

Lillyville Lighthouse News



“Let Jesus Light Your Way”

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Church Office:

Our church office hours remain limited at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call. (724-758-8258)

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Church Service Times

8:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

8:40 A.M. Lillyville Facebook Live

9:30 A.M. Drive-in service 89.1 FM. To listen from your car

10:30 A.M. In the Sanctuary

Newsletter Sponsor:

This month's sponsor for the Newsletter is Tony and Dawn Santagata in memory of Tony's parents, Philip and Esterina Santagata and Dawn's father, Ransom Parker Birkins, and in honor of Dawn's mother, Joan Birkins. Once upon a time...okay, that beginning would fill a book so we'll just start after their marriages. Philip and Esterina lived in Ellwood City for the majority of their married lives. They raised three wonderful children. Philip worked most of his adult life for Aetna Standard as a machinist making draw bench dies for steel mills. Esterina was a stay at home mom for most of the kids growing up years. She then began working in the cafeteria at Riverside High School. Philip and Esterina were loved by the community and their large family. Parker Birkins was an executive in the banking industry his whole life and the Mayor of the town where we grew up in New Jersey. He was the biggest "kid" on the block and was loved by everyone who ever met him. His hugs were given freely and often. Cancer took him far too early and he is dearly missed by all who knew him. Joan Birkins is an amazing mother to six children, thirteen grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. A stay at home mom until after all the kids were grown, she then became an Administrator for an International Relocation Company. Today she resides in Ellwood City and leads us all with her love and care.

Bible Study, Sunday School

Adult Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 A.M. Norma Hawke's class is meeting in the mezzanine and Pepe Catanzaro's class is meeting in the large classroom across from the coffee shop.

Zoom Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. If you are interested in joining this group please email the church at LillyvilleChurchOfGod@gmail.com with Zoom Class in the subject line and we will connect you to John and Connie Frochio. Zoom is free to use and easy to set up.

Theology Class at National Grind will end Thursday, December 9th

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will end on December 15th.

Upcoming:

The Lord's Supper will be served at all services on Sunday, December 5th.

Mercer Road Church of God is doing the Live Nativity for the Ewing Park Christmas Drive-thru and they are inviting other churches to participate. The Live Nativity will be: December 4th and 5th; 11th and 12th; 18th and 19th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Traci or Todd Kingston at 724-758-2256.

Echo Youth Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:30 P.M. This is our last youth meeting until after the first of the year.

Christmas Craft and Vendor Show is Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

Upcoming—Cont.

Christmas Cookies for Food Pantry families should be brought to the church on Sunday, December 12th.

Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, December 16th at 10:00 A.M. in the Lighthouse

Winter begins Tuesday, December 21st. (sorry)

Reverse Advent Canned Good Calendar for Food Pantry—Food will be collected at the Christmas Eve Drive-in service on Friday, December 24th at 4:30 P.M.

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If you would like to sponsor the Newsletter, please contact Pastor Dennis.

Thank You Thoughts and Letters:

We would like to thank McElwain Motors for donating all the turkeys and pumpkin pies for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry

We would like to thank Union Goodwill Church for their generous donation of food to the Food Pantry.

We would like to thank Veka Corporation for the large food donation they gave to the Lillyville Food Pantry. May the Lord richly bless them for their kindness.

We would like to thank Riverside Middle School for their generous food donation to the Lillyville Food Pantry.

We would like to thank everyone for providing Operation Christmas Child boxes or providing money for boxes and postage. We thank Julia Arndt for directing this ministry. We were able to deliver 110 boxes to Calvin Presbyterian Church where they will be boxed and shipped to Samaritan Purse Processing Center and then shipped around the world so children can learn the love and salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for being an important part of this outreach ministry.

Echo Youth Group would like to thank Sim's Bowling Lanes for a wonderful bowling party. A fun evening was had by 24 teenagers and 3 adults. The pizza was delicious. They presented us with a bowling pin to be signed by everyone. We concluded the evening by making a circle of prayer directed by Giana McMillen and Noah Lemley led us in prayer and concluded with the traditional clap of praise to the Lord. May the Lord richly bless them for their kind service to us.

Thank you to Signs by Sam for creating our new sign down along 288 reminding everyone to make Jesus the Light of their life

Thank you to the Cemetery Committee for excellent job on the clean up of the cemetery. Many thanks to Craig Wimer and Gary McKenna for doing the mowing and keeping the cemetery looking beautiful. Many thanks to Rick Krokono and Scott Silvester for taking care of burials.

Thank You Thoughts and Letters, cont.:

Thank you to Amy Custozzo for organizing the Trunk and Treat. We thank the Lord for such a wonderful evening. He turned off the rain! Thank you to everyone who brought their car or truck and handed out treats. We thank the Fox family for bringing their life size dinosaurs. We had 30 vehicles and a lot of children. We thank Dominoes Pizza for delicious pizza

From Westminster Deacons: Thank you for your generous donation to our clothing ministry. It is such a blessing and we have been able to help many families with it.

Prayer List:

Military: Orin Gorton-Parris Island for basic training; Daniel Spiker-Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Brandon and Lysie Tedrow-Brandon is training in S.C. Kayl O'Hanlon training for the military at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Garrett and Claire Nye Locke serving in Alaska.

Congratulations to Lizabeth Bennett and Mark Douk Jr united in holy marriage November 13th, at Lillyville Church

Comfort: for the family of Dick Heasley, for the family of Glenda Cancelliere; for the family of Donna Kelly; for the family of Brenda Neupaurer, for the family of Shirley Gisondi; for family of Amber Lucas, for family of Louis V. Nocera Jr.

Hospital and Treatments:.. Travis Helm, associate director of Churches of God cross-cultural mission had a heart attack. Larry Follett, Lisa-Jim and Sue Hinkles' neice, Brynlee-Rich and Lee Ann Petrelli granddaughter-pneumonia, Nash-Kevin and Linda Tomon's grandson-trouble swallowing, Tim West-diabetes; Kyleigh Altsman Palmer-needs liver transplant, Jane Gongaware and daughters-covid, John Petrak-stem cell replacement; Terri Krokoko, Shelby Hall, Gayle Fabritius ; Deegan Dallies, Jim Ray Hill, Janet Wiley-knee, Donna Kreiling, Ruth Baker, Keith Nye, Gerry Gordon, Norene Hill's daughter Nicole-cancer treatments. Kathy Szakelhidi-ankle infection, Raymond Cowie-pneumonia.

Recovery and Rehab: Dave Barnes, Callie Campese, Rocko Yansen, Rose Nye, Denny Cortez, Chris Campese; Charlotte McConahy-broke wrist; Craig Wimer-foot, John Wiley-cancer, Carmella Ruchell, Al McConahy; Tom Medved-moved to rehab facility; Doris Ortman

Nursing Home and Personal Care: Grove Manor staff and residents and Pastor Mark Yarger as they deal with the frustrations of covid. Sophie Giffen-Trinity Oaks; Doreen Tomon-The Grove; Joe Burcik-Northview Estate, Catherine Pander-Northview Estate; Ellen Nye-Northview Estate; Helen St. John-the Grove, Dorothy Huseoncia-at home care, Shirley Follett at home care.

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

ROF EY WONK EHT RGECA FO URO ROLD USSJE TSRIHC, TTHA, UTOHHG EH WSA RIHC, YTE ROF YURO SSKEA EH MEECBA RPOO, TTHA EY UTROHHG SIH YVTRPOE TMIHG EB RIHC.