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Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

John Chrysostom once said, "Things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore we should not be mean and calculating with what we have but give with a generous hand."

Indeed, your generous hands and hearts continue to be an inspiration to me. Here are some mental snapshots that I've taken of you around the church this past month.

- An army of willing workers showed up for the better part of a Sunday to participate in a work bee.
- Our treasurer reported at a recent Finance Committee meeting that through June our tithe was up 8.87% and our operating budget was up a whopping 27.55% (which, you may remember, we raised \$100,000) over last year! Put another way, through June, we received 42% of our operating budget for the year—something we have never done before.
- Church members filled 200 back-to-school backpacks with supplies for under-resourced kids in our community. Your generosity was so overwhelming! Many of you brought additional school supplies after we ran out of backpacks!
- Our Pathfinder leader recently sent me this note: "Dear Pastor Karl, thanks

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Reaching the Community

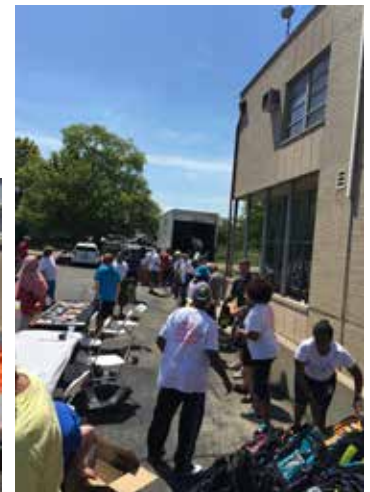


I am proud of our church.

Many of you sponsored a back-to-school backpack this last month, which was part of a drive to collect items for a "block party" that was held on Sabbath afternoon, August 22, at the Potter's House Church (2050 Germantown Street, Dayton). Vanessa Waters, Dann and Elaine Hotelling and myself participated in the event,

giving away over 650 snow cones, toothbrushes (thanks to Dr. Cobb) and information flyers from the Good Neighbor House. Over 2000 individuals attended the event. We plan to be part of several of similar events next summer.

—Pastor Elliot



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for the Pathfinder announcement today. We had several people who came up afterwards and offered to help with teaching our kids practical and fun honors!"

- Recently I accepted an award on your behalf for generously donating almost \$15,000 to deliver Bibles in Cuba.

The list could go on and on, but I'll stop and just say "Thank you!" Your giving hearts and willing hands shape our community into the kind of place where the grace of Jesus is flourishing.

And so we press forward in the confidence that the support you have given in the past will continue and even grow well into our future. We have started our next major phase of renovation which is a \$250,000 undertaking that will see a transformation of the music wing and the children's classrooms. As has been our practice thus far with Project Renewal, we intend to complete this next phase without incurring any debt.

So thanks in advance for your sacrifice. Together, in our shared pursuit of Jesus, we are being transformed into His likeness.

In Him,
Pastor Karl



Blue Card Ministry

Have you noticed the blue postcards that are in each pew? These are for members and attendees to write a note of **encouragement** or **affirmation** to another member. We encourage you to fill it out, address it, and turn it in to the church office. We'll mail it for you! If you're sending to a member and don't know their address, we most likely have that information and can fill it in for you.

Thank you for using this tool to uplift your fellow members and participants!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please especially remember your church staff members in prayer, and make it a point to let them know they're valued!

Karl Haffner	Senior Pastor
Elliot Smith	Pastor of Young Adults & Interns
Kasper Haughton	Technical Director & Pastor for Youth
Alex Harter	Pastor for Families & Children's Ministries
Devon Howard	Director of Worship & the Arts
Jay Cole	Church Administrator
Taylor Bartram	Young Adult Intern
Matthew Doucette	Tech Intern
Boone Menhardt	Family & Children's Ministries Intern
Stephanie Mauer	Worship & the Arts Intern
Sandra Simi	Church Secretary
Jerry Mahn	Worship Pastor
Steve Carlson	Kettering College Chaplain

Spring Valley Academy FALL FEST

Sunday, September 27, 2015

11 am to 4 pm

Join us for FOOD, GAMES, & FUN. There is something for all ages. We will also have canned & frozen vegetarian food for sale in the cafeteria; Worthington and Cedar Lake sliced meats are available. To pre-order frozen items call Mrs. Budd at 433-0790 ext 198 by Thursday, September 10, 2015. There is a lot on sale this month! See Mrs. Budd in the cafeteria.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, September 7
Labor Day, Office closed

September 12-13
Young Adult Retreat, Camp Kern, Oregonia

Sunday, September 139am
Deacon/Deaconess team training & organizing
brunch in the fellowship hall

Tuesday, September 155:30pm
Good Neighbor House Annual Report meeting in the
fellowship hall

Wednesday, September 236pm
The Gathering, with Karl Haffner speaking

Sabbath, September 19
All-church potluck after 2nd service. Vespers Concert
Series: Hymn Festival at 5pm.

Sunday, September 203pm
Dayton Music Club Recital, followed by reception

Sunday, September 207pm
5 on Brass Concert in the sanctuary

Sabbath, September 26 After 2nd service
Potluck for Children's Sabbath School leaders

Monday, September 28.....6pm
First CHIP class begins! Call Bev Sweet at 937-654-
6725 for more information or to register.

Sunday, October 4.....3pm
Concert by Praise Orchestra and the SVA Band
Department, *The Planets*

Sabbath, October 10
Communion at both services. All-church potluck
after second service.

Sabbath, October 17
Women's Ministries Craft Ministry. Watch the bulletin
for more info on time and content!

Sunday, October 25.....4pm
Bach Society Concert in the sanctuary

Saturday evening, October 31
No Fright Night! All-church fall party. Watch for
more information about all the fun happening that
evening!

Sabbath Speaker

September 5 Karl Haffner

September 12 Karl Haffner

September 19Elliot Smith

September 26 Karl Haffner

October 3 Karl Haffner

October 10 Karl Haffner

October 17 Alex Harter

October 24 Karl Haffner

October 31Elliot Smith

Seniors Active

The Golden Buckeye Fellowship, the area social group for those 55 and over, has some fun activities planned for the upcoming months.

On September 10 their annual bus tour will go to Columbus, IN, a city renowned for its architecture and fun downtown. Activities include a 2 hour city tour, lunch at Soups By Design, a tour of the Cummins Museum and Engine Plant and ending the day with dinner at Zaharakos, a fountain shop museum. There's a lot to see in this unique Midwestern town.

The annual Soup-In is scheduled for October 16 at the Centerville Adventist Church and will feature 6 different soups and a gospel music vespers.

The group will close the year out with their Christmas Dinner on December 7 at the Kettering Adventist Church. A brass quintet will provide seasonal entertainment.

For more information call the group's social director—Dan Stevens—at 937-689-3612.



WHO'S IN THE PEW?



A section dedicated to getting to know your family. Please make it a point to greet the families below who recently joined our church, and make them feel welcome!

Eric and Margaret Grant, along with their 12 1/2 year old son Eric (Kyree), are a military family of 15 years. Moving from Ft. Meade Maryland, they have previously lived in Honolulu Hawaii, Ft. Hood Texas and Bamberg Germany. Eric is a U.S. Army Recruiter in Kettering and Margaret is an Administrative Assistant, Dental Assistant and Instructional Aide. Eric (Kyree) is a 7th grader this school year. Eric and Margaret met while attending Oakwood University and have been married for 18 years. Eric enjoys photography, travel and baking. Margaret likes to read, gardening, travel, and trying new recipes. Eric (Kyree) spends time playing and watching basketball, reading his comic strip Bible and practicing his trumpet. As a family, the Grants love meeting new people, bicycle riding and volunteering.



Eric, Margaret & Eric (Kyree) Grant



Ron and Krista moved their family out of the 'DMV' (DC, Maryland and Virginia Metro Area) 6 years ago. Both were experiencing successful careers when the Holy Spirit prompted their hearts to leave the big city. God led them to Dayton (as only God could have done!). Ron worked as a contractor to the government managing major programs. He supported such agencies as the IRS, Department of Education, Federal Aviation Administration, Homeland Security and all of the Armed Services. Currently, he is a manager in the IT Division for Premier Health. Krista worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, supporting the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, for 25 years before heeding God's call to leave the government and home school her children. After homeschooling her children for 3 years, she re-entered the work force and is currently the National Homestay Director for A Plus Global Education. Morgan is a 2015 graduate from Spring Valley Academy and just began college at Andrews University where she is in the honors program as an International Business and Spanish major. Joshua just began the 5th grade at Spring Valley Academy.

Ron, Krista, Morgan & Joshua Mainess

Alex was born in Argentina, South America as the middle child of three girls, learning English when she started elementary school. She graduated from Highland View Academy in Maryland and started college at Columbia Union College (WVU). She finished her bachelor's at Southern Adventist University in both Theology and Business Administration. She has been a Bible teacher, Business Ed teacher, chaplain, associate pastor for young adult ministries and Children and Youth Pastor. She's served at Atlanta Adventist Academy, Forest Lake Academy, Loma Linda Academy, Azure Hills Church and Collegedale Community Church. She met and married the wonderful Kris Harter in the summer of 2001. Kris and Alex have a daughter, Gisela, who is nine and a son, Niko, who is seven. Alex's hobbies are her children, sports (especially basketball), anything and everything music, summer camp, writing and directing plays/skits, programming, listening to sermons/podcasts and enjoying time with friends. Ultimately, it is Alex's desire to be part of a team that seeks God's guidance in training and equipping our church to make an impact in its local community. In the area of children, it is her desire for the children of the Kettering Church to find that they are so deeply loved by God, their families and their church. Her dream is to find ways to share Jesus with our children in such a way that they desire to share Jesus with everyone.



Kris, Alex, Gisela & Niko Harter



WHO'S IN THE PEW?



The Silva family is originally from Brazil. They immigrated to the United States in 1999 to the State of Connecticut. After working in construction for eight years and learning some English, Sergio relocated to Andrews University in Michigan with his family, where he completed his undergraduate, MA, and PhD (ABD) in religion. Meanwhile, Cedilia also went back to school to earn a second undergraduate degree (BSN—Liberty University). Matheus—the firstborn—graduated from Andrews Academy and is a freshmen at Kettering College. Gabriel is an eighth grader at SVA, where he intends to graduate from high school. The Silva's moved to Ohio last November after Sergio accepted an invitation to be the chaplain for Grandview Medical Center. Cedilia is presently working at Southview Medical Center, and pursuing a MSN to be a Family Nurse Practitioner. The family enjoys traveling, playing Ping-Pong, soccer, and eating out.



Sergio, Cedilia, Matheus & Gabriel Silva

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

A big welcome goes out to those who were baptized recently as well! Addison & Grace Betances, Benjamin, Madison & Rebekah Cobb, Brandon & Devin Swenson and Josh Wheeker. Heaven rejoices over you!

MISSING IN ACTION!

CAN YOU HELP?

As the church staff are praying through our membership this year, we're discovering some members that we have no information for. **If you know where these members of our church family are, please contact the church office.**

- Kimberly Bertleson
- Natalie Brown
- Stewart Burpee
- Andrew Clarke
- Kara Diersing
- Jim Girard
- Jennifer Flynt
- Misty Franks
- Richard Frederick
- Jim Girard
- Jean Isentrager
- Kristie Koo
- Heather Lekic
- Gary & Linda Lustgarten

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

September

- 1 Karin Peebles
Christina Wolfer
- 2 Laurie Brodie
Lily Lee
Jenny Weatherford
J.C. Wheaton
- 3 Linda Reiss
- 4 Cleta Nelson
Emily Rizzo
Daniel Willsey
- 5 Lily Dutton
Thomas Peebles
Esther Somayire
- 6 Rick Harris
Nancy Ivy
Seth Klingman
Leyla Marton
Hailey Prutzman
Francesca Simmons
- 7 Judy-Ann Denton
George Vitorovich
Brian Wheeler
- 8 Erin Galloway
Leslie Neff
Melissa Whitmill
- 9 Alex Aniton
Ray Holmes
Noah Jobson
Kate Knudsen
Bob Melashenko
Geeta Wilson
- 10 Gabriel Silva
- 11 Jacqueline Betances
Lauren Henderson
Brandon Swenson
- 12 Marlyn Kaye Bledsoe
Ashley Ober
Diane Parker-Lim
Treon Sherrod
- 13 William Goddard
Kevin MacPherson
Laurie Wortham
- 14 Stephen Schoun
Matthew Serle
- 15 Todd Christie
Aubrielle Harvey
Jonathan VanDenburgh
- 16 Cerasela Brasov
Jeff Ford
Amy Heitman
William Huff
Zachary Pauls
Lilith Paxton
Elaina Velasco
- 17 Misty Black
Zachary Bouz
Melody Johnson
Kristen Wright
- 18 Dena Bruce
Jay Cole

- Duane Early
Anna Holmes
Naomi Zeismer
- 19 Kimberly Bensonhaver
Randy Daniel
Sherilyne Tobing Ko
Jeffrey Willsey
- 20 Susan Quire
Cheryl Stewart
- 21 Chris Casson
Paul Hackney
Carolyn Jamison
Teresa Trivett
- 22 Natalie Dodd
Heather Hopgood
Marjorie Seasily
Marena Tyson
Nehemias Velasco
Jillian Yoshida
- 23 Luke Adkins
Dotsy Griessmann
Patrick Harning
Amy Howard
Jeffrey Ivy
Alysia Lim
Kathryn Quick
David VanDenburgh
- 24 Megan Johnson
Diana Kellawan
Greg Lawrence
Heidi McNaughton
Walter Millard
Reynaldo Rascon
Diann Ring
Darlene Wallace
- 25 Thomas Dodds
Robyn Jenkins
Karl Kellawan
Rachel Shields
- 26 Connie Cole
Ryan Dodds
James Milks
- 27 Keaton Cho
Debbie Daniel
Kara HeyLum Ko
Kala Robaina
Dawn Sadowski
Robert Schaffer
Lorinda Unruh
- 28 Joseph Nicosia
Donna Parker
- 29 Danny Anders
Rolland Donnelly
Javier Gonzalez
Kristen Griessmann
Janie Johnson
Mariya Marton
Lucas Navia
- 30 Joan Betances
Gustavo Collins
Olphelia Jacobs
Krista Mainess
Kerstin Smith
Elle Stout

October

- 1 Rose Chalico
Gary Fessenden
David Loffhouse
Shastin Purvis
Lyn Ritz
Danae Still
- 2 Laura Anne Dunn
- 3 Morgan Mainess
Roger Wright
- 4 Bruce Cambigue
Abigail Henson
Frank Steyn
May Yuan
- 5 Jeong Eom
Joshua Schroedel
Brian Speelman
- 6 Valerie Desroches
Megan Pauls
Brendon Prutzman
- 7 Penina Gechuti Simi
Donna Hedrick
Kurt Jackson
Dianne Leach
James Londis
Brandon Mauch
- 8 Carolyn Creech
Greg Grizzell
Sierra Millard
Sandra Rule
- 9 Eugene Cowling
Rocco Sabino
Charles Scott
- 10 Alexis Janetzko
Elizabeth Ann Sauser
- 11 Bethel Doyle
- 12 Terry Bomberry
George Burton
Justin Cottrell
- 13 Steve Carlson
Terri Willsey
- 14 Madison Bayer
Linda Chu
Lanta Smith
Grant Swenson
Nicholas Whitmill
- 15 Alyson Cole
Robert Mangan
Jacob Shull
- 16 Paige Accord
Kris Harter
Marsha Purtee
Michael Shackford
Charles Shull
- 17 Cheri Harter
Cheryl Zwart
- 18 Shelby Tanguay
- 19 Noah Adkins
Gavin Carlson
Alex Moushon
Robert Reeder
Russell Thie
- 20 Michael Deal
Cherie Haffner
Rhys Johnson
Boden Tad Manchur
Misa Chantel Manchur
Sharon Rickel
Emily Sauser
- 21 Jill Conkle
K.C. Gan
David Manley
- 22 Christa Carlson
Kara Diersing
Ravertta Niehoff
- 23 Steve Collins
Jaime Tibbits
Paula Waller
- 24 Sarah Ionescu
Roberta McMahan
Elaine Routzohn
- 25 Evan Christie
Charles Ely
Ginger Gravell
David A. VanDenburgh
- 26 Levi Marton
Jason Parker
- 27 Renelle Desroches
Benjamin Grillof
Carol McGrew
Eric Schmidt
- 28 Joshua Cabay
Darren Hodgins
Amber Kellawan
Jerry Mahn
Sarai Angelica Soto
Frank Webster
- 29 Emily Christie
Alexander Hackney
Andrew Hackney
Claire Newlon
Melissa Smith
- 30 Reagan Peishel
- 31 Gwangho Jeon
Gordon Seasily
Sophia Velasco
Sierra Worthen

The Way I See It

By Natalie Dodd

I do not know how long the Apostle John was a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos. I do know that he received important messages for the last days. Messages from God that were communicated by angels "flying in the midst of heaven". Angels fly fast and John could understand that fact. God could have exclusively used angels to take the Gospel, but He has given us, His children, the privilege to partner with Him and take the everlasting Gospel to the world.

It is amazing how the Holy Scriptures came together when one considers the stories, letters and expressions of praise were hand-written by different authors in various places, and preserved over a long span of time. Neither Paul nor Peter had any question of God's authorship, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." and "...holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit".

Centuries passed and much of the world hadn't received word of "the everlasting Gospel". The apostles and the early Christians were gone. Gradually false teachings, harsh judgements, religious/political oppression brought a darkness to the hearts and minds of the people. "The everlasting Gospel" needed proclamation with "angel" speed. Three major inventions and developments provided the speed which changed and continues to change the world:

1) **Printing** – The printing press with moveable type enabled the Bible to be available in the language of the common people. Printing greatly assisted the work of the Reformation that opened Biblical truths like "The just shall live by faith." However, there was a much larger world to reach with "the everlasting Gospel" and another form of speed made that possible.

2) **Transportation** – For thousands of years, travel was done by walking, using four-legged animals, or rowing a boat. The development of steam and gasoline-powered engines was the opening to further and faster travel by land, sea and air. The opportunities for preaching "the everlasting Gospel" became more accessible. However, there were and still are unreached areas. A new type of speed opened to the world.

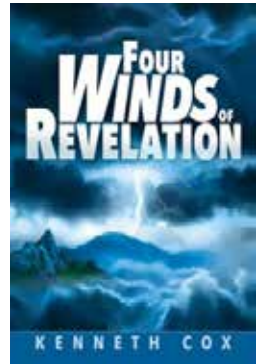
3) **Communication technology** – Of course, the telephone comes to mind. But in times past, to see and hear a speaker required being there in person. A new form of communication, beginning with radio and television, changed that. Cyberspace technology has evolved so rapidly that information can reach into every nation and language via satellite and internet. Today, the good news of "the everlasting Gospel" is being sent by a means that the Apostle John, on the Isle of Patmos, could never have imagined.

The Three Angels Messages are circling Planet Earth by printed page, faster transportation and satellite/internet technology.

What's on the horizon? **The Second Coming of Jesus!!!**

New Sharing Books!

Four Winds of Revelation, by evangelist Kenneth Cox, examines what the Bible says about the crises that we are facing and shares what we can expect for the future. It is written in a style that would appeal to those unfamiliar with Adventist beliefs.

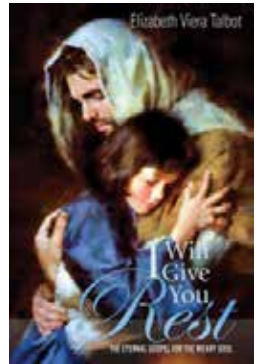


Overview: "You can't turn on your TV or open your Internet browser without the next catastrophe hitting you in the face. The toll taken by natural disasters—flooding, fires, drought, tornadoes, and more—grows worse each year. The world is coming apart at the seams.

More than 2,000 years ago the Bible predicted that all of this would happen! If the Bible was right about this, then what did it say would happen next? Should you be afraid? The Bible offers hope—Jesus is coming soon!"

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I Will Give you Rest, by Elizabeth Viera Talbot, the 2016 sharing book for women, tells about our assured reality - that of resting in Jesus. It will help you share the eternal gospel for the weary soul with your friends, neighbors, relatives and colleagues. Also available in Spanish.



Overview: "When my mother breathed her last, 'one reality trumped all my other thoughts, feelings, and beliefs: She was resting in Jesus; evil could no longer touch her, pain could no longer reach her, the devil could no longer bother her. She was in complete rest in Jesus. And that was true not merely because she had died, but because she had passed away with the full assurance of her eternal salvation.'

This true rest is available to each of us today! The full assurance of salvation can be ours when we accept the rest God offers at the foot of the cross.

When the rubber meets the road, when we are at our wit's end, when we come to the end of our journey, or when the life of a loved one is about to slip away, we must have a clear, unquestionable, and assured reality: rest in Jesus, because Jesus wins!"

\$2.99 each, as low as \$1.49

If you'd like to order either of the sharing books, please contact the church office and we'll place a group order, hopefully taking advantage of the quantity discounts. 937-298-2167 or jay@ketsda.org

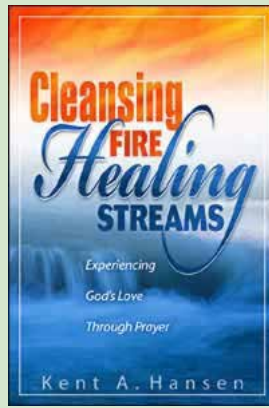
Good Reads...

"A business consultant was asked, 'What is the most important thing a person in business can do to achieve success?' He responded, 'Set aside your ego and ask for help.'

That rings a bell with me. In twenty-six years as a business attorney, I have counseled many clients who were in trouble because they stubbornly tried to go it alone. It's as if Frank Sinatra is on a continuous loop in their elevators, singing, 'I did it my way.'

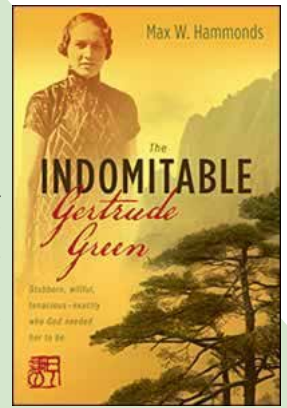
I am a recovering workaholic, prone to relapse when I forget to set aside my ego and ask for help. It is then that I live badly - grasping and gasping for the dwindling resources of a self-made existence. Sometimes, in worship, I play this chorus: Into my heart, into my heart / Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. . . One gentleman has said to me, 'That's a children's song; we need to move on to more mature themes.'

I've looked for other possibilities, but living as a child, starting each day by inviting my friend Jesus in to stay, is the only way I've found to live well without indulging my inflamed obsession and ego that it all depends on me.'



"Have you no fear at all, Gertrude?" Betsy demanded. "Yes, I do," responded the feisty 11-year-old. "But not much."

That was Gertrude—headstrong, confident, and opinionated! Her mother, Lena, sure that her oldest daughter would be somebody famous, encouraged Gertrude to follow her dreams and taught her to be self-disciplined and industrious.



And no, Gertrude wasn't afraid of much. Nursing school with its long hours and hard work didn't faze her. Carrying the workload of two or three people didn't bother her. Accepting a call to China as a missionary nurse in 1936 . . . well, she was understandably bewildered at first, but certainly not frightened. Challenging an arrogant Japanese soldier, single-handedly running a hospital, and confronting the spoiled wife of a high-ranking general were peanuts compared to the one fear that brought the unstoppable Gertrude Green to her knees.

She ran from that fear all the way home to Rochester, New York, but God needed her back in China. Back in the same hospital, in much the same circumstances she was in when she left—but this time her faith in Him was ready to mature. Oh, and this time she and 51 others would need to flee the Communist army in the dead of winter—on foot.

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