

It's the beginning of summer: beautiful weather, more outside activities, the churches and the campgrounds are alive with activity! VBS, youth camps, camp meeting, weekend celebrations – in this season, we have a more varied number of options to reach our communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

But it doesn't happen without intentionality! No one of us can just hope people will show up to learn about Christ. You and I must invite people to the kingdom. We can never assume that the community – or even the church families – are informed about events that we may create.

Years ago we sang an old hymn – “Are you adorning the doctrine?” Now the language is dated, but the message is the same. We need to create an atmosphere that appeals to people. Like the first century church in Acts, we need to generate enthusiasm by our love for God and our lives of worship. In that, people will be drawn to find out what's going on. Everyone wants to be a part of a vibrant experience.

So whether you are throwing a weekend Church Block Party, taking the youth on a weekend retreat, planning a father and son/daughter canoe trip, or the church is hosting a family camping weekend - make sure you find ways to live the love of Christ and open paths to sharing the Good News. Take advantage of this beautiful season!

~ Rebecca

Summer

CAMP COUNSELORS FOR WHCC ELEMENTARY CAMP NEEDED

Have you ever thought you would like to be a part of encouraging children to grow in Christ? This year you have a unique opportunity to counsel elementary school campers. June 26-30 are the dates and the camp needs counselors for that week. If you are interested, contact Ashley Trimmer at the Whitehall Camp Office – 724-867-6861 or email contact.whitehallcamp@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

TH-SUN, June 21-23 **Church of God Regional Convention** Anderson, IN
“IDENTITY”

TH-SUN, June 30 - July 3 **IYC - Youth Convention** San Antonio, TX
“UPGRADE”

Register at <https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/iyc-2022/>

SAT-SUN, July 16-24 **WPA Camp Meeting** WHCC
Rev. Kevin Earley, Evangelist
Rev. Tina Lipps, Youth Evangelist

SUN-SUN, Aug. 7-14 **NACOG Camp Meeting** West Middlesex, PA
National Association of the Church of God
Homecoming on the Hill

TH-SUN, Oct. 13-16 **CWC Convention** Orlando, FL
With the Church of God Regional Convention

FR, Oct. 21 **WPA General Assembly** Meadville, PA

FR-SUN, Nov. 18-20 **THIRST/WPA Youth Convention** Erie, PA

SAT-SAT, Feb. 18-25, 2023 **RISE UP! Ministries Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic**

More info at www.riseupmin.org

CARE PHASE 3—WHAT'S NEW FOR 2022-2024?

Joseph Cookston, CARE Director



CARE
CLERGY ADVOCACY & RESOURCE EFFORT

The CARE Initiative enters Phase 3 as a pastor support ministry of Church of God Ministries, partially funded by Lilly Endowment grant. Some of the benefits include board and pastor coaching, and financial assistance toward student loan indebtedness and retirement accounts. This remains consistent.

- **What's new in CARE phase 3?** A limited number of pastor renewal grants.
- **What is the purpose of the grants?** The pandemic has hit some pastors particularly hard. They are exhausted and nearing stages of burn out.

The Pastor Renewal Grants come alongside these pastors by offering funding for:

- 1) personal renewal retreat experiences,
- 2) marriage and family enrichment opportunities, and/or
- 3) personal counseling

How does a pastor qualify for the grant?

- 1) Pastor is currently registered with the Church of God.
- 2) Congregation is currently registered with the Church of God.
- 3) Pastor is actively serving a Church of God congregation.
- 4) Pastor is recommended by regional pastor and/or Partner in Ministry lead.

PENNSYLVANIA CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Brookville First Church of God

Connellsville Church of God

Ellwood City Church of God – effective July 1

Meadville, United Faith Church of God

Penn Run, Maple Grove Church of God

Pittsburgh, New Life Church of God

West Lebanon Church of God

***For more information, please contact Rebecca at 724-867-9601**

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TRANSITIONS:

Births -

Congratulations to **Kevin and Jenny Myers** and big brother **Ezra**, who welcomed little **Naomi Rose**, born on March 30. Kevin pastors the Cambridge Springs Church of God.

Deaths –

Rev. Terry McGarrity went to be with the Lord after a lengthy illness on April 23. Rev. Karen McGarrity and their two sons and grandchildren survive. Sympathies may be sent to Rev. Karen McGarrity, 104 Dale Street, PO Box 5, Tionesta, PA 16353.

Rev. Jessica Cyphert passed into the welcoming arms of God on Friday, May 27. She is survived by her husband Troy, daughter Rae, parents Rev. Bruce and Judy Wilson, and brothers and sister, Rev. Nick Wilson, Rev. Josh Wilson, Rev. Blair Wilson, Rev. Sam Wilson, and Sgt. Caleb Wilson, and their families. Expressions of condolence may be sent to Mr. Troy Cyphert - 160 Lawn Drive, Lucinda, Pa 16235; Rev. Bruce and Judy Wilson - 236 Ridgewood Rd., Shipperville, Pa 162545867.

Mary Alice Hoston, mother of **Rev. Regina Robinson** was welcomed into her heavenly home on Tuesday, May 31. The homegoing service was Tuesday, June 14 at 10AM. Sympathies may be sent to Rev. Regina Robinson, c/o Lincoln Avenue Church of God, 404 Lincoln Avenue, East Liberty, Pa 15206.

WPA Giving to Ukraine

To date the congregations, CWC, and individuals in our state have given \$11,429 to the Church of God in Ukraine, to be used for medical supplies, food, and helping refugees in their communities escape the violence and find new locations for shelter. This is the money that has come specifically to WPA Ministries. We know some congregations and individuals have sent the monies directly to CHOG Ministries or other places for relief. Thank you for your generous care for those who are suffering from the Russian invasion.



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