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Pastor John has been doing a sermon series on the Bible from beginning to end. I don't know about you, but I could listen to him explain the stories all day! I have read the words many times but never understood them as Pastor John has explained and interpreted.

If you are like me, come and listen on Sunday morning. Maybe you, too, will be delighted and find understanding of God's message to his people.

**YOU are welcome here!**

## October Goodies & Goblins

By Elaine Peacock



My favorite month of the year is upon us, besides all the beautiful Fall colors, there is my favorite holiday Halloween to enjoy. I admit I am a fan of old horror movies – no not the slasher ones of today but the ones from the 30's and 40's that you have to use your imagination and you can feel the hairs on the back of your neck standing on end with anticipation. I love going to all the craft fairs and farmers markets especially when I see Apple Cider Donuts for sale. The cooler October weather invites leisurely, long walks through the leaves in your favorite sweater or sweatshirt. So enjoy October to the fullest, get out and enjoy the crispy weather and save a donut for me.

From Jack Tice

The Daily Study Bible Series – the Gospel of John volume 1 – Revised Edition -  
William Barclay

John 3: 7-13

You may not know how the Spirit works; but you can see the effect of the Spirit in human lives.

Jesus Said: “This is no theoretical thing of which we are speaking. We are talking of what we have actually seen. We can point to man after man who has been re-born by the power of the Spirit.” Dr. John Hutton used to tell of a workman who had been a drunken reprobate and was converted. His work-mates did their best to make him feel a fool. “Surely,” they said to him, “you can’t believe in miracles and things like that. Surely, for instance, you don’t believe that Jesus turned water into wine.” “I don’t know,” the man answered, “whether he turned water into wine when he was in Palestine, but I do know that in my own house and home he has turned beer into furniture!”



Round Table of Thanks

- The Wednesday volunteers- Helen Gioia and Marcia Coningswood

## MY MOM, MY HERO

Submitted by Helen Gioia



My Mom raised four children by herself and lost three before she died. Unbearable grief for the greatest Mom in all the world! Her wonderful son Dick, my brother, died a hero when he was fourteen years old. He ran into the street and pushed his friend out of the way of an oncoming car. Dick was hit instead and died four hours later. The story made the front page of the Daily News in Brooklyn, N. Y. ----- "Fourteen Year Old Boy Dies A Hero!" His death changed all of our lives. Mom was always worried about my two sisters and me. She said--- "Tell the ones you love how much you love them every chance you have."

Years later she lost both of my sisters to breast cancer a year apart. Unbearable grief again for the greatest Mom in all the world. That's what she was to us kids. She was our hero. On the day my sister Margaret died, I found out my Mom had bone cancer, multiple myeloma.

When God took my sister Margaret, my Mom and I prayed asking God to please let my sister Lillian live. We went to different churches and prayed. We thought God would hear our prayers if we were in other churches. But, Lillian died too.

A year after Lillian died my Mom died too. Before she died, I wrote a letter to her from us four kids thanking her for all the love and care she gave to us, --- for always being there for us and I told her how much we all loved her. I signed it ----Love Always, Dick, Lillian, Margaret & Helen. She treasured the letter and her eyes filled up with tears. My brother and sisters were gone but, I wanted my Mom to know all the love we had in our hearts for her, ---- the Greatest Mom in All the World!

She left a note for me when she knew she was going to die,----"I will always be with you, ---- look up at the twinkling star in the sky, ----that's me."

I know I will see my Mom who was my Hero in my life, and my precious sisters Margaret and Lillian and my wonderful brother Dick again someday. That is God's promise to me. And, I will always remember My Mom saying----"Tell the ones you love how much you love them."

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The Daily Study Bible Series – the Gospel of John volume 2 – Revised Edition - William Barclay  
Submitted by Jack Tice

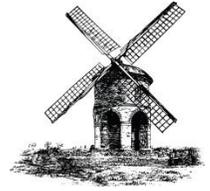
John 15: 11-17

Jesus chose us to be Advertisements. He chose us to go out to bear fruit, and to bear fruit which will stand the test of time. The way to spread Christianity is to be Christian. The way to bring others into the Christian faith is to show them the fruit of the Christian life. Jesus sends us out, not to argue men into Christianity, still less to threaten them into it, but to attract them into it; so to live that its fruits may be so wonderful that others will desire them for themselves.





# AUTUMNFEST UPDATE



Only 19 days until Autumnfest! Time really flies! I am going to list the help and items we need. I pray that God is calling on all of you to do something. This is a Church-Wide Event so hopefully each family will do something to make this once again a huge success!

## Still Needed!

Baked Goods for our Dot Ploch Bake Table. Calls are being made now! If for some reason you do not receive a call please bake anyway. The more we have the more money we will make because everything is always sold out! Last year we made over \$1300! If you do not receive a call please call Gail at church and let her know you are baking. You can bring in your baked goods on the Friday before between 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Or you can bring it in that day before Autumnfest starts at 10:00 A.M.

If you do not bake you can give a monetary donation. Thank you in advance!

The Luncheon always does very well too! We need donations of diet and regular Coke and Sprite as well as bottled water. You can put them in Room 103 on the left side.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need people to come at 7:00 A.M. and help set up the tent as well as take them in at 4:00 P.M. We need volunteers during the day to take the vendors their lunch and relieve people for lunch. We need volunteers to take care of the popcorn popper and pretzel warmer. We also need volunteers to help Lauren in the Children's area.

We will have our Autumnfest kickoff on that Thursday night October 17 starting at 5:30 P.M with pizza and Meltaways. If you can join us please let me know so I will know how many pizzas to order. This is Fellowship time for us before our big event on Saturday!

We need many prayers that we have good weather, good attendance, and that people can see the peace and love of Jesus through us!

We want to thank you all in advance for your donations of time and items you will give to this day. Without all of you there is no Autumnfest!

Thank You and God Bless You!

The Fellowship Committee

DATE TO REMEMBER-  
November 2, 2019  
Applebees Breakfast served by your Deacons  
Tickets on sale soon.  
See a Deacon!



The missions team wants to highlight two Paterson outreach organizations this month. Our church has supported **Star of Hope Ministries** (<https://www.sohm.org/>) for years. This year some of our members contributed to their **Project Backpack**. PRC members are currently filling **Boxes of Love** that will be distributed in time for Thanksgiving. The twenty boxes filled with the specified items are due back by **November 3**. This ministry is different than many because “every Box of Love is delivered personally by a pastor or community leader as a way of engaging our neighbors in need.” They also run a thrift store and a café, send urban children to summer camp, train urban leaders and pastors, and offer job and life-skills training. It has not yet been decided if our church will participate in their Christmas Joy Shoppe.

The second Paterson organization that we have just begun to sponsor is **Oasis- A Haven for Women and Children** (<https://oasisnj.org/>). “The mission of Oasis is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need.” They provide hot breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday for their adult students, their children, and community members. They also provide special meals before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lunches with Love allows people to sponsor a day’s meals for a \$144 donation. Adult programs offer ESL, GED, computer, citizenship, and some job training classes. Infant and toddler care is provided for mothers who attend these classes. Teen programs and afterschool tutoring is provided for K-8 students. Pompton Reformed will be participating in some of their monthly drives. The first is **SOCKTOBER**. A labeled container will be somewhere in the Fellowship area on Sundays to collect NEW socks for women and children (boys and girls) of all ages. Expect us to begin collecting women’s and children’s clothing in good condition soon to take for their use. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful on weekdays and tutors are needed on Saturday mornings. See Pat Gordon if you want more information.



If you would like to take a more active part in Missions team planning, please fill out a *Serve Card* and Pat will get back to you.

# Mission News from Jared Cave

## Answers to Prayer

It has been a few months since I sent my last prayer newsletter. Thank you for faithfully lifting up these matters in prayer. Here are some answers to those prayers.

**Huy** - Huy and I lost touch at the second half of last semester. But on the very first day I was on campus this semester we reconnected. I was pleasantly surprised to hear he had been going to a church group near where he lives. He is even more interested in learning about Jesus than before.

**Training Manual** - We were able to complete a very useful training manual and guide for our new staff this summer. We made some structural changes to our training methods and from early reports they seem to have been beneficial.

## Here we Go...

As the semester begins we are engaging with lots of students. Some that we have known and many new to us and the college. Here is a short list of the students currently connected and a quick reference for how you might be praying for them.

## On Campus

- **Dean** - Student leader who is capable of the admin tasks but self admits he can grow in his ability to build relationships
- **Christina** - Student leader who is passionate about caring for people but nervous about sharing her faith with others.
- **Caleb** - Student capable of many things. Wants to grow in his spiritual disciplines this year.
- **Eddie** - Student who has been around a few years and has high energy but has a hard time staying with one commitment.
- **Huy** - Continues to express more and more interest in learning about and now exploring the Christian Faith.
- **Aayushi** - A Hindu student from India. Is always interested in friends and I hope this year she might be ready to learn more about the Gospel.
- **Jackie** - Student who is passionate about Jesus, but could use some more focus.
- **Jiyong** - New student to me and the CCO. From Korea and interested in Christian community.
- **Seth** - Student I have known for a couple of years. We always have some good conversations. I am interested in discussing more about our faith together. (He identifies as a Christian)

## CCO Staff

- **Brandon** - Brandon is a new staff reaching students at IU-PUI in Indianapolis. God has been faithful to provide for Brandon early in his time with the CCO and he is being faithful to not take these blessings for granted. Pray for him and this brand new ministry beginning on that campus.

- **Andrew** - Andrew has been at Youngstown State University in Ohio for a few years. He is striving to reach full support so he and his wife can continue to stay in their roles serving students there.
- **Leah** - Leah Reaches out to students at CMU & Pitt right here in Pittsburgh. She is only beginning her 3rd year on staff and wanting to have a strong foundation for support raising so she can stay long term in her role with the CCO.
- **Judson** - Judson has been on staff for 2 years and is still struggling with reaching full support this can be hard to find motivation. Pray for his work and for God to provide for his ministry.
- **Ryan** - I am meeting with Ryan for the first time this month. Pray that I can help him with his support raising so that his ministry can be fully resourced.

## Family

- **Piper** - Piper continues to make leaps in her developing abilities and personality. Whether beginning to "read" books to herself or the newly discovered super powers she has after bath time with her towel cape. We have discovered a minor digestion issue this summer. It seems to be under control, but please pray for our patience and ability to help her with this part of life.
- **Sarah** - The beginning of the semester brings much chaos for Sarah's world. She is on a break from her masters classes, and will return for spring semester. Pray for her work and her future directions.
- **Jared** - As I begin year two in this role I am trying to clean up my routines and schedules. Pray for my discipline which is not my strongest attribute. Praise God my heart continues to be in good health. Outside of work I have begun to work with a group from our church seeking to envision what direction God has in store for our church in the future, with our gifted and skilled pastor stepping away from his volunteer pastor role with us after Easter 2020. Pray for us in this season.

## Coaching

On my first coaching meeting with Julianna I was not expecting her to become emotional. On that day, almost a year ago, it was clear that she was struggling with the work of support raising. **Her tears were symptoms of her fear of asking people she knew to consider making financial investments in college ministry.** This reaction saddened me because I couldn't do anything to fix her fears.

Over the next 11 months, Julianna and I would return to that noisy coffee shop every two weeks. We would meet and discuss the work of support raising that she needed to accomplish. As the year went on, I was amazed to watch Julianna persevere through her fears. **I watched as God took Julianna's obedience and transformed it into an excitement for inviting others to partner with her to build a vibrant ministry.**

It has been exciting to be a part of Julianna's story as her support raising coach. She is passionate about sharing the Gospel with students at La Roche College and I hope that she gets to do this work for many years. Her faithfulness this year has laid a strong foundation for her future in ministry. **She still gets nervous about support raising but is able to see God's hand in this part of her work.**

It's stories like Julianna's that I keep me passionate about this work and glad to have you join me on this journey of ministry.

## Behind the Scenes

Along with coaching staff like, Julianna, I work with an amazing team striving to help every staff person in our organization reach full funding. We do this by developing new training models, equipping supervisors to help staff with their support raising work and much more. We work behind the scenes in the organization to make sure our staff don't have barriers or obstacles to reaching their funding goals.



This past year we reshaped our training structure and made sure every new staff had a support raising coach. This year ahead we will strive to help all of our new staff reach full funding so they can stay long term in their ministries to college students. We will attend a conference about support raising to bring new ideas back with us to better the CCO. I am blessed to work with such capable and dedicated colleagues. Please pray for Beth, Cami and me, as we lead the CCO in these efforts.

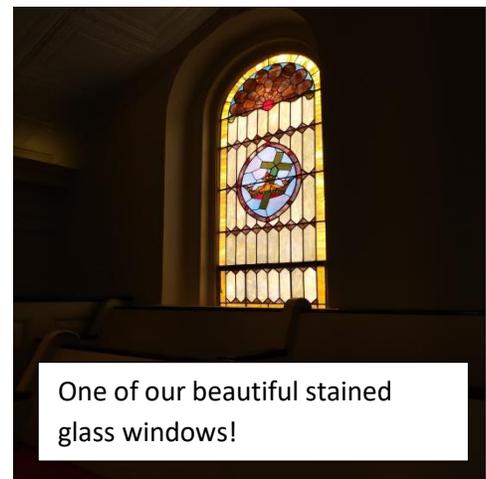
## New Student Leader for the CCO Ministry at CCAC

In my new role I am grateful to be able to still spend time at CCAC reaching out to students here in Pittsburgh. With less time than a traditional CCO campus staff has it is important I work hard to involve and develop students to lead on campus. **God has raised up a new student leader to join us this semester and I am eager to begin working with him this semester.**

Dean is a young man. Really young, he is still in High School and has been taking classes at CCAC for two years now. He doesn't just take classes but is heavily involved on campus. From writing for the school paper to leading a club on campus he is an example to his older classmates. This past year he was honored by the CCAC Student Life staff as The Student of the Year. He will be an asset to the CCO ministry and I am excited to see him grow in his leadership.

## THANK YOU!!!

It is only with the faithful support of the body of Christ that allows me to be a part of this work. Thank you for your support in prayer and in financial contributions.



One of our beautiful stained glass windows!



Above- Church picnic

Right- Mike Warner modeling the new  
PRC logo.

Bottom- The Grillers!



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submissions  
Are due  
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