## The MOUNT

February 2022



YOU ARE INVITED

## Celebration of Love Banquet







Join us as we celebrate the love given to us from God! Family and guests are welcome.

Friday, February 11th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Mount Moriah Church

~Menu~
Penne Pasta with Meatballs
Salad, Rolls and Butter
Dessert, Coffee, Tea
(Catered by Myers Catering of Fairchance)
Dinner will be served by Mount Moriah Youth of Light

Reservations Required by February 4th!
Sign up sheets will be available in adult Sunday School
Classes and on the table in the sanctuary foyer,
or contact Joyce Edgar
724-812-6427

\*Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the banquet.



#### **HAPPENINGS**

Feb. 2 MMC Annual Business Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Feb. 11 CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Reservation Required by Feb. 4th

Mar. 10 We the Kingdom Live Event 7:30 PM ~ Chestnut Ridge Church

#### **GATHERINGS**

9:30 AM Sunday School In-person

10:45 AM Sunday Worship
In-person & ONLINE via Facebook

7:00 PM Wed. Night In-person Bible Study

7:00 PM MMYOL Wed. Night Bible Study

8:00 PM Wed. Night ONLINE Bible Study

7:30 AM Thurs. Morning Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM Thurs. Evening Women's Bible Study

#### **MOUNT MORIAH YOUTH OF LIGHT**

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

**Feb. 11 CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET** (serving our church family)

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We love because He first loved us. - 1 John 4:19

## Pastor's Pen





But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

~ Matthew 6:6

Prayer is so important. Prayer is just talking to God. This is a popular verse when people refer to prayer. This verse is not suggesting that the only place or the most effective place to pray is our closet or our secret place. It's not suggesting that there is something wrong with praying in public. It is simply warning us about praying with the ulterior motive of making ourselves sound more spiritual than someone else. Check out the verses around it.

However, there is something to be said about having a secret place; a place where you meet with God; a place where you can feel like you and God are the only two present; a place where there are little to no distractions. These places are places where no one else is listening. They are places where we can be completely open and honest with Him.

These places give us the opportunity to pray like King David and Jesus Himself prayed. We can be honest and specific when it comes to confession of our own sin. We can mention the things that we think about, the things we are unsure about, and even the things we are angry about. We can ask God questions that may be uncomfortable or inappropriate among the public. We can talk to Him like He is our best friend. And that is who He can be.

Do you have a "Secret Place"? For me it is most often in my Jeep, while driving from place to place. It doesn't matter where your secret place is. What matters is that you are talking to God, whenever or wherever you might be — talking, praising, confessing, and asking the One person who cares enough and has the power to change you.

Go Pray! Pastor Darrell

# iCampus

## **INTERNET CAMPUS (iCAMPUS) MINISTRY UPDATE**

Mount Moriah continues to reach thousands of people as a result of the ONLINE ministry. At the end of last year, 2021, the iCAMPUS reached 25,000 individuals which generated 178,000 views of our content. Videos produced by Mount Moriah were viewed 182 hours on average each month, totaling approximately 2200 hours for the year. The best news is that some of those participating and following Mount Moriah ONLINE now attend the IN-PERSON Sunday services on a regular basis!

The ONLINE Ministry has and continues to achieve its intended purpose, which is to reach people for Jesus and provide an opportunity for those participating to connect and stay connected to the family of God.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Mount Moriah had minimal presence on the internet. Today we are blessed with a state-of-the-art website, ONLINE giving portal, the latest and greatest sound, lighting and video equipment, and lots of Biblical content posted across various social media platforms. March 22, 2020 was our first official Sunday LIVE broadcast — and thanks to your prayers, giving, and a small group of very talented volunteers, Mount Moriah (most likely) reached more people in 2021 than in any other year. And on Sunday February 13th the ONLINE ministry will celebrate its 100th broadcast of Sunday Service LIVE. Praise the Lord!

Please continue to pray, support, and get involved at Mount Moriah. The Lord is giving Mount Moriah an opportunity like never before to share the Gospel with many, and we're hoping that you continue to be a part of that great mission!

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## **OPERATION BLESSING BAG**



Operation Blessing Bag kicked off the 2021 Holiday Outreach Mission by sharing full Thanksgiving meals with five local shelters. Our Christian School donated a generous amount of food from their Thanksgiving feast. We also collected a multitude of pantry items for the shelters. This helped to make some days a little bit brighter. God is so faithful!

We moved right into the Christmas Season by sharing the love of Christ. The *Tree of Hope* reached many of our homeless population, including the women and children of our local domestic violence programs. We could not have touched so many without all of your help, support, and prayers. ~ In Christ's Love, Jen Diamond

## Upcoming Service Projects WINTER MEALS AND FOOD DRIVE

With the cold weather upon us, our local shelters have seen an increase in their census. Food for their pantries is most appreciated and much needed. Also, if you would like to whip up one of your favorite soups, casseroles, or potluck meals, please reach out for details. If only we could box up the smiles we see when delivering a yummy homemade meal. They truly warm the heart.

## Opportunities to Serve



Volunteers are needed to shop, pack bags, deliver, prep meals, and make cards/crafts. If you aren't sure how to help but would like to participate, just reach out. We will get you plugged in!

For additional information see:

Jennifer Diamond

Mount Moriah OBB Coordinator

"I am a short term resident of the mens City Mission.. The residents here just received the huge care package that you have so generously put together and donated for them.. and it was necessities that everybody here needed.. to all those involved with this project from beginning to the end, I say thank you very much.."













## **Special Thanks**

- —To our MMCS who did an AMAZING job with their collections for the foster teens.
- —To the Penn State Fayette Christian Club who collected hats, scarves, and gloves.
- —To the Uniontown Church of Christ who gave food and pantry items.
- —To Everyone who donated, packed, wrapped, baked, crafted, delivered, and prayed.

Together we are one body in Christ!





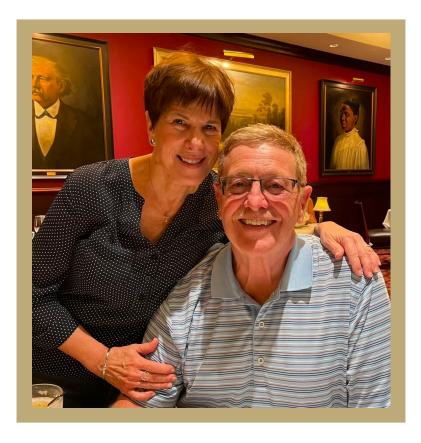




## ONE ANOTHER

#### **MEET THE HOOVERS**

Chuck and Debbie Hoover have been coming to Mount Moriah for a little less than a year. They were looking for a church and had heard good things about Pastor Darrell. When they got here, they saw Joyce Edgar. They knew her when she was growing up from their time spent at Grace Valley Church, and they were happy to reconnect with her. Chuck and Debbie said that everyone here at Mount Moriah was so friendly, and it felt right for them. "It felt like we had been going here a long time."



Debbie and Chuck Hoover

While they are still learning about our church and ways to get involved, Chuck and Debbie are glad they made the decision to join an adult Sunday School class, which they really enjoy. They also really love the sermons. They admire how Mount Moriah gives to those in need both across the country and locally; our offering to the victims of the tornado in Mayfield, Kentucky as well as Operation Blessing Bag, which encouraged the congregation to donate items to the local shelters, really touched Chuck and Debbie's hearts.

We're so glad that Chuck and Debbie have found a home here at Mount Moriah where they can grow along with us as part of the body of Christ. Welcome to the Mount Moriah family, Chuck and Debbie!

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. ~ Galatians 6:10

#### MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH OFFICERS 2022

**MODERATOR** 

**BROCK HARTMAN** 

**VICE MODERATOR** 

RICH ELLSWORTH

**CHURCH CLERK** 

**LORI PERRY** 

**ASST. CHURCH CLERK** 

KAREN WILSON

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**RUTH GRAHAM** 

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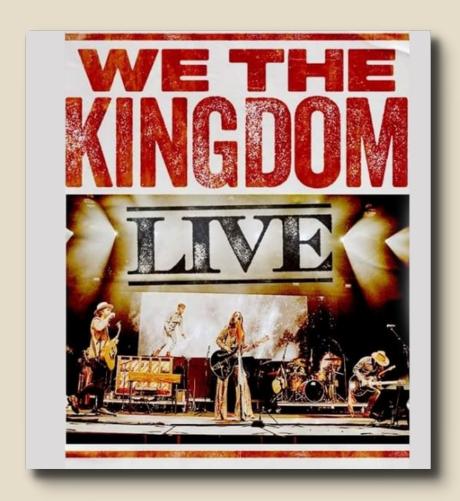
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JIM DEAN DAYNA HIGH

JOE LEECH

### Coming MARCH 10th

## We The Kingdom LIVE



Join Mount Moriah as we travel to Morgantown, WV to participate in the WE THE KINGDOM LIVE event.

Thursday, MARCH 10th — 7:30PM
Chestnut Ridge Church in Morgantown, WV
For ticket information contact:

Joyce Edgar
724-812-6427