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Dear Members and Friends of DeGraff U.M.C.:

Every pastor prays for their parish to be able to reach out in ways that are way beyond themselves with the love and grace of Jesus Christ...

so when the call came from the Assistant Activities Director at Logan Acres Nursing Home, telling me that she had heard about our church and inviting us to lead a Worship service there once a month, I was thrilled!!!! How could I say, "No", to this answered prayer and opportunity.

This past Sunday afternoon I worshipped at Logan Acres. I was impressed with the large gathering space they offered. The place was packed and Kim told me that attendance was actually down a little. WOW!!!

We have been invited to lead a Holy Communion Worship Service there the Second Sunday of each month 2:30-3:00 P.M. Only once a month do they offer Communion to their residents.

I am looking for dozens and dozens of ministers that will help on different months in many different ways. Because we only have thirty minutes I envision ~

One to share Opening Greeting and Call to Worship

(May be quiet or humorous)

One to lead contagious singing.

One to play an instrument (Piano, guitar, accordion, etc)

One or more to offer ministry of music with music or song (solo, duet, etc)

This would also be a great time for skits.....

One to share a five minute devotion.

Ones to help me distribute the elements.

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I see this as an opportunity to share your many gifts. I would love to see the children, youth, praise team, choir, bells, drama groups, etc. from our church take a month and volunteer to serve that particular month. I already imagine there are residents that could probably help us in some of these areas and would love to be asked. I am sure the staff always appreciates help bringing residents in wheelchairs to and from their rooms and wings. Ministers to greet and visit are always an extra plus.



I have already asked Kim for nametags for each resident so that we might call each of our new friends by name. We will be wearing name tags as well.

There will be a sign-up list in our welcome center for the next few months. I am asking that each Monthly Team meet the last Sunday of each month after worship to plan for the next months second Sunday. I will be there to help.

My Mother suffered a massive stroke and was in a nursing home for 24 years. Until you have served a person Holy Communion with an eye dropper one may not be able to grasp how holy and sacred of a task this can be~ Looking forward to watching what the Lord is going to do in and through you. GO TEAM!

No Greater Joy!! III John 4
Pastor Kym



Looking Ahead!

Sunday October 6th World Communion Sunday

(parents be looking for an email or letter from me)

We will be receiving our World Communion Sunday Offering that Sunday to help with scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students~

Fall Sermon Series....

Get Real

Real people

with a Real GOD

in Real Life~

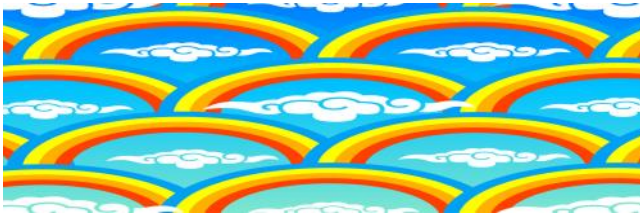
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Date	Children's Sermons	Greeters	Lay Reader
Oct. 6	Darcie Jenkins	LuCinda Holycross Shelley Baker	Stephanie Shoe
Oct. 13	Nancy Knight	Terry & Shirley King	David Knight
Oct. 20	Pat Bonar	Larry & Kay McMillen	Martha Siders
Oct. 27	Deb Orr	Ruth Rowley Alan Walls	Warren Carey
Nov. 3	Jr. Church		Nadine Tussing
Oct. 6 Oct. 13 Oct. 20 Oct. 27	Kids Stay Cummins Jenni & Karol Kylee & Emily		

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1st Wednesday

Wow! What a day! Lots of excitement and enthusiasm! The kids were happy to be back! As a co-worker of mine used to say - "**Another day for Jesus!**"

The "official" count for kids was **53**. That is a record number of kids, especially the first day. Some kids were not able to come because of appointments and some didn't get registered. Hopefully we will be able to have a full count next month. (We have the potential of close to 70 kids.)

The servant volunteer count was **22**. It took everyone to create this experience and nurturing atmosphere for the kids. A wonderful job by all! We are grateful for all the new servants and hope to have more next month.

The class attendance follows:

Kindergarten: 4

First and Second: 15

Third and Fourth: 24 (Help needed here!)

Fifth and Sixth: 10

The meal count was around **85 - 90**.

Transportation arrangements with the school bus worked out very well. Thanks, Transportation Team!

Next session - October 2.

Thanks again for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Nancy K.

GREAT!

Prayer Chain

We are revising our Prayer Chain List and giving you the option of receiving requests via telephone, email or text.

If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please circle which form you wish to be notified by and supply the appropriate information. **Thank you!**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Text Number _____

With this new set up, the only ones who will have to do anything are the phone folks, and they will just call the name below them on the list. A “Group” text and a “Group” email will be sent to those choosing this option and all they have to do is read.

Thank you for your participation and remember,

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

Finance News



The minutes and financial reports were approved.

The replacement of the server was discussed. Mike Madden will get quotes from Net Gain.

Approved expenditures for Kris to attend an Administrative Assistance seminar.

Next meeting is October 10, 2013

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/29	30	10/1	2	3	4	5
Alpha Youth Group	John Linet Brody Rhoads Fitness Group Exercise!	Megan Leiss Boy Scouts Exercise!	Jim Grandstaff Silas King Samantha King 1st Wednesdays Praise Team Choir	Fitness Group Sr. Lunch Exercise!	5th Quarter	Larry McMillen Natalie Roell
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
World Communion Sunday Alpha Youth Group	Fitness Group Family Advocate Mtg. Exercise! Trustees	Boy Scouts Exercise!	Louise Beatty Praise Team Choir	Fitness Group Sr. Lunch Exercise!	Jim Carey Kym Sex Ethics Seminar Lock in	Lock in CAN Ministry Festival
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Logan Acres Worship Alpha Youth Group	Amber Armbruster Fitness Group Exercise!	Boy Scouts Exercise!	Mike Dodds Praise Team Choir	Women's Emmaus Walk Fitness Group Sr. Lunch Finance Exercise! Ad Council	Women's Emmaus Walk 5th Quarter	Women's Emmaus Walk Oscar Dodds
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Women's Emmaus Walk Newsletter Due Alpha Youth Group	Fitness Group Exercise!	Boy Scouts Exercise!	Praise Team Choir	Fitness Group Sr. Lunch Exercise!	Cindy Rhoads	"31" Patti Leiss
27	28	29	30	31	11/1	2
Alpha Youth Group	Tianna Whitaker Fitness Group Exercise!	Devin Stevens Boy Scouts Charge Conference Exercise!	Linda Thornton Valerie Knight Praise Team Choir	Jeff Wren Fitness Group Sr. Lunch Exercise!	5th Quarter	
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