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“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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“Jesus Christ Desires Intimacy”

Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 22: 15 - 16

One of my favorite parts of fall is the changing of the leaves on the trees. Yellow, red, brown, tan, and orange are just a few colors the leaves turn during the fall season. While the leaves may change color as we move from summer to fall, Jesus Christ's desire to be intimate with us never changes.

Jesus Christ sincerely longs for closeness with you today. Hours before His betrayal, Jesus was fully aware that the twelve disciples would soon fall away, denying Him out of fear. Still, He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat ... with you.”

And this is His desire for you today: intimacy. As you go through this day, the most important task before you will not be getting the shopping done, taking the children to basketball practice, or paying the bills.

As crucial as these challenges may be, they pale in comparison to your calling for intimate communion with Jesus Christ: “God is faithful through whom you were called into the fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)

God’s singular goal at the cross was to make our fellowship with the Lord Jesus a continuous, moment-by-moment reality.

This fall, let us resolve that nothing we do will destroy our inner relationship with him.

Your Brother, Because of Calvary,
 Dr. Angel De La Cruz

(Article written by Dr. Angel De La Cruz, our moderator)

Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.



As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

September 6, 2026

Pastor Doug Snyder

September 13, 2026

Denny Weaver

The Lord's Supper will be served
Invite a Friend to Church Sunday

September 20, 2026

T.J. Spencer

September 27, 2026

Randy Stear

****Please Note: The Lord's Supper is typically served on the first Sunday of the month. Due to Labor Day weekend, it has been moved to the second Sunday, September 13th.**



Active Member...

The Book of Order states, "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship.

Only active members are eligible to hold a church officer position or to vote in congregational meetings.

An in-active member of a particular church is one who does not participate in the church's work and worship."



Our Presbyterian Church of Marion has determined that an active member is one who:

- 1) Takes part in the worship of the church and/or church-organized study of the Scriptures at least four times a year.
- 2) Supports the work of the church through the giving of time, talents or money.

Church Officers....

Is God calling you to step up and be a leader in our church?

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to begin the search for officers for the 2027. We will be looking for three elders, two deacons and an auditor. Each of these positions are three-year terms. If someone from the committee approaches you about serving, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to take on a more active leadership role in our church.



Deacon's Ice Cream Social on September 13th...

I scream...you scream...we all scream for ICE CREAM! Join us after worship on September 13th as the deacons will be hosting an ice cream social. Come and have a time of fellowship and enjoy some yummy ice cream!



We will also take the opportunity to show appreciation and share our thanks to the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have willingly led the task of looking for our next pastor. This journey has been long and at times may seem like an endless journey. Join us as we say "THANK YOU" to our committee during our time of fellowship at the deacons social.



Invite a Friend to Church

Sunday, September 13th we would like to encourage everyone to invite a friend to church. Maybe you have an old friend from church you have not seen in a while, a new friend that has just moved to the area or someone you see every day; take this opportunity to invite them to church. It doesn't have to be just one friend, invite as many as you would like. We would love the chance to share God's Word with as many people as we can.



As our mission statement says:

Gathering Together.....Growing Stronger....Reaching Farther.....

Let's put those words into action and invite our neighbors, friends and family!

October Harvest Fest....

Join us on Saturday evening, **October 3rd** for a good old fashion Harvest Fest.

Don't miss out on the food, fun, games, fellowship and a bon fire.

This event is for kids of all ages...the young... the young at heart....and those that may not feel young; we want you to join us too! Take part in the activities or bring a lawn chair and take it all in.

The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. Bring a sweatshirt and a lawn chair and invite your friends and family. Let's celebrate Fall with a little fun and fellowship

We are planning on starting our evening with a hay ride.

The tractor leaves shortly after 5, so please don't be late as we need to make sure we are back before it gets too dark to be on the road.



Mission Outreach for September... Homeless Heroes Stocking Stuffers

The mission committee will be collecting items for the Homeless Heroes Stocking Project. The mission of the Homeless Heroes Stocking Stuffers is to work with community members in Western PA to collect items and fill stockings for Christmas and hand out to homeless veterans. The items are collected, stockings stuffed and then personally delivered to over 2500 homeless veterans.

Let's lend a hand in helping to make a homeless veteran's Christmas a little brighter.

Here are the items we will be collecting:

Shampoo	Soap	Deodorant
Toothpaste	Socks	Plastic soap holder
Toothbrush holder	Washcloths	Gloves



Pastor Jackie Greene's GAP Ministries will begin a new nine-month study on 9/14/26 at 6pm at the GAP HUB, 148 Sixth Street, Clymer, Pa

Pathway for Life: God's Gracious Gift of Abundant Life

Are you ready to trade your struggles, sufferings, and sorrows for hope, healing, and wholeness? Freedom and Victory ARE possible!

We were born into brokenness and carry our individual pain points. Yet God's design for abundant life remains the same. He sent Jesus to rescue and restore us to Himself. We have Jesus' words recorded in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Pastor Jackie Greene, herself once deeply broken and searching for help, stepped onto God's Pathway for Life. Consequently, God became her Hope, her Light, her Rescuer, and Redeemer. She continues to walk in God's abundant life and has been sharing that life with others through her ministry, Celebrate Life.

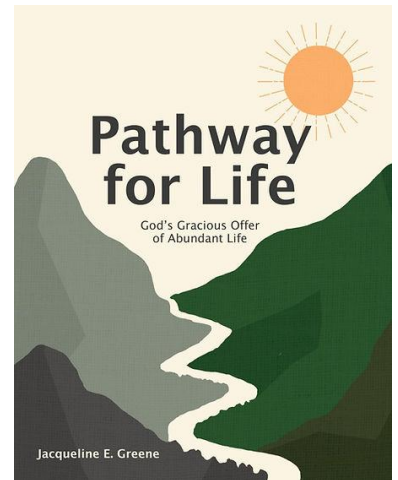
The Pathway for Life study is an invitation into this journey to know your Creator, the Author of Life, in a personal, intimate, and healing way.

Pathway for Life was designed for ministry leaders and pastors to utilize in their settings. While small groups are the optimal way to work through the study, you can engage with the material individually.

Pathway for Life is not a self-help course. Rather, this study is a tool to help us meet with God, allowing Him to transform who we are from the inside out. Only He can move us through our struggles, suffering, and sorrows to live in the hope, healing, and wholeness He has for us. Yes! True freedom and victory are possible. It is a 9-month commitment.

To register go to: www.gapministriespa.com

Click the resource tab at the top of the page and then click the "register for ninth month program"



Celebrate Life GriefShare...

GAP ministries will offer a new 13 week grief share support group beginning August 6th at 6:00 p.m.. Yes, they may have started, but it is never too late to join!

They offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

GriefShare(R) is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. G.A.P. Ministries is a registered provider of GriefShare, and we would love to walk alongside you in this hard season of life at one of our support groups that meet in our Clymer, PA ministry center.

Join them at the GAP HUB located at 148 Sixth Street, Clymer, Pa.



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks: The Fountains of Indiana - Doris Glasser
St. Andrew's - Elaine Edwards

Active Military Service: Louis Good

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Tonya Watkins

SEPTEMBER ELDER OF THE MONTH

Melissa Leasure

SEPTEMBER DEACON OF THE MONTH

Paige Repine

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alicia Spencer
5 Nevada Armstrong
11 Linda Glasser
13 Alexa Musgrave
18 Fred Turner
20 Ellie Shultz
21 Pastor Chris Enoch
Jacob Shultz
24 Steve Stanley
29 Cheyenne Shultz
30 Doug Mouser Sr.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9-6 Ken & Sharon Ackerson - 57th
9-16 George & Lynette Clawson - 31st
9-23 Doug & Cindy Mouser - 31st



Back to School Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray amen.

