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From the Pastor's Desk

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
(Isaiah 40:30-31)

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Church, as we get ready to embark on yet another year, if we are honest it feels different than other New Years. In past New Years people would hope to maybe get in shape, start a new hobby, or just make some type of lasting life change. I believe that for many of us our goals are different this year. We are just hoping to get back to some sense of normalcy. The prophet Isaiah tells us in the above Scripture that we all get tired. I know many of you are emotionally tired after 2020, and you are not sure how much you can take in 2021. I want to encourage you as the Scripture says to put your hope in the Lord. It is only through our faith that we can renew our strength. It is only through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit that we can continue to live out our best each day.

Church, let us never get tired of doing good. In this next year let us begin to rebuild from all 2020 has brought us, like Nehemiah. We do not need to fix everything tomorrow, but let us start building right in front of us today. I am sure that this year is going to bring many challenges but if we trust God and work together there is nothing that we cannot overcome.

So while this is not the normal feeling of a New Year, I am excited. I am excited to see what God is going to do in your life and in Greensburg Alliance Church. I am excited to see how God is going to work through you. I am excited to be part of this time in our church's history. As we get ready for this new year, let us put our faith in God, let us put our hope in God, and let us not grow weary, but let us approach this year with a new passion, a new desire, and a new hope, not because of us, but because of the mighty God we serve.

-Pastor Lu



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Membership Class - January 24 & 31

A two-part Membership Class is planned for Sunday mornings, January 24 & 31 at 11:00am. You must attend both classes. Anyone 16 years and older is welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend or would like additional information, please indicate on your Connect Card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com. Be sure to sign up so that we have materials for everyone.

Ladies Small Group Study

It's a new year and a great time join our group! We meet at 101 N. Main Street, Suite 102, on Monday evenings. Come as early as 6:30pm to hang out, the study will take place from 7-8pm. Invite a friend! For questions or more information, contact Joanne Kreinbrook at the church office.

Moms 24/7

Our Moms 24 /7 group is planning a Mom's Night Out on Tuesday, January 19. We will be meeting for dinner at 6:30pm at Moreland's At Waterworks, 1817 S. Broad St. Ext. Greensburg. Please feel free to invite a friend, and look for text, Facebook, and Instagram reminders closer to that date.

As always, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out if you have any questions, prayer requests or just want to connect. We really miss our meetings!

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. For questions or more information please contact Joanne Kreinbrook at jkreinbrook.gac@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

We invite you to join us for an evening of prayer via Zoom Wednesdays in January at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for us to be united in prayer. A link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting. If you have not received our Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting links in the past, please contact the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com or 724-837-1122 to be added. We hope you can make it!

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We invite you to join our Men's Bible Study each Tuesday morning via Zoom. We have been discussing Pastor Lu's sermon and the accompanying Bible passage each week. We meet from 6:30am to 7:30am every Tuesday. If you would like to participate, send an email to alexander.graziani@gmail.com to get a link to the Zoom meeting. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

Young at Heart

We are taking our normal Winter break in January and February. While there is no Young At Heart meeting at this time, be sure to mark your calendar for when we resume meeting on March 4, 2021. Have a safe winter. See you in the Spring!

Arab Lands

Hi Friends, A LOT has happened since my last update! I visited an area last December and the local Alliance invited me to serve with them. I knew that without a doubt He was asking me to walk through the door that was opened for me to go, and so after exactly 9 years in my previous Arab location I moved to my new location. I will be here for a six month trial basis.

It has been a pure joy getting to know the beautiful people here. God has provided a sweet roommate who is helping me acclimate. Starting next week, I will start teaching English to kindergarten kids in the afternoon 5 days a week. The Alliance has a community center and we hope to launch adult English classes at the beginning of next year. His timing is impeccable! He perfectly lined up the exact window for me to leave my home of nine years and then relaunch into ministry here. While there were so many hard goodbyes in leaving after so long, it also meant I could move forward into saying hellos in meeting new friends here. Overall, I feel blessed, honored, and thankful.



I know 2020 has been challenging in so many ways for everyone; and yet, knowing He is still on the throne and that He is good brings such comfort in days of uncertainty. I can't even begin to write down all of the ways He has lined up my life right now for such a time as this. I know He is faithful and I pray you can be encouraged in His promises and His perfect timing!

-Krystal

"May all the kingdoms of the earth know that you, O Lord, are God" 2 Kings 19:19b

Adult Sunday Growth Classes

During the month of January we will be taking a break from our in-person Sunday Morning Adult Growth Classes. We are currently working on putting together another virtual Zoom class that will begin mid to late January. More information will be provided in the bulletin as it becomes available. To stay up to date on all of the happenings concerning our Adult Growth Classes, please download the Greensburg Alliance Church app and enable push notifications for Adult Growth Classes.

2021 Offering Envelopes

2021 offering envelopes will be available for pick on Sundays, December 27 and January 3 at the table in the Lobby. If you would like envelopes and there is not a box labeled for you, please indicate on your Connect Card or contact the Church Office. After January 3, envelopes will be available for pickup in the Church Office.

Children's Ministries Time Change

There will be no Children's Ministry on Sunday, January 3, 2021. When we start back on Sunday, January 10, it will be at a new time. Children's Ministry will move to the 11:00am service only.

It's a New Year!!!

Welcome back to GAC Kids!! We have enjoyed seeing many faces back and look forward to seeing many more. **We are asking that you please complete the New Children's Ministry Registration form for your child(ren) on the website at greensburgalliancechurch.com or the GAC church app.** It will be under "Ministries", click on "Children" and then scroll down to "Registration". This will greatly help things run smoother on Sunday mornings if this is done ahead of time.

* Our Children's Ministry will be held **only** at the **11:00am** service and will run for the full hour. Families can check in their kids at the front desk. They will be in the Orange Room for drop off and pick up. We are also having preschool (4&5's) at **11:00am** and they will be meeting in the Preschool Room.

January 252:

* This month's theme in 252 Kids (Elementary) is about **understanding the rules for life**. We will be sharing about how to live with responsibility, learning to play well, and finishing strong. When we show that we can be trusted with what is expected of us, that helps us to carry more responsibility in our lives. We will be learning about loving God and loving others. (Matthew 22:37)



January First Look:

* This month's theme in First Look (Preschool) is that Jesus is **AMAZING!!** We will be learning about how Jesus wants to be your friend forever! We will look at how Jesus was a friend and the amazing things He did to show His love for us. Jesus wants to be **your** friend forever too.



* **Parents**, there is a weekly video that is posted on our website for your family to watch and help guide your discussions with your children. **The password for First Look (preschool) and 252 Kids (elementary) videos is "Gackids"**. Please have your sticker ready to pick up your children at the end of the service. We are looking forward to having your children participate in GAC Kids this year!!

God has been working over these last few months. Maybe you are seeing for the first time how important it is to have a relationship with Jesus and to be in community with others. These kids need volunteers who are willing to share Jesus and His love for them. **For those interested in serving in Children's Ministry, please contact Cindy Llewellyn at cindy.gackids@gmail.com, for more information about how to help out with GAC Kids.**



Welcome back to Awana!!

Awana is being done differently right now. We are using a hybrid type format for Awana with both **virtual** and **home** elements. Each week we go over the verses and lessons with you virtually. They are prerecorded and shown on our Greensburg Alliance Church website/Ministries/Awana. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Llewellyn at cindy.gackids@gmail.com.

Moving into the New Year

As we move into the new year we are still in a place where flexibility will be the name of the game when it comes to ministry planning and staffing for our programming. At the time that this is being written our county is experiencing substantial community spread of Covid-19 and we are seeing the numbers trending in the wrong direction. Because of this, our plan is to continue small groups ("Impact Groups") in the new year on a month-to-month basis. These groups will be held with the same protocols in place as before. Beginning in January, we will be starting a new series for both Middle School as well as High School so we encourage you to show up and check it out. In case you were wondering, we will keep our same format but the groups themselves will be shuffled around a bit. While it is hard to plan in this environment, our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for students to learn about their faith and grow in their relationship with Christ as we move through this uncertain season.

Impact Groups

We are excited about our Impact Groups that have been running since October. These groups will either meet on Wednesday nights (Grade 6-8) or Thursday Nights (Grade 9-12). These groups will be held from 6:30-7:45pm. There is no need to preregister for these groups, just show up and we will get you situated. As mentioned above, during our indoor youth meetings masks and physical distancing will be required as we gather together. If you've never shown up for one, we encourage you to stop by and check it out.

Operation Christmas Child Report

I wanted to take a moment and thank you teens for your participation in our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Day. About 45 of us gathered together to pack 110 shoeboxes. It's exciting to think that these shoeboxes will be sent all over the world to bless children. Not only are these shoeboxes filled with amazing gifts they will also go with the Gospel and be distributed by local churches that can offer support as people grow in their faith.

Thank you again for your donations and work that made this year's shoebox packing night a success. When I dropped them off at the local donation center they mentioned that they can always count on Greensburg Alliance Youth for a great turnout, and this year was no different.

2021 January Schedule

- 6 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 7 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)
- 13 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 14 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)
- 20 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 21 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)
- 27 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 28 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Church Office Closed—New Year's Day</i>	2
3 11:00am Family Friendly Worship Service/Communion NO Children's Ministry	4 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom	6 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	7 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group	8	9
10 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 11:00am Children's Ministry	11 Newsletter Article Deadline 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom	13 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	14 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group	15	16
17 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 11:00am Children's Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting	18 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm Elders Meeting	19 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom 6:30pm Moms Night Out at Moreland's	20 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	21 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group	22	23
24 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 11:00am Children's Ministry	25 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom	27 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	28 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group 7:00pm Trustee Meeting	29	30
31 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 11:00am Children's Ministry						



January Anniversaries

1	Harry & Renee Jones	13	Matt & Caitlyn Stone
9	Parimal & Sapana Eric & Joanne Kreinbrook	24	Ken & Carol Barackman
		28	Dave & Mary Marquis

January Birthdays

3	Julia Bove Ashley Hugland Angela Schwartz	15	Rylan Beckner Tammy Keslar Todd Murgi	24	Vincent Siecinski John Steiner
4	Lilia Callen	16	Carl Fink	25	Luke Hauser Hadley Stone
5	Abigail Baum Jordan Timko, Jr. Levi Turchetta	17	Abigail Stoltenberg	26	Jocelyn Fox Noelle Griffiths Emma Tanyer
6	Sophia Dail Joseph Dreskler	19	Amber Lucas Wesley Stahl	27	Marlyn Davis
8	Michael McKivens	20	Ethan Stelma	28	Dawn Rose Camden Stone
13	William Mackison Jonah Momper	21	William Griffiths	29	Mark Murgi
14	Janet Keller	22	William Hugland Julianne Schwartz		
		23	Jimmi White		

If you would like your anniversary and family birthdays listed in our monthly Focus newsletters, please indicate on your Sunday Connect Card located on the pews, through our Church app or email the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

We appreciate you completing the Connect Card located on the pews or on the app and submitting it each week so that we can keep our records up to date. Even if your contact information hasn't changed. Thank you!



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Family Worship Service - January 3

Moms Night Out at Morelands - January 19

Membership Class - January 24 & 31

Any prayer requests can be submitted by email to the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, our Church App, or you may leave a voice message at the Church Office, 724-837-1122.

Messages are checked on a regular basis.