From the Pastor’s Desk

In a few days we celebrate the 141st anniversary of our nation’s independence. As Americans, we are fiercely independent. But as believers in Christ, the spirit of independence wars against our need to depend upon God.

We are dependent upon God. It is in Him that “we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28). We need Him; for life, and breath, and purpose, and fulfillment. To be “independent” of God is neither good nor wise.

We, as believers, need others in the Body of Christ. There is a beautiful symbiotic relationship when brothers and sisters in Christ come alongside each other in care and prayer.

Here in the middle of the summer we celebrate our independence as Americans. We will spend time with those we love and will do things that we enjoy. Why don’t we, at the same time, celebrate our “dependence” upon God and our family of believers. Often the change in schedule during vacations and days off interrupt our times with God and in worship. Let’s be intentional about spending time with God and with our believing friends.

Pastor Roy Dail

Night of Prayer - Tuesday, July 11

A Night of Prayer is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Our recent Nights of Prayer have been great interactive times for both adults and children. For the adults and youth the upcoming Night of Prayer will include an extra highlight, Rev. Robert Douglas, Director of Church Health and our District’s Northern Team Leader, will be joining us. He brings to us a deep and personal experience with God that will enrich our time together.

All adults and youth are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary. There will be programming in the Children’s Wing for children through grade 6, and childcare for infants to age 3. Mark your calendar!

Children’s Registration & VBS Sign-Up - See Page 3

Attention all parents! See page 3 for information on completing registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year. Please note: VBS registration will now be included on these yearly forms.

Installation Service for Pastor Lu

Be sure to mark your calendar for Pastor Lu’s Installation Service, which will be held on Sunday, August 13 at 10:00am. There will be only one service on this Sunday and Sunday School will not be held. Childcare will be available for birth to age 5.
Sunday School - “A Place for Growing... A Place for YOU!”

Our children’s small groups meet for Sunday School at 9:15am in the Children’s Ministry wing. The Jr. and Sr. High Youth class meets at 9:15am in Rooms 250-260. Adult classes are offered at 9:15am and 10:45am. Be sure to note the time that the class you choose is offered. Pick up a brochure at the rack in the Lobby for details. If you can’t be here every Sunday, that’s OK, come whenever you can. It’s never too late to join a class. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn something new and connect with people!

Adult Classes Through July 16

9:15am: The Book of Amos
Teacher: Todd Miller - Room 240
Amos was not your typical Old Testament Prophet. On paper his credentials were lacking and he didn’t have any formal training that we know of. He was not the son of a prophet nor was he anointed for his office. Amos was merely a shepherd and a fig tender. Still, he obeyed the call of God and went to the Northern Kingdom of Israel to preach a message of impending punishment to the people there. The people of the Northern Kingdom had recently come into an economic boom, but were mistreating, belittling and abusing the poor and downtrodden. This class will explore the prophecy of Amos and examine what we can take away from this prophet for our day as well.

9:15am: What Makes You Happy
Teacher: George Cross - Room 225
Happiness can be elusive for many. And when some people find a measure of it they discover that for them it seems unsustainable. In this study, Andy Stanley will explore the three things all happy people have in common. Then he goes on to describe how these three things can be realities for you as well as you seek to grow in your relationship with God.

10:45am: The History of the Church (Part 2)
Teacher: Kevin Dail - Room 250/260
It has been said that the average Evangelical’s knowledge of Church history ends at the book of Acts and picks up with a bit of the Reformation. Yet any student of Church history knows that the centuries are filled with many amazing accounts of God at work through His people.

This isn’t a course of dry names and dates; it’s full of interesting stories and details shared by a teacher who is passionate about this subject. By looking at the past, believers will see that God was still working in his church despite all the ups and downs.

Please Note: Brochures outlining our Adult Sunday School classes for the next term, July 23 through August 27, will be available later this month in the Lobby rack.

Church News & Updates

Our church website - greensburgalliance.org - 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 listen to sermons from previous Sundays. There are also printable PDF versions of our newsletter, monthly calendars, and registration forms.

If you would like to receive our monthly “Focus” newsletter electronically, indicate on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or email the Church Office (churchoffice.gac@gmail.com).
**Children’s Ministry Registration 2017-2018**

We are now implementing one registration form for all Children’s Ministry activities, including Vacation Bible School and World Outreach Conference Kids Konvention. We request that parents complete a new form, even if you have completed one in the past, in order to keep our records correct and up to date. Information is kept confidential and is used for church business purposes only. Registration forms will be available at the table in the Lobby beginning Sunday, July 16.

You may also sign up at the table in the Lobby to volunteer or donate food and craft items for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4, 9:00am to noon, for children entering Kindergarten through grade 6. See page 8 for additional information on our VBS.

**Baptism**

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, August 13, please indicate on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com. The service will be held in conjunction with our church picnic at the Youngwood Park and Pool. All ages are welcome.

**Coffee Crew Volunteers Needed**

Are you looking for a place to serve? Please consider joining our Coffee Crew! These wonderful volunteers make coffee and set up snacks in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We need people to join this ministry, and it’s a great opportunity to serve our church family! If you would like more information, please mark the box on the back of your bulletin information card or contact Joanne Kreinbrook (office: 724-837-1122, kbrook93@msn.com).

**GAC Garden Exchange**

Our GAC Garden Exchange is up and running! Participation is simple; on Sunday morning just bring your extra garden produce to our table in the Fellowship Hall to share with others at Greensburg Alliance Church. The produce is available to anyone who can use it whether you have a garden or not. The best part is that each week any unused produce will be donated to the Welcome Home Homeless Shelter in downtown Greensburg.

**Mahaffey Family Camp & Bible Conference**

Mahaffey Family Camp, a ministry of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, will be held July 21 through 30.

There are many events and activities for all ages. Pick up a brochure at the Lobby rack for the complete schedule and additional information. You may also check their website, www.mahaffeycamp.com.

**Schedule of Events:**

- Opening Service - July 21, 7:00pm
- Simpson Memorial Golf Tournament - July 22
- Ride For Freedom Service - July 23, 2:30pm
- Gospel Concert - Sunday evening, July 23, featuring Nick Biddle
- Children’s Penny Parade - July 26, 6:30pm
- Missionary Day - July 27, Great Commission Women’s Rally, 1:15pm
- Mahaffey Race - July 28, 5K Run, 2 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run
- Baptismal Service - July 29, 3:00pm (weather permitting)
- Closing Service - July 30, 10:00am
Young At Heart Meeting - July 6

If you are 55 years or older, join us for our next meeting on Thursday, July 6, 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating the 4th of July with an indoor picnic. Wayne Kreinbrook will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, so please bring a covered dish to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided by our committee, Mary Marquis, Ginny Lukasik, and Ruby Risko.

Our guest speaker for the day will be Deb Krall who always has great patriotic things in store for us! As usual, beverages will be ready at 11:00am for our early birds. Hope to see you there!

Christian Action Committee (CAC)

The Christian Action Committee’s next trip to Weatherwood Manor Assisted Living will be Saturday, July 15, from 2:00-3:00pm. A program will be presented and a craft will be made by the residents. Light refreshments will also be provided.

The Christian Action Committee will sponsor a food collection for the Salvation Army on Sundays, July 23 and 30. Items needed are non-perishable foods such as rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, cereal, soups, coffee, tea, salad dressings, peanut butter, jellies, flour, sugar, salt, baby food, and canned vegetables and fruit with easily removable lids. Paper products are also appreciated. Please drop off any items you would like to donate at the table in the Lobby near the Welcome Center. Thank you!

The next meeting of the Christian Action Committee will be held on Sunday, July 30, 12:15pm in Room 230.

If you would like to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Lifeway Pregnancy Center of Latrobe, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a baby bottle. Fill it with coins and currency during the summer, or place a check in it and return to the church by Sunday, September 24, when we will host a shower/luncheon to benefit the center. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Moms 24/7

Our church’s annual Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, July 31 and continue throughout the week. This year, all moms are invited to join us at Chick-Fil-A in the Eastgate Plaza for lunch on Tuesday, August 1. We will push tables together, eat tasty food, and enjoy each other’s company. We will head out immediately following VBS.

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, please contact Joanne Kreinbrook, 724-433-4585, or email kbrook93@msn.com.

Recycling Fundraiser for Children’s Summer Camp

Recycling aluminum cans is an ongoing project to raise funds each year to assist the children in our church who attend the C&MA District summer camps. We appreciate your continued help in saving those cans! Keep in mind that we can only recycle aluminum drink cans. Do not bring metal cans from food, glass jars, or plastic bottles. Please rinse the cans and place in the bin under the Fellowship Hall coat rack, or by the garage, at your convenience.


**Men’s Ministry Upcoming Events**

The Men’s ministry has a number of wonderful events coming up soon. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 25, when we look forward to the annual Wings and Karts event. Meet up at 7:00pm at Dino’s in Latrobe, and afterwards everyone will head to Statler’s Fun Center for some high speed competition. If you can’t stay for karts or can’t make it for dinner, that’s fine - come to one or both. This is for men only, 18 and over - feel free to bring a friend for a great evening! Hope to see you there!

In addition, the Men’s Outdoor Break is not too far off as well. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 9 at 3:00pm. The event will be held at Tom Keller’s house.

Our hope is to continue to make stronger husbands, fathers, and brothers through fellowship and discipleship.

**Men’s Weekly Bible Study Fellowship**

The Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at the church 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. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

**Men’s Sunday Prayer Ministry**

Every Sunday morning prior to the worship services, men come together to pray for the services and our congregation. All men are welcome to join us in the Prayer Room located near the Sanctuary.

**Alliance Postal Stamp & My CRI Mission Ministry**

Collecting cancelled postal stamps is an ongoing ministry, so please remember to keep saving throughout the year. The income from the postal stamps goes to support preparation, publishing, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools.

It is important to remember that stamps affixed to envelopes are the only ones that can be processed. Do not remove stamps from envelopes or trim around the stamp. Submit all or half of the envelope with the stamp intact. They need to be in excellent condition in order to sell to stamp collectors. Also, computer generated postal envelopes used by businesses are not accepted. Additional information for the postal stamp ministry is available in the Lobby brochure rack.

In June, twenty pounds of stamps were sent to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida for processing. Also, a large box of used Daily Bread booklets and Christian literature was sent to My CRI Mission where they send materials around the world equipping people with Bibles and Christian teaching tools. So keep those stamps and used literature coming! You may drop off stamps and Christian materials at the Welcome Center at your convenience.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will no longer collect Campbell Product UPC labels. The program has been discontinued effective July 31.

**Prayer Opportunities**

A list of GAC family prayer requests, North Central Asia monthly prayer requests, and International Worker prayer requests are available on the wooden rack in the Lobby. Please take note and pick up a list each week in order to intercede for others! If you would like to receive the prayer requests each week electronically, email the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, or indicate on your Sunday bulletin information card.
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**Mahaffey Camp**

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- **Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu:** 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion Sunday School for Adults & Children; No Youth Sunday School
- **Fri:** Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- **Sat:** 6:30pm Elders Meeting

**Monthly Events:**
- **July 1:** AY Creation Trip
- **July 10:** Elders Meeting
- **July 17:** Deacons Meeting
- **July 21:** Newsletter Article Deadline
- **July 24:** Newsletter Article Deadline
- **July 27:** Trustees Meeting
- **July 31:** Newsletter Article Deadline

**Week of July 21-30:**
- **Mahaffey Camp**
- **Vacation Bible School Begins**
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**Vacation Bible School - July 31-August 4 - 9:00am to noon**
Children’s Ministries

Vacation Bible School - July 31 to August 4, 9:00am to Noon
For children going into Kindergarten through Grade 6

Our church will be buzzing with excitement as we spark your child’s imagination with faith-building fun during our “Maker Fun Factory” Vacation Bible School! Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God. Each day at Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids travel through rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in new adventures.

Visit the table in the Lobby starting Sunday, July 16 to register your children, sign up to volunteer, or donate food and craft items. Remember to invite your family and friends’ children too!

Join Our VBS Team!

Please consider volunteering the whole week or a few days 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 stop by the table in the Lobby or contact the Church Office as soon as possible so that you can be approved and positioned for VBS (724-837-1122).

VBS Supplies Needed!

In connection with this year’s VBS, we need your help! If you happen to have any of the following items around your house and no longer need them, we can use them for VBS! We are in need of: pieces of pipe (PVC and elbow), dryer hoses, pieces of gutter (no rust), funnels, pool noodles, and rubber hoses. We also need clean dry pop bottles, cans, milk jugs, empty toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, and egg cartons. Please place items in the designated boxes under the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall. You may also stop by the table in the Lobby and sign up to donate food and craft items.

Contact Melissa Bartels (724-433-6445) with any questions you may have regarding our VBS Program.

Children’s Ministry Registration 2017-2018 & VBS Sign Up - See Page 3 For Details!

Our Awana Clubs will start on Wednesday, September 20. But, Awana cannot happen without dedicated volunteers. Won’t you consider joining our team this fall? You may help as often as your schedule allows - it could be every Wednesday or once or twice a month. Please indicate your interest on the back of your Sunday information card and someone will contact you to answer any questions you may have. You may also call the Church Office, 724-837-1122.
Prayer Night - Tuesday, July 11

On the evening of July 11 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, we will be having a church wide Night of Prayer. Rev. Robert Douglas, Director of Church Health at the C&MA District Office, will be here to lead our congregation in an intentional time of corporate prayer as we near the end of our time of pastoral transition. This would be a wonderful venue for our teens to show up and support our congregation in prayer.

Wacky Water Night - Thursday, July 13

On Thursday, July 13 we will have our Wacky Water Night. This year we have an awesome night planned. Our events will include a huge slip and slide, a water balloon battle, a food color war, and a new addition - polar gift card challenge. Please remember the night begins at 6:30pm and that you will need to bring a bathing suit, a towel, and $3 cash to help cover supplies. This is a great night to bring friends.

Mahaffey Camp (Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28)

Students going to Mahaffey Family Camp need to see Pastor Rigel on Sunday, July 16 for a packing list and instructions. The $30 payment for the trip will be collected July 16 through 20. We will be leaving from the church on the morning of the 24th at 9:00am. Further details will be available in the packing list.

Baptism Sign-Ups

On Sunday, August 13, our Church Picnic and Baptism Service will be held at Youngwood Park and Pool. Last year’s event was a great time of food, fellowship, encouragement, and celebration.

All students being baptized will have a chance to meet with Pastor Rigel to talk through the meaning of baptism and its importance in the life of a believer. If you are interested in signing up to be baptized or have any questions, please contact Pastor Rigel any time prior to the event.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Each year our VBS program is a great ministry to the children of our church and community. Teen volunteers are a big part of the program. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS this year (July 31-August 4) please contact Melissa Bartels at 724-433-6445 or check the box on the back of your information card at Youth Group on Thursday.
Condolences
To Dolores Roberts on the death of her sister, Joanne Baker, on June 6.

July Anniversaries
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4  Joshua & Nicole Koshinsky
5  Tom & Dianne Haupt
6  Dean & Dianne Ambrose
7  Mike & Bekah Ankney
     Jim & Drew Everett
8  Joel & Erica Momper
9  Phil & Hillary Piggott
10  Brian & Julie Wallace
11  Lee & Amy Calisti
13  Vince & Jeanne Siecinski
14  David & Kelly Burda
     Dennis & Tina Young
18  Jon & Alyssa Kelley
20  Bill & Paula Simanovich
22  Tom & Karen McGarry
26  Don & Stacy Ukasik
27  Stuart & Hannah Ford

July Birthdays
1  Mike Buriok
     Margie Forbes
     Wendy Knepp
     Mary Obringer
7  Summer Jordan
8  Glenn Davidson
     Kurt Schneider
9  Elianna Arquillo
     Nancy Boyer
10  Ashlyn Pillatzki
11  Toni Cross
12  Bob Callen
     Beverly Taylor
13  Bob Statler
14  Donna Bickerstaff
     Jamie Burda
15  Alex Brown
     Sharon Williams
18  Judy Goodge
     Dolores Roberts
20  Nathan Callen
21  Kyle Tomko
22  Pastor Lu
23  Haleigh Fellers
     Makayla Koshinsky
24  Madelyn Fox
27  Ken Barackman
     Amelia Griffiths
     Chris Stoltenberg
28  Lee Calisti
     Zach Goodge
     Marie Tomko
30  Max Pevarnik

North Central Asia International Workers & Families
Birthday greetings are greatly appreciated!

Birthday - August 3 - Peter Lee - age 19  c/o Jason Lee & Ruth Kim  P.O. Box 2603  Ulaanbaatar Mongolia 15160
Email: Ruth: holee68@yahoo.com
Praying is a practical and effective way Alliance people can help fulfill the Great Commission. Here are some of the latest updates and requests from our International Workers in the North Central Asia area.

- Continue to pray for the renewal of the Cornerstone of all Nations (CCAN) registration and visas.

- Pray for the restructuring phase the team is currently going through.

- Pray for the families currently on home assignment, as well as those who will be returning to the field, as they adjust to all the changes.

- Pray for the children’s Sunday School - the government is limiting activities. Pray for wisdom for the teachers.

- Pray for the Seed of Faith Church to continue to grow strong and stable, even as they rely exclusively on local leadership.

- Pray for God’s provision for the UBean Coffeehouse and its staff during this time of transition. Pray that the believing staff would be intentional in ministering to customers and one another.

- Praise for warmer weather! Pray for those who are preparing to plant vegetables, watermelons, etc. and for wisdom when and what to plant. The profit margins are slim and depend on these circumstances.

- Pray for the new greenhouse venture; that the manager and ladies working there will have wisdom to get the soil mixes and temperatures right for planting.

For a complete list of the North Central Asia requests, be sure to pick up the monthly report on the rack near the Welcome Center.
Save the Dates for These Church Wide Events!

- **Prayer Night** - Tuesday, July 11
- **Vacation Bible School** - Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4
- **Installation Service for Pastor Lu** - Sunday, August 13
- **Picnic & Baptism** - Sunday, August 13
- **World Outreach Conference & Kids Konvention** - September 10-13

Be on the lookout for additional information on these events!

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**July Schedule**

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**Week 79: July 2-8**
- Day 1: John 21, Psalm 107
- Day 2: 1 John 1, 2
- Day 3: 1 John 3, 4, 5
- Day 4: 2 John, 3 John, Jude
- Day 5: Revelation 1, 2

**Week 80: July 9-15**
- Day 1: Revelation 3, 4, 5, 6
- Day 2: Revelation 7, 8, 9, 10
- Day 3: Revelation 11, 12, 13
- Day 4: Revelation 14, 15, 16
- Day 5: Revelation 17, 18, 19

**Week 81: July 16-22**
- Day 1: Revelation 20, 21, 22
- Day 2: Psalms 10, 12, 13, 16, 17
- Day 3: Psalms 21, 25, 26, 27
- Day 4: Job 1, 2, 3
- Day 5: Job 4, 5, 6

**Week 82: July 23-29**
- Day 1: Job 7, 8, 9
- Day 2: Job 10, 11, 12, 13
- Day 3: Job 14, 15, 16, 17
- Day 4: Job 18, 19, 20, 21
- Day 5: Job 22, 23, 24, 25

**Week 83: July 30-August 5**
- Day 1: Job 26, 27, 28, 29
- Day 2: Job 30, 31, 32
- Day 3: Job 33, 34, 35
- Day 4: Job 36, 37, 38
- Day 5: Job 39, 40, 41, 42