



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

Psalm 27:1

# ***THE LAMPLIGHTER***

*May/June 2017*

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

## *May and June Happenings*

**Wednesday, May 3:** Youth Edition of the National Day of Prayer held at WJTL Junction Center. See page 3 for details.

**Thursday, May 4:** The National Day of Prayer. The Lancaster County National Day of Prayer community has gathered together on the first Thursday of May for 22 years. The 2017 National Day of Prayer theme is “**For Your Great Name’s Sake! Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!**” taken from Daniel 9:19. Join in a time of repentance and Prayer and Worship beginning at 5:45 pm. Please see page 3 for more details.

**Sunday, May 14:** Mother’s Day—Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.  
~Proverbs 22:6

**Monday, May 29:** Memorial Day—Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ~John 15:13

**Sunday, June 18:** Father’s Day—Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. ~Joshua 1:9

**Pastor Ted Ewing, PhD    ~    [www.mountjoychurchofgod.org](http://www.mountjoychurchofgod.org)**

# Made to Roar

—Ted Ewing, PhD—

Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, “To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.” The Army used a similar paraphrase as a recruiting motto several decades ago: “Be all that you can be...in the Army.” Both the author and the army insist that our purpose is to be all that we can be. However, there’s a problem. I’m not sure we ever achieve that. We may never look in the mirror and say, “Well, this is it. I’ve arrived. I’ve become all that I could become.” What usually happens is that repeatedly over the course of our lives, we look in the mirror and say, “Is this it? Is this all there is? Is this as good as it gets?” and we are left wondering what happened along the way. This is where we find ourselves repeatedly in life. Yet we keep pressing on, hoping for the best, stuck in a cycle of unfulfillment.

A parable from 19<sup>th</sup> century India provides insight into some reasons for our condition. There once was a motherless tiger cub that was adopted and raised by goats. The tiger cub grew up speaking goat language, imitating goat habits, eating goat food, and believing he was a goat himself. Then one day a king tiger came

along. The goats scattered and the young tiger was left alone to confront him. The cub was uneasy, but not afraid. The king tiger demanded to know why he was acting in this strange and unseemly way, but all the young cub could do was bleat nervously and continue nibbling the grass.

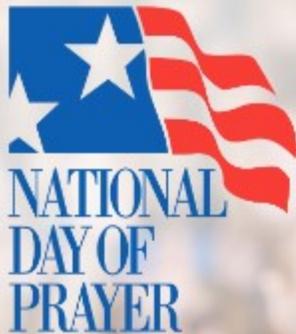
The king tiger grabbed him by the neck with his powerful jaws and carried him to a pool. He forced him to look at their two reflections side by side to see the obvious similarities, but the young cub drew no insightful conclusions. Then the king tiger offered the cub his first piece of raw meat. At first the young tiger recoiled from the unfamiliar smell and taste of it, but as he ate more, he began to feel it warming his blood. The truth gradually welled up from within him. He lashed his tail, stretched his legs and dug his claws into the ground. Throwing his head back, the young beast roared a roar he had never roared before, and the jungle trembled.

Frederick Buechner offers insight into human nature based on this fable in his book, *The Magnificent Defeat*. “Despite all the profound differences between Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam, they agree on one very general but very basic point: that human beings as they usually exist in this world are not what they were created to be. The goat is not really a goat at all—he is really a tiger—except that he does not know that he is, with the result that for the time being he is, in a sense, not really a tiger.” The Bible teaches we were created in the image of God—made to roar—but something went wrong. The story of Adam is the story of each of us. We were formed for a relationship with God, to reflect his attributes, but have become alienated from our original identity as God’s children and our original purpose to live in relationship with him.

Buechner asserts, “Like Adam, we all have lost Paradise; and yet we carry Paradise around inside of us in the form of a longing for, almost a memory of, a blessedness that is no more, or the dream of a blessedness that may someday be again.... We hear much today of man’s search for his own identity, and it seems to me that this is a nonreligious expression of very much the same reality.” We were created to be something we can only become in Christ and with his help. The remnants of God’s image in us make us discontented with anything else. We’re uncomfortable being goats. “We eat grass, but it never really fills us. We bleat well enough, but deep down there is the suspicion that we were really made for roaring.” The Lion of Judah is also a Tiger and we were made to be like him. We were made to roar.



LANCASTER COUNTY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



HEAR US | FORGIVE US | HEAL US

# FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE

"O LORD, LISTEN! O LORD, FORGIVE! O LORD, HEAR AND ACT! FOR YOUR SAKE, O MY GOD..." DANIEL 9:19

**Wednesday,  
May 3**

**Youth Edition**

7-9pm at WJTL Junction Center

For more information, visit [lancastermdp.com/YouthEdition](http://lancastermdp.com/YouthEdition)

**Thursday, May 4**

**Community Prayer Gatherings**  
Visit [lancastermdp.com](http://lancastermdp.com) for a location near you.

**Motorcycle Ride Around the County**  
For details, visit [lancastermdp.com/MotorcycleRide](http://lancastermdp.com/MotorcycleRide)



Josh McDowell

**Celebration of Prayer & Worship**

6:00 – 8:00 pm at **Lititz Springs Park**. Featuring prayer leader Beau Eckert of Calvary Church, worship with Pastor Doug Plank from Crossway Church, One A-Chord, a 100-voice choir and keynote prayer speaker and best-selling author Josh McDowell.  
*An offering will be received.*

THURSDAY ONLY: Food Vendors 4-7:30 pm - Park at Warwick High School (details at [lancastermdp.com](http://lancastermdp.com)) - Bring blankets and lawn chairs



# THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

Lancaster County National Day of Prayer • 717-284-4123 • [lancastermdp.com](http://lancastermdp.com)

[ YOUTH EDITION 5/3 ] WJTL Junction Center • [ CELEBRATION OF PRAYER 5/4 ] Lititz Springs Park



**March 2017—Finances**

General Fund:

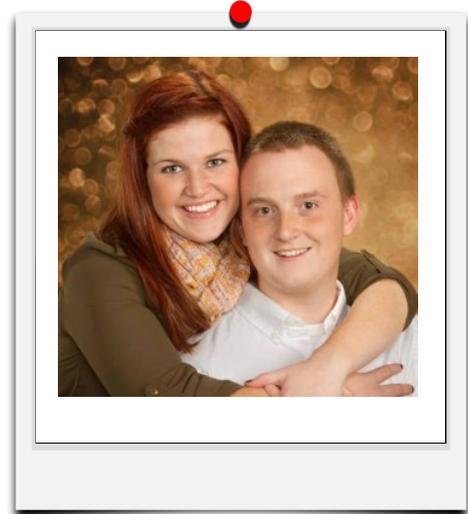
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Expenses.....	24,638.46
Balance .....	53,690.72

Building Fund:

Income.....	\$ 9,351.59
Expenses.....	97.50
Balance .....	12,662.49

Technology Fund:

Income.....	\$ 575.00
Expenses.....	.00
Balance .....	1,230.00



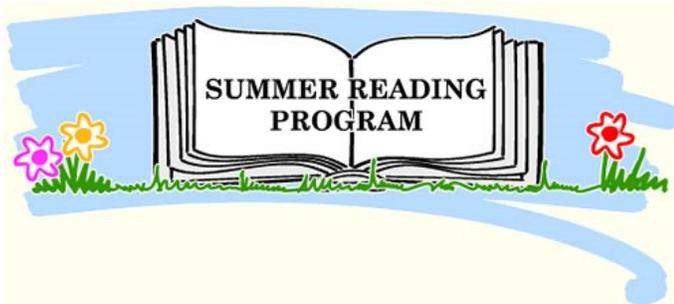
**Missionaries  
Devin and Tabitha  
Dillinger**

Devin and Tabitha were born and raised in Ohio. They met during their college years at a worship service at The University of Findlay. Prior to meeting, they both had traveled on many short-term mission trips, including two trips each to work with the Navajo people in the Southwest. They each felt a calling on their lives to serve on the mission field. During their engagement, they again traveled to the Southwest on an ACTS team trip to explore their calling as a couple. While there, God began to open doors for them to return to serve. The CGGC Cross-Cultural Commission approved them as “Special Assignment Missionaries” in May 2014.

Both Devin and Tabitha are 2014 graduates from The University of Findlay with Religious Studies Degrees. Tabitha also holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy and is working as a pharmacist at Fort Defiance Indian Hospital. The couple is leading a youth and children’s ministry program as well as helping to coordinate and accommodate mission teams at the Hooghan Nizhoni Church of God.

**Email:** devd91@aol.com

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

May 2017

### WILDERNESS CABIN CAMPS



Looking for Adventure? Attend one of our Wilderness Camps! Week long programs for Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi! Come and enjoy a stay in our wilderness cabins along with exciting outdoor programming!

### PARENT /CHILD CAMPS!

FATHER/SON & MOTHER/DAUGHTER Back on the Camp YoliJwa schedule are two camps designed for children K-2 to come with a parent or significant adult and enjoy a glimpse of a week of Camp! Dates for Father/Son are July 29-30 and Mother/Daughter is August 4-5.



### OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Camp is looking for volunteers to help with carnival games at June 10th's Open House. Take an hour and a half shift and earn a free Chicken BBQ meal. Email program@campyoliJwa.org!



### FISHING DERBY



Land the Big One! OCTOBER 15, 2017 Ages 5-15 Come enjoy this DGC event and a SUNDAY afternoon of trout fishing in Lake Henrietta. Adult chaperones for children are permitted. Registrations will be available in August.

### SWEETS WANTED



Do you like to bake? Camp is looking for donations toward its annual bake sale at Open House on June 10. Donated cakes, cookies, fudge, pies and sweets should be delivered to Camp on Saturday, June 10 by Noon. All proceeds benefit the Camp.

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

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June 2017

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### ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP

August 21-25 Ages 55+ Are you 55+ and miss your days as a summer camper? Come to Adult Fellowship Camp! Great fellowship & activities! Don't miss out!



### NEW CABINS



2017 WILDERNESS CAMPS! Live in God's creation! Sleep in NEW CABINS, cook over a fire, hike and canoe! Week-long camps for Jr. & Sr. High! Check our website for programs & dates!

### ADULT BIKE TREK

YoliJwa Bike Trek Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Age 18 and older. Enjoy a weekend of hiking, camping, Christian fellowship, and discipleship. Location and route to be determined. Brochures will be available in August.



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*Under the Sea*

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Children ages 3 through those who have completed grade 6 will be participating.

There will be skits, Bible stories, music, crafts, games, snacks and lots and lots and lots of fun. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby.

For a successful event we will need lots of prayer, guides for each class and volunteers to help with crafts and games.

For more information please contact Wendy McNece at 604-1500.



# Lunch at Columbia Diner

## Thursday, May 11 11:30 am

### At Musser's Shopping Center



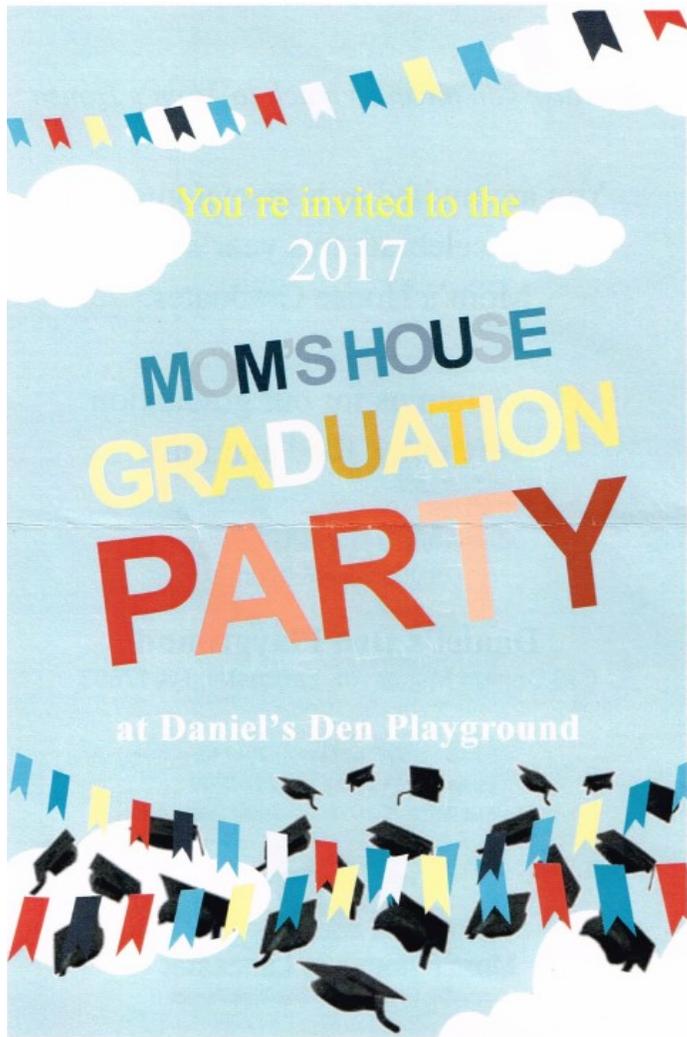
Coming soon  
....Pot Luck Luncheon and Talent Show—  
Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 am.  
We would like anyone who

has a special talent to participate in this special Sunday event. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Elaine Jastron can be contacted via email at [joysinger56@windstream.net](mailto:joysinger56@windstream.net) or by leaving a message at 717-664-0939 with any questions.



### CHURCH PICNIC

The morning church service will be followed by the church picnic on Sunday, July 9 at Little Chiques Park in Mount Joy. More details will follow.



*Because you mean so much to Mom's House*

You are invited as a special guest to celebrate this year's Mom's House Graduates.

Please join us for our graduation ceremony, food and fun!

May 19, 2017  
5:00pm — 7:00pm

**Daniel's Den Playground**  
530 Central Manor Rd, Lancaster, PA 17603

Please RSVP by May 1, 2017 to  
Melissa Herrold at (717) 207-9709  
or [Melissa.herrold@momshouselancaster.org](mailto:Melissa.herrold@momshouselancaster.org)



**Mom's House of Lancaster**  
Celebrating Life & Empowering Single Parents

## Prayer for my father

Dear loving Father,  
Hear this prayer,  
I pray now for my dad.  
Thank you for his life,  
For without him,  
I would not exist.  
Thank you for the times,  
When he cared for me,  
And held me.  
Thank you for the lessons,  
Learned by his examples,  
And his mistakes.  
Oh loving Father,  
Bless my dad,  
Bless his soul.  
And for when dad failed,  
Let me forgive him,  
And love him,  
As you love him.  
Through your Spirit,  
Heal the wounds,  
Between us.  
Dear loving Lord,  
You are Father to us all.  
Spread out your mercy,  
Over all fathers,  
Daughters and sons.  
For the glory of your Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
In his holy name,  
Amen.

## Prayer for College Students

Heavenly Father,  
Sometimes, life as a student gets stressful and when my workload threatens to overwhelm me, I start to get caught up in trying to stay afloat and in the process I forget to set apart time with you. Then I remember that your Son charged us to seek first your Kingdom and righteousness and all other things will be added on to us. I know that if not for you, I will not be here and that you will not place any obstacles in my path that are beyond what I can bear. So whenever I am faced with challenges, I understand that there is always a way out and that way is usually through you. Father, I acknowledge you in all my ways and trust that you are with me every step of the way. I pray that I will find favor on campus with my teachers and colleagues. I ask for your wisdom, knowledge and understanding as I go through this journey. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen. *SocialHermit.me*

## You Say... God Says...

<i>You Say</i>	<i>God Says</i>	<i>Bible Verses</i>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all your needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

## My Prayer for My Mom!

Lord, will You reward my mom for all she has done for You and her family? Will You renew and refresh her and give her her deepest heart's desire? Will you let the next years be her greatest and most fulfilling? Thank You Jesus for loving my mom. Bless her today!

\*Share if you love your mom!





# WALK RUN FOR LIFE

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

Join hundreds of individuals and families as we make a difference for life through this meaningful morning of fun and fundraising!

**Lancaster - Calvary Church  
Lebanon - South Hills Park**

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

**Walk • Kids' Zones and Entertainment  
5K Run (Lancaster only)**

Don't miss out on this great opportunity for a fun and memorable time. Make it a family or group project – celebrate and support the sacredness of life together.

**EVENT SCHEDULE (rain or shine)**

7:30 AM	5K Run registration (Lancaster only)
8:30 AM	5K Run (Lancaster only)
8:45 AM	Kids' Zones open (until 11 AM)
9:00 AM	Walk registration
9:30 AM	Awards Ceremony and SVPS Highlights
10:00 AM	Walk begins

## LOVE PEOPLE?

Be a Team Leader! Invite friends and family to participate with you. Spur them on as they raise funds for life. Contact us for more information.

**SVPS EXISTS SO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES CAN EXPERIENCE THE ABOUNDING LIFE OF JESUS AS:**

- Young women and men encounter Jesus and the gospel
- Women find hope and choose life for their babies
- Moms and dads learn parenting skills and experience abundant life in their families
- Post-abortive individuals are healed by God's forgiveness and love

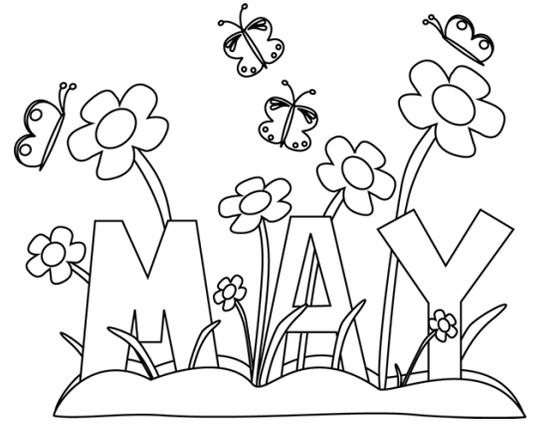
**EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

**[bit.ly/SVPSWalk2017](http://bit.ly/SVPSWalk2017)**

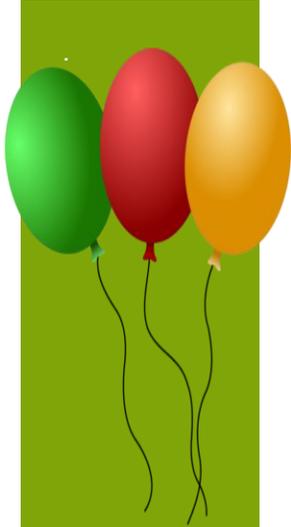
**INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION: 717-274-5128 ext. 315 • [heather@svps.org](mailto:heather@svps.org) • [www.svps.org](http://www.svps.org)**



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- May 2 Doris Barnhart, Elizabeth Pennell**
- May 3 Rod and Joyce Hershey**
- May 3 Jim Blough**
- May 4 Don Anspach, Mae Cooper, David Kleinfelter**
- May 5 Ben May, Dorothy Wiggins**
- May 7 Ken Fry**
- May 8 Melissa Svensonn**
- May 12 Evan Blair**
- May 14 Brent and Angie Rhodes**
- May 15 Mindy Kauffman**
- May 16 Cindy Hassinger**
- May 17 Jacob Erb**
- May 23 Jay Greider**
- May 28 Shirley Williams**
- May 30 Tony and Leslie Bistline**



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- June 3 Sarah Anderson**
- June 4 Galen and Melvia Neideigh**
- June 7 Wendy McNece**
- June 7 Jack and Mary Stockdale**
- June 8 Ben Travis and Tracy Miller**
- June 9 Pastor Randy Bistline**
- June 11 Gary McNece**
- June 19 Charlotte Briggs**
- June 19 Jeff and Mindy Kauffman**
- June 19 Jere and Barbara Murphy**
- June 23 Nancy Grove, Sherry Bryan**
- June 23 Doug and Joyce May**
- June 27 Andrew Erb**
- June 27 Lloyd and Karissa Shank**
- June 28 Jerry and Sandy Bradley**
- June 28 Kiley Kreider**
- June 30 Corrine Nissley**

