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From the Pastor's Desk: Happy New Year!

Can you believe it is 2019? Maybe it is a sign that I am getting older, but it seems as though each year just goes by quicker and quicker. It is hard to believe that Christmas is over and we have to get used to writing a new year on our checks. I want to take a moment and reflect on the past year. We have seen God work in some amazing ways at Greensburg Alliance Church. We have seen our attendance continue to climb in the last year. We have seen our highest attendance average of the year in the months of November and December. God has been gracious, and through the faithful giving of your finances, we were able to meet all of our bills and ministry needs for 2018. We have seen over 50 people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior through the ministry of this church. We have watched as people moved from a spectator in the Kingdom to a participator. We had over 30 people become members of Greensburg Alliance Church. This last year was a great year, but I believe the best is still yet to come.

Statistically each day in Westmoreland County 10 people die without knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. That means if we were to reach over 3,500 people in this next year the number would only drop down to 9 per day statistically speaking. I say this because as I drive around I am continually reminded of the words of Jesus, "The harvest is plentiful". While it is easy to sit back, pat ourselves on the back, and think of all the good things we have done, there is not much time for that. The work is immense and the calling is heavy, but our God is bigger than those things. This year let's make an even bigger impact for the Kingdom. Let us never get complacent and feel like we have done enough.

In 2019 I would like to challenge you to do two things with me. The first is to commit to praying every day for five people you know that do not know Jesus as their Savior. Pray that you will have an opportunity to share the Gospel with them, and pray that they will come to church with you. Just think, if each person that sits in the worship services could get even 3 people to come with them regularly, we would have to add services or build a new sanctuary because we would have over 1,200 people on an average Sunday. Let us go to the throne room and battle on behalf of those we know and love. During the testimonies of the youths' experience in Houston, Bella Arquillo said this about their time there, "We really learned how to pray; not nice Sunday School prayers; we learned to pray this gritty, hard, tear-stained cheeks, runny noses prayer for the broken and the lost." Can we commit in 2019 to praying these type of prayers for those God puts on our hearts?

The second thing I would challenge you to do in 2019 is to read through the entire Bible this year. Each month in the newsletter we will feature a reading guide for us to follow (see page 2). Will you join me this year in being strategic in your prayer time and your study time? Will you join me as we lock arms and stand together to make sure we do all we can to make a difference in this place God has put us, in the time He has put us here? I am reminded of what Charles Spurgeon said, "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

Once again Happy New Year, and I look forward to another year of ministry with you at Greensburg Alliance Church.

-Pastor Lu



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The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan

January

New Testament		Old Testament	
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Get Our Students to the LIFE Conference

I want to challenge you to help our students attend the LIFE Conference. Every three years the Christian and Missionary Alliance has a large youth event called LIFE. It is named LIFE because it is a life-changing event. I attended LIFE in 1992 and it was really a life-changing event for me. In the nineteen years I was a youth pastor, I would tell parents, if you can only send your child to one event their entire time of youth ministry, make sure it is LIFE. I have had dozens of students get called into ministry at LIFE over the years. I have seen major spiritual breakthroughs with students, as well as many coming to know Christ for the first time.

This year, LIFE Conference is in Orlando, Florida. With travel, meals, and lodging, it costs a significant amount of money for our students to attend. I never want money to be a reason a student cannot attend. I feel so strongly about this, I am going to be doing a fundraiser that will last from January until June. It is 972 miles from the church parking lot to the parking lot of the conference. I will be walking, running, and biking the equivalent of the trip to Florida. This is where you come in. I am going to do the miles, but I am asking you to sponsor those miles. You can complete a form at the Welcome Center, or see me and I will give you one. I am looking for people to sponsor each mile, so if you sponsored 10 cents per mile you would pay \$97.20. I will be keeping you updated on the progress, and there will be an opportunity to pay at the halfway point and then at the end. This way you can split your payment so you will not have to pay all at once. Will you join me on this journey as we get our students to the LIFE Conference?

-Pastor Lu

Reaching Our World

As I was decorating my Christmas tree this year, I hung some new ornaments that I acquired over the past year. One such ornament caused me to pause and moved me deeply. While I was in the Arab Lands last summer I purchased a few ornaments for our tree. One of the ornaments was made of olivewood with the Arabic letter “n” carved out of it. It’s true that it’s a beautiful piece of artistry, but it’s also so much more. This symbol is what ISIS has used to mark the homes of Christians in Iraq and Syria and as a means to persecute Christians in the Middle East. I bought it, as many before me have, as a sign of solidarity.

Sometimes we forget the price that is paid for following Jesus and the cost of spreading the Gospel around the world. Many pay for their faith with their very lives and our international workers sacrifice and endure much to share the love of God where no witness exists. Going to other countries where they do not enjoy the same religious freedoms is an eye opener and challenges our tendency to take our privileges lightly. Last year we had the opportunity to go to the Arab Lands, and this year we are planning a trip to France. What part is God asking you to play as we seek to reach our world and bring light to dark places? Maybe it’s hanging an ornament on your tree and pausing to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy while aching for those who do not, and mourning for those who have lost their lives because of their faith. Maybe it’s going to another country this year or another.

For all of us I hope it involves praying and giving. In this New Year I hope you’ll commit to praying for our International Workers and the people in our world who don’t know Jesus. There are prayer cards in the brochure rack in the Lobby if you’d like to take one or several. I also hope that you’ll renew or begin your commitment to regularly giving to the Great Commission Fund. This is the way that our International Workers are supported and the means by which they are able to carry out their ministry. Reaching our world - let it begin with us!

-Joanne Kreinbrook

Church-wide Ice Skating - Sunday, February 17, 2:00-4:00pm

Mark your calendars! GAC is going to the rink. Come join us on Sunday, February 17 for a fun time of skating at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena (Lynch Field) in Greensburg (520 New Alexandria Road). The session will last from 2:00-4:00pm. The cost for skating will be \$5 for children, \$6 for adults, and \$5 for those 55 and older. The price of skate rental is \$3 and the use of a locker is \$1 if needed. Please note that this is a public skate session so you will be responsible for the supervision and behavior of your own children.

2019 Offering Envelopes

2019 offering envelopes are available for pick up at the table in the Lobby. If you would like envelopes and there is not a box labeled for you, please indicate on your Sunday bulletin information card or contact the Church Office (churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, 724-837-1122).

Severe Weather Cancellation Policy

When severe weather conditions make it necessary to cancel a church service, Wednesday evening activities, or other event, notice of the cancellation will be sent through our texting and e-mail notification service. Cancellations will also be posted on the church website (greensburgalliance.com) and Church Office phone answering system (724-837-1122).

For Wednesday Awana meetings, weather will be monitored and an announcement made by 3:00pm if activities are cancelled. Notifications will be made by the texting and email service, or you may check the website or call the Church Office.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart Meetings will not be held in January or February. We will begin meeting again on Thursday, March 7, 2019, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Sunday Morning Adult Growth Classes - "A Place for Growing... A Place for YOU!"

Adult Growth Classes are offered at 9:15am and 10:45am. Pick up a brochure at the rack in the Lobby for details.

January 6 through February 10

9:15am: Revelation & Daniel: A Study of End Time Perspectives - Teacher: Ed Kerr - Classroom: 230/240

In the Bible, the books of Revelation and Daniel are both important pieces of apocalyptic literature that speak about the final events surrounding God's ultimate victory over the kingdom of darkness. Both of these works are important to examine for the encouragement of the church and the individual believer. The Book of Revelation even directly promises to be a blessing to those who read it, as well as those who hear it.

A question for the ages has always been, when will the fulfillment of the Book of Revelation take place? Although we know that no one knows the day or time that the Lord will come, we are also told in Luke 21:28 that when we see the signs of the last days that we should lift our heads, because our redemption draws near. This class will look at balancing these two tensions in a way that will interest its participants.

10:45am: Who Needs God? - Teacher: Lee Calisti - Classroom: 250/260

In the past ten years it has been increasingly common to run into people who are utterly hostile to the very concept of having a belief in God. In the past, while many people may have not considered themselves adherents to the Christian faith, it was common for them to view the church as a generally positive influence on society. But with the rise of the narrative of "New Atheists" many people are coming to believe religion is the cause of the world's problems rather than a solution.

So the question for us is "How do we meet this new challenge to the narrative that God is real, God is good, and that he is worth seeking through a growing personal relationship?" In this six-part DVD series, Andy Stanley addresses this tension and sets a foundation for faith that will stand up to the rigors of the real world. This class is designed to help participants learn how to speak to atheists and agnostics in a way that meets their challenges with intelligent answers.

Save the Date - Begins February 17

9:15am: Foundations - Teacher: Jared Burns - Classroom 225

Beginning on February 17 we are excited to announce that we will be offering a Christian Foundations class. The Foundations class is a six-part class that is designed to go over some of the foundational beliefs that are at the core of Christianity in a way that is interesting, engaging, and practical. In a way, you could think of this as a Christianity 101 Class that will help you better understand what it means to be a Christian.

Please take a moment to honestly ask yourself the following questions: Am I new to the Christian faith? Would I benefit in a setting where someone explained the basics of Christianity in a format where I could ask questions? Do I feel like I need a refresher on the foundations of the Christian faith?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then maybe this class is for you. While anyone can attend, if possible, we would like to know about your interest in this upcoming class in advance, so feel free to indicate on your information card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

Anchor College Ministry

Our focus is on discipleship; building a strong group of Christ oriented students passionate about reaching the world. People committed to living out their faith, rather than just talking about it. Through focused studies, hands-on ministry opportunities, and group oriented discussion, we want to help students personalize the Gospel story to better reach those around them. Our group meets Sunday afternoons, 12:15pm in Room 250/260. For additional information contact Josh Nosbisch, 412-378-5791, jnosbisch.gac@gmail.com.

Moms 24/7

Now that the gifts have been opened and decorations put away, it's time to focus on a new year at Moms 24/7. We have been encouraged so far and want to extend an invitation to all moms to join us anytime! Our schedule will continue as normal with our first meeting of 2019 being on January 8, and our second on January 22. We are looking forward to starting the Comparison Trap DVD series.

Our January Moms Night Out will be at Sunset (Noviellos) Cafe in Greensburg on Thursday, January 17. We will be meeting at the restaurant at 6:00pm.

Moms 24/7 is a ministry for moms of ALL ages with children of ALL ages. Whether you are a first time mom or you have grandchildren, Moms 24/7 is for you. Whatever your schedule or stage of life, we hope you make Moms 24/7 part of your life. It is not only an opportunity for you to get refreshed and encouraged, but also a chance for you to refresh and encourage other moms. We meet regularly the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, September through May. For questions or more information, contact Joanne Kreinbrook at the Church Office, 724-837-1122, or email kbroom93@msn.com.

Men's Sunday Prayer Ministry

The Men's Prayer Ministry meets every Sunday morning prior to the worship services to pray for the services and our congregation. All men are welcome to join us in the Prayer Room located near the Sanctuary.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 6:30am in Conference Room 550 with the study being completed at 7:30am. Weekly attendance is not a requirement, and all men and their sons are welcome to drop in as their schedule permits. Their purpose is to help equip one another to glorify God by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Men's Bible Study Fellowship helps our church accomplish its mission by working through careful study of God's Word, to learn the mind of God, and discern His will for men. Through this Bible Study men work to encourage, equip, and strengthen each other to live Godly and victoriously through the Spirit. Through prayer we lift each other, our families, and our work places to the Lord. The group is open to men of all ages and backgrounds: young or old; single or married; with kids or without kids; etc.

The group is currently studying the curriculum "God's Design for Sexuality in a Changing Culture." Everyone outside the church is talking about sexual issues - gender identity, same-sex attraction, same-sex marriage; the world's perspective on these issues has certainly changed over the last decade. So how do we answer questions about God's design for sexuality for our church and their families? How are we equipping ourselves to understand a Biblical perspective on sexuality and form a Gospel-based response to questions from both inside and outside the church? The study consists of 30-minute videos with participant outlines that address questions and topics about God's design for sexuality. We welcome all men to come take part in this opportunity to dig deeper into what God has to say about sexuality.

For more information contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122 or Alex Graziani, 724-787-6520, alexander.graziani@gmail.com. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

GAC Friday Night Basketball Outreach

All men and teenage guys are invited to join us for our Basketball Outreach on Fridays, 8:00-10:00pm at the Mountain View Elementary School. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Bring your friends and enjoy the company of Christian men and teens while having fun playing basketball! Contact George Cross for additional information, 412-292-3281.

**AY IHOP Breakfast (5159 Route 30, Greensburg)****Monday, January 21, 9:00am-?**

Come join us for breakfast at IHOP on Monday the 21st (MLK Day) at 9:00am. We have a side room reserved so that we can sit together as a group. Students will need to bring enough money to cover their meal and a generous tip. Try to show up as close to 9:00am as possible to make ordering easier. Please sign up in the Youth Sunday School room so that we have a general idea of who is coming, but you are more than welcome to bring friends. Hope to see you there!

NERF Night!!!**Thursday, January 17, 6:30pm**

On Thursday January 17, during a portion of our Youth Group Meeting, we will be having a Nerf battle. Bring your best Nerf dart guns and get ready to have a blast. There will be a number of extra Nerf blasters available as well. Please mark or initial any darts that you bring so that you can distinguish them from the others when it comes time to collect them. We will also have a bunch of extra darts available to use.

LIFE 2019 Informational Meeting**Sunday, January 27, 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall**

This year we have a record number of students registered for our LIFE Conference in Orlando, Florida. With a trip this big there will be a lot of moving parts. This mandatory informational meeting will give all in attendance the latest information about conference details, flights, hotel accommodations, fundraising totals, and overall instructions about what needs to happen as we get closer to the day of departure.

NEW AY Hoodies

We will be taking orders for a new round of Youth Group hoodies. The cost is \$20 each which will be collected up front. There will be more information on style, colors, and ordering in the Youth Sunday School room beginning in January. The deadline for all orders is the beginning of February (see the poster in the Youth Sunday School room for the exact date).

Upcoming Dates

February 8 - Great Date Night

February 17 - Church-wide Ice Skating

Texting Service & Instagram

For weekly updates be sure to sign up for our texting notifications at Youth Group or contact the Church Office (724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com). You may also follow us on Instagram at gacyouthministry.

Children's Ministries



Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Awana is fun with a purpose... to reach and train children for Jesus Christ. Each week there are Bible lessons, Scripture reciting, games, music, and lots of other fun activities. Our program is comprised of three age-appropriate clubs: Cubbies for preschoolers age 3 before September 1 and 4 year-olds; Sparks for grades Kindergarten through Grade 2; and Truth & Training (T&T) for Grades 3 through 6. Children may come to Awana anytime during the year. Check-in starts at 6:30pm at the Children's Ministry registration desk. Please enter the building through the Awana/Office entrance. If you would like additional information, contact Melissa Bartels at the Church Office, 724-837-1122, or just stop by on Wednesday evening!

Awana January Activities:

- 1/2 - No Awana
- 1/9 - Bring a Baby Picture Night - Remembering our beginnings
- 1/16 Neon Night - Dress in your brightest colors
- 1/23 Noisy Offering Night - Bring your change to make a joyful noise
- 1/30 Soup-er Bowl Night - Wear your team colors and bring a can of soup to donate

Bible Quizzing Update

Our November Bible Quiz meet was held at Somerset Alliance Church. Seniors quizzed on John chapters 5-7, while juniors quizzed on John chapters 3 and 4:1-38. Paul Obringer had a good day of quizzing, scoring 330 points individually. His team earned 34 points that day. On December 1, we traveled to Cherry Tree Alliance where seniors quizzed on John chapters 8-10 and juniors competed on John 4:39-54 and chapter 11. Paul scored 120 points individually, and his team earned 28 points for the day. Paul is currently in 9th place overall, with his team in 7th place.

Our next quiz meet will be held at Norwin Alliance on Saturday, January 5. Seniors are responsible for learning John chapters 11-13, while juniors need to be studying John chapters 12 and 13:1-17. Please be praying that all of our young people would be hiding God's Word in their hearts and growing closer to Him!

Vacation Bible School is on the Move!

This year our VBS will be moving back to mornings and will begin on Monday, June 10 and end on Friday, June 14 with a celebration picnic! Stay tuned for a new VBS theme in the upcoming months! In the meantime, start thinking about family and friends you want to invite to our VBS, and what you can do to help this year!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please consider giving a week (or even a few days) of your summer to volunteer with our children during VBS. This is a wonderful outreach mission as we try to reach the children of our community with a camp-type program. If you are already cleared to work with children, all you have to do is sign up! If you do not currently serve in our children's ministries, all that is required of you is Governing Board approval and completion of clearance forms. The process is simple, but required, so the earlier you submit your forms, the sooner you can be approved and positioned for VBS.

Currently we have a need for a Vacation Bible School Director, a Crafts Director, and also an Outreach Director. VBS requires many volunteers to lead groups of children, volunteers to help decorate the church, and more! If you are interested in filling any of these spots, please check the box on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or contact Melissa Bartels in the Church Office, 724-837-1122.



Envision Paris

Shining The Light
in the city of light

Ways to Engage with What God is Doing in Paris

It has been a fun year for the Roos to work and minister in Paris. Here are a few ways for you to engage in what God is doing in France.

Engage by Praying

Pray. This is the first and foremost way you can be engaged in what God is doing in Paris. Nothing they do is able to be accomplished without the prayers of people around the world. Take time to pray for the people the Roos connect with each day. Pray for their family and coworkers. Pray for the Light of Christ to shine forth.



Tony, Raeni, Fayth & Hannah Roos

Engage by Joining Them

There are opportunities for you to be engaged in the Roos' work through joining them in Paris for anywhere from 10 days to 2 years. You don't have to speak French or like eating snails! If you are sensing God's call on your life to engage with ministry in France, then check out their website for more information: weareenvision.com/france.

Keep in Touch

The Roos would love to hear from you! Drop them a letter or card to let them know you are praying and thinking about them. In return they will pray for you as well. (6 rue Jean Mermoz, 78220 Viroflay FRANCE)

Engage Financially

One of the best investments you can make is in Kingdom work. You may give directly through our church to the Great Commission Fund which supports over 700 workers with the C&MA around the world. Or, if you would like to give to a specific need for our International Workers in France, you can consider supporting their individual outfit funds. The Roos are responsible for raising \$7500 per month to live and work in France. That's \$250 per day or roughly \$10 an hour. This includes all of their expenses and ministry funds. They are very grateful to a loving God who has provided through generous financial engagement of many people. For additional information, go to the Christian and Missionary Alliance website, cmalliance.org.

Engage by ???

It's up to you to figure out other ways to engage. We've given a few ideas above, but how can we best engage with the International Workers in France to see the work of the Gospel advanced?

Prayer Requests & Praise

- Tony's paternal grandfather passed away in late November. Pray for his family as they mourn this loss.
- Hannah met with the department of education and has been cleared to continue on with online schooling. She went to Budapest with her mom to meet with a Christian psychologist to assess her dyslexia for admission to Black Forest Academy next fall (Her sister, Fayth, is already attending there). She again did amazing and the doctor's report concluded that she does have some deficiencies, but did not diagnose her with dyslexia. His report and the way he communicated to Hannah were both very encouraging! Pray everything works out and she is accepted to the school.
- Continue to pray for Hannah's ongoing health struggles due to long lasting effects of Lymes disease. She met with a doctor specializing in Lymes disease and communicated her pain and the ongoing effects of her sickness. The doctor gave them a path forward that they will take and are looking forward to a Hannah healed by Jesus.
- Pray for ministry opportunities and connecting with people in their community.

January Anniversaries

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| 1 Harry & Renee Jones | 19 Bill & Patty Schomer |
| 9 Parimal & Sapana Bhagat
Eric & Joanne Kreinbrook | 24 Ken & Carol Barackman |
| 13 Matt & Caitlyn Stone | 28 David & Mary Marquis |

January Birthdays

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| 3 Ashley Hugland | 14 Janet Keller | 23 Jimmi White |
| 4 Lilia Callen
John Thoma | 15 Tammy Keslar
Todd Murgi | 24 Vince Siecinski |
| 5 Abigail Baum
Jordan Timko, Jr. | 16 Carl Fink
Jade Harter | 25 Luke Hauser
Hadley Stone |
| 6 Sophia Dail
Joseph Dreskler
Tom Haupt
Brantley Stumpf | 17 Abigail Stoltenberg | 26 Jocelyn Fox
Noelle Griffiths |
| 8 Dianne Haupt
Michael McKivens | 18 Zain Harter, Jr.
Mike Iwinski | 27 Maryln Davis |
| 13 Bill Mackison
Jonah Momper | 19 Wesley Stahl | 28 Dawn Rose
Camden Stone |
| | 21 Bill Griffiths | 29 Mark Murgi |
| | 22 Bill Hugland Sr. | |

If you would like your anniversary and family birthdays listed in our monthly Focus newsletters, please indicate on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or email the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

We appreciate your completing the information cards in your bulletin each week so that we can keep our records up to date. Even if your contact information hasn't changed, just write your name and "same" across the front. Thank you!

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Our church website features all the information you need to know about our church with easy to use menus. One of the great features is the ability to view the live feeds of our Sunday morning worship services. There are also printable PDF versions of our newsletter, monthly calendars, and registration forms.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <i>No Awana</i>	3 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	4 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	5 9am Bible Quiz Meet @ Norwin Alliance
6 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	7 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:30pm Elders Meeting	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	9 6:30pm Awana Bring a Baby Picture Night	10 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	11 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	12
13 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	14	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study	16 6:30pm Awana Neon Night - Wear your brightest colors!	17 6pm Moms Night Out @ Sunset Cafe 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) Nerf Night	18 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	19
					Bible Quiz Tournament @ ACAC	
20 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting	21 9am Alliance Youth IHOP Breakfast <i>Newsletter Article Deadline</i>	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	23 6:30pm Awana Noisy Offering Night	24 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	25 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	26
27 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Alliance Youth LIFE Trip Information Meeting for Parents & Students	28	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study	30 6:30pm Awana "Souper" Bowl Night - Wear your team colors and bring a can of soup	31 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) 7pm Trustees Meeting		

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3 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	4 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7pm Night of Prayer	6 6:30pm Awana Zoo Night - Bring your favorite stuffed animal	7 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	8 6pm Great Date Night Childcare 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	9
10 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	11	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	13 6:30pm Awana Crazy Heart Night - Wear Valentine colors and hearts	14 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	15 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	16
17 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting 2-4pm Church-wide Ice Skating @ Nevin Arena	18 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:30pm Elders Meeting Newsletter Article Deadline	19 6:30am Men's Bible Study	20 6:30pm Awana Twinsies Night - Bring a Friend and dress alike	21 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	22 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	23
24 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	25	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	27 6:30pm Awana Super Silly Socks Night - Wear your "craziest" socks!	28 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) 7pm Trustees Meeting		



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Bible Quiz Meet - Norwin - January 5

Moms Night Out - Sunset Café - January 17

Alliance Youth Nerf Night - January 17

Bible Quiz Tournament - January 18-19

Alliance Youth IHOP Breakfast - January 21

Alliance Youth LIFE Information Meeting - January 27