



Family News

A lot has happened in our family since my last newsletter. In June, we took a family vacation with our oldest son, Chris, his family, my husband's parents and twenty other extended family members. In July, my husband, Robin, had hip replacement surgery. We thank God he is doing well and continues with physical therapy. In August, our youngest grandkids went back to school. They



Bryson, 11, is an amazing young man who loves to play football. Kayla, 10, dances, rides horses and plays the piano. Aubrey, 8, loves deeply and blesses all those who know her.

are growing up way too fast! On October 4 our oldest grandson, Eli, married his high school sweetheart, Katie. It was a beautiful day!



As the holidays are quickly approaching, I pray you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. I look forward to seeing your photos. Remember, You Are Dearly Loved!

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I pray for God's blessings and favor to rest upon you and your family. As we cling tight to Jesus, I leave you with this encouragement: Jesus is coming soon!

Mark your calendar *NOW* for our 2025 Retreats!

A RETREAT FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF CREDENTIAL HOLDERS IN THE PENNDEL MINISTRY NETWORK

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MORE THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVES US
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Please pray for our Ministry Network Leaders!

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Operation Kindness

While reading 2 Samuel 9, something hit me! King David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." David sent for Mephibosheth, who was quite scared and baffled as to why the king would summon him.

The Bible says when Mephibosheth entered the king's presence, he bowed down and said, "What is your servant that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

That question gripped my heart! Mephibosheth saw himself as worthless, good for nothing—a 'dead dog'! I began to wonder how many people I encounter each day who see themselves as Mephibosheth did—not just adults, but children and teens as well.

King David's question also hit me, "Is there still one alive . . . to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Have you noticed that people hardly ever smile anymore? Every time I see someone with the slightest smile, I always say to them, "You have a beautiful smile; use it often." At that moment, I watch their countenance change. They raise their head a little higher and actually look at me. Their eyes light up, and with a bigger smile, they always say, "Thank You!"

Through small acts of kindness, we can make a difference in the lives of those we encounter. The King of kings longs for everyone to come into His presence, to sit at His table, and to enjoy everything His kingdom has to offer. He longs to lavish His love upon those who see themselves as worthless "dead dogs." Through acts of kindness, we can make a difference in the lives of so many people.

There may be times when you feel like Mephibosheth, times when you wonder, "What good am I?" Rest assured, God still has a plan and purpose for your life. We all go through different seasons of life. For those who are unable to leave the house, your prayers are vital for those who can. Just remember that your King is requesting your presence at His table. He loves you and longs to lavish His love upon you as well.

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More Than Conquerors
through Him who loves us."
Romans 8:37

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Dearly Loved!**

LOTS TO CELEBRATE!!!



Mary Harman started her 93rd birthday celebration by going to water therapy and then a supper party with her YMCA friends. She spent the next day celebrating with her family. She said, "The Goodness of God song comes to mind...All my life, You have been faithful... With every breath, I will sing of the goodness of God." Mary can hardly believe she is 93 years old.



Nina Wadsworth celebrated her 80th birthday with her twin sister, Ruth. It was extra special as four generations gathered to honor them. They all enjoyed a delicious dinner with cake for dessert. Can you guess which one is Nina? *She is seated on the left.*

Bride & Groom



Mr. & Mrs. (Rev.) Dee Tiberi May 20, 2024.



Dottie Lewis celebrated her 98th birthday with family.



Thomas Cline shared, "I was thrilled to have had the privilege of ministering at an assisted living home. I spoke about Joshua and how he continued on, even in his old age. God is so good!"



Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Allen July 13, 2024.

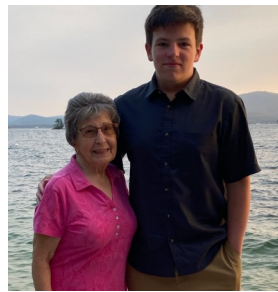


Pastor LeRoy Wiley

LeRoy celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends from his past and present. He is known as

Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Uncle, Cousin and Friend. Many from our Network came to celebrate along with Representative, Rob Kauffman. Senator Doug Mastriano stopped by a couple of days before to wish him a Happy Birthday and honor him as one of the few WW2 Vets left in PA. LeRoy has spent his life loving others and caring for those who need a friend in Jesus. He continues to pray for his family and the lost, walks a mile a day, and serves communion and the Word of God to those at Luther Ridge in Chambersburg.

Betty Miller had a beautiful time with her family at Lake Wausaukee. Pictured with Betty is her great grandson, Bennett, who happens to be thirteen years old. For the past twelve years Betty has held a community Bible Study.



Cecelia Bacchus celebrated her 72nd birthday with her

Jack Provard has settled into his new home and he is



making friends. He still enjoys sharing Jesus with those who will listen.

Joyce Brotzman shared, "Although I no longer live in PennDel, I appreciate so much what you do for widows and widowers."



Great Is Thy Faithfulness!

Carol Kenzy asked prayer for her daughter, Raelene. In February she suffered three strokes. Please pray for her continued healing and that she will be able to return to the classroom in August.

Vivian Dippold is taking a maintenance drug that is mild, but does help to keep any of the cancer at bay. She shared, "Jesus can help me to get through another ten years or help me to enjoy the next five years." She is very thankful for your prayers.

Gloria Mosley has undergone surgery where doctors found and removed cancer. She covets your prayers as she trusts Jesus on this journey. She shared, "God gave me such peace when I went through the surgery."

Maureen Maier requested prayer for her daughter-in-law, Jamie, who just had surgery to remove a portion of her colon, due to cancer.

Arlene Stubbs is rejoicing over the goodness of God. This summer their children's ministry in India was a huge success; with three campuses, and two of them had run 1100 children each. Their youth ministry saw 5-600 every day. Their summer outreach ended with a concert where God's presence showed up.

Diane Ross requested prayer for her mother, Dorothy, who will be 99 on December 2. Dorothy is declining with dementia, which is bringing on a lot of anxiety.

Jean Tennant's son, Tim, spent time in the hospital due to diabetes issues. Jean fell and bruised her hip and also hurt her knee and ankle. Although they are doing better, they would appreciate your prayers.

Marlene Martin wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her and Pastor Ken. Each day, they feel your prayers carrying them on this journey. She wanted you to know that God has led them to all new doctors who are born-again Christians. This has been a great blessing to them both.

Overall Prayer ~ Some of our MTCs living in assistant living homes and nursing homes. Some are dealing with eye problems, cancer and dementia. Many are praying and believing for their unsaved children and grandchildren to come back to Jesus. Please remember all our MTCs and their families. We all need God's guidance and strength as we face the days we are living in.

From Cindy: Your cards, phone calls and tokens of love have blessed me far beyond words. Thank you for allowing me into your life, for praying for me and my family and for praying for the mission to which God has called me. There is a shift taking place, and many are becoming aware of God's mandate to care for the widowed. I am seeing God move in every area of my life, and your prayers mean the world to me. We are on this journey together, and we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I love every one of you deeply!

Our Newest MTC's

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The Pentecostal church has formed my life like a lathe shapes baseball bats or pieces of art. A skilled machinist correctly applies the right tools, exerts the right pressure, and from crude materials forms something of use and beauty. The church and family did that in boyhood. Pat did similarly for fifty-five years and five months. Our children still do.

Otto Wegner

The Creator's fingerprints are all over family and church as He uses both to shape people. I am increasingly convinced that the Christian faith is one of community, people regaining the likeness of God as Eden's rebellion is reversed by grace. He invariably uses others to shape us. (Galatians 2,3; Ephesians 2)

One of the geniuses of boyhood Pentecostalism is lingering, commonly called an "altar service." The church basked, savored, sort of marinated in the presence of God. "Presence" was palpable, real enough that no one had to explain it, no one assumed they were responsible for it. God could never be adequately explained, so the church simply enjoyed Him!

Lingering includes an expectation, if we wait here, if we give opportunity, the Holy Spirit will communicate, Jesus will give direction, will heal and infuse hope. Lingering wasn't aimless but an enjoyable and soothing experience with Jesus. Some may have been boisterous for a while, and then like an evening breeze within, quiet serenity, a gentleness unlike any other entered. It's hard for someone overly cerebral to say this, "It was genuinely 'felt!'" Those lingering moments shaped my life as our family mingled with the family of faith...waiting patiently, expectantly, pausing peacefully, experiencing the tender unfolding of Jesus' way for us to live.

Now, very early in the morning, I linger alone. The spirit and expectation remain but I miss community, the micro meeting of two as Pat and I talked and prayed, remembered and planned, and were shaped from crude stock into something of worth and useful. And I miss lingering with the church Sunday evenings when Holy Spirit gathered songs and sermons of the day and human spirits gave way to the finger of God shaping us for the challenges of the week ahead.

It's not the 50's or 60's, or even the 70's, and they are forever confined to history. Now is not the time for nostalgic, syrupy "I-wish-we'd-sing-the-old-songs-again" laments. Today is also the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6). Uncertainties, international turmoil, national elections, familial disarray, and personal tragedies are as real today as the day Herod ordered the Baptist's head to be presented on a platter at dinner. We, mere humans all, are as needy of the effects of lingering as ever.

Increasing decibels make millionaires of audiologists and hearing aid makers. The quiet voice of the Spirit needs only an attentive lingering listener, one unhurried and convinced that Jesus has something to say. Anne Murray's "In the Garden" has never been my favorite. (Wesley's "Arise my Soul Arise!" far outranks "dew on the roses.") but this morning's lingering allowed Ms. Murray's, poem to break in, to mellow my heart, to soothe the jangles and clanks that scruff up life.

"And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

How is lingering shaping you in the busy, boisterous, bombast of the twenty-first century? I'm eager to know.



40 In Attendance!

WOW!!!

What an amazing "First MTC sponsored Widows Only Retreat"!!!!

As I watched the Ladies arrive, I could see the concerned looks on their faces of not knowing what they had gotten themselves into!! Questions of what this is going to be like, I really don't want to be here and I don't know anyone. Why did I sign up to come? But as the retreat developed, they heard our speakers, Rev. Cheryl Greco and Rev. Jean Ann DiBenedetto, who are widows themselves, and their countenance changed! Smiles began to appear, and their ears, hearts and lives were receiving! Healing took place! We had beautiful Worship led by Desiree & Linda!! It was a beautiful time, and I must say the harmony was heavenly!!! God was there waiting, and we showed up to receive. Everyone I spoke to is excited for next year and plans on bringing their friends. ~ Celeste Falvo



Our Ministry Team: Darleen Newman, Julia Feitner, Amy Jo Kintzel, Maureen Maier, Celeste Falvo, Nilli Oliver, Barbara Stigile, and Andrea Nagel. Their dedication and passion are amazing!!

WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS RETREAT:



"Since my husband died, No one has done something this nice for me."



"I woke up with a smile on my face and wonderful memories of our weekend."



"I really enjoyed the music and sing-along at the fire pit. God met my needs in many ways as worshiped in the services."



"I Was Loved!"



"With our meeting room having so many windows, and looking out over the rolling valley below, it felt like we were up in a treehouse. I felt God's arms wrapping around the whole room, comforting in the ways that only He can, which I so desperately needed."



"I gave and collected so many hugs that I left feeling like my heart had grown warmer and all aglow."



"God showed how He cares about the seemingly small details in my life."



"God met my needs in many ways, including through the anointed music and individuals."

I AM FOREVER CHANGED!



"I buried my husband three weeks before coming to the retreat. My heart was deeply touched and encouraged by others who knew the pain in my heart."

"The food was wonderful. I mostly eat simple foods alone, so eating at a table and fellowshiping with an abundance of such good food was a special treat."

"I really enjoyed the music and sing-along at the fire pit and in the services."

"The PA room felt as if it was a sanctuary tree house nestled in the mountains."

"The harmony of voices during worship was near heavenly as God's presence was evident. Knowing that the voices praising Him were doing so through deep pain brought a tremendous sense of togetherness."

"Worship through tears, along with others in pain, made it hurt a bit less."

"It was as if God surrounded us with His arms, wrapping us with hugs in a secret place as He mended our hearts."

"I had chosen to stop doing what I love to do. I NEED TO RETURN TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING!"

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The craft was very meaningful.



He binds up the brokenhearted and heals all their wounds . . . giving them HOPE for the future. Psalm 147:3 & Jeremiah 29:11



Arlene Mae Hoover, 94, passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024. She was married to the late Leroy Hoover who she spent many years working alongside in the ministry serving the Lord. Arlene loved to play the organ and sing in the choir, and she took much joy in spending time with her family. Her heart's desire was to go to her eternal home and see her Lord and Savior.

Ronald L. Sexton, 83, passed away on August 10, 2024. He is survived by his faithful wife, Shirley, his high school sweetheart. They were married for sixty-five years serving the Lord together in their community and family. Ron shared his love of God, music, and laughter with all. His family treasures the memories of shared meals, vacations and holidays. Ron worked for ten years as a machine operator for R & P Coal Company. He was ordained by the Assemblies of God Church and pastored the El Shaddai Assembly of God Church in Nazareth for five years. He then returned to Indiana, where he founded and pastored the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church for forty years.

Darlene M. Bishop, 74, passed away on August 7, 2024. She was born in Reading and graduated from the Reading School District. Darlene went on to attend Howard University and was the first in her family to graduate college. She became a certified elementary school teacher. She later became certified with the Assemblies of God and was an active Bible Teacher at Glad Tidings AG in Reading. Darlene is survived by her husband, Melvin.

Norma R. Kummerer, 87, passed away on September 1, 2024. She graduated from Geneva College and AGTS (Assemblies of God Theological Seminary) and became a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God in 1996. Norma and her faithful husband, Gene, pastored the following churches in our PennDel Ministry Network: Orbisonia, St. Thomas and Beaver Falls. They were approved as Assemblies of God World Missionaries in 1970 and served with distinction for the next thirty-six years. They represented our Network as PennDel Missionaries to West Africa, serving in Burkina Faso and Togo. Norma was actively involved on the mission field in many aspects of ministry. She taught different languages at the West Africa Advanced School of Theology and also held the position of finance director and registrar of the Layman's Training Center. In the Kummerer's later years on the mission field, they were transferred to serve in Europe, ministering in Belgium.

Betty Swank, 91, passed away on September 16, 2024. In 1960, Betty and her husband, John, became missionaries and served with the Yaqui Indians, which led them to pioneer an Indian church in Tucson, Arizona. They later served as the Arizona Teen Challenge Director. From there, they were appointed as foreign missionaries to Mexico, where they established an indigenous Teen Challenge work. Fourteen years later, they returned to the states as national home missionaries working with Teen Challenge in Arizona. In 1998, they moved to the PennDel Ministry Network to serve with the Assemblies of God U.S. Missions Department in the Ebensburg area. Their chaplain ministry throughout Cambria County was significant to the inmates of several prisons and surrounding communities.

Charles R. Hill, 78, passed away on September 16, 2024. He was born in New Eagle, PA, and he graduated from Berean School of the Bible/Global University before becoming an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. He was a lead pastor in Brownsville and Donora. Later he served on staff in New Stanton.

Robert (Bob) Joseph Lecocq, 69, passed on October 17, 2024. Bob attended Central Bible College (Evangelical University) and pursued a degree in Christian Education. Bob and his wife, Debbie, served in ministry for forty-six years. He served as an assistant presbyter in his section as well as a lead pastor in Lower Burrell. His ministry impact was extended through global outreach to England, West Africa, Jamaica, Bulgaria, Russia and Morocco. Bob had a passion for learning and for teaching. He spent years teaching at Central Bible College, Kent State University, Southeastern University, South Florida Community College, Valencia College and Columbia College. He also spent time investing in future ministers as the founding Dean of the PennDel School of Ministry.