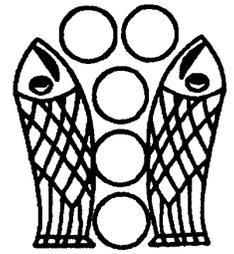


Eldred Koinonia Newsletter



MARCH 2011

A Note from our Lay Leaders

Greetings from your new Lay Leaders! Susan and I would like to thank the EK Community for all the love, grace, encouragement, friendship and support that you have so freely given to us since our weekend, EK25.(BWE?) Thank you Jeff & Missy for your hard work and leadership this past year; I especially appreciated the thought-provoking newsletter messages that encouraged and inspired us to a deeper relationship with God. Thanks to Ruthie & Pastor Wally and the others that were instrumental in bringing Koinonia to Eldred and have continued to actively support it! Deb Travis-Pound, Missy Sinks and their team, thank you for an awesome "Day of Renewal"; God ministered through you richly. And thanks to all who have and are serving the community whether on the Board or in one of the many just as important, unsung ministries (Laurie & Denny Gordon in the kitchen, for example). There are many more that deserved to be thanked, so please don't wait for me, tell them yourself how much you love and appreciate them.

But most of all we want to thank our gracious, Heavenly Father for the many ways and times He has blessed us. He has blessed on weekends, in team meetings, on reunions, as we've interceded for each other in prayer, etc. We've seen shy, quiet participants blossom right before our eyes. We've witnessed God bring healing to our brothers and sisters, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

We've had some very good times, but is this the best that we can expect from God? We are reminded every week about the moral decline in our country and world. The "Christian church" has been declining for years, both in numbers and in their effectiveness. **Are we satisfied continuing this way?**

Monday morning (2/21), I woke to a foot of snow. I got the snowblower out and started to make a path down the middle of the driveway. I quickly realized that the snow was heavy and one of the shear pins had broken the last time the blower had been used. So now I'm trying to do the job at half power, doesn't that sound a lot like many Christians? Under the new covenant Almighty God has made His unlimited power available to us, but how often do we see a Christian at "Full Power"? And of course, I was thinking that if I had known that the pin was broken I could've been prepared for this morning. But later that day God helped me to be honest and admit that I probably would've put off the repair, and then said, "**I thought I had more time.**" It isn't just the unsaved that use this excuse; how often have we put off the work of His kingdom letting the enemy tell us that we've got plenty of time.

II Chron. 7:14 tells us that our country isn't going to turn back to God until the church, those who call themselves by His name, experience revival. Revival begins with me and you. But let's pray for more than just a reviving of what we had before; let's ask our loving Father for a "Year of Awakening"! Will you join me?

Susan Hughes & Craig Lineman

Coming
Events

Reunion
Friday, March 11
7:30pm- Christian Gospel Church
Coleville, PA

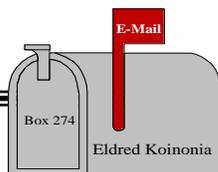
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MAY 20, 21, 22, 2011

Prayer Chain Update

Missy Sinks and Deb Travis-Pound are the new Prayer Chain Coordinators and are in the process of setting up a new email account to send all prayer requests to. The new email is koinoniaprayerchain@yahoo.com

If you have a prayer request, feel free to send it to that new email address. Within the next week or two, you should receive an email to respond to that will let us know if you wish to continue to be a part of the prayer chain or not. If you don't receive an email or if you aren't currently on the prayer chain but would like to be, please send us an email and let us know.

There is also a phone prayer chain and we will be in contact with those currently on that chain to verify if they want to keep participating on that as well. If you aren't on the phone chain and wish to be, please call Deb or Missy. Thank you for your patience while we get the new email up and running.



Address Changes

/ Additions:

Anyone with new or changed addresses, e-mail, or phone numbers, get in touch with Ruth Mapes at k32rem@gmail.com or 1-716-373-4353.

Day of Renewal Recap

Missy and I would like to thank all who were able to attend and those who gave of their time to serve on the 13th annual Koinonia Day of Renewal. Our theme was "Total Security" and our prayer was that we all left realizing the security we have as Children of the King and that Jesus is the Rock on which we stand. We trust God answered that prayer.

We had been graciously allowed the use of the Christ United Methodist Church in Olean and it fit our use perfectly. And even though God decided to clothe the day outside with snow we were "secure" inside a very nice house of worship. Our Greeters and Registrar kept busy as they welcomed each of us into the church and passed out the name tags and ice breakers. (I never did get the total count of those in attendance but would guess it to be between 50-60).

As always, food was abundant and various- fellowship was fun and gracious and God's presence was apparent. I hesitate to try and mention all the various aspects of the day for fear of missing something or someone but will do my best to point out a few of the highlights. (I will apologize ahead of time if I missed something that you felt worthy of mention!)

Our speakers were fairly new Koinonians and it blessed me that they offered to do talks (but I think God had a little something to do with that too- right Ruthanne?) Ellen Herner shared some very personal glimpses into her life as well as a beautiful dance with flags....one day I am going to get brave enough to ask her to teach me because it just brings tears to my eyes even thinking of it. Ruthanne was struggling with her voice and coughing but her talk was filled with so many awesome points that we asked her to share her notes. God used her even in her "less than perfect" voice. And Thelma finished the talks on many different topics (now what do you call that??) Without a doubt, each of us knows she loves the Lord and the Lord loves us!!

Our musicians truly blessed us throughout the day and Koinonia is so gifted with those willing to share their musical abilities. The Kitchen crew not only came through with keeping us "nourished" throughout the day but I bet you'll never go through airport security without thinking about the kitchen skit. There were various prayer requests that were passed along to the disciples and shared with the Lord. And of course, the stewards kept us well on schedule. All in all, the day was a success and we trust that if you can in a less than "secure" frame of mind, that you left feeling "totally secure". Thank you again for attending.

Oh I almost forgot to mention, we also were allowed the opportunity to congratulate the next Rector and their assistant for EK31 which is Brian White and Julie Mapes Cochran. Congratulations! Thank you for allowing Missy and I to serve you and Koinonia on the Day of Renewal- it truly was a blessing and honor for us.

Ephesians 4:23

*And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind
{Having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude}*

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

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Continuance

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MAY 20, 21 & 22, 2010

GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN NOW!! MAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

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March Reunion

***Christian Gospel Church
Coleville, PA***

***Friday, March 11
7:30pm***

