



“The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?”

Psalm 27:1

THE LAMPLIGHTER

July/August 2017

Mount Joy Church of God 30 East Main Street Mount Joy, PA 17552 717-653-4695

Fellowship, food & fun

Sunday, July 9

CHURCH

Picnic



Service Begins at 10:00 am

The church picnic is immediately following the church service at Little Chiques Park in Mount Joy on Sunday, July 9. Service begins at 10:00 am. The main course for the picnic is Peter's 1/2 Bar-B-Que Chicken and fixings are requested as follows:

Last name A through F—Salads

Last name G through L—Drinks

Last name M through S—Desserts

Last name T through Z—Snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Deadline to sign up is Saturday, July 1.

In the event of rain picnic will be in the church social hall.

Pastor Ted Ewing, PhD ~ www.mountjoychurchofgod.org



BEHIND THE SCENES: God@Work

Much is happening “behind the scenes” here in the last few months. I’ll be sharing more on July 23 in a Sunday School Q&A. This email I received this past Thursday, June 29, 2017—along with all the elders—confirms that whatever else is happening behind the scenes, **God is at work!** You met Johnny Krantz on, Mother’s Day, May 14:

I wanted to personally express how cared for, valued, and supported I have felt by each of you, the Council and the Mount Joy Church of God in these last few months of prayer and deliberation. I am excited and honored to formally accept your offer to serve as Youth Pastor of Mount Joy Church of God. Please consider this email—and the attached, signed job offer—my official commitment. Whatever clarifications of vision I had initially desired to iron out before signing will instead be (hopefully) made clear to you here. I am confident that God will unfold the finer details of His plans for us as we continue to seek Him in the coming year.

First, I’d like to ask for forgiveness in the delay of communication. You had asked for a returned letter by June 24. These last few days have featured some decidedly chaotic disruptions on my end that have convinced me more than ever that there is very real opposition to the alliance we are making on behalf of Christ, and even greater grace abundant to us if we faithfully endure. I am convinced that God is working fervently and effectively to accomplish His plans for our good and His glory.

As I believe Scott Hershey said, I, too, do not believe in coincidences. I have felt a supernatural sense that God has been “on the move” from the moment I jumped out my chair in Boston while listening to Ted quote my late grandfather on YouTube. In the subsequent months of prayer, council, over-analyzing, fact-gathering, God has continued to affirm that sense enough to nudge me forward in faith, but not enough for me to go rogue. He has a clever way of forcing me to depend on Himself.

Despite the continued clarity, from the very earliest conception of the idea for me to relocate and partner with Mount Joy, I’ve had a pile of “what-ifs” that I have been prayerfully—and at times anxiously—navigating. *What if the church doesn’t like me? What if Ted and I don’t see eye-to-eye? What if I fail? What if I’m socially isolated? What if I become Amish? Is it contagious?*

Thankfully, I’ve found peace. To use my mother’s words, “*the Lord has dealt with me*” by exposing what I was initially calling “godly caution” as my own unexamined fear, anxiety, and unbelief, which stood in stark opposition to the faith I felt confident God was calling me to exercise. The peace I now have (which culminated in the wonderful, clarity-giving video-chat I had with the elders last week) is this: *Even if* a vast number of uncontrollable trials come my way, I must go where I believe God is leading. *Even if* it doesn’t totally make sense. His will—even *when* it hurts—is always better than our own, and always yielding of a better harvest. *Always*. Jesus never once asked: “But Father, what if I die?” Instead, for the joy that was set before Him, he endured the cross, *even though* it meant His death. And, of course, it resulted in the salvation of the world and His glorification at the right hand of the throne of God. He modeled something extraordinary that is true for believers today: If we are willing to suffer for God, we will be glorified with God (Rom 8:17). No sacrifice on behalf of Christ goes unrewarded. I am confident of this.

So, despite the lingering uncertainties and stresses of this drastic, life-transition (which I ask for your prayers and wisdom to help manage), I have decided to joyfully and enthusiastically “let my yes, be yes” and trust God to do His thing. *Even if* moving to Mount Joy ends up being something totally different than what I was hoping. I trust that *where God guides, God provides—even if* what He provides wasn’t on my ministry wish list. I will seek to make Christ known, as the apostle Paul declared: *Even if* I am being poured out like a drink offering, and I will be glad and rejoice with all of you (Phil 2:17).

Thank you and the Council much for this extraordinary opportunity. It is a privilege and a responsibility that I pray God will make me worthy of fulfilling. I treasure your truthful feedback, accountability, and collaboration as we seek to discover what He has planned. Please do let me know if you have any further questions, concerns, or ideas in the coming months of preparation before I arrive.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity and may God bless each one of you,

—Johnny Krantz

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Eph 3:20)



May 2017—Finances

General Fund:

Income..... \$19,146.54
 Expenses..... 22,514.23
 Balance 56,667.66

Building Fund:

Income..... \$ 1,669.25
 Expenses..... 3,746.50
 Balance 12,971.98

Technology Fund:

Income..... \$ 510.00
 Expenses..... 300.00
 Balance 1,673.00



Missionaries for July

Uttam and Liza Dewan

A product of the Churches of God Mission in Bangladesh, Uttam was educated at our mission school in Khanjanpur. He went on to complete a B.A. degree at Rajshahi University and an M.A. at National University. From 1987—2004, Uttam held various positions with KOINONIA, the caring arm of the National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh. He was appointed the Deputy Director of the Churches of God Mission in 2004 and became Director in 2005. His wife, Liza, is a pastor's daughter and has served as an office secretary. Uttam and Liza have two sons—Aaron Arpon and Ellin. Ankon.

Contact Information:

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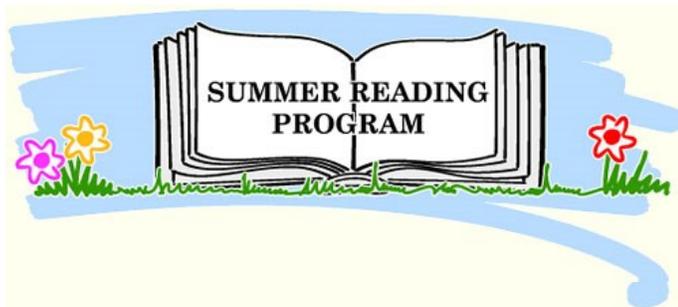
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For more information please see the missionary board in the lobby.



ATTENTION READERS OF ALL AGES

Summer reading program will be held from June 1 to September 1. Earn gift certificate from Life Way bookstore. Participation papers can be picked up in the library.

Eight new books will be in the library without checkout cards. They will be located on the display shelf straight ahead when entering library. Take one home, read and return to shelf. Be sure to read during the program dates.

Any questions, see Fay. **See you in the library....**

CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE

July 2017

JUNIOR #3 CAMP

August 6-10

Campers entering 4th grade
This 4-night program continues the progression for our young campers to experience all YoliJwa has to offer!



MOTHER DAUGHTER CAMP!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER

Join us for this special camp designed for girls in grades K-2 to come with their mother or a significant woman in their life and enjoy a glimpse of a week of Camp! Dates are August 4-5.



JUNIOR #4 WEEKEND

August 11-13

Campers entering 3rd grade
Don't miss this great weekend opportunity for 1st-time campers!



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP
August 21 - 25
Age 50 and older

Are you 50+ and miss your days as a summer camper? Come to Adult Fellowship Camp! Great program and GREAT ACTIVITIES. Don't miss out!



NEW CABIN CAMPS!

Spend a week in the great outdoors! Enjoy sleeping in cabins, hiking, canoeing, and much more! Wilderness camps available for grades 7-12



Phone: (717) 776-5281 www.campyoliJwa.org

CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE

August 2017

CHECK US OUT!

- www.campyoliJwa.org
- Check out upcoming events!
- Contact the Camp for information.
- Sign-up for DGC's e-mail newsletter.
- See church promotion & videos!



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP
August 21 - 25
Age 55 and older



Are you 55+ and miss your days as a summer camper? Come to Adult Fellowship Camp! New dates and NEW ACTIVITIES.

FISHING DERBY

GONE FISHIN'!
OCTOBER 15, 2017
Ages 5-15



Come enjoy this new DGC event and an afternoon of trout fishing in Lake Henrietta. At least one chaperone per child is required. Registrations will be available in August.

BIKE TREK

Sept. 29—Oct. 1



Attention adults! Join YoliJwa's offsite bike trek. Plan to bike between 25-30 miles each day, tent camp and enjoy lots of fellowship. For more information and a registration form, contact the Camp.

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- Sunday, July 2– Lee Baxter
- Sunday, July 9—All Church Picnic
- Sunday, July 16—Mindy Erb
- Sunday, July 23—Ted Ewing (Q&A)
- Sunday, July 30—Tony Bistline



- Sunday, August 6– Praise Team
- Sunday, August 13—John Schnee
- Sunday, August 20—Brian Mutterspaugh
and Youth
- Sunday, August 27—Cory Funk



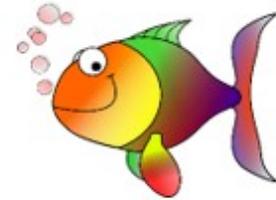
“UNDER THE SEA”

VBS

Mount Joy Church of God

Sunday, July 9 - Thursday, July 13

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



*Songs

*Bible Stories

*Crafts

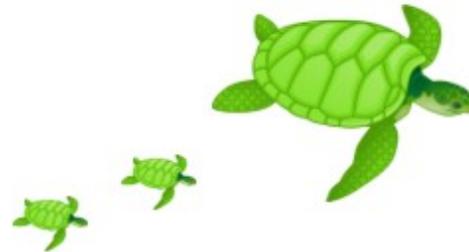
*Snacks

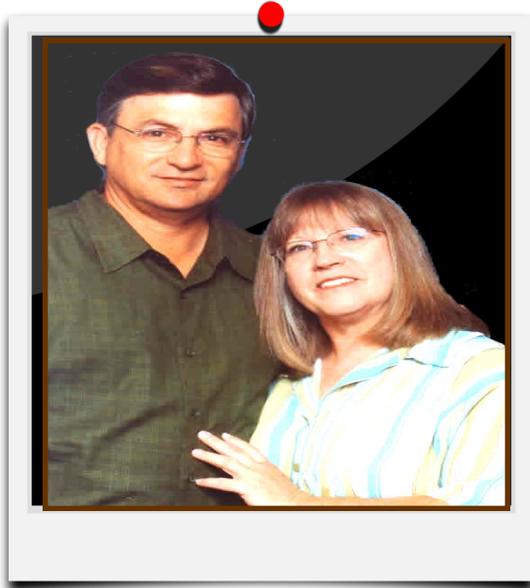
*Games

*Skits



JOIN US!





Gordon & Annie Avey

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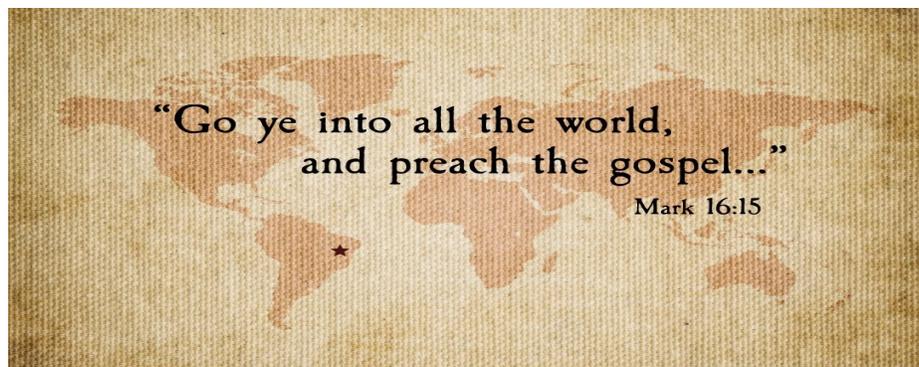
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Missionaries for August

Gordon & Annie Avey

Converted at age 16 from reading a tract distributed at a rock concert, Gordon felt God's leading into full-time Christian service while in high school. He met and married Annie while both were attending Arlington Baptist College in Texas. God used the influence of several missionaries to impact the Aveys for foreign missions. During a missions conference, they answered the call of a Brazilian pastor for someone to come to Brazil where they ministered from 1977-1989 in evangelism, church planting and leadership development ministries. After further studies at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay, OH, the Aveys returned to southern Brazil in 1994 with CGGC Cross-Cultural Ministries to train Brazilian nationals and coordinate a new church planting thrust. Under their leadership, the ministry has expanded to three Brazilian states.





This year's Talent Show was a hit!

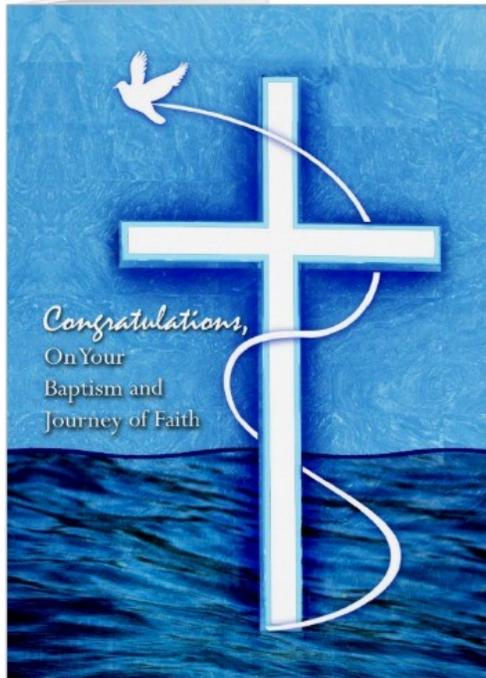
Between the singing and the acting, everyone seemed to have a great time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL'S UNCONVENTIONAL PERCUSSION

The group *This Way Up* mixed Christian hymns and songs utilizing colorful plastic tubes called "Boom Wackers" to lead us in worship and hysteria!





We would like to congratulate the following people for taking the next step in their journey with the Lord:

Baptism:

Makayla Halbleib
Carolyn Rineer
Mary Sturkie



New Members: Vicki Eshleman

Makayla Halbleib

Gary and Nikki McNece

Mary Sturkie

July



You are
wished
a very
happy and
blessed
celebration!

- July 2** Jim Kneisley, Jeanne Mowrer, Paul and Rachel Cramer
- July 3** Nikki McNece
- July 4** Mary Sturkie
- July 5** Jim Craul, Sally Germer
- July 6** Mark and Elain Jastron
- July 7** Phil Erb
- July 9** Scott Hershey
- July 10** Donna Hershey, Ralph and Lucy Snyder, Don and Marlene Bell
- July 11** Arlene Kopp
- July 13** Dave and Patty Lloyd, Susan Weidman
- July 14** Anna Farmer, Gary and Judy Maxwell, Pastor Randy and Kathy Bistline
- July 16** Carolyn Rineer
- July 17** Bob Shank
- July 18** Allyson Reighard
- July 19** Jay and Mae Greider, Cliff and Peggy Shank
- July 23** Buck and Wendy McNece, Kent and Nancy Grove
- July 26** Dave and Hazel Chapin, Lee and Martha Baxter
- July 28** Sandy Bradley, Peggy Shank, Ben Travis
- July 30** Dave Chapin, Bev Fry, Martha Baxter
- July 31** Jere Murphy



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- August 3 Jack Trimble**
- August 5 Pauline Bonham**
- August 6 John Bryan, Peyton Mitzel**
- August 8 Alexa Taylor, John and Sherry Bryan**
- August 9 Jodie Reighard**
- August 18 Steve and Susan Hassinger, Pat Hamilton**
- August 21 Cindy Brinser**
- August 22 Angie Rhodes**
- August 24 Paul Cramer**
- August 25 Tim and Jill Mitzel**
- August 26 Robert and Beulah Shank, Justin Neideigh**
- August 27 Lee Baxter**
- August 29 Wendy Farmer, Pastor Fred Quade, Lloyd Shank, Jr.**
- August 30 Don Snyder, Scott and Donna Hershey, Linda Kleinfelter**