

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26-28 – Woodcrest Camping Weekend

### PLEASE PRAY

- Pray for Pastoral Leadership Team, Council of Ministries and Bishop Brian Martin
- Pray for Jeff High, preacher, Ken Sweigart, worship host, and the congregation as we gather to worship next Sunday morning.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS & OUTREACH MINISTRIES

#### MISSION

- Zacharie and Stevie Estime, New Life Mission Haiti
- Austin Kline YWAM Lancaster
- Andrea Martin YWAM Montana Ending Bible Poverty Now
- Daniel & Marlene Martinez in Uruguay

#### OUTREACH

- Alive Winter Guard
- Friday Night Skate
- Oyate Hope Academy
- PACE Afterschool Program
- TNT Youth Ministry
- Woodcrest Retreat



Welcome to Alive Church Ephrata  
An Anabaptist Congregation

*To offer Hope, Life, and Love in Jesus*

Pastoral Leadership Team  
Jeffrey High, lead pastor  
David Buch, associate pastor  
Kevin Martin, associate pastor  
Jean Martin, congregational care coordinator

Council of Ministries  
Calvin Zimmerman, church board of admin chair  
Delmar Brubaker, church life chair  
Austin Kline, mission chair  
Ken Sweigart, nurture chair  
Ranee Zimmerman, worship chair

June 30, 2024

#### PERSONS SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** John & Sherry Gehman  
**Nursery:** Lori Cely & Maci Hurst  
**Library:** Maci, Anna & Laura, and Caroline  
**Preacher:** Bishop Brian Martin  
**Sermon:** *“Three Signs of Jesus-Centered Authenticity”*  
**Text:** Mark 10: 17-21; John 5:5-1-6, 8:2-12

Wed., 7 PM  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Corporate Prayer Time

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

CREATIVE PRAYER ROOM is located upstairs in Room 217 and is available for rest, reading, solitude, listening to music, prayer.

#### CITY GATE LUNCHESES

There are several sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for helping with Sunday Sack Lunches at City Gate. Please sign up for the date you are interested in providing food or helping to serve.

#### WEEDING CHURCH PROPERTY

The trustees would appreciate help in weeding around the church facilities each week through the summer. It takes more than one person to keep our property looking nice. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for you to sign up for a week at a time during the summer. Your help is very much appreciated.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is planned for October 11-13 at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center. Information was placed in your mailboxes earlier this month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due to Brenda Burkholder no later than June 30.

#### UPDATE FOR THE NINE LMC CHURCHES IN CUBA

Finally! Some good news! In May, MCC, via the Material Resource Center in Ephrata, shipped a container of canned meat to Cuba. Gratefully, a portion of this container was earmarked for our LMC churches. Praise God!

On June 11, Barnabas Aid shipped a container which will arrive in Cuba next week. Five pallets of dehydrated food (processed through Blessings of Hope) are earmarked for LMC. I celebrate this partnership with Barnabas Aid and their willingness to include LMC churches in this shipment and distribution. Praise be to God! I continue to work to ship a 40' container dedicated solely for the nine LMC churches and their communities. When shipping arrangements are confirmed, be assured our district and conference will be invited to participate and provide relief aid for our LMC brothers and sisters in Cuba.

To this end, your prayers are deeply appreciated.

In Christ, Brian Martin

#### MDS OPPORTUNITY

MDS is seeking one or two host families to serve as respite hosts for two volunteers who are serving with MDS in a partnership with MCC International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). The IVEP participants would spend the majority of their time serving on MDS projects across the US but will need respite hosts about once every 8 weeks, usually for one week at a time (2.5 weeks at Christmas). Hosts will meet the IVEPers during their MDS orientation in August 2024 and provide a relaxing, restful environment for IVEPers during their respite weeks. Respite weeks would tentatively take place in November, December (mid-December through early January), late February, and May (specific dates TBD). They are looking for hosts for Jesca (age 24, female, Uganda) and Vinandih (age 26, male, Zambia). A host family could host one or both IVEPers. MCC and MDS make a stipend available to the host family to support hosting costs. Interested hosts should contact Amy Keller ([akeller@mds.org](mailto:akeller@mds.org)) or Josh Carson ([jcarson@mds.org](mailto:jcarson@mds.org)) or call 800-241-8111.