



January 19 Through January 25, 2024

Beloveds,

Sometimes our best laid plans still get messed up. Especially when it involves other persons. And kids, well they slow things even more.

A fellow PC(USA) pastor wrote a reflection this past week about life while parenting her toddler and I'd be lying if I didn't acknowledge how relatable the article was for me.*

It's especially prominent in my mind as I sit on the couch with Miguel and Emilio, both in different stages of a shared illness - Miguel past the fever but with a headache and tiredness, and Emilio with a fever and a refusal to be anywhere but snuggled up with mama or papá. While Felix, my poor husband, rests upstairs because he too is sick.

I had some visits I wanted to do this week. I wanted to get the bulletins through 2/2 finished so that Nancy could get them started in anticipation of her absence the 20th-23rd. I wanted to get more reading done. I wanted...

But my babies need me to slow down, to be present with them, and to do what I can where I can - things will still get done, but with a little extra time and creativity allotted.

Christ calls out and says to let the little children come to him. These children don't always fit the expectations or desires of the disciples (or ourselves!) when it comes to Christian faith in our modern world.

We judge our time by our productivity and our to-do lists. But sometimes we must judge by God's command to "be still, and know..." As I sit here, I realize that my work today is that of mama - to care for my family members's whole bodies - heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Listen to the need to rest. Listen and know that it is okay to go slower, to count not the quantity of things but the quality of what is done.

By the time you read this, hopefully the sickness has passed through and the kids will be back to their rambunctious, curious selves. For now, we will rest, watch movies, and snuggle.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kalyn

*for those interested in the article:

https://open.substack.com/pub/addiedomske/p/the-terrible-twos-arent-terrible?r=41y9i3&utm_medium=ios



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 83 in worship on January 12, 2025
- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26 following worship

Congregational Care

- STORY TIME ON WEDNESDAY; JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 9:30 OR 10:30
- Starting on January 12, the Adult Sunday School class will begin a study of the Book of Daniel .If interested in participating, please contact John Martin at 724-601-0833 or martinjw5@comcast.net
- Deborah Circle will not meet on January 20. It will meet on Sunday, January 26 to plan for Manna in February

Missions

- Our Mission Focus in February will be Rev. Moseray. He will be joining us on February 2.

Operations

Final 2024 Totals

We spent \$211,242

We collected \$202,110

Per Capita Expenses \$8,840

Per Capita collections \$2,800 (approx. 31%)

The 2025 Per Capita obligation will be \$8,640

This is based on the fact at the end of 2023 we had 191 active members

This year Per Capita amount will be \$45.24 per member

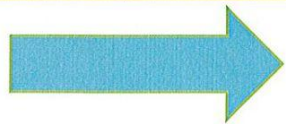
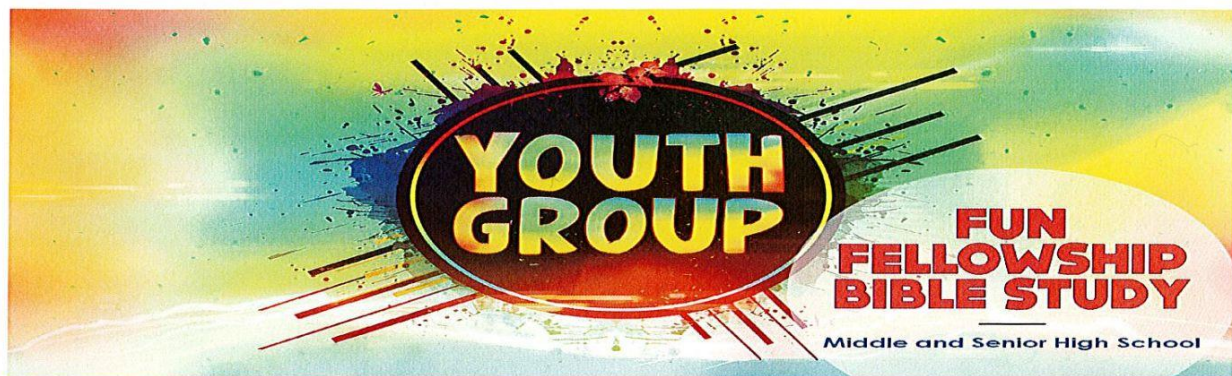
The Worship Committee will be meeting to plan future worship events and schedules on Sunday, February 2 after church. We will also set up meeting dates for future Worship Committee meetings in 2025. We plan to meet in the library. Anyone who would like to help with this is welcome to join us for the meeting. If you have any questions, please see Chris Mathias.

There will not be a newsletter next week. (January 26-February 1).

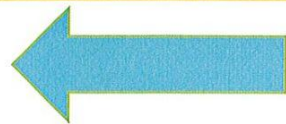
THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wendi Rybicki– Mom, Pat, is back home from hospital.
- Dave Kocher–Sister, Jeanette, is having brain surgery this week.
- Rayna Knox–Grandma, Betty Martin, had a fall and is in SVH Rm 557, but doing OK. There are plans to transfer her to a rehab facility at some point
- Pastor Kalyn–Miguel had a bad fever
- Eleanor Pike and Mike Kamenski–Prayers of healing for brother, Wayne, who is starting radiation/chemo treatments this week
- Monica Ward–Prayers of joy for new grand nephew, Noah Gregory Boller, born January 11 in Geneva.





Welcome Back



January 6 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 13 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 19 – SUNDAY Ice Skating
Brady's Run – more information to come

January 27 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 3 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 10 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 16 – SUNDAY Snow Tubing

More Information to come

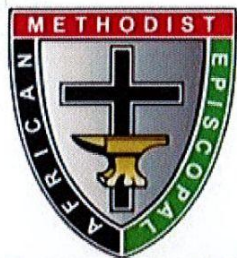
February 24 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30



JANUARY

Birthdays

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Jerri Lech 1/06	Michelle Sebastian 1/18	Rich Kerlin 1/22	Jonathan Lech 1/31
Bob Keller 1/12	Brian Archer 1/19	David Kocher 1/22	Robert Nan 1/31
Eric Nan 1/12	Belinda Nolte 1/20	Jacob Cagnon 1/23	
Sara Allen 1/16	Kevin Smith 1/21	Megan Hunsberger 1/25	
Camden Hoth 1/17	Simon Hunsberger 1/22	Everitt Laird Jr. 1/25	

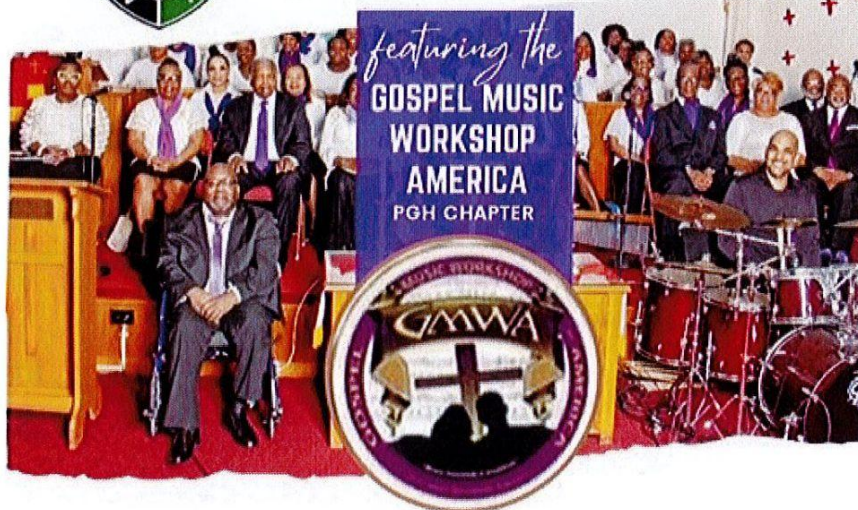


EBENEZER AME CHURCH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MUSICAL

Concert Celebration



1015 Davis St., Aliquippa, PA 15001

FEB

2nd

2025

5 pm

REV. DEBORAH AVERY WIDGET
HOST **PASTOR**