

► Congratulations to **Cassie Wells**, who will be commissioned as an E.C. missionary on Sunday afternoon, March 18th. She will be commissioned in her home church of Trinity Lighthouse E.C. in Royerford, PA. Cassie is working with Disciple Makers and is serving at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA.

► **The Delaware Region Missions Brunch** will be held on **Friday, March 16th** at Hope Community E.C. Church in Fogelsville, PA. This is open to all those interested in our EC missions program. Come to hear updates on our E.C. missionaries and international fields! Reservations are necessary by **March 2nd** so we can give the caterer a head count. There is no required fee, but we would appreciate donations to offset the cost. Call the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584 or 717-866-7584, or email to ecglobal@eccenter.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

► Congratulations to **Jim and Janet Stahl**, whose bid on a house in their home town of Bethlehem, PA was accepted. The Stahls were able to sell their home in Texas quickly and moved back to PA in early February. Their new address is: 1539 Monocacy Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Email and phone numbers will remain the same.

► **David Hershey** and two other leaders from Christian Student Fellowship, along with 13 students, will be going to Jonesville, VA to work with the Appalachia Service Project from March 4-10. They will be joined by a group of 10 from Penn State Brandywine campus. David is a campus minister at PSU-Berks campus. Please pray for safety in travel and that this will be a good experience for the students as they help those who are living below the poverty level.

► **Rev. Joe Toy, Jr.** will be going to Miami, FL with Liberty University students and OAC evangelists during spring break for outreach on the beach and boardwalk. The dates are March 15-25. Please keep Joe and the others in prayer for safety in travel and for open hearts to hear their message.

► **Brian and Missy Wagner** will be taking a group of students from Rift Valley Academy, Kenya to Cairo, Egypt from March 15-21. It is part of RVA's cross cultural program to have students see other parts of Africa. Please keep them in prayer for a safe trip and a good experience for the group. Missy will be flying back to the USA at the end of March to visit her mother and two daughters studying here.

► **BJ and Rachel Whitaker** give praise that BJ recently has been in discussions with the Catholic priests in his town of Alcora. The bishop has welcomed him as a Protestant pastor and has offered to arrange a meeting at the parish hall so BJ can explain what it means to be an evangelical Christian. Keep praying for open doors and that a working relationship can be established.

► **CORRECTION:** The email address listed for Ed and Val Schubert in the 2018 Missions Directory is incorrect. It should be edvalerieschubert@gmail.com. Please correct your records; thank you.



A Heart for Ethan*

*name changed to protect identity

Ethan was a recently retired father and grandfather. He had always been active; running, walking with his wife, and bicycling. He also was very careful about his diet; he only ate organic fruits and vegetables, free range chicken, and limited red meat.

So it was quite a shock when, one sunny fall day, Ethan felt something was very wrong as he was doing his daily walk. He asked his wife to take him to the local ER. As it turned out, Ethan was having a heart attack. All four of his arteries had serious blockages. He was prepped for surgery and had stents put in.

After several days, Ethan seemed to be doing well and was sent home to recuperate. He was fine for a while, but then started feeling very ill again. He went back to the hospital and they determined there was fluid in the sac around the heart. This was drained and Ethan was kept several days to recuperate as he was monitored. He was sent home once again, but the infection returned.

This time, Ethan's doctors sent him to another hospital known for their cardiac unit. The doctors there gave Ethan the bad news; his heart was not functioning properly. They could keep trying to stem the infections, but eventually these measures would not be enough. Ethan needed a new heart.

It would have been easy for Ethan and his family to be bitter towards God about this turn of events. He had always taken care of himself; why did this happen to him?! But Ethan and his family are believers; they have sought God's will in this matter and accepted it. Ethan has been a testimony to all around him during this entire situation; allowing God to show His grace to others through Ethan.

As I write this, Ethan is still waiting for his new heart. His friends and family are praying one is available soon, while at the same time knowing that means another family will deal with the pain of losing a loved one. It's a difficult situation.

God determined that the only way for humankind to be reestablished in a loving relationship with him was if they received new hearts. And he asked his only Son to be the donor. As we travel through this season of Lent, let us think about the price paid for us, and bow down in wonder and praise as we celebrate a God who loves us so much. And then let's tell others who also need new hearts the good news; God has provided one for them.

—Pat Strain

**“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” ROMANS 5:8 NIV**

EC GLOBAL PRAYER GUIDE



MARCH 2018

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 - Mary Reimer *
April 5 (2007) - Abigail Farr
April 12 - Deborah Bowers

ANNIVERSARIES

March 8 - David & Conce Roof
March 22 - Joe & Wendy Toy
March 25 - David & Emily Hershey
April 4 - Chris & Deborah Bowers

*DENOTES RETIREE

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PRAYER NEEDS
Dan & Melinda Moury - videographer for Wycliffe, operating out of headquarters in Florida

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Pray for **Rev. G. Abraham Powell**, bishop of the E.C. churches in Liberia - wisdom

3

David & Celia Dick - special counsel to OMS president at headquarters in Indiana

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PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for Rev. Nobuo Abe, Chairman of the EC Church - Japan - seeking God's will for growth and outreach

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Ron & Brenda Anderson - church planters/trainers in Madrid, Spain. Brenda is also involved with ministry to women in prison

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- Rev. David Dick

Jane Heck - retired from missionary service but very active in her church

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David Hershey - campus ministry at Penn State Berks campus - training campus leaders

8

Randy & Chris Amberman - working with Navajo church leaders and youth

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Pray for our **EC Church Planters**, both in the USA and around the world, that they may see fruit

- Joan Farr

10

Beth Grimm - diagnoses MK's with learning disabilities and develops teaching plans

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PRAYER NEEDS
Self Denial Sunday - This offering for GMC helps to cover the expenses of our international churches as well as supplies and costs for the GMC office

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Jamie & Anita Farr - working with recruitment and other depts. at Wycliffe headquarters in Florida

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Pray for the **GMC meeting and the business to be conducted**. This is Randy's last meeting as GM Associate.

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Ivy Limbert - ESL teacher at Black Forest Academy for MK's in Germany - some struggles with health and culture, need for restful sleep

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Pray for **National Ministry Team** - they will vote on next Global Ministries Associate today

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Delaware Missions Brunch - Hope Community Church, Fogelsville, PA - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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- Rev. Ron Anderson

Pray for **Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate**, principal of Evangelical College of Theology in NE India - need for books for library

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- Rev. Randy Sizemore

PRAYER NEEDS
Cassie Wells will be commissioned as a missionary this afternoon at her home church, Trinity Lighthouse in Royersford, PA

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Chris & Deb Bowers - training missionary pilots in Washington; support/counsel to pilots' families

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- Donovan Stoltzfus (1998)

Pray for our **EC Church-USA leadership**; the Community leaders, District Field Directors and the Bishop

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Dan Dixon - teacher and coach at Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya

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Pray for the **Persecuted Church** around the world, especially believers in North Korea

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Dr. Juliana Leshner - chief of Chaplain services for the South TX Veterans Health System

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- Marcia Hopler *

Pray for Rev. **Juan Zuniga**, Superintendent of the EC Church-Mexico - upcoming National Conference in April

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PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for **Rev. Kaitinkap Vaiphei**, General Director of the EC Church-India as he strives for unity among the presbyteries

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- Cheyne Schubert (2005)

Yoriyoshi & Emiko Abe - balancing the responsibilities of church planting in Japan and their baby daughter

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Pray for **Rev. Th. Janga**, field leader of the EC Church of Nepal, for wisdom and personal safety

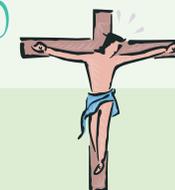
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Roy & Sue Haglund - newly retired and enjoying every minute of it!

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Kurt G. - training young men to serve missionally in closed access countries

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Good Friday - Remember the price Jesus paid for your sins

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- B. Micah Wagner (2001)

Pray for the **new GM Associate** as he begins preparation for taking on his new responsibilities on July 1st