

**First Day of School**



Aubrey ~ 1st grade  
 Kayla ~ 3rd grade  
 Bryson ~ 4th grade



Due to the radiation treatments, Vicky has lost all her hair. On one of her doctor's visits, my Momma asked the doctor what he thought of her hair. The doctor replied, "It's a very nice wig." My Momma quickly informed him that it was not a wig but her real hair! Once again, she has amazed the doctors. My precious sister spent her 60th birthday on the surgical table. For the second time, the doctor had to clean out her liver duct and place two new stints to keep things flowing freely. For the past few months, her bilirubin count has been very high. We continue trusting the Lord as we walk this journey with her. Thank you for your prayers for Vicky.



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"...in all these things we are **More Than Conquerors** through Him who loves us."  
 Romans 8:37

Scam targets are increasing! Many are being targeted through internet, phone calls, text messages and door-to-door sales people. Scammers often combine new technology with old tricks to get money or personal information. Please don't give your personal information to anyone. If you receive a call, text, email or a knock at your door, please do not give them money or your personal information. If you aren't sure about what you're hearing or reading, talk to a family member or someone you trust. This is not meant to bring fear. We love you and want to protect you!

*Just as the sunflower always faces the sun.  
 We must keep our face toward the SONshine and let the shadows fall behind us.*

**Reaching widows and widowers of credential holders throughout our Fellowship**

God has been so faithful as I traveled to raise my mission support. Being able to share about the mission He has called me to thrills my soul. My travels have taken me through PA and KY. Since April, I have held seventeen services, shared with twelve Pastors (one-on-one), spoken at a Senior breakfast, held a widows/widowers banquet, traveled to Springfield for the Chaplain's Conference, and visited our MTCs in the South Central East Section. There are only six more services and two more widows/widowers banquets before Thanksgiving. Your love, prayers and support mean the world to me!



**Pray for our Network Leaders**

**Network Superintendent**



**Dr. Donald J. Immel**

**Network Assistant Superintendent**



**Rev. Steve DeFrain**

**Network Secretary-Treasurer & World Missions Director**



**Rev. Jeff Marshall**

As I sit in the quietness of the morning, my mind goes to Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which transcends *all understanding* will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I sat amazed as I listened to a dear lady from my church share the seriousness of her health condition. She said, "The doctors will remove both my legs above the knee and my right middle finger." As she talked, I noticed her face showed no anguish, her voice was calm, and there wasn't even a hint of tears in her eyes. She shared this news as if there was no need for concern. She never had the operation. A few days after that visit, I sat with her again. This time she was preparing to meet Jesus. Again, I noticed perfect peace on her face, the peace that transcends ALL understanding.

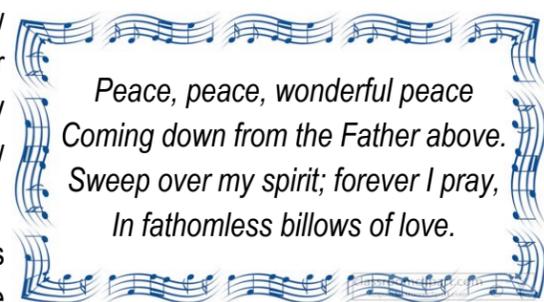
'Wonderful Peace' was my dad's favorite song. I can remember singing it in church as tears would flow down my daddy's face. Over the years, he suffered many health issues, yet he knew the peace giver.

You are in my thoughts this morning. Many, if not all, are facing difficult situations. It could be a health issue or the deep loss of a loved one. You may still be asking the Father, "Why?" You could be longing for your children to return to the Lord. This list could go on and on.

As a new day begins, I ask our Heavenly Father to give us the strength to face another day. May we be reminded that He is in control and His ways, *although we may not understand them at times*, are perfect.

Another scripture comes to my mind as I write this newsletter:

*"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you."* Isaiah 26:3



*Peace, peace, wonderful peace  
 Coming down from the Father above.  
 Sweep over my spirit; forever I pray,  
 In fathomless billows of love.*

**Remember, you are dearly loved & you are NOT alone!**

# Special Celebrations!



**Donna Bole** shared, "My sons came to celebrate Mother's Day with me, and we went to church together. I call them my bodyguards! This was the best Mother's Day ever."

**Judy Kyllonen** celebrated her 86th birthday enjoying lobster with her two daughters, Connie and Robin. She is also celebrating the birth of her 11th great-grandchild.



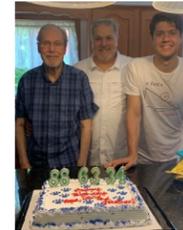
Meet Lyla Wren. She was born on July 28, which is the birthday of both of her grandfather's.



**Barbara Recene's** daughter, Pamela, took her to Mill City to visit her cousins, all who are in their 80s. The day was filled with laughter and ice cream from the Mill City Dairy Bar, which her niece owns.



**Philip Cochrane's** 88th birthday was extra special. His celebration included lunch with friends, a meal with her family and an ice cream cake from the Dairy Queen. He also celebrated with his son, David, and his grandson, Jonathan!



**Lorna Albanese** celebrated a major accomplishment. She shared, "In June 2022, I completed a Master's Degree in organizational leadership from UVF."



**Jean Tennant** celebrated her 94th birthday with several family members. She received many phone calls, cards, flowers, gifts and special Facebook comments. She is thankful for her blessings.



**Barbara Stigile** had a wonderful weekend celebrating with her son, (Ed), daughter-in-law, Donna, and daughter Melody. Her special day started with a delicious breakfast and ended at the Peach Festival. They enjoyed peach smoothies, cut sunflowers, and fireworks. Other activities included: "Peter and the Wolf" performed by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and eating at a restaurant she had not visited since her husband passed away. On Saturday, Barb attended another BSO performance at the local waterfront park. Finally, on Sunday, she enjoyed steaks that were grilled to perfection along with corn-on-the-cob. It fabulous birthday with loved ones!



**Robert McDonald** attended the thirty-ninth family reunion on his mother's side of the family. Those shown in this photo are all first cousins. Robert shared, "I'm sure there are more who could not attend. We don't get to be together very often. What a wonderful time we had catching up."



**Marilyn Evans** celebrated her birthday with her family, and they went to see "David" at Sight & Sound. She shared, "It was a wonderful birthday with my family!"



**Becky Leake** shared, "Many years ago when my oldest sister died at a young age, I was heartbroken. She was not only my sister but my best friend. When we began in ministry and lived on twenty-five dollars a week, she and her husband would arrive on the weekend with a trunk load of food. The night of her funeral, I cried myself to sleep. When I awoke the next morning, I grabbed my Bible, and the Lord gave me a scripture, Isaiah 57:1 "Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come." Isaiah 57:1 NLT



I have shared this scripture with grieving friends, but I had totally forgotten it. Because I have been struggling with cataract surgery, I was reading the Bible on my iPad. For some reason, today, I grabbed a Bible off the shelf and tossed it on the bed. The Bible opened to Isaiah 57:1" On August 19, Jim celebrated his birthday in heaven for the first time.

**Darlene Fulton** shared, "My leg gives me some trouble especially doing steps. My nephew, Larry, has been doing very well since his surgery."



**Mari Lynn Richter's** daughter, Michelle, passed away in June. Please keep Mari and her family in your prayers.

**Arlene Stubbs** "Please keep me in your prayers as I serve in India. Sickness, including Covid, is still rampant in India. I have had all my shots and boosters, but I am counting on God's covering."

**Lawane Hahn** needs prayer for strength as he is now living with his daughter, Ruth.

**Carol Kenzy** shared that her eye surgery went well. The surgeon said it was textbook perfect! The bleb was functioning well with no leaks and a pressure of 12 (up from a low pressure of 1). Her heart is overflowing with gratitude to the Lord.

**Dale Bupp** shared, "After spending a week in the hospital and having heart surgery, I am home resting. I'm so thankful for all God has brought me through."

**Roberta Anderson** spent some time in the ER with a swollen and infected finger. She has also been dealing with a lot of pain in her leg, causing her to have difficulty walking.

**Yvonne Ash** can use our prayers as she is dealing with a lot right now.

**Carolyn Leeper** fell and compromised a disk in her back. She is having trouble standing and sitting for an extended time.

**Roberta Anderson** asked for prayer for the Anderson family. Her brother-in-law Bill Anderson passed away on July 25.

**Loretta Jacobs** had toe surgery at the end of August. Please pray for no complications with her healing process.

Please pray for our MTCs living in rehabs, assisted living & nursing facilities: **Thelma Hartwick, Muriel Hobson, Marjorie Holland, Arlene Hoover, Dottie Lewis, Maxine Lockett, Betty Martin, Janis Olshevski, Ana Mary Paglia, Rowann Rainbow, Edwin Reichman, Henry Shaffer and LeRoy Wiley.**

Please let me know if your living arrangements have changed.

## Our New MTCs

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**Mrs. Ruth Bear**  
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**Peacebox Notes ~ The Cross**  
**by: Celeste Falvo**



*When you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year, and still, they stand tall and wait for better days to come.*

I have faced some serious challenges lately. There have been a few life-changing events that have knocked me down and made me question whether I could get back up again. You know, the kind of unexpected blow that takes your breath away? That's what I'm talking about. Thankfully, we have a God who gives us what we need at exactly the right time, Amen! He gently reminded me through a song that He made the mountains move, the walls fall and that there was another in the fire! I needed that reminder and perhaps you do, too. Let us not forget that we are never alone because He never leaves us. God is in control. Because of Him, we have the power to stand up, dust ourselves off, and face another day.

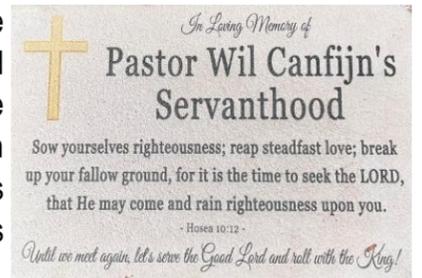
While I was recently spending time with the Lord, He directed me to II Chronicles 20:21 where Jehoshaphat sends the singers to walk ahead of the army as they prepared to go to war. The people of Judah never had to lift their weapons, just their voices. The lesson in this passage is to have faith, worship the Lord and watch Him fight your battles. This is a particularly funny scripture for me because I am not a singer, I lip-sync a lot! Sure, I can make a joyful noise, but the thought of singing puts a smile on my face! You see, God has a sense of humor and He knew exactly what I needed at that moment. So today, I want to remind you that you are appointed to sing and praise Him, and when you do, the enemy will be defeated!

When it comes to grieving a loved one, we will experience something called an 'Ambush.' Not an ambush in the physical sense, like on a battlefield, but in our emotions. It happens just as the name suggests. It hits us out of nowhere and when we least expect it. There's a similar expression that I read about in the LeaderZone of GriefShare called 'Totally Unexpected Grief Surges' or TUGS. This is when something like a picture or sound sends us back down memory lane, and we are struck once again with fresh pain of our loss. If this has happened to you, I just want you to know you're not alone. This is a normal process of grief. Each one of us processes differently because our grief is unique to us. However, as time passes, the 'ambush' can actually be turned into a wonderful memory. It can put a smile on your face and restore joy to your heart. I hope that encourages you.

As it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." So let's remember there will be a season of intense grief. We just need to rest, let our leaves fall, and be still until it's time to blossom again. Leaves will grow back with "better days to come." We will heal from our grief, and we will always remember our loved one. Our hope is in knowing we will see them again in Glory! Hallelujah!



**Mary Canfijn** shared, "The congregation of Bible Fellowship located at 41 Caroline Street, Lancaster, PA, honored the life and ministry of Rev. Wilfried (Wil) Canfijn (1953-2020). Pastor Wil graduated from VFCC, now the University of Valley Forge, in 1981. He served as an A/G pastor in Connecticut, Maine, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. This memorial stone was placed outside Bible Fellowship church, which was the previous site of New Life City Church."



**Carol Kurka** shared, "My son Micah moved to Charleston, SC, to start his nursing career at the Charleston University Hospital. Melvin is working in Charlotte, NC, for a company called Aruza. Mello moved to Washington and is attending Jefferson College where he will play football."



**Robert Harris** celebrated his 90th birthday with his family. He proudly shared that he has four children, ten grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

**Mary Harman** had a fantastic 91st birthday. She shared, "My hairdresser made my cake, and my neighbor held a neighborhood party, where friends from my former water aerobics took me out to eat and I received flowers from neighbors and family."



**Carolyn Leeper** is holding her beautiful ten month-old granddaughter, Amelia Joyce. She loves spending time at grandma's!



**Drucy McDonald** shared that she spent her birthday with her brother and his family.

**Leroy Wiley** is doing well and still active at 97. He is blessed to have a dear friend who also loves Jesus. He and Percy (103) spend their days having great fellowship, and they enjoy playing checkers, dominos and taking walks.



**Arlene Stubbs** shared, "After more than two years in the United States, due to Covid, I received my missionary visa to return to India! After two years of being forced to direct a large operation from halfway around the world, I am amazed and humbled at the goodness of God. Even through months of lockdown and restrictions, the church is stronger and healthier. I appreciate my amazing pastoral team and staff for faithfully running the day-to-day operations of a large congregation. I am proud of our church members who showed amazing bravery and faith even in the face of sickness and death of precious loved ones. In May, between 400-500 children enjoyed four evenings of music, puppets, contests and messages. There was an excellent response for salvation and baptism in the Holy Spirit. In June, over 500 young people enthusiastically participated in our "Summer for Jesus" a four day program of music, workshops, teaching and praying. Again, there was a great response to salvation, rededication, and Holy Spirit baptism. Our Carecell (small group) leaders hold programs in their neighborhoods and apartment buildings. Please rejoice with me for 4,539 children reached in 50 programs around the city." Let's rejoice with all God is doing in India through this amazing church.



## Visiting With MTCs In Two Sections

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of visiting with our *More Than Conquerors* who reside in the East Central & South Central East sections. Our time together was a tremendous blessing to me. I'm thankful to

**EAST CENTRAL SECTION:** **Charles Cedeno** is still active and teaches Sunday School each week. **Dorcus Chevez** stays busy with family. **Dottie Lewis** enjoys being with friends in her living facility, and she also enjoys the quietness of the living area as well. **Thelma Hartwick** is thankful for visits with family and friends. She enjoys listening to God's Word and loves hymns. **Rowann Rainbow** enjoyed hearing her story from our new book, "Our Stones of Remembrance".



### South Central East Section:

**Thomas Budzowski** does a lot of traveling to spend time with his mother and family. Robert McDonald stays quite busy with his garden. He is in the process of canning his bounty.

**Ruby Mayeski** stays active by attending water aerobics class twice a week and meets with her Seniors class once a month for breakfast. **Judy Kyllonen** enjoyed sharing great memories of the early years traveling and singing in churches. **Robert Harris** shared that he has four children; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. **Marjorie Holland** is living in a nursing home and deeply misses her husband. **Mary Canfijn**, and **Arlene Hoover** learned that Mary's sister lives in the building right next to Arlene. They will be seeing more of each other. **Betty Schell**, **Karen Loose** and I had a lovely lunch at Betty's house. Betty's children would like for her to move closer to them. Karen stays active with a precious family she is very close to. After a lovely breakfast together, **Evelyn Machamer** was thrilled to show me her church in Enola. She shared about the homes and churches her husband built. **Carolyn Leeper** loves watching her great granddaughter. After breakfast she showed me the church she and her husband built. **Arthur Mahaffey** visits shut-ins and those residing in nursing homes once a week. **Darleen Newman** shares life with other widows living in her development. **Anna Mary Pagila** is thrilled that she can get around without any assistance. **Jack Provard** enjoys spending time with his family. We had a lovely time of prayer. **Diana Rosenberger** was recovering from eye surgery. During my visit, I met her daughter, Debbie, who lives in Louisville, KY.



**A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17**

## Home with Jesus



**Lorraine A. Pfoutz**, 98, of Manheim, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 21, at Pleasant View Communities. Lorraine was a homemaker and the loving wife of the late Reverend Howard E. Pfoutz, who passed in June 2006.

**Mary Jeanne Myers**, 97, passed away peacefully on June 21. She was known as "Jeanne." She and her late husband ministered in several churches in the SCE section as interim pastors and pulpit supply. In addition, they served as staff pastors in Marietta and Lancaster. Jeanne was a faithful and devoted wife and mother creating a steady home environment that produced successful students, productive citizens, and community leaders. She was known for her exceptional culinary skills, especially baking, and her excellence in the quality of clothes she made for her family.

**Patricia Gail Kolas Wegner**, 79, passed away on Sunday, July 3, surrounded by her family. Pat served faithfully in pastoral ministry alongside Otto in Belding, MI, Lansing, MI, and Wyckoff, NJ before moving into urban church planting in 1988. During those church planting years, Pat not only invested in the lives of over 150 interns, some of who lived in the Wegner home, but also founded Growing Garden Preschool and Vailsburg Christian Academy in Newark, NJ. In 2001, after Pat and Otto moved to Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pat founded Spring Garden Academy, which is a ministry that continues today.

**Katherine (Kay) Owens**, 86, passed away on Sunday, July 3. Kay was a loving wife, mother, grandmother ("Nana"), dear friend, mentor and licensed minister with the Assemblies of God. In Christian ministry, Kay served alongside her husband, Jesse (their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary was on July 5). As global evangelists (for thirty-five years) with Assemblies of God World Missions and an international ministry they founded called Global Renewal, Kay and Jesse also served churches and communities as pastors in Orange, MA, Outer Banks, NC, Elizabeth, NJ, Englewood, NJ, Princeton, New Jersey (where they founded and cultivated Nassau Christian Center) and Washington DC. Kay also served alongside Jesse as he was the Youth Ministry Director for the New Jersey Assemblies of God. Kay's personal ministry involved speaking, worship-leading, administrating, counseling, hospitality and daily witnessing to friends.

**Pastor Kenneth (Ken) E. Bear**, 85, passed away on Monday, July 18. After serving in the Marine Reserves, Ken followed his calling into full-time ministry by attending Eastern Pentecostal Bible College (Ontario, Canada) and the University of Valley Forge (Eastern Bible Institute.) He was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from The Great Commission Theological Seminary. He, along with his wife, Ruth, served the Lord in many PennDel churches, including Westfield, Shamokin, and Millersburg as lead pastors and staff pastor at Newport AG. Upon his retirement from full-time pastoral ministry, Ken continued serving the Lord on staff at the Bongiorno Conference Center, where he and Ruth served in various roles so that others lives would be enriched while being refreshed at the Conference Center. Ruth continues to serve and work in the Maintenance department at BCC.

The entire Bear family have been a tremendous blessing at the Conference Center. All four of their children started working in the kitchen at BCC as teenagers during their summers. Mike, Chris, and Durrell continue to serve in the Maintenance department. The third generation of the Bear family have been working at BCC over the last thirteen years. Kim, and her husband, Tim, serve in ministry in Grove City. Tim and Tricia are licensed ministers with the PennDel Ministry Network. Ken's decision to serve the Lord as a teenager has left a rich legacy of faith for his family. All of his grandchildren serve in their local churches.

**Carol Kenzy** is in search of a book written by Dr. George Wood, entitled *A Psalm*, which is no longer in print. Please reach out to her if you have a hardcover book and desire to sell it. I am also interested in a copy.

