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Member-Owned Mission

Dr. Russell Sullivan, Pastor

*“Like good stewards of the grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
(1 Peter 4:10)*

In our Strategic Plan we recognize the importance of outreach and mission activities, but with a new and venturesome twist. Often Session or a mission committee, in our case, the Extending God’s Love Core Team, will decide upon a mission and invite you to participate. That doesn’t always elicit a response. Somebody once said, “The church is like an airline most of time. Airlines try to coax as many people as possible into a limited number of seats on a limited number of flights, headed to a limited number of destinations. An airport, on the other hand, seeks to provide a safe setting for an optimum number of takeoffs and landings for large and small planes headed in a variety of destinations. The destinations are determined by the operators of the planes.” Following this metaphor, the church needs to be more like air traffic controllers than pilots! The church needs to ask you individually: where do you want to go? how can we help you get there?

So let’s try something different. We want to empower you to pray, dream, and discover your calling to serve. Ask yourself: “Where does God want me to serve in the world? Is there a need in my community that I can address? Where can I make a difference in the world and make God’s love manifest in the lives of other people? Do I have a passion for some good cause that needs my help?”

Planning for mission can begin with you – your passions, your interests, and your desire to make a difference in God’s world. If you, as an individual, want to create a mission that aligns with the church’s vision, values, and mission, then we will support you with help and with seed money. Here’s how you do it: *(Continued on next page.)*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

May 5	Deacon’s Retreat
May 12	Men’s Breakfast Shawl Ministry
May 15	Trustees Session
May 19	Walk for DDB Organ Spectacular
May 20	Donn Snyder Memorial
May 27	Final Choral Eucharist
May 28	Memorial Day
June 9	Men’s Breakfast Shawl Ministry
June 19	Trustees Session
July 4	Independence Day
July 15	Picnic – Worship at 11 AM
September 3	Labor Day
September 6	Welcome back, Choir!

*For a complete calendar, please visit
www.pinestreet.org*

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1. Consider what concern you want to address. Is there a local, national, or international need that is calling for attention? Speak to me or to Anne Guenin, or Stevi Sharp, the Team Leader of the Extending God's Love Core Team (Mission). Tell us what mission project that you would like to lead. And it's always good to share your idea with lots of people. Test your hunch and get feedback.
 2. Find one or two people who share your passion for this issue and who are willing to be on the team that you will lead.
 3. Then contact me or Anne Guenin for an application for your mission project. We hope eventually to have it on-line.
 4. I will then mentor you in this work. We're here to help you catch a vision, dream a dream, and step out in faith to be a representative for God in mission!

This is doing mission from "the bottom up," instead from "the top down." In other words, we aren't only going to wait for staff or committees to come up with ideas on how to serve. The Spirit of God doesn't always work hierarchically, but also is at work among all of our people. And the Holy Spirit loves to plant seeds within you. What is God calling you to do? How can we help? I look forward to lots of conversations with you about the mission you want to launch and to lead.

Welcome, New Members!

Dr. Russell Sullivan, Pastor

On Palm Sunday, March 25, the Session received into membership 8 new members. We welcome them into our life and fellowship and look forward to working with them in mission and ministry.



William "Bill" Bostic – Bill grew up in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Central Penn College, Bill works for Capitol Wire and is an independent journalist with the Linglestown Gazette, an on-line news service. He loves golfing, cycling, and staying fit.



Albert and Angela Kamps – Albert hails from the Netherlands. Educated at the University of Enschede in applied physics, Albert is a regional manager with Lely North America. Angela is from Ickesburg, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of Elizabethtown College and Millersville University. She is a teacher of gifted students in grades 9 through 12 at Cedar Cliff High School. They have one daughter, Ellen.



John and Brenda Longstreet – John is the President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association and is a graduate of Cornell University. He is a fan of travel, good books and food, and spending time with family. Brenda is a homemaker and enjoys volunteering, art, golf, and gardening. Both are natives of Pennsylvania.



Charles "Charlie" Murray and Robert "Bob" Richardson – Charlie is a native of New England and a graduate of Bentley University. He is now retired and enjoys swimming, hiking, great music, and travel. Bob was born in Proctor, Vermont. Retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, he works now as a part-time consultant with Momentum, Inc. He holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York in Cortland and master's degrees from St. John Seminary School of Theology in Boston and from Creighton University in Nebraska. Bob too enjoys good food, hiking, and traveling.



Tyler Shaw – Tyler grew up at Pine Street Presbyterian Church and descends from a long line of Pine Streeters. He attends the Harrisburg Area Community College, works at Karns, and loves sports, collecting coins, history, and farming.

Let's give our new members a warm Pine Street welcome!

Pine Street Church – 160 Years

Kenneth C. Hays, Pine Street Historian

On May 22, 1858, The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg (Pine Street) was founded. The following serves as a reminder of how and why we came to be established.

As Americans pushed westward in the 1830's, they left behind a Presbyterian Church divided over its role in settling the brash, young nation. Some Presbyterian leaders felt the church should send preachers with the pioneers to evangelize the new frontier. Calling themselves the "New School", they felt that those who had experienced God could carry the word, even if they had only minimal religious training. Other church leaders argued that only ministers formally educated in the classical tradition

could follow and serve the pioneers. These individuals subscribed to what were called "Old School" beliefs.

The controversy raged --- personal experience or formal education --- and in 1838, the General Assembly split into "Old" and "New" schools, with the former stressing theological purity. Out of that split 20 years later would come a new church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The English Presbyterian Church (Market Square) congregations was caught up in the national controversy. Ultimately that congregation attached itself to the "New School" by leaving the Presbytery of Carlisle, a move that left many of its members unhappy. It was not until 20 years later that those disenchanted members would leave their church.

In April 1858, 42 members of the English Presbyterian Church determined they would put their energies into building a new church that would stress "Old School" standards and loyalty to the Confessions of Faith. Joined by 8 individuals from other churches, 50 persons petitioned the Presbytery of Carlisle to form a new church. On May 22, 1858 The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg (Pine Street) was founded.

The next day, the first meeting of the Session was held, establishing a working calendar, and implementing procedural planning to erect a building and call a minister. Three particular actions established the focus of the new congregation:

1. The elders voted to request copies of the Westminster Confession of Faith, "in order that the members of this church may cultivate a thorough acquaintance with the doctrines and form of government of the Presbyterian Church."
2. They also requested the purchase of copies of the "official" Presbyterian Psalter which contained the Psalms and hymns.
3. The elders called for a weekly congregational prayer meeting and a monthly meeting on behalf of missions.

And so, Pine Street Presbyterian Church was officially established on May 22 and 23, 1858, and for 160 years has been an active church ministering to the City of Harrisburg and the surrounding towns and suburbs. With God's blessing, may it continue.

Downtown Daily Bread Welcomes New Staff

Meet Sharon Jackson and Karen Fetrow

In an effort to bring new standards of food service to Downtown Daily Bread, Sharon Jackson recently joined the staff. Sharon comes to us as a graduate of the Culinary Arts program at Harrisburg Area Community College. Sharon brings many skills in the area of kitchen management, and she is anxious to organize and update our kitchen and storage areas, service and replace some of our appliances, and bring our entire food service operation into compliance with safety and other relevant codes and regulations. She will also be creating menus that include healthy and nutritious meals, using more fresh produce and meats, and identifying those areas where we can be more efficient and less wasteful.

Sharon has had experience at various restaurants around town, including Bricco Restaurant and Hilton Hotel Restaurant. Sharon is originally from Memphis, Tennessee, and she relocated to the Harrisburg area 6 years ago. Her passion is researching healthy ways of cooking food. Her motto is ‘Good food takes time.’”

Karen Fetrow has been on the staff at Downtown Daily Bread for about two years as the Day Shelter Coordinator, but she has recently taken the position of Mental Health Outreach Counselor. This position is designed to provide outreach and general case management to homeless persons who suffer from mental health issues and co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance use). The Mental Health Outreach Counselor meets with homeless individuals in locations both inside and outside of DDB, in places where the homeless individual feels comfortable, allowing for sustained contact for rapport and trust building – both key factors in working with a population of individuals who often experience fear and distrust of formal community institutions and services. The position is primarily funded by a grant consisting of both Federal and State funds, which is administered by Dauphin County.

Karen has been instrumental in helping us to establish the operations of the Day Shelter, and we are anxious for her to use her energy and new skills in continuing her work with our clients. Karen has lived in the Harrisburg area for most of her adult life and currently resides in the north end of Harrisburg with her husband, George, and their two energetic cats. She prefers to be digging in the dirt and enjoys sewing, singing, hiking in the woods, writing, and basically any new or challenging projects that demand creativity. She will complete her Master of Social Work at Temple University in December. We welcome Karen to her new position!

Welcome to Sharon and Karen!

Organ Spectacular featuring Peter Richard Conte

The MAPS Season Closer will be on May 19

The great Wanamaker “Grand Court” organist comes to perform a recital of mostly transcriptions (music written for the orchestra but played on the organ). He is a wizard at the organ and will create sound combinations you’ve never heard from our mighty instrument. This evening is sure to delight music lovers of all types. Maestro Conte will be joined by organist and flugelhornist Andrew Ennis.

The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. It is free admission and there is free parking in the South Street Garage. A festive reception celebrating the close of MAPS’ 2017–2018 season will be held following the performance. This recital is held in collaboration with the Harrisburg Chapter of The American Guild of Organists (Brett Terry is the incoming dean and of this professional organization).

Church Picnic

Save the Date

On Sunday, July 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., plan to gather for worship and a picnic at Adams Ricci Park in East Pennsboro. There will be no worship at the church building that day.

Walk for Downtown Daily Bread

Downtown Daily Bread will be participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthier Community on Saturday, May 19. Please consider joining the DDB team and walking with us on the HACC Campus. More information is available at the Welcome Center, or contact Linda Gzehoviak with your questions at (717) 238-9304, ext. 105.

News from Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but their commonality is a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Since 1975, more than 650,000 people from more than 12,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers.

Pine Street is pleased to announce that we will soon have two new Stephen Ministers. Since January, Linda McKillop and Keith Perago have met every Tuesday night with members of the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church to complete 50 hours of the training required to become Stephen Ministers. Linda and Keith will be commissioned in worship on May 6, which has been designated Stephen Ministry Sunday.

Also on May 6, members of our Stephen Ministry team will provide a program for Bagels and Belief. "More Than a Living Will" will be presented by Stephen Minister Jesse A. Weigel, MD and Elyse E. Rogers, who was named among Harrisburg best lawyers in 2017. The program will provide guidance on what we wish our families knew before they need that information. It will review a document called "5 Wishes."

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry, please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Place, speak with a Stephen Minister who can be identified by a blue name badge, or contact either Dr. Sullivan or Rev. Sigler.

Downtown Daily Bread

Amazon Wish List

Downtown Daily Bread is excited to provide everyone a simple way to donate necessary goods to help us with our mission of providing daily essential services to the hungry and homeless of

Harrisburg. We've created an Amazon.com Wish List! The items that are currently on the list are the ones that we are in crucial need at the moment. We will be updating the list as our needs change, so check back often. And if you are an Amazon Prime member, most of the items can be shipped directly to us for FREE! Our shipping address is 310 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

And to further help us out, make sure you are using Amazon Smile for your purchases and designating Pine Street Presbyterian Church as your charitable organization. We thank you for all of your support!

To reach the Downtown Daily Bread Amazon Wish List, click on the link below:

<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2YEXJIRKRROYR>

Or follow these instructions:

- Go to Amazon.com or smile.amazon.com
- Go to Find a List or Registry
- Enter "Downtown Daily Bread" in the search field
- Click Search
- Once you've located our list, you can click "Remember" if you'd like to save a link to the list.

The Adult Learning Center at Pine Street

Thank You to Our Volunteers

The Adult Learning Center at Pine Street is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings in the Boyd Building. It operates in collaboration with Tri-County OIC and its staff, including Jeff Woodyard and Kathleen White. Current enrollment has remained steady, with an average weekly attendance of 10 – 15 for those seeking their high school diploma equivalency, and also 10 – 15 for those receiving English-as-a-Second Language instruction. In addition, Tri-County OIC conducts orientation at the ALC for 8 -12 students every other week.

The Adult Learning Center is blessed to have a steady stream of volunteers. Many have been volunteering since it opened in 2015. For instance, during the last week of March, the ALC provided 55.5 hours of instruction to a total of 12 ESL students, 50.5 hours to a total of 9 high school diploma seekers, and 38 hours for a total of 10 orientation students. That totals 144 hours of volunteer service to 31 students in that one week.

Thank you to the Adult Learning Center volunteers for their dedication and hard work! If you are interested in joining these volunteers, please contact Kathleen White, or email office@pinestreet.org.

The Adult Learning Center is always in need of supplies. Here are a few ideas, if you can help: white and colored copier paper, dry erase markers, inexpensive earbuds (\$1 each at Dollar Tree), and 3-ring binders with subject dividers.

Condolences

We extend prayers for the families of George Port and Bill Neff who died this month. May light perpetual shine upon them.

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Tuesday, May 1

Psalms 98; 146
 Lev. 16:20-34
 1 Thess. 5:1-11
 Matt. 6:7-15

Wednesday, May 2

Psalms 99; 147:1-11
 Lev. 19:1-18
 1 Thess. 5:12-28
 Matt. 6:19-24

Thursday, May 3

Psalms 47; 147:12-20
 Lev. 19:26-37
 2 Thess. 1:1-12
 Matt. 6:25-34

Friday, May 4

Psalms 96; 148
 Lev. 23:1-22
 2 Thess. 2:1-17
 Matt. 7:1-12

Saturday, May 5

Psalms 92; 149
 Lev. 23:23-44
 2 Thess. 3:1-18
 Matt. 7:13-21

Sunday, May 6

6th Sunday of Easter
 Psalms 93; 150
 Lev. 25:1-17
 James 1:2-8, 16-18
 Luke 12:13-21

Monday, May 7

Psalms 97; 145
 Lev. 25:35-55
 Col. 1:9-14
 Matt. 13:1-16

Tuesday, May 8

Psalms 98; 146
 Lev. 26:1-20
 1 Tim. 2:1-6
 Matt. 13:18-23

Wednesday, May 9

Psalms 99; 147:1-11
 Lev. 26:27-42
 Eph. 1:1-10
 Matt. 22:41-46

Thursday, May 10

Ascension of the Lord
 Psalms 47; 147:12-20
 Dan. 7:9-14
 Heb. 2:5-18
 Matt. 28:16-20

Friday, May 11

Psalms 96; 148
 1 Sam. 2:1-10
 Eph. 2:1-10
 Matt. 7:22-27

Saturday, May 12

Psalms 92; 149
 Num. 11:16-17, 24-29
 Eph. 2:11-22
 Matt. 7:28-8:4

Sunday, May 13

7th Sunday of Easter
 Psalms 93; 150
 Exod. 3:1-12
 Heb. 12:18-29
 Luke 10:17-24

Monday, May 14

Psalms 97; 145
 Josh. 1:1-9
 Eph. 3:1-13
 Matt. 8:5-17

Tuesday, May 15

Psalms 98; 146
 1 Sam. 16:1-13a
 Eph. 3:14-21
 Matt. 8:18-27

Wednesday, May 16

Psalms 99; 147:1-11
 Isa. 4:2-6
 Eph. 4:1-16
 Matt. 8:28-34

Thursday, May 17

Psalms 47; 147:12-20
 Zech. 4:1-14
 Eph. 4:17-32
 Matt. 9:1-8

Friday, May 18

Psalms 96; 148
 Jer. 31:27-34
 Eph. 5:1-32
 Matt. 9:9-17

Saturday, May 19

Psalms 92; 149
 Ezek. 36:22-27
 Eph. 6:1-24
 Matt. 9:18-26

Sunday, May 20

Day of Pentecost
 Psalms 104; 150
 Deut. 16:9-12
 Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
 John 4:19-26

Monday, May 21

Psalms 5; 145
 Prov. 3:11-20
 1 John 3:18-4:6
 Matt. 11:1-6

Tuesday, May 22

Psalms 42; 146
 Prov. 4:1-27
 1 John 4:7-21
 Matt. 11:7-15

Wednesday, May 23

Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11
 Prov. 6:1-19
 1 John 5:1-12
 Matt. 11:16-24

Thursday, May 24

Psalms 97; 147:12-20
 Prov. 7:1-27
 1 John 5:13-21
 Matt. 11:25-30

Friday, May 25

Psalms 51; 148
 Prov. 8:1-21
 2 John 1-13
 Matt. 12:1-14

Saturday, May 26

Psalms 104; 149
 Prov. 8:22-36
 3 John 1-15
 Matt. 12:15-21

Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday
 Psalms 103; 150
 Job 38:1-11; 42:1-5
 Rev. 19:4-16
 John 1:29-34

Monday, May 28

Psalms 135; 145
 Prov. 10:1-12
 1 Tim. 1:1-17
 Matt. 12:22-32