

Glad Tidings

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Dear Glading Family,

We are in the season of Pentecost, where we remember when the Holy Spirit first comes upon the disciples. The Spirit comes after Jesus has ascended into heaven, and the disciples remain alone. They are grieving, they are unsure about the future ahead and they are pretty scared about what could happen to them. And the Spirit comes upon them, as they are huddled all together in one place, like the rush of a violent wind, Scripture says. "All were filled with the Holy Spirit... as the Spirit gave them ability." The Spirit's first purpose isn't to comfort, or even remove the disciples from their challenges and hardships, but rather the Spirit equips them to persevere, even flourish, amid such difficulties.

In our Book of Confessions, from the Brief Statement of Faith, we profess this about the Holy Spirit: "In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace." The Spirit is given to enable individual believers to look beyond their individual needs, hopes, or fears and equip them with distinct gifts, all in order to work together for the common good.

Friends, may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let us hear the call beyond our own sufferings, and feel the courage to work towards God's kingdom in the whole world, starting in our community. And, my guess is, that, along the way, as we work together, we will indeed find the comfort we seek, and we will indeed find our burdens being lifted. That is the mysterious ways that God works.

with power, Pastor Samantha



Miss Grace Evelyn Hudson, daughter of Rev. Samantha Sale Hudson and Mr. Andrew Hudson will be baptized during the June 11 worship service. Please join them on this special occasion.



CHURCH PICNIC

June 11 , 2017 The Annual Church Picnic immediately follows the worship service. It will be held on the grounds of the church. Glading will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. The attire for worship and the picnic is casual. Bring your own chairs if you like. **RAIN OR SHINE!**

June 18, 2017: SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS at 10 AM.
(We will return to our regular 11:00 AM worship schedule on September 10, 2017.)



Lois and Bill Wanushek	8/1	♥	56th
Samantha and Andrew Hudson	8/28	♥	7th



FOR JUNE - SEPTEMBER

John Bauerle, Jr.	6/5	Elizabeth Orsburn	8/13
Ryan Mann	6/8	Glenn Smith	8/17
L. Dan Berger III	6/24	Jeanne McHugh	9/4
Kelli McHugh	6/30	Mary Astley	9/9
Violet Ickes	7/2	Patricia Smith	9/13
Carli Hightower	7/4	Mojisola Brown	9/13
Dayo Brown	7/10	Albert Peterson	9/16
Sarah Brown	7/19	Samuel Brown	9/17
Katherine Kohler	7/26	Stephanie Szabo	9/19
Lydia Evelyn Berger	8/2	Marion Cumiskey	9/29
Nick Kiefer	8/8		

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the *Glad Tidings* please pass the information on to Lydia Berger.

Choir

We want to thank our Pop Up Choir for a wonderful season of music. We are few in number but devoted to sing the praises of the Lord each Sunday. We will break for the summer when the service is in the church office. We are still looking for an organist so if you know of anyone who might qualify please let Rev. Samantha know.

Thank you choir!



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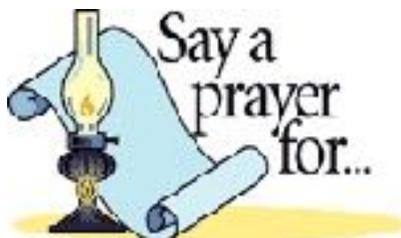


My name is Frankie Okpala and I am graduating from Frankford High school this year. I played on the sports teams of Basketball Soccer, and Football. I plan on going to college at Holy Family University. I will be interested in double majoring in Biology and business management. I have been coming to Glading for over a year now. I like the family-type feeling you get from the members and the feeling of the close connection to the word from the Pastor. My faith means everything to me. I would like to thank every one at the church; but

especially Mr. Andrew for being my mentor, and all the help during my college application process like prepping me for the SAT. I want to thank Carli also for helping me with the SAT test. I also want to thank Shalom and Sarah Brown for always being there and coming to church with me.



Glading is going to a Phillies game on Tuesday June 20. We will meet at the church at 7pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each. If you want to meet at the ballpark, see Rev. Samantha to get your tickets in advance.



OUR HOMEBOUND

CATHERINE COURTNEY
VIOLET ICKES
JULIUS KOEHLER
ELIZABETH MCGUSTY
EDITH NEMETH
BETTY PELLER
ROBERT RABEL



Catherine, I love you unconditionally



Mary, sing with me.



Linda, Bouncing is Fun!



Marian & Marty are such fun!

Grace Evelyn - Glading's Ambassador of joy, hope and love!



OK Sue, Let's Party!



Now Lois, Listen to your doctors!



Frankie, Will you take me dancing when I learn to stand up?



Edie, I feel your love when you hold me



Oh, Steve, you are sooo strong!



May Mission Month Activities

Glading has been very busy during the month of May to support local and global missions. May has been designated as Mission Month for the past few years at Glading and this year proved to be quite active. Glading hosted families in need in partnership with Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network during the month. PIHN erected partitions in Reid Hall to create living space for homeless families.

Our church members as well as other volunteers for PIHN brought dinner each evening for the families and dined with them offering not only food, but fellowship. PIHN offers services and supports to these families to help them get back on their feet, find permanent housing, employment, and access to other resources.

Glading also hosted a Parent Café in conjunction with Turning Points for Children. We have been hosting the Parent Café once a month for the past couple of years, and although it is an ongoing activity to we support, we must mention it as part of our mission to help reach members of the community in need. Turning Points for Children staff lead the Parent Café and offer a space for open and honest discussion regarding issues that parents face in raising their children. Food is always shared by all as well.

The other primary goal of May Mission Month this year was to raise funds to donate to select missions that we believe are doing God's work either in our own communities or abroad. Each Sunday the mission committee presented information about a select mission to educate the congregation. A special mission giving envelope was designed and available each week. Each member of the congregation was encouraged to follow the tug to the mission of their choice in giving. The missions presented each week were as follows:

May 7: CEDEPCA the host of our Mission trip to Guatemala in 2016. CEDEPCA prepares leaders for ministry in Guatemala, offers disaster relief and environmental recovery, teaches skills to women through women's ministries, and provides experiential learning to visitors to expand knowledge of Guatemalan issues.

May 14: Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network who works with local churches to provide shelter to homeless families along with numerous services to help that family re-establish to regular life through finding permanent housing, employment, and through counseling and seeking resources.

May 21: Presbyterian Missions were highlighted and as part of the 300th celebration, information was shared about the many missions that are supported by the church that are often unknown or unseen. Many of these missions focus on helping people to become self-sufficient whether they live in the US or in another country.

May 28: Whosoever Gospel Mission which exists locally in Germantown Philadelphia and works to provide shelter to homeless men, many of whom suffer from addictions and are in recovery trying to get back on their feet. Whosoever Gospel Mission has two thrift shops where they sell gently used goods and use the profits to support the shelter. Glading is very familiar with Bob Emberger and Heather Rice from WGM who have provided pulpit supply to Glading on several occasions when our pastor has been on vacation or maternity leave.

During May, we raised a total of \$681.00 for these missions and we are happy to report that we are making an impact through our activities and giving in our local and global communities. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way during our May Mission Month drive.

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From Your Treasurer... I'm sitting on the sofa thinking about how I am going to start my article. The hardest part is coming up with an opening. This is what I was thinking so I figure why not start out with this thought and maybe the creative juices will flow. I try to come up with odds and ends that you don't necessarily find anywhere else that might be of interest.

I belong to the American Legion and I get their newsletter and magazine. One bit of information is that starting November 11th of this year is that honorably discharged veterans will be allowed to shop online at military exchanges. In the army it was the PX and it was a place for bargains. There is a minor problem that if you served before 1980 (includes me) it may take a little longer to qualify. I'm interested in this feature and will keep you posted.

There was a small article about the *Wreaths Across America* program taking place this year on December 12th at noon at a national cemetery. The nearest national cemetery to us is Washington Crossing. Another one that I am familiar with is Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Both have an Avenue of Flags which has burial sized flags on their poles. These flags are 5 feet by 9 ½ feet in dimension. If anyone has or knows of someone who has a burial flag and would like to donate it to be displayed on an Avenue of Flags please contact one of the cemeteries.

You know what? We are a generous church. For the second time we have opened our doors to two homeless families camping out in the basement. An evening meal is provided by volunteers and support is provided by Interfaith Hospitality Network. We started out small with a Parent Café meeting once a month. It is becoming a neighborhood gathering for young families. This year we had May Mission Month. We picked four agencies, one highlighted each week in May. The problem is you get this in June. Our charities are Whosoever Gospel, Presbyterian Missions, Interfaith Hospitality and CEDEPCA. Even though May is over it doesn't mean our Mission drive is over. If you would like to send a donation please do so.

It's that time of year again. And what time is that you ask? It's Presbyterian Apportionment time. This year we need \$17.10 per member and so far we are ahead of last year but we are only at \$559.00 which is just about \$200 short of our half way mark. I would like to send at least have of our obligation by the end of June. Last year it was done. Can we do it this year????

Before closing there is one other issue I need to bring to everyone's attention. The City of Philadelphia is in desperate need of money. For you out of towners we have a tax on sugar beverages. Coke and Pepsi laid off people because the larger bottles are not selling in the city. However, this is not the problem. The Office of Property Assessment (OPA) told me that only the sanctuary building is exempt from property taxes. Our Christian education building has been assessed at over \$5,000. The lease we have with Amazing Kidz covers this cost since they are a profit organization. The gym is another issue. PAL is a taxed exempt organization. I have been to two hearings at the OPA to explain our situation and have written all council members. This has all come down to a property hearing June 13th in court room 478 at city hall. My argument is that PAL is a church sponsored group. OPA says it is not a religious group. OPA has even hinted at one of the meetings that if PAL wasn't there and we would hold religious meetings – Sunday school, prayer groups in the building - we would qualify. Apparently community outreach to 800 youth by a non-profit organization is not sufficient. Any pro bono lawyers want to fight city hall? The city is going back four years at \$4,500 a year. They want over \$20,000. Need prayers on this one guys.

We save a lot of money during the summer basically because of the heat savings. The problem is giving also drops during the summer. Be yourself and be generous to Glading. Hope to see you at the church picnic.



From the Editor:

The other day Dan and I had lunch at McDonald's as usual. We were getting ready to leave and I was topping off my unsweet iced tea. There was a fellow checking out the whole counter around the soft drinks and I heard him mumble, "There is where you get the iced tea." Just then the girl behind the main counter shouted that his order was ready. She handed him a big paper bag with a handle on it and a receipt stapled to it. As we exited the door, I couldn't resist asking him if he was an UBER driver delivering a McDonald's order. He grinned and said, "Sure am, I can remember when our whole family got together for a special treat by going out to dinner at McDonald's." I told him I can still remember that when I was very little one of our neighbors was still getting blocks of ice delivered by a horse drawn truck. Then we simultaneously said, "Times are really changing!"

The neighbors I mentioned were an elderly lady and her adult daughter who was mildly intellectually disabled. The mother would send her daughter, Ethel, to the corner store. She always wore a cape with a hood and carried a straw basket. I remember thinking she must some how be related to Little Red Riding Hood. Not long after that a pleasant middle aged couple, Betty and Ray, moved into that house.

I never saw Ethel again, but suspect that her mother died and she probably was put in an institution, maybe Byberry. Just during my lifetime America has made a Free Appropriate Public Education an entitlement for people with disabilities, moved the majority of people out of institutions and into community placements with supports, and given job training to those who are able. There is never enough to do the job properly so many are sitting at home waiting for their turn. Funding promises are made but never kept. Still it is positive change. How long these programs will last though is anybody's guess it this point in time when proposed cutbacks will heavily impact this vulnerable group of American citizens.

On a more upbeat note, I have a really cool brother-in-law. Kent is now retired, but he was a veterinarian and a colonel in the US Army. In Viet-Nam he took care of the K-9 Corp and inspected the food that the troops ate. He was temporarily put back into service so he could help the British stop an epidemic of Mad Cow Disease. He loves technology and he recently sent the following out to friends and family.

From Kent Kerr;

Just a few things for us all to ponder, especially the younger ones among us

Did you think back in 1998 that 3 years later you would never take pictures on film again?

In 1998 Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85 % photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 10 years and, most people won't see it coming.

Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years. It will now happen again with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs. Welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age.

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the US, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's Watson you can get legal advice (so far for more or less basic stuff) within seconds. With 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans.

So if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% less lawyers in the future. Only specialists will remain.

Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, which is 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030 computers will become more intelligent than humans. (NEVER says Albert)

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020 the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You won't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while being driven.

Our kids will never get a driver's licence and will never own a car.

It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking spaces into parks.

1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles (100,000 km), with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles (10 million km). That will save a million lives each year.

Most car companies will probably become bankrupt. Traditional car companies try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies like Tesla, Apple, Google will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla.

Insurance companies will have massive trouble because without accidents, the insurance will become 100x cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

Real Estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will move further away to live in a more beautiful neighborhood.

Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean. Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact.

Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy.

With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination of salt water now only needs 2k Wh per cubic meter at 0.25 cents). We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and you simply breath into it.

It then analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any disease. It will be cheap, so in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medical analysis, nearly for free. Goodbye medical establishments.

3 D printing: The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster. All major shoe companies have already started 3D printing shoes.

Some spare airplane parts are already 3D printed in remote airports. The space station now has a printer that eliminates the need for the large amount of spare parts they used to have in the past.

At the end of this year, new smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can then 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoe at home.

In China they have already 3D printed and built a complete 6 storey office building. By 2027 10% of everything that's being produced will be 3D printed.

Business Opportunities: If you think of a niche you want to go in, first ask yourself, "In the future, do I think we will have that?" If the answer is yes, how can you make that happen sooner? If it doesn't work with your phone, forget the idea. And any idea designed for success in the 20th century is doomed to failure in the 21st century.

Work: 70-80 % of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough new jobs in such a short time. This will require a rethink on wealth distribution.

Agriculture: There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in 3rd world countries can then become managers of their field instead of working all day on their fields.

Aeroponics: Will need much less water. The first Petri dish produced veal, is now available and will be cheaper than cow produced veal in 2018. Right now, 30 % of all agricultural surfaces is used for cows. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore. **The Times They Are A Changing!**

