

Updates on the McKinley Household

My grandchildren are growing up so fast! I thought you might enjoy seeing their 'then-and-now' photos.

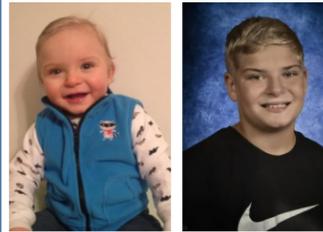


Aubrey Rose will turn ten in March. She is currently in fourth grade and loves animals. She enjoys reading to her dog, Brady, who listens carefully to every story. She also has two bearded dragons, Charmander and Mufasa, who are her homework buddies. There is also a snake, but it is not allowed out of its cage when Grandma is in the house! Aubrey loves singing in the school chorus. She has a tender, caring heart for people and is quite sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

Kayla Leigh turned twelve in January. She is now in sixth grade and has been on the honor roll since fourth grade. Each quarter, she earns high honors for her outstanding achievements. She has been actively involved in dance since she was three years old; however, because of a knee injury, she will be taking a break until the fall. She also plays the piano. Kayla is learning how to study her Bible and listen to God's voice. She still loves pancakes!



Bryson Christopher turned thirteen in February! Man, where does the time go? He's doing very well in seventh grade. He enjoys playing the saxophone in the band. However, his favorite activity is playing center on his football team. He's been playing for the past seven years and is quite skilled! I still find it hard to spot him on the field. Bryson loves the youth group and is a passionate evangelist, bringing his friends to youth group every week.



Mission Update: Over the past several months, I have noticed a shift. God is working in the hearts of His people, and many are becoming more aware of His mandate to care for the widowed. Several of you have shared that you are praying for me, and I am very grateful. Your prayers, support, and encouragement mean a lot to me. This year, I will make two trips to Springfield, MO. In August, I'll attend the Chaplaincy Conference, and in September, I will return for the Senior Adult Conference. During the Senior Adult Conference, I have been asked to speak at the widows' reception and co-lead a breakout session. Each day, I pray for renewed strength, clarity of mind, and a fresh anointing to fulfill all that God has called me to do. It warms my heart to see how God is moving and working. Here are some things you can be praying for: *That the widowed find hope. *That ministries like our MTC's will grow across the nation. *For leaders who are passionate about ministering to the widowed. *For safety during my travels. *Monthly Partners.



Please pray for our Ministry Network Leaders!

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It's In the Cloud

Have you ever had problems with your computer? I definitely have my fair share. In fact, my good friend, Ron, is on speed dial. He often tells me, "Cindy, everything you do on your computer is 'In the Cloud'." I keep telling him I don't know anything about the cloud. I'm not sure how things get to the cloud, and I definitely have no idea how to get them back down to earth. I also find it interesting that computer users worldwide have all their information floating around somewhere up there, In the Cloud.

Recently, I was awakened by the phrase, "It's In the Cloud." My mind immediately flooded with Bible stories related to "the cloud," such as:

Elijah, in 1 Kings 18:44, prayed for rain, "*Finally, the seventh time, his servant told him, "I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea. "God answered his prayer!*"

Moses in the desert; Psalm 78:14 says, "*He guided them with the cloud by day...*" Exodus 24:15 describes, "*When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it...*" Exodus 40:34 states, "*Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*"

The Mount of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:5, states, "While He was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them..."

After His resurrection, Jesus spoke to His disciples about the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:9-10 says, "*After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*"

I love verses 10 and 11: "*They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'*"

Oh, yes, the cloud is very important! So, let's keep looking to the sky for a time is coming soon when, Matthew 24:30 states "...*They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory...*" Revelation 22:20, "*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."*"

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

Remember You Are Dearly Loved!

Time To Celebrate YOU!



Donna Glunt shared, "pictured here is my Virginia family. (L to R) Jakob, his wife, Kirsten, myself, Quintienn, Wendy, Matt, and Chris. She shared, "It was fantastic. Kristen's family also joined us. We enjoyed two turkeys. One smoked, and one deep fried. Plus lots of sides and desserts."



Marie Hubbard shared, "My daughter Sarah celebrated my 81st birthday every day during February with a special gift. It was so exciting! I love living in Florida with my family."



Mary Harman's 94th birthday was extra special as the ladies from her church honored her with a special birthday celebration. Mary shared, "I have three great grand-daughters, Callie, MacKenzie Grace, and Rylee, who is four months old. We had a wonderful time at Christmas."

Faye Ripper shared, "I'm thankful for the call that I received this past July from Cindy, and I have gotten connected with More Than Conquerors. I've seen a few more names of people I knew from our district, and I hope to reach out to them. There's been a lot to do and take care of since my husband passed away, and I don't know what I would have done without the Lord helping me. I know that my husband is not suffering anymore and is with his Lord and Savior."



Darlene Pundt shared, "Just before the Christmas holidays, my son, Larry, (right) drove me halfway to PA to have lunch with my other son, Len (left), in WV. We spent eight days in PA, visiting other family members in the area and some close friends. I even went to Philly to get my fill of a Philly cheesesteak, which I never get in KY."



"Look, the winter is past, and rains are over and gone. The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 (NIV)



Arline Grabill Enjoyed celebrating Christmas Day with her friends and family.

Vivian Carbaugh shared, "Our Little House on the Prairie Christmas was exciting as nineteen members of exciting as nineteen members of our family gathered at my stepson's hunting cabin in the woods...Way back in the woods! It was fun having all the little ones there." Vivian also shared, "I grew up with ten siblings, eight of which have passed away. I know a lot about grief, but I've also have experienced His peace."



Lenora Carter often calls to let me know she is praying for me. Today, she shared, "We never know what others are going through, therefore it's so important for us to pray for others when God lays them on our heart. I often pray in the Spirit because He knows exactly what they need. There's power in our prayers. God hears them, and He answers them."



Ruby Mayeski

had a joyous time with her family during Christmas.



PRaise & PRAYER

Harriet Ketner was in and out of the hospital six times during 2025. She underwent a few surgeries. She came home from rehab on December 29 after having surgery on her foot due to an infection. Prayers are appreciated for continued strength for Harriet and her two daughters, Debora & Darleen, who travel from New York to care for their mother.

Shirley Hixon had a terrible fall leading to major surgery on her left leg and knee. She spent weeks in the hospital and rehab. She is finally home with her daughter and is slowly recovering. She has finished her physical therapy, but asked that we pray for her to gain more strength.

Ruth Bear fell on the ice and fractured two ribs. She has been taking it easy and is thankful that her children are close by her.

Martin Hunsicker shared that his daughter, Janah Leigh, passed away on February 17. She leaves behind her husband, Joshua, and three children ages: seven, eight and ten.

Marie Hubbard requested prayer for her brother, Roy, who is battling melanoma for the third time. She also has a praise: "Recently, I've had problems with A-fib. After the doctor "zapped" my heart, he said, "I'm healed." I thank God for all His blessings."

Karen Loose had an epidural last July for pain management, and it lasted for seven months. She recently had another shot and the pain returned much quicker. The fusion surgery is very invasive and will be followed by two months of intense recovery plus eight to ten months for full recovery.

Donna Bole asked that we pray for her three grandsons who are looking for employment. The oldest graduated this last December and the other two will graduate in May. Please pray for God direction in their lives.

Faye White was diagnosed with pancreatitis, which was very painful. She returned home from the hospital pain-free and shared, "God has been so good to me!"

You are in my thoughts and prayers every day. I ask our Heavenly Father to comfort you through every challenge you face. May you find renewed strength with each new day as His peace fills your soul. I ask Him to hold you so close to His chest that you can feel and hear His heartbeat. Never forget, YOU ARE DEARLY LOVED!

Our Newest New MTCs

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"You are My chosen one, and it's okay to cry. I don't expect you to pretend that pain isn't real... Let go of that part of your heart that only I can heal, and let Me, your Heavenly Father, hold you while you cry."

His Princess

Sheri R. Shepherd

Joseph F. Moore, 83, was ushered into the arms of Jesus on January 12, after a lengthy illness. He faced many challenges growing up in Chicago. To build a better life, Joseph served in the U.S. Airborne 82nd Division and, using the GI Bill, attended college after his service. Joe had an insatiable curiosity and extraordinary intelligence, which led him to pursue advanced education, including a PhD in theology at Central Bible College/Evangel University. Joe later became a minister with the Peninsular Conference of the United Methodist Church and served in New York City, where he met his wife, Marilyn. Joe transferred his ordination to the Assemblies of God in 1976. He later transferred to PennDel and became the lead pastor in the following churches: Clairton, Norristown, and Bristol. He also served on staff at Philadelphia Christian Center, Bensalem.

Rev. Jeffrey S. Leake, 61, was ushered into the arms of Jesus on Saturday evening, February 7 shortly after preaching his final message. Jeff was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, while his parents were pastoring Moss Grove Assembly of God in Tryonville, PA. He later attended Evangel University (Central Bible College) and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. Jeff began serving in ministry during his high school and college years. He became a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God in 1988 and was ordained in 1991. While in college, he completed his internship at Allison Park Church and was later added to the staff, serving under Pastor Ron Bailey. Jeff faithfully served as the Lead Pastor of Allison Park Church for more than thirty-five years, carrying a true shepherd's heart. He was the author of more than five books and played a significant role in church planting, helping to establish over thirty new churches during the past twenty years within the PennDel Ministry Network and beyond. Many of these churches have reproduced, resulting in a movement of well over 100 new churches. Jeff also served as a mentor to numerous pastors and was deeply loved by many as a general in the faith.

Rev. Gilson J. Provard (Jack), 94, passed away on February 17. Jack was a graduate of Eastern Bible Institute (University of Valley Forge). He became credentialed with the Assemblies of God in 1955 and was ordained in 1959. Jack was preceded in death by his faithful wife, Mildred (Milly). They were happily married for sixty-six years and served together in ministry as lead pastors of the following PennDel churches: Barclay MD, Jersey Shore, New Stanton, and Punxsutawney. Following their retirement from pastoral ministry, Jack served on staff at our Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge Center in Rehrersburg and Marketplace Chaplains in Lebanon and Lancaster Counties. Jack enjoyed spending time fishing and deer hunting in Northern Pennsylvania. He loved the Lord and preaching God's Word with all his heart. During the past couple of years, he was known as "Pastor Jack" at Country Meadows because he engaged in informal "Pastoral Ministry" while in his wheelchair, through the way he lived out the remaining years of his life.

Rev. Thomas E. Cline, 98, passed away on February 21, 2026. He was born in Jeanette and graduated from Norwin High School in Irwin. Tom accepted the Lord as his Savior at the age of 27. For several years, he felt the Lord calling him into full time pastoral ministry. He later attended and graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College, Ft Wayne, IN. Tom was preceded in death by his faithful wife, Marilyn, in 2022. Together they served faithfully in the following PennDel Churches: Lock Haven, Beaver Falls, Mercer and Mt Pleasant. After retirement from pastoral ministry in our PennDel Ministry Network, Tom and Marily enjoyed their final years in Central Florida.



Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:
4 pm Registration	8 am Registration	9 am Prayer for our Nation
6:30 Seeking & Soaking	9:30 Memorial Service	7 pm Ordination Service
7:30 Red, White & Blue Event	11:45 FREE Sr. Luncheon	(Speaker: Doug Clay, AG General Superintendent)
	7:00pm World Mission	

April 27-29, Christian Life AG, 2645 Lisburn Rd., Camp Hill, PA For full schedule go to <https://penndel.org/summit/>



Nydia Ramos shared, "In the Bible, hope is not just wishful thinking or bright optimism. Paul uses the term to refer to confidence and certainty about things we've been taught and therefore believe. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, meaning He is the foundation of all we believe, and we know by evidence that He lived, died, and rose again. Therefore, we can be confident and certain that our sins are forgiven, that Jesus was who He said He was, that our relationship with Him is real, and there is life after death with Him. This is our 'HOPE.' It's what we know. HOPE relates to the object of our faith (Jesus, His death, and His resurrection), the means of our faith (salvation through faith in the blood of Christ), and the goal of our faith (eternity with Jesus and our ultimate deliverance from this world). Our hope empowers us to look beyond circumstances that might otherwise seem hopeless. Hope is what we know to be true, what we know has changed our past lives, our present situation as being saved and filled, and our confidence that the future will hold exactly what we've been promised."



He Did It Again! ~ by: Nilli Oliver

Let me tell you, God is FAITHFUL and is TRUE to His Word. He is our PROVIDER, our PROTECTOR, our SHELTER, COUNSELLOR, and I can just keep listing His attributes. In April, I will enter my twelfth year in this journey of widowhood. I can honestly attest to the fact that God covers me with Psalm 46: 1-6. After many years of traditional pastoring, God called us to plant a church from scratch, *WHAT?* In Philadelphia, *HUH??* The early start to our "congregation" were children; we met in filthy lots where empty drug needles covered the ground. So, our Friday night "date night" was to bring garbage bags, yard brooms, gloves, and a lawn mower to clean and prepare our "house of worship," and the children came. Through a miracle that only God could do, He provided a brick & mortar church building AND the funds to pay for it in cash! When He had placed this calling on my honey's heart, He instructed him to "preach the gospel AND do not get the congregation in debt." For more than twenty-five years, we faithfully served. In 2014, Abe's "appointed time" came, and He was relocated to heaven. What I want to share is that God Did It Again! Our little church has continued to grow to where we are bulging in every space. In December, besides celebrating the birth of our Savior, God shocked us with a special gift. A church of another denomination gave us their building, which includes a parking lot, classrooms, a gym, an industrial kitchen (they previously had a school), and a lovely sanctuary. Did you miss it? God **GAVE** us for **FREE** a larger building to continue to rescue the perishing! There's a lot of work to be done. The church has been in use since the 1800s, but I know He will provide the funds needed for renovations, and our congregation has been diligently working to clean and restore the building. You see what I mean, He did it again!"



Look what I found on Facebook!

Our friend **Donna Bole** kept this from us. A while ago, she went on a trip to New York City, and look who she got a picture with, Peter Hegseth (before he became the Secretary of Defense)! We had a celebrity in our midst and didn't even know it. Donna shared, "God knows everything we go through, and I'm thankful that He is so faithful and never fails. My husband used to say, Keep on keeping on."



Sherry Sabella shares photos from the Europe Region of AGWM held the European National Superintendent's Summit in Malaga, Spain. It was a great time of fellowship and partnership with all the leaders of the European Assemblies of God. Southeast Europe Area was well represented with leaders attending from Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia. Meeting new friends and catching up with some very dear friends from the Czech Republic was a blessing too great for words! Sherry's Leadership Team is the photo on the right.



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



May 29-31
2026

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“God comforts us...
so that we can comfort others.”

Registration Is Now Open!

2 Nights ~ 6 Meals ~ 4 Sessions

Friday, May 29 ~ Session 1 ~ “We All Have a Story to Tell”

Scripture: Psalm 107:2 “Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story...”

Saturday Morning, May 30 ~ Session 2

“Our God, Provides More Than Enough”

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7 The widow and her two sons.

Saturday Evening ~ Session 3 ~ “He Is Our Healer”

Scripture: Mark 16:18 “...They will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Matthew 12:15 “...He healed all the sick among them...”

Sunday Morning, May 31 ~ Session 4 ~ “Our God, Who Restores”

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise ... Instead, He is patient ...not wanting anyone to perish...”

Registration Is Only \$50 per person

This includes our MTC and support persons. If you are bringing a support person, you must share a room with them.

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In January, **Celeste Falvo, Sharon Poole**, and I, along with two other dear ladies—Lois and Marilyn—boarded a cruise ship for the Widows Link Conference. We were excited to represent our PennDel Ministry Network. A total of 103 women from twenty-six states filled the air with their laughter. Our speaker, Audra Keefer Smith, runs a blog called “The Pastor’s Widow,” which has more than 34,000 followers. (You can find her on Facebook.) Celeste shared details about how her ministry to widows operates within her church and through Grief Share. Both Celeste and Sharon facilitated a group after watching a video titled “The Loss of a Spouse.” I’m so proud of these ladies! I also had the opportunity to share about the mission God has called me to: bringing the concept of our *More Than Conquerors* Ministry to the nation. The *Widows Link* Ministry is led by its founder, U.S. A/G Missionary Marlene Craft.



Rev. Clifford Whyte, 93, passed away on April 13, 2025. Cliff served in the United States Navy from 1949 to 1953. After his service, he studied at the Berean Bible Institute earning a degree in biblical foundations. Cliff was later credentialed and ordained by the Assemblies of God. He spent time as an evangelist, sharing God’s Word and expressing his love for music by playing his guitar and singing, which led to him being known as the singing deacon. Cliff and his wife, Helen, served as the lead

pastors at Leighton Assembly of God until his retirement. He was a member of Faith Community A/G in Easton, PA, for forty-four years.

Roberta N. Anderson, 84, passed away on August 13, 2025. Her faith in her Lord was very strong. Roberta held various secretarial positions, most notably with Union County, PA, and the Farmers Home Administration (FHA). She enjoyed sewing, making cards, counted cross-stitch, latch hook, knitting, reading books (she would read multiple books in a week), baking, gardening, and jewelry making.

Rev. Donald L. Fisher, 78, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, November 14, 2025. Don studied at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO, where he received his ministerial training. Afterward, he served in Germany with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He returned to the U.S. in December 1969 and married Barbara on March 14, 1970. Don was ordained with the Assemblies of God in 1983 and served in ministry with several Districts. In 2004, he and Barbara transferred to our PennDel Ministry Network to serve on the staff at First Assembly of God in Erie. Don held many responsibilities at the church, mainly in senior ministries.

Rev. Walter F. Lober Jr., 78, passed away on November 3, 2025. He was a graduate of South Hills High School and attended Robert Morris University. Walter was a certified minister in our PennDel Ministry Network and was a member of Central Assembly of God in Houston. He was employed as a logistics manager at PPG for many years before retiring. He was also an avid watch collector and a passionate Pittsburgh sports fan.

Rev. Hugh C. Flanagan Jr., 80, passed away on December 7, 2025. Hugh dedicated his life to Jesus from a young age, and by age twelve, he already knew God had called him into the ministry. That calling shaped every chapter of his life. While attending the Faith School of Theology in Maine, he met Joanne. After their marriage, they entered ministry, sharing nearly six decades of devotion, laughter, and love. He became a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God through the New Jersey Ministry Network in 1974. Hugh later became an ordained minister and transferred his credentials to PennDel. Both Hugh and his faithful wife, Joanne, pastored First AG (Parkview AG) in Newark, DE, until his retirement in 2015. Hugh also served as the Presbyterian in the Delaware Section, among other positions. He and Joanne faithfully shepherded congregations for over forty-two years.

Rev. Jason Jodon, 51, entered heaven on January 1. Jason was a lifelong learner who enjoyed many hobbies, including reading, learning new things, music, playing the guitar, and exploring new technology — especially his 3D printer. He also loved spending time on his HAM radio and cheering for the Steelers. Most of all, Jason cherished watching Adalynn perform in marching band throughout high school and college, and attending Aubrey’s competitive baton-twirling performances. He was an incredibly proud dad, always guiding his girls with grace and truth. Jason was a graduate of the PennDel School of Ministry and an ordained minister with the AG. He and Bridgette faithfully served as Children’s Pastors, Family Life Pastors, and Associate Pastors. In 2021, Jason became the Lead Pastor of Grace AG in Apollo, PA. His heart’s desire was to share the love of God with everyone he encountered, and he carried a deep passion for his congregation and community.