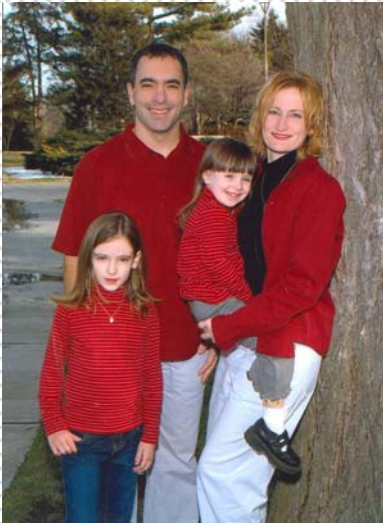




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“Connecting People to the Life Changing Power of God”



Message from the Pastor

Each October I have an opportunity to reflect on the past year as I prepare for the annual business meeting. This year our newly adopted vision statement has guided our progress, “Connecting People to the Life Changing Power of God.”

I am thankful for our growth. I am thrilled we have been able to continue improving our facilities and programs all while reaching out to our community. It is true God has the power and desire to change lives for the better, and the goal of our improvements is to fulfill our vision to see people connected to Him.

As a church, we have identified improvements we are striving to accomplish together. New energy and creativity have emerged and progress is being made. Our top ten focus items are: add/recruit musicians, expand usher ministry, mission trip to Leechburg, utilize side lot property, community Christian concert, promote Celebrate

Recovery, implement young adult ministry, begin a newsletter (this is it!), implement ministry to visit the sick, and develop a youth drama team.

I want people to continue to feel welcome and accepted in our church. It takes continued effort by everyone to make our church a welcoming place, and I appreciate our congregation for treating one another and guests with kindness and acceptance.

It is a true privilege to serve a loving God who can and will change lives for the better, and it is a true privilege to serve him here at Kiski Valley Assembly of God.

Pastor Todd

Our Visitors From White Earth Indian Reservation

Pastor Tim and Tammy Brown visited us on October 12th through the 16th. The Browns pastor two churches on the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota. Many from our church have visited them on mission trips in the summers of '04 and '05, so we were thrilled to hear they wanted to visit us. Pastor Tim and Tammy’s partners in ministry and family Jim and Bev Libby came along with two of Tim and Tammy’s sons and two of Jim and Bev’s grandsons. Randy and Joyce Shearer opened their home to them. They were very at home here and enjoyed their visit.



Pastor Tim brought the message Sunday morning. He spoke on “Taking a Stand.” He challenged us to live our lives in a way that will make a stand for God and the truth in His Word. On Friday Jim and Pastor Tim helped some volunteers from our church work on a project to improve the front of our building. Saturday’s outing was a trip to Smicksburg for a little shopping and sight seeing. We all enjoyed lunch with them on Sunday where our friendships were further cemented. We parted with tears because they’ve become such good friends.

We are grateful God brought the Browns and Libbys into our lives as friends and partners in ministry. Please pray for them as they continue to “Take a Stand” in White Earth as we “Take a Stand” here.

Celebrate Recovery

Each month we will feature one of the ministries from our church. This month we are featuring Celebrate Recovery.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program developed by John Baker, Pastor of Ministries, at Saddleback Church in Mission Viego, California.

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to help people be set free from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. These can be anything from the effects of alcohol or drugs to abuse; from anger to procrastination. The program is based on the eight recovery principles from the Beatitudes found in Matthew, chapter five. The participants work through the eight recovery principles in twelve Christ centered steps. Participants meet weekly in a caring, supportive, and nonjudgmental environment, where everything said in the meeting stays within the group and is not discussed outside. Participants don't try to “fix” each other, but support, pray for, and hold each other accountable. Participants have seen many significant changes in their lives and the lives of other participants.

Celebrate Recovery at Kiski Valley Assembly of God invites everyone to the weekly meetings. Please come, you have nothing to lose but your hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Free babysitting is provided.



What could be better than 10 minutes of extra sleep, or the sun shining on a group of orange and red fall trees? What could be nicer than a clear star-filled sky, or the morning purr of your favorite cat? What could be sweeter than a 60s muscle car winding out all 4 gears? What would make you smile quicker than the anticipation on the faces of your kids on Christmas Eve? What will melt your heart faster than a special smile from your spouse?

How about knowing that Jesus has a beautiful home for you in Heaven? This new home will have such amazing things to see, things we can't even imagine! Colors that aren't even named yet. Shapes and sizes that will boggle our minds.

Jesus wants us all to experience Heaven, believe in Him, trust in Him, hope in Him. Heaven with all its unknown will be yours.

Jim Montgomery

Upcoming Events

November 10 - 12

Women of Purpose Conference
Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

November 27

Pastor McKim speaks

November 30

Hymns for Him – 7:00 p.m.

December 11

Church wide Christmas Dinner & Angel Tree Party –
5:00 p.m.

December 19

Women's Christmas Party @ Cora's

December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 6:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Service – 10:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)

January 1

Evangelist Brandon Strickler speaks

July 17 - 21, 2006

Vacation Bible School

Look for details on free movie nights this winter!

Praise Reports

Former KVAG Pastor Greg McKim has started a church in California, PA. Handouts given out in that area were well received by the people.

Cyndi Crise has reported that she has been healed of stomach problems.

Dayna Rearick's heart problem is no longer life-threatening. Doctors are astonished. PTL!

Marie Hilty has been set free of the migraine headaches she's had for years

Michelle Ament has been healed of a pancreatic infection and is now home bonding with her new baby.

Sue Tiberio says "our prayers were answered," her cheek bone surgery is not needed.

Church History

Kiski Valley Assembly of God was founded in 1989 by New Life Assembly of God of Ford City, PA. The first worship services were held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Leechburg with Reverend Greg McKim as the founding pastor. The current sanctuary is the former Palace Theater Building. Buildings were purchased on Market Street one at a time as the church grew. A Children's Church room, new kitchen, restrooms, Sunday school rooms and future offices comprise the first building purchased. The second holds the fellowship hall and future youth room. The sanctuary building has a small nursery. The side yard was purchased last and made into a lawn and additional parking. Recently, an entrance was installed to give the handicapped easier access to the building.

Reverend Todd Pugh began pastoring in 1998 after Reverend McKim returned to the mission field as a U.S. missionary with the Assemblies of God. KVAG's first vision statement was adopted in 2000. This focus brought growth as the goals stated were pursued. The statement was adapted in 2005, and "Connecting people to the life changing power of God" defines our current statement.



Family Christmas Party

KVAG is having a Christmas party and dinner on December 11th at 5 p.m.

Special guests will be our Angel Tree children and their families. We are happy to have them. This is the fourth year we have sponsored an Angel Tree.

Names of the Angels and gifts desired for them will be available from Tricia Ritchie on Sunday October 30 and November 27 at the church.

Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than November 27.

Entertainment will be provided and a grand time is expected. If you would like to volunteer to help with the party please let Tricia or Tina know.

Thanks to all of you for making December 11 a special day for our Angels.

Mounds Cake *(Diane Swank)*

1 Dark Fudge Pudding Cake Mix

First Topping

1 cup milk
1 cup sugar
24 large marshmallows
1 – 14 oz. pkg. coconut

Second Topping

1 cup sugar
5 Tbsp. butter
1/2 cup milk
1 – 12 oz. pkg. choc. chips

Bake cake in 9x13 pan as directed on box. When cake is half baked, begin topping 1. Cook first topping on low heat until melted. When cake is done spread topping on hot cake. Combine sugar, butter and milk of second topping in saucepan and boil 1 minute. Stir in chocolate chips until melted. Cool slightly and spread on cake.

Advertisements

Wanted: Men's personal products (shaving cream, deodorant, etc.) for the residents at Teen Challenge.

If you have a need or a blessing and would like it advertised, please submit it to one of the newsletter team members: Bill Bell, Ruth Hazley, Tina Pugh, Jim Montgomery, Diane Swank, or Bernice Wolfe.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Children's Church ages 4 – 12
Youth Service 7:00 p.m.
Women's Book Study & Men's Meeting are the First Sunday at 6:30 p.m.. The youth are invited to attend these groups.

Tuesday:

Celebrate Recovery 7:00 p.m.
For all kinds of hurts, habits, and hang-ups –
Free babysitting provided.

Wednesday:

Boys & Girls Clubs 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Adult Worship & Prayer 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

2nd Sunday of Every Month:

Benevolence Offering – Used to help those within the church body or those referred.



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