

Notes to Our Members

Dear Tower Members,

In order for the Church Office to serve you better, we would like to have the name, address and phone number of your emergency contact. There have been a few incidents lately when we needed to get in touch with family of a member, and we discovered we didn't have anything on file. If you wish to share this information with the office, there will be information cards in the pews for you to complete and place in the collection basket. Thank you.

For the Month of June

The Deacon's will be collecting Paper Towels for the food pantry.

Services in the Chapel will begin June 3

Father's Day is June 17th

TOWER TIDINGS

JUNE, 2018



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1-Mark Oerter
6/2-George Ketler, Judy Miller,
Jeffrey Nichols
6/3-Gina Dolan
6/5-Dixie Ficca
6/7-Lee Ann Mundt
6/9-Brenda Adams, Karly Taylor
6/10-Allison Buzzelli
6/11-Misty Koscinski, Joan Pashley
6/17-Jennifer Ryder
6/18-Tod Cook
6/22-Julie Boyd, Joe Filer, Lily Vogan
6/23-Joseph Ficca, Dawson Jones
6/28-George Elliott



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/3-Jinny and Joe Filer
6/6-Joanne and Bob Miller
6/14-Jessica and Kevin Taylor
6/18-Shelly and Kevin Bell
6/20-Gina and Jed Dolan Jr.
6/20-Jeffrey and Missy Nichols
6/21-Tammy and Adam Cook
6/22-Edna and Mike Orange
6/24-Cindy and Mike Polkabra
6/27-Tracy and John Vogan

Session Notes

Session Actions on May 17, 2018

1. **Special Congregational Meeting** scheduled for **Sunday, June 24, 2018** immediately following worship in the Chapel. Purpose - vote on proposed changes to the current by-laws.
2. Copies of the proposed changes will be available for pick up and on line by June 17, 2018 to be reviewed by membership prior to the meeting as required.
3. Motion made to authorize Deacons to service communion after proper training.
4. Work session of May 3 was cancelled. Next scheduled work session for elders is scheduled by June 6 to work on by-laws and core groups, etc.

Upcoming Events

June 4, 2018

The Grove City YMCA will be unveiling their new entry Garden in honor of **Tower Members Kathleen & David Cashdollar**.

A light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Beckie Bess at bbess@grovecityymca.org or call The Grove City YMCA at (724)-748-9781.

COMMUNITY DINNER

June 16th

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

PICKLE BALL

Monday and Thursday

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Williamson Hall

Congregational Meeting

June 24, 2018 after service

Community Events

Farmer's Market

Thursday's, June-October
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Joseph D. Monteleone Youth Festival Park
118 S. Center Street
724-458-0301

Line Dancing Party

June 1, 2018
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
No Experience Necessary
Rudy's Restaurant in Mercer, PA
(724) 748-3068
\$10.00 at the door cover

*Proceeds Benefit El Salvador Church Building Project

TOUR DE DONUT BIKE RIDE IN NEW WILMINGTON

Westminster College's Memorial Field House

June 2, 9:00 a.m.

Pre-register forms are available if you want our group rate of \$15

–see Lisa or Ken Flick for forms. Single Pre-registration is \$20

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Tower Church Family,

I want to begin with a “Thank You!” for the many acts of kindness and words of encouragement you have shown to me and my family. As many of you know, Cathy went for her scan a couple of weeks ago at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philly. I was able to be with her at her appointment, and we are so grateful to the Lord for a clear scan and a good report. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers on her behalf. Although the time apart has been challenging, I hope to be reunited with my family at the end of the month. It will be good for us to finally be at home here in Grove City. Our thanks go out to John Moser who has been so kind and generous to allow me to stay with him during our transition. As many of you know first-hand, he is a very kind and gracious man.

Since coming to Tower, a good portion of my time has been spent trying to get to know people, listen to their stories, and assess where we are as a church. As I've been listening, observing and praying, I am reminded that our life is the sum of our decisions. Of course, there are many things that come unwelcome or at least uninvited into our lives, and in that sense, we don't have control over those factors. However, we always are faced with making decisions whether we want to or not. This is what gives our lives the sense of intentionality and direction. As I have grown older (read wiser ☺), I have learned that we usually have more than one option when faced with a decision. Life is rarely a choice between two things, “this” or “that.” Remember when Alice comes upon the Cheshire Cat in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*? She says,

“Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?”

“That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat.

“I don't much care where—” said Alice.

“Then it doesn't matter which way you go,” said the Cat.

“—so long as I get SOMEWHERE,” Alice added as an explanation.

“Oh, you're sure to do that,” said the Cat, “if you only walk long enough.”

The question for us at Tower is: Where do we want to go? The answer to that question will determine the road we take. If we don't much care, then it doesn't matter which road we take. But we do care! I know you care, that's why you called me here. A big part of our work together is to figure out what we believe is God's preferred future for us, and then get on the road that will take us there. Where has God led us in the past? What were the convictions and values of those who built this ministry? Where has God been at work? Where is God at work now? What brought me to Tower? What keeps me here at Tower? What are our strengths? What are our opportunities? These are the questions we will be exploring in order to come to a shared understanding of where we believe God is leading us. I shared with you at our last Town Hall Meeting that as we move forward together, we will:

- 1) **Honor the Past.** We acknowledge that anything we do is built upon the service, sacrifice, and generosity of those who have come before us.
- 2) **Value the Present.** We will enjoy each other and our God in this moment, believing that we have everything we need right now to be who God wants us to be, and to do what he wants us to do.
- 3) **Relentlessly Pursue Our Future.** We will embrace the future that God has for us with unrelenting confidence in the faithfulness and goodness of God, total submission to the Lordship of Jesus, and an unwavering commitment to follow the Holy Spirit wherever he may lead us

I also shared with you that we are modifying our organizational structure to be more effective in ministry. This will not change anything that is endemic to the Presbyterian form of government. This is simply a way of doing ministry in teams, create more space for people to serve, and improve communication. With that in mind we have created a core team of ministry leaders which will meet every month for training, accountability, encouragement and to ensure that we are on mission. Here are the leaders who are currently serving: Jeff Nichols (Worship), Whitney Jones (Children), Matt Schepp (Youth), Missy Nichols (Women), Ken Flick (Men), Lisa Flick (Outreach), John Vogan (Care—Deacons), George Elliot (Operations—Trustees), Rhett Keffer Jr. (Communications), Chris Brinker

(Technology). We still have a couple of openings on this team for Connections (Helping people get connected to Tower and to serving) and Groups (Adult Discipleship). If you are gifted for and have interest in leading either of those two areas, please let me know!

I'm excited about our future together! Please pray for us to have eyes to see, ears to hear, and the courage to respond to what the Spirit is doing and saying.

You are loved!

Pastor Dan