sunday,	Mar. 17th	5-7 pm
Sunday,	Mar. 24th	5-7 pm

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## PARKESBURG COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

We (PBC) collect food each week for both the Octorara Area Food Cupboard and for our church's own pantry. Please place all donations on the table closest to the alley door or in the basket at the front entrance. If you have questions, see Deanna or Brianna Blevins. We thank you for your continued support for this mission.

Please add the following items to your food cupboard list: paper towels, napkins, feminine products (pads w/wings), toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, laundry soap, body lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, trash bags (all sizes), dish liquid. They are currently looking for non-perishable donations of the following: meaty soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, applesauce, canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter & jelly.

### **Bible Word Search: For Such a Time as This**

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle each letter of the words you find. Put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. (Answer will be in next months newsletter)

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C H D E N I A T B O Q U E E N

Ahasuerus, Appointed,  
Brethren, Chamberlain,  
Confirm, Destruction,  
Drinking, Esther,  
Execution, Fear, Feast,  
Fifty cubits, Forbidden,  
Fourscore, Generation,  
Hanged, Horse, Husbands,  
Jew, Language, Mordecai,  
Mourning, Multitude,  
Obtained, Peace,  
Provinces, Queen, Ring,  
Seed, Servants, Slaughter,  
Speedily, Wine, Wisemen

Answer to the February's puzzle:

Lamb

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Each Sunday the service is recorded. If you would like a CD copy of the service, please sign the notepad at the sound board or see Todd Allen. You can also listen to the service on our website.

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Digital Newsletter: If you currently do not receive this newsletter via email and wish to do so, please contact the church office and provide your email address or email [info@parkesburgbaptist.org](mailto:info@parkesburgbaptist.org)

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### **Octorara Area Food Cupboard**

In addition to food donations, the OAFB also supplies toiletries to families in need. Currently they are looking for :

toothpaste; tooth brushes; shampoos, deodorants,  
bath soap, toilet paper, tissues and bandaids.

They have none of these items in stock. Please help if possible. Thank you

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## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 9 am and will meet at the Dutchway Restaurant. They had 8 in attendance at the February meeting. They are always looking for new people to come out and join them in fellowship.

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We have Sunday school classes for everyone in the entire family. Come check one out! Our Sunday school classes and teachers are

**Nursery (birth - 3 years old) - Cathy Pisch**

**Pre-K (age 4) - 2nd Grade - Michelle Myles**

**3rd - 6th Grade - Megan Clarke**

**7th - 12th Grade - Dustin & Amanda King**

**Adult Class - "Life Lessons from Galatians" - George & Rusty Young**

We are always looking for new ideas or topics and anyone willing to teach or volunteer.

**PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS**

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Curtis Aberts, Jim Rogers & Rob Vann  
Ruthann Passarelli  
John Rode, Fred Weller & Willy Lally

**REQUESTERS**

Barry & Doris Aberts  
Jeanie Barnett  
Bobbi Cross

**TLC FRIENDS: Clint English, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major, Catherine Rice, Norman & Loretta Robinson, Vivian Spotts and Lynn Vanderhoof**

**MILITARY PERSONNEL: Cpt. Matthew Fesak, Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage, Troy McBride, Joe Moore, Maj. Todd Moulder, SRA Andrew O'Hop, Lt. Col., Bryan O'Neill, Erick Potter, Nathan Singer, GySgt. Matthew Wertz**

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**MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE MONTH**

**Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage  
1213 Alma Drive  
Elgin, OK 73538**





### **ANNUAL DRIED BEEF DINNER**

Our "All You Can Eat" Dried Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 4-7pm in Crane Hall. Tickets are \$12 for Adult; \$7.00 for ages 6-12 and Free for 5 and under. For Tickets Contact:  
Diane Palmer 610-593-2846 or Mary Engle 610-593-5231

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

We are currently selling Easter Flowers in 6" pots. Orders are due by March 24, 2019 and payment must accompany the order. If you are interested in purchasing flowers please contact Ellen Brehm at 610-857-9775. We have the following:  
Daffodils \$7.50; Hyacinth \$7.50 (Blue, Pink & White); Tulips \$7.50 (Lavender, Pink, Red, White & Yellow) Easter Lilies \$9.50. *You may also have them dedicated to a loved one.*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10am to 3pm, our church will be hosting the American Baptist Women's Ministries of Central Union, Delaware, Harrisburg, Reading & Riverside. Registration begins at 9:30 am . Cost is \$5 payable at door and includes lunch. If you are interested please RSVP by March 31st to Sue MacDonald at suemac1973@gmail.com or 717-682-8516

### **EASTER CANDY**

This year Sarah Watson is making Easter Candy. She will have it at the church on Sunday, April 14th. If anyone wants to buy any, you may purchase it after church or call Diane Palmer at 610-593-2846. There will be: Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Eggs, Peanut Clusters and Lollipops in both Light & Dark Chocolate. Prices are \$6.00 for 1/2 lb. & \$10.00 for 1lb. Sarah is raising money for the Mission Trip to North Carolina with the youth group.



*March's  
Birthday  
Corner*

Mar. 2nd	Eli King Barry Simmons, Sr.
Mar. 3rd	Angie Gaido Pastor Mary Lewis Danny Rich Beverly Turner
Mar. 6th	Marjorie Jarrett
Mar. 8th	Ken Altizer
Mar. 11th	Pat Jacke Eric Myers Kevin Wilson
Mar. 14th	Doug Pongracz
Mar. 15th	Mary Engel
Mar. 17th	Amy Bless Jessica Peterson
Mar. 18th	Jannette Bickert
Mar. 19th	Cody Altizer Sean Bless Dolores Kapes
Mar. 20th	Jenna Altizer
Mar. 21st	Sarah Watson
Mar. 24th	Faith Crosson Bernard Jessica Piacentino
Mar. 27th	Nancy Needham
Mar. 29th	Roy Skiles

The Parkesburg Baptist Church would like to wish everyone a very Happy Birthday!

*Important Dates & Times*

Mar. 2nd	6:00 pm	Game Night
Mar. 10th		Daylight Savings starts
Mar. 12th	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Circle Hope Circle
Mar. 13th	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Dutchway
Mar. 14th	7:00 pm	Deacon, Mission & Trustee meeting
Mar. 15th		Newsletter Deadline
Mar. 19th	5:00 pm	PBC Night at The Point
Mar. 23rd	4:00 pm	Dried Beef Dinner

*Happy  
Anniversary*

To the following couples :

Mar. 8th - Rick & Jen Turner

Mar. 20th - Norman & Loretta Robinson

*Directory Updates:*

Please make the following changes to your directory:

Peggy Haldeman's new address is: Harrison House, 41 Newport Ave., Christiana, PA 17509

Don & Pat Jacke - Please delete home phone # and use Don's Cell #862-324-6971 or Pat's Cell #862-251-3077

Fred & Nancy Tyson's new address & phone # are: 31 Meetinghouse Lane, Coatesville, Pa 19320 484-712-5146

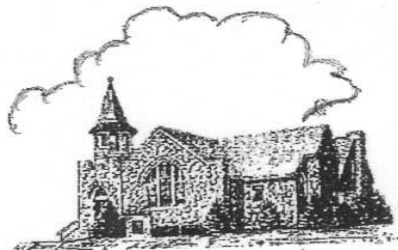
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## Church Events

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## March



The Mission of the Parkesburg Baptist Church is to accept and treat everyone as Jesus would; bring people to a personal relationship with Him; and disciple all believers to be Christ's witnesses to the world.

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.  
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,  
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV*