

10.13.24 Heritage Updates

Tuesday, 10/15 6:00 pm Ladies' Dinner Out
@ Ted's Montana Grill in the Christiana Fashion Center

Thursday, 10/17 10-11:00 am Women's 'End Times' Bible study (lesson 9)
@ the church

October Ladies' Dinner Out, 10.15

All ladies are invited to meet for dinner at Ted's Montana Grill in the Christiana Fashion Center on **Tuesday, 10/15 at 6:00 pm**. Please contact Amy Forrest at 302-757-9178 by noon on 10/15 if you plan to attend.

Family Promise, 10.23-10.26

Our next Family Promise Hosting week is **Wednesday, October 23-Saturday, October 26**. We are responsible for dinner each night at 6:00 pm with the families at the Hospitality Center (2501 Milltown Rd, Wilm). **As of 10.3 there are ~30 residents. Please use SignUp Genius to let us know which night you plan to help with.**

In addition, Family Promise is currently requesting donations of:

Paper towels	body wash
Kitchen trash bags	cleaning supplies
Full size toothpaste	laundry detergent

These can be dropped off in the narthex by Sunday, 10/20.

Nursery & Jr Church Volunteers

Please help share in the privilege of serving our Heritage and visitor families. You can sign up using SignUp Genius or at the signup sheets at the nursery & Jr Church doors. (All new volunteers must submit to a background check, at no cost to you.)

Heritage Kids

Nursery is available for **infants-PreK** during worship (if staffing allows). Feel free to use it for however much of the service you desire.

Junior Church is available (if staffing allows) during the 2nd half of the service for kids **kindergarten-4th grade**. Children will leave during the songs before the sermon and return during the final song. The classroom is in the back of Fellowship Hall - straight out the back of the sanctuary.

Red Folder activity pages are also available at the table by the sanctuary door for anyone who wishes to use them.

God's Kingdom Building:

**Scott & Meghan Dillon, serving with MTW
(Mission To the World) in Panama City, Panama**

We wanted to reach out and give a quick update and prayer request for our family. Scott was hospitalized yesterday for a serious infection in a salivary gland. It went from mild symptoms to lots of inflammation, fatigue, pain, and fever.

At this point, it was affecting his voice and the doctors were concerned the swelling was closing his airways. He had various tests, including a CAT scan that confirmed the problem was a gland (or lymph node). He went into surgery at 6:00pm Saturday night for removal of the gland and some of the infection. They also did a tracheostomy to protect his breathing for further swelling.

He's recovering well and the doctors will remove the tracheotomy tube once they're sure there's no more swelling in the area. God is watching over the whole process and between the timing, the provision of good medical care, and His bringing healing. We're feeling well loved in His hands.

Please join us in praying for him. He will be hospitalized to wait out the swelling and time to remove the tracheostomy. All expect him to make a normal recovery.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for our support needs as raising \$4000/month while living in Panama feels daunting.
- Pray for the church's vision to empower and equip Ruling Elder William to start a Business as Mission, the Third Place.
- Pray for Angie (daughter), who is looking to take the University of Panama entrance exam in mid-October.
- Pray for Rachel (daughter), who is considering starting university studies in the USA in January.
- Pray for the Global Missions Conference to be a good opportunity to connect with potential supporters and partners.
- Pray for our Panama Presbytery meetings before the end of the year. There's already chatter of a third church plant.
- Pray for healthy balances for ministry/life/rest. It's a never-ending challenge.
- Pray for the church to obtain non-profit status. Still no progress.

MNA (Mission to North America) Disaster Response

Since last week:

- Delivered shower trailers to Redeemer PCA in Valdosta, GA and Arden PCA in Arden, NC.
- Delivered flood relief kits to Memorial PCA in Elizabethton, TN
- Delivered a mud-out trailer to the Appalachian Highlands
- Delivered a Bobcat skid steer loader to Arden PCA in Arden, NC
- Delivered & assembled the first Sheds of Hope for families in TN & have a caravan of more on the way.

MNA Disaster Response has already:

- Delivered a load of chainsaws & a skid steer loader, and organized a chainsaw team to remove fallen trees at Antioch, PCA
- Transported a load of flood mitigation supplies to St Petersburg to support members gutting & mucking St Petersburg PCA
- Serviced & transported a large mobile generator to First PCA Augusta, SC to repower a church building repurposed to house traveling chainsaw teams.
- Transported a mobile shower to Redeemer PCA, Valdosta, GA to support chainsaw teams there.
- Sent a specialist to First Presbyterian Augusta, GA to field train first responders in skid steer operation to support the chainsaw/ debris clean up teams.

Pray for endurance for your MNA Disaster Response. This is a marathon, not a sprint. We are watching God work in these disaster-affected communities. The hands-on compassion of Christ is being displayed to a watching & curious world.

Your Heritage deacons have committed to sending a financial gift, and we are accepting additional monetary donations Sundays, Oct 6 and Oct 13. Please label your gifts 'Deacons Mercy - Hurricane Helene'.

