

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.

The Family of Hazel Palmer would like to thank the members of Tower Presbyterian Church for their prayers and support during Hazel's recent illness and death. "Our hearts are filled with gratitude, and we are blessed to be a part of the Tower Church family." Ed and Mary Jo Palmer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Liz Hart-Knee Replacement Surgery

Katherine Amon-Pneumonia

For the Month of May

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

Services in the Chapel will begin June 3

TOWER TIDINGS

MAY, 2018



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2-Chris Brinker, Jan Newman
5/5-Shirley Vinton
5/6-Betty Walker
5/7-Kyle Yeakle
5/10-Gerald Bowser, Tonya Cook, and
Lacey McKnight
5/12-Janet Filer, Tanner McKnight
5/13-Rusty Adams
5/16-Timothy Carney
5/22-Donald McKnight
5/23-Kevin Taylor
5/24-Brooks Taylor
5/26-Logan Cook, Lynne McCreary, and
Edward Palmer
5/27-Nancy Hoffman
5/28-Peggy Ice
5/30-Kaydi Taylor
5/31-Terry Northcott, Jimmy Snow



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/9-Diane and Greg Merkle
5/10-Lisa and Larry Foust
5/19-Whitney and Brady Jones
5/26-Kaydi and Brian Taylor

Session Notes

The Session of Tower Church met on April 19, 2018. Some communion dates have been set for April 29, May 20 for Pentacost Sunday, June 3, July 8 and August 5. We will notify you of additional dates as they become available. Summer services in the Chapel begin June 3 at 10 a.m. and run through August 26.

There will be a town hall meeting and potluck lunch on May 6 in Williamson Hall following worship to discuss some plans for the organizational structure of Tower. Please everyone plan to attend and bring some goodies to share.

Had a request from Rhett Keffer, Jr. for help with costs for a Mission Trip to Alaska in conjunction with Eastbrook Presbyterian Church. The mission team has agreed to donate \$500. Any additional help will be appreciated.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Deacon's Annual Rummage Sale.

The set up will begin April 30-May 3 at 9:00 a.m.
The rummage sale will take place on
Friday May 4th 9-4
Saturday May 5th 9-2

Bach Society Concert

Saturday, May 5, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Potluck & Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018
11:45 a.m.
Tower Church-Williamson Hall

Revelation Ringers & Celebs Concert

Sunday, May 6, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Community Events

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY

Sponsored by Grove City College
May 9, 2018
8a.m. - 2p.m.

Recycling Location near HAL dock
Email Susan Grimm for any questions
scgrimm@gcc.edu

Accepted Items

Include:

- Televisions Sets
- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Mouse/Keyboards
- Printers
- Cell phones
- VCR/DVD players
- Fax Machines
- Radios

NO
HOUSEHOLD
APPLIANCES
SUCH AS RE-
FRIGERATORS
OR STOVES
WILL BE
ACCEPTED



FREE SKATE NIGHT

YMCA Grove City
Saturday, May 12, 2018
From 8-10 p.m.

Come and enjoy free skates, admission, and the concession.
Children under 8 must be and accompanied by an adult.

WALK for LIFE

Pearson Park, New Castle & East Main Presbyterian Church, Grove City
May 19, 2018
Registration is at 8:30 and the walk starts at 9:00
724-794-3325 EXT. 1401
REGISTER ONLINE-AOCPARTNERS.ORG

Trustee Meeting Notes

The Trustees met April 19. The discussion revolved around the ongoing rest room upgrades, soliciting bids for the proposed cry room plans, moving the sound system, and the repair of the Tower Chimes.

Also approved was the purchase of security cameras for the Tower entrance. The cameras have been received and will be installed soon. Custodial duties will include a schedule to be established regarding closing of the church. The only door unlocked during the day will be the Tower Entrance. Those in church after hours may exit by use of the crash bars as before.

The next Trustee meeting will be May 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Tower Family & Friends,

As I am writing this, I am reflecting on the past six weeks we have shared together at Tower. Every week since Palm Sunday, we have had people say, “Yes!” to Jesus! That is truly exciting! May Jesus continue to transform us as we allow the Holy Spirit to fill us and have his way in us and through us.

I SAID YES TO JESUS! NOW WHAT?

DRINK DEEPLY

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. (John 7:37-39)

At the time Jesus said this, there was a feast going on in his city, Jerusalem. In Jesus day, there were three big festivals in Israel every year. One of them was called the Feast of the Tabernacles. It was very much like our Thanksgiving, where they would thank God for His goodness and abundance. As a highlight at the end of the feast every year, the priest would go to the Pool of Siloam and draw out water—which was supplied to Jerusalem through an aqueduct—because they had no natural river in Jerusalem. And the priest would draw water in a golden pitcher, and then lead a procession. There was so much joy in that parade—so much shouting and praising—that the rabbis used to say, “The one who does not know the joy of Tabernacles does not know joy!” So, the priest would lead them all up to the temple and shout out, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation!” Then they would do a curious thing: they would pour that water out on the dry ground. This was an extravagant act, because they were desert people and never wasted water. It was a reminder that they served a God who one day brought water out of a rock for His people in the desert. And everybody would cheer, looking forward to the day that God would send

them a Messiah. It was on that day—maybe at that moment—when that crowd was gathered together—John’s gospel says, “Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.’” To be thirsty doesn’t mean that you are some kind of a spiritual giant, to be thirsty means that you have unsatisfied longings. Jesus invites us to come to him and drink deeply.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

And what’s really interesting is he doesn’t say, “Come to me and you’ll have enough to drink, and you’ll be satisfied.” He says, “Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” And the scripture says that by this he meant the Spirit. Rivers of living water will flow out of your core—that’s the word Jesus uses. He is saying that in that place way deep down inside you that feels empty or hollow, that out of your core will flow energy and hope and joy and strength without you having to manufacture it or fake it or hype it. All we have to do is stay in the flow of his Spirit, and we can position ourselves to do that by living out of three relationships: Your relationship with him, with your church family, and as his representative to the world.

When you say, “Yes!” to Jesus, you belong to him! So, get into the flow through worship on Sunday, community through one of our Bible Studies, and serving in a ministry.

Love God, Love People, and Do Something about it!

Reflections:

What does Jesus say the river of living water really is? Why do you think he uses the image of a river? Why that such an evocative metaphor for the life God is has for us?

1. We cannot make ourselves flourish or grow. All we can do is receive nourishment. Where are you receiving nourishment to live the abundant life of Jesus? What are the activities or relationships for you that nurture this life in the Spirit?
2. What actions will you take to keep in the flow of the river/Spirit?