



THE CARILLON

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FROM THE PASTOR'S WIFE

A NEW YEAR'S MISSION UPDATE ON BLANKETS FOR ALBANIA

This Carillon article is written not by your pastor, but by your pastor's wife. I thought it might be an excellent way to update the congregation on "whatever happened to all that yarn?!" If you recall, last July before leaving on sabbatical with Jim, I made an announcement in church asking our women to knit or crochet blankets to be sent to the EPC Women's Ministry Focus in Albania, *Eagles Wings*. While I was away, women were knitting and crocheting some beautiful blankets!

Upon my return in October, I contacted Claudia and Fred Tahan, Ashland EPC members, to ascertain when they would be heading to Albania again to visit the *Eagles Wings* project. Claudia informed me that the *Eagles Wings* project was unfortunately experiencing financial difficulties, and for the time being, was not housing any children. But Claudia had contacted a missionary friend named Linda who was excited to be able to take blankets to a hospital where she visited sick children and their families.



Our blankets and cards with well wishes headed to Albania on November 29 with Fred Tahan. The following is a letter sent to me by Claudia and Fred:

"We want to thank the women of Oreland Presbyterian Church for the lovely blankets that were delivered to the children's hospital in Tirana, Albania on December 9, 2011. Your thoughts, prayers and care to also translate your love were deeply touching.

Linda, Alda and Fred delivered the blankets and were admitted to the intensive care wing. The hospital staff was happy to see Linda. After greetings, introductions and informing the staff of Alda and Fred's presence, they were allowed to enter the infant care area.

The first child that was approached was a young child of 3. She had been severely burned in the accident that took both her parents and her sister. Despite the bandages on her hand, she was pushing the light switch on and off, affectionately cared for by one of the staff. When a blanket was placed in her crib, she began to push it away and would not cease until it was removed. Another blanket was pulled out and shown to her. She responded "po" (yes) and when it was placed in her crib, she happily covered her doll with it. They prayed for physical and spiritual healing for the child.

Another child, a bit under two years old, who received the second blanket had her parents with her. She was recovering from a brain hemorrhage. Alda and Linda spoke briefly to the parents, and asked if they could pray for her. The parents agreed and thanked them for the blanket and prayers.

The next few blankets went to newborn infants. They were asleep with different medical issues such as low birth weight, 3 - 4 lbs., or for medical reasons. Each child was prayed for as a blanket was placed on or by them. The last blanket in that room was placed on a 2 year old girl. Her medical condition was not disclosed. She had a tube going into her mouth and her hands were tied so that she would not rip it out. The girl was very curious and observant of each person's actions including the prayers.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S WIFE (CONTINUED)

Another blanket went to a 13 year old girl who was in the hospital for anemia. Her mother was at her side. Alda and Linda spoke with both of them. The girl said that she had a Bible. She said she read a little and knew a few Old Testament names, Jacob and Isaac. She was encouraged to read the New Testament and about Jesus. She was curious and asked whether you can really talk to God. She was told she could, and she was prayed for. She was very pleased with her blanket and enjoyed the flower design. She and her mother were thankful for the visit, blanket and the prayers.

A few other blankets were distributed to children ages 11 and 12 in another room. Visitors were not allowed in as discussions were ongoing between the families and doctors. There were remaining blankets after the visit to the hospital. Linda took those to be distributed to infants in the Roma (homeless) community whose parents may not visit the hospital to have their children.

We hope you know that those blankets are making a difference and especially the prayers that went along with them. Thank you all for your labor of love in our Lord, Jesus Christ."

What a praise to know that our blankets are being used by God to keep these Albanian children warm in body and soul! Our God is so good! Many thanks to all of the women of OEPC who participated in this wonderful outreach to the children of Albania!

Your fellow servant and sister in Christ,

Kathy

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CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sheila Anderson, Edith Bessey, Ed & Katrina Borzelleca and families, Grace Engler, Tom & Alice Frearson, Charlie Halsted, Harriet Harner, Dottie Hooker, Glenn Maurer, Alice McNally, Hal Miller, Ada Painter, Jean Polk, Lou Raggi Sr., Michael Raggi, Jane Schaller, Betty Thompson, Ruth Weber, Bob Wise



- ◆ From the OEPC Women's Association, to those who filled approximately 60 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- ◆ From the OEPC Evangelism Team, to those who brought in gifts for Whosoever Gospel Mission residents' families. So many gifts were given that one van was filled to capacity and they had to come back for a second load.
- ◆ From the OEPC Evangelism Team, to everyone who served with joy in all areas to make the Living Nativity outreach to our community possible: "Thank You" for sharing JESUS, the Greatest Gift of All. Approximately 130 families were blessed by this gift to the community, not including the participants and their families.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FEBRUARY CLASSES

All classes @ 9:45AM

Revelation

Led by John Craymer in Fellowship Hall

In this tenth part of our study of Revelation, we have reached the closing chapters of Revelation. In concluding this glorious canvas, John depicts what will happen at the end. Join us for a journey through the defeat of all that is evil and the reward that is for the saints in Christ. At the end of the pictures, there is one more exhortation. We will find we are saying along with those who have gone before, "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

Instructing A Child's Heart

Led by Melissa and Glenn Seydel in Room 104

From interaction with their peers to the instruction and correction that they receive at home, children interpret their experience from a worldview that seeks to answer their fundamental questions: Who am I? What do I exist for? Where can I find joy?

In this DVD series based on the book by Tedd Tripp, parents will learn ways to enable their children to root life in God's revelation in the Bible. It provides a culture for our children, a culture that is distinctly Christian. It shows our children the glory and dignity of mankind as God's image bearers. It provides a way of interpreting life through the redemptive story of God, who reconciles people to himself.

Bible Fellowship Group

Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola
in Terrace Rooms 105/106

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible. The only material which will be used will be God's Word, the Bible, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

FLOCK GATHERINGS

Sat, March 17, 12Noon, Flocks C, D, E & I

Shepherds: Craig Reif, Judy Thudium, Glenn Batdorf, Les Brown, Ann Bray, Nancy Chestek, Bert Saddler, Adrienne Davies, Brenda Batdorf, Al Myers & Ginny Myers

Sat, March 17, 5PM, Flocks A, B & N

Shepherds: George & Donna Major, Jr., Fran Raggi, Larry Godley, Norm & Lena Bitterman, John Craymer & Cyndie Rossi

Fri, March 23, 5PM, Flocks J, L, G & H

Shepherds: Paul Allen, John Hines, Kathy Trinkle, Joan Romano, Bob Eppley, Ginny Lavin, BJ Harrison, Barbara Clydesdale, Mike Creveling, Doug Lieberman, Don Jones & Jolee Lieberman

Sat, March 24, 5PM, Flocks F, K & M

Shepherds: Bill McClain, Len Shea, Anne Godley, Bruce Clydesdale, Donna Jones, Janet Anderson, Al Griffith, Tom Frearson, & Marla Griffith

FROM JANIE BREY, OEP PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

February can be a "snuggly" month at the preschool. There are 2 highlight days; Teddy Bear day and Pajama Day are both hits. There are many activities for the children on Teddy Bear Day. Mrs. Trueman's class makes sleds from shoe boxes for their teddy bears and then drag them to Fellowship Hall for a picnic. Mrs. Michelbacher and Mrs. Salazar's classes have to go on a bear hunt, because all of a sudden all the teddy bears have disappeared.

Pajama Day is very exciting, of course. Who wouldn't want to be in their "jammies" having a pancake breakfast or sipping on hot chocolate?! Some of the teachers even wear their flannels!

In addition, the children are busy both at home and at school making Valentine's for friends and family.

While the fun stuff is going on, the teachers begin assessing the children in a more formal way, so they will be ready for conferences in March. With the help of the classroom teachers, the gym teacher evaluates the children's gross motor milestones.

I am usually busy giving tours, helping teachers with their assessments, and working on evaluations for the teachers. There is rarely a dull moment!

Wishing you all a blessed February.

Janie

SHEPHERDING NEWS

Your shepherds had the privilege of gathering on Saturday, January 21st with Pastor Jim for a time of prayer and study to enrich our skills in shepherding our flocks. We also shared some information concerning upcoming flock dinners. Please save the dates below for your flock gatherings. Your shepherds will be contacting you. We are looking forward to meeting together again.

OEPC YOUTH

Excerpts from a Report from Timothy Ricci to the Session of OEPC January 2012

Senior High: We have hit the ground running in Senior High after the Christmas break. I am currently doing a series on the Bible focusing on the Bible being God's Word, its importance in our lives, and how to study the Bible. Also, each week I have our students read a chapter of scripture each day (currently we are reading through the Gospel of John together) and write down their questions so that they can discuss what they have been reading that week in their small groups. It is our hope that having the entire group read the Bible together and then having a place to discuss what they have been reading will go a long way to keep our students reading the Bible and growing in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. So far, our students are pretty excited about this and it is our prayer that God will work mightily in their lives as they delve into His Word. Please keep our students and leaders in prayer. The Lord is doing much work among our Sr. Highs and we desire to see that work continue and intensify.

The Sr. High Winter retreat is February 24th-26th, 2012 at Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown. This will be a joint retreat with New Life Glenside, New Life Dresher, and Ashland EPC.

Pepper: After the Christmas break Pepper is going strong. We are seeing numbers hold at 14 each week. This is a great answer to prayer as we started the year with 5. Our students are very happy to be at Pepper each week. It is a young group, all but two students are in 6th grade, which bodes well for the future. The Pepper Winter Retreat was January 13th-15th. The theme of the retreat was The Way. We focused on Jesus being the only way to salvation. Considering that our group is so young, we were led to spend the weekend focusing on the Gospel. We also had workshops on how to read the Bible, relationships, and questions and answers. After the retreat we are going to begin a series on the book of Revelation. It was requested by one of our students. It will be a great series following the retreat as we will focus on the victory Christ has purchased for us and promised to us.

Senior High Sunday School: Sunday school has be going very well. It is great to see 20 students many Sunday mornings. The new Great Commission Publications curriculum, "So What?", has been working out very well. It is theologically rich, Reformed, and does a great job connecting the deep theological questions with daily life. We have finished our study of the Doctrine of God ("Knowing the God Who Is") and will begin studying the book of Romans this coming Sunday.

Junior High Happenings:

Pepper - Fridays (mid Sept-mid May) 5:30PM to 7PM
Open to all students 6th through 8th grades.

- ◆ **In February, we continue our study of the book of Revelation.**
- ◆ **Friday, February 10 - Extended Pepper (Ice Skating)**

Senior High News:

Senior High - Wednesdays (mid Sept-early June) 6:30PM to 9PM

Open to all students 9th through 12th grades.

2/1: "Knowing God's Word"

2/8: "Knowing and Doing"

2/15: TBD

2/22: TBD

Sr. High Winter Retreat -

Feb 24-26 @ Camp Men-O-Lan

Sunday, February 5, is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Each year on Super Bowl Sunday our students collect donations after the 8:30AM and 11AM worship services to help the Ambler Food Cupboard.

All Youth Please Mark Your Calendars for OEPC Junior and Senior High Summer Camp with Student Life in the Poconos, August 6th-10th, 2012!

OEPC NEWS AND EVENTS

SR. FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 21 @ 12 Noon

Do you know February is leap year month and we are celebrating it with a covered dish buffet? Please bring your favorite salad, casserole or dessert to share. We welcome back James Corrente, an outstanding pianist who also tells interesting stories of the music he performs.

Looking ahead to March, Kirk Maurer, who plays several instruments, will be with us.

Once again, we invite all 50+ fun loving active adults to join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall (the 2nd Tuesday in December). Come, enjoy Christian fellowship around the table and invite a friend or neighbor to share it with you. For reservations call Mary A. Hershey 215-793-4019 or Stan Tippet 215-643-2871.

Everyone at OEPC is invited to join us on our Spring Trip on May 15, to see the production of "The Story of Jonah" (will there be a real Whale on stage?) at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. In addition, we will enjoy a delicious family-style dinner at the Hershey Farm. The total cost including deluxe coach transportation is only \$80. What are you waiting for, make your reservations now before it is too late! (Make checks payable to OEPC Sr. Fellowship).

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Wednesday nights @6:30PM

February 22-March 28

"Soup for the Soul" is a weekly gathering of the congregation at the Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church for a time of study, reflection, and fellowship during the season leading up to Easter, known as Lent. It is held on Wednesday evenings, begins with a soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 PM, and includes a study time at 7:15 PM, ends by 8:00PM. Children are welcome. Families eat together. Child care is provided during the study time. The study, led by Pastor Jim is:

"The Life of God's Adopted Children"

In both wonderful and weird ways, people today claim to be "children of God." What does that really mean? It does not describe everyone; it is particular to the Christian. But do Christians know and practice what it means? J. I Packer notes, "If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls ... his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well."

WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 24-26

Ladies, if you haven't signed up for the retreat yet, contact a member of the retreat team (Carol Feather, Janice Kulp, Beth Burgess, Alice Shaw, Joan Housworth, Brenda Hoster, Adele Larkin, Kathy Myers or Jeanne Plieninger) to see if there is room available. Don't forget your "special" pajamas, slippers, stuffed animal and a snack to share for the pajama party on Friday night.

OEPC MEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29, 2012

Spruce Lake Retreat & Conference

Retreat & Conference Center

Canadensis, PA

Come for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. Our speaker is Dave Weidis, of Serving Leaders Ministry. Contact Larry Godley at 215.233.2079.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16 - 20, 2012

8:45AM to 12:00PM

Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park! Kids will be awestruck by snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls, wildflower meadows bursting with color and amazing animals like soaring eagles, friendly huskies and herds of caribou. As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope! They will discover the true treasure described in Philippians 4:19. At SonRise National Park, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior! Register your child today! Vacation Bible School is being offered to children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade in September of 2012. Classroom sizes will be limited, so make sure that you register your children, grandchildren, and/or family members today so they will not miss this fabulous week. Tell your friends and neighbors to register their children as well. Register children at www.orelandpres.org/vbs and click on "register your kids here". Keep the dates of July 16 - 20 free.

WORLD OUTREACH

CHOSEN PEOPLES MINISTRIES, PHILADELPHIA AREA BRANCH FORMERLY MESSIAH NOW MINISTRIES

Paul and Linda Gelsinger Cruz, Praise and Petition, Winter 2011-12

- ◆ Praise the Lord for all the people who have stated they will help support messianic ministry in the greater Delaware Valley.
- ◆ Praise the Lord for Jewish believers who are willing to witness to their friends and family even when it creates opposition.
- ◆ Praise the Lord for the messianic Bible study in Center City, and the rising interest in establishing studies in Bucks County and in the western suburbs.
- ◆ Praise the Lord for faithful churches and individuals who pray for Paul and also provide financial support (more of both are needed).
- ◆ Pray for more Jewish people to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to seeing Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.
- ◆ Pray for more teaching and preaching appointments in churches and other groups for Paul in 2012.
- ◆ Pray for more gentiles who are willing to be trained in how to witness in a sensitive way to Jewish people.
- ◆ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and Shalom in the Middle East.
- ◆ Pray for the March 31st luncheon (Saturday) when Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries, will come from New York to speak about future ministry plans for the Philadelphia Branch.
- ◆ Pray for Linda who has a demanding day job while also helping Paul in ministry.
- ◆ Pray for energy, wisdom and health as Paul and Linda seek out the lost.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Keith and Miriam Phinney

Thanksgiving always reminds us of YOU! We are so VERY thankful for your partnership with us through prayer, giving and love! THANKS!! We could not, and would not want to, do this without partners like you!

As we end 2011, we are grateful for the lives we (and "we" means you too!!!) impacted in India and Utah. As 2012 looms, we look ahead to great new possibilities- widening our ministry with new outreaches into new student groups, an increase in volunteers and new staff joining us (which helps the former happen), and sending Susanna off to college (to name a few).

With new opportunities come new needs and we want to ask if you could help us start the year ahead with a great foundation of support to build upon. Please pray for:

- ◆ Volunteers to solidify and for us to get them into just the right niche.
- ◆ Our new outreach <http://2attheu.org> to give us not only a Utah reach but a national reach into the lives of International spouses here in the US.
- ◆ That God would lead Brittany (who works with Intervarsity) as she considers if International ministry in Utah is the right next step for her. I would love to have another full time Intl worker here!!!
- ◆ Susanna's college selection process and funding to work out well.
- ◆ Anything else you can think of ...

FORGIVENESS Game

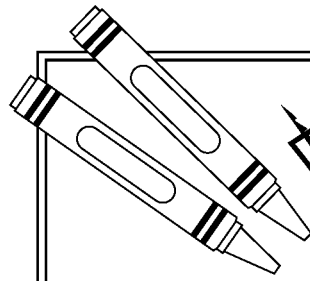
Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.



PUZZLE

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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gave her on it one other he an a

B _____ w _____ h each
ot _____ d _____ give
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a _____ st some _____ .
For _____ as t _____ L _____ d
for _____ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Stewardship – Faith Based Giving

For over forty- five years we have depended on God to supply our needs through faith based giving. We know that God is forever faithful and is our rock and refuge in the time of need. We continue to be blessed as a church with faithful and generous members who have given sacrificially to glorify God and further his work here and in the world.

2 Corinthians 9:7,8 “ *You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all that you need and plenty left over to share with others.*”

Year to Date Financial Statements thru 12/31/11

Church Income	813,728	Church Expense	796,453	Net Income	17,275
Preschool Income	156,854	Preschool Expense	155,301	Net Income	1,554
Total Income	970,582	Total Expense	951,754	Net Income	18,829

Covenant Agreement of Mission Support

The terms of our dismissal from the Presbytery of Philadelphia included a Covenant Agreement of Mission support payments to the presbytery in the amount of \$ 440,000, to be paid in installments of \$44,000 each year, over a period of ten years.

You have responded generously to this appeal, with contributions to the Covenant Agreement for Mission Support as of **December 31, 2011**, of **\$44,925**, which fully funded this year’s commitment to be paid, praise God for his provision.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse of the Lord... and I will pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it,

From the Layman Oct. 2010

“Stewardship is the primary relationship of the creature to the Creator. God is the owner of all things and without Him there can be no stewards because a steward requires an owner to serve. “Steward” is a title and a role. God is the owner. He has made us and we are his

Biblical stewardship is concerned with the stewardship or management of creation, of self, of time, of relationships, of talents and of resources. With a desire to become more generous toward God, let us explore together the nature of money as a trust, a tool, a test and a trademark.”

Stewardship of Time Opportunity:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 16 - 20, 2012, 8:45AM to 12:00PM

We have been truly blessed over the last few years by the directorship of Denise McAuley. It is time for her to pass the leadership baton to the next willing servants. We would like to begin by creating a Team of servants to share in all the various tasks at hand.

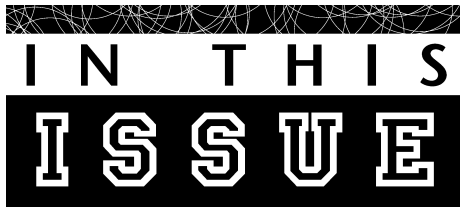
Help us lead children to Jesus by offering to serve, now! We need between 80-90 servants to serve around 200 children. I promise that it will be a rewarding experience for you, and will change your life. Even if you cannot commit to the entire week, VBS needs you. Child care will be provided for servants. Sign up to serve on the OEPC website www.orelandpres.org; click on VBS Servants Needed. In addition to the service areas listed on the website, we need coordinators for children and servant registration as well as other servants. Contact John Craymer or Al Myers to discuss where your talents can be used.

You have God given talents and we will surely put them to good use. Register NOW; there is much preparatory work to be done NOW!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

VESPERS @ ORELAND 6:30PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM

VESPERS @ ORELAND 6:30PM

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

WORSHIP 8:30 and 11:00AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:45AM



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