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Introduction of the Network Intercessors

There are times in our spiritual life when everything fits - everything just seems to come together. The team of intercessors that serves this network possesses this connection, giving of their time and talents to serve and pray for the Network churches, pastors, and the Apostolic Team.

I would like you to get to know them also, so let me introduce them to you:



John and Lilly Stoltzfus

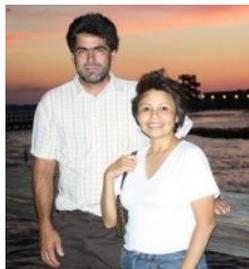
John and Lilly Stoltzfus were both raised in Amish homes, but met while serving as missionaries working with the Objway native people in Northern Ontario.

In 1974, they became involved with Saturday Night Prayer at Hopewell, Elverson, praying for revival, which led to the Hopewell Network. They serve on the Network Intercession Team and as Roving Pastors. They love to encourage the Network churches, and are a blessing to all.

Debbie Davenport has a passion for prayer and intercession, and loves to see lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Debbie serves as the lead intercessor and on the Elder Team at Living Truth Fellowship in Christiana, PA. She also is Executive Director of Cornerstone Pregnancy Care Services. Debbie currently lives in Delaware with her husband of 34 years, Bill.

Mike Hollinger was called into an intercessory ministry 27 years ago, later adding the prophetic ministry. He was

Director of Prayer at Petra for 14 years, developing altar ministry, prayer, and deliverance teams. He now serves on the Hopewell Network Intercessors' Team.



Jon and Mary Faus

Jon and Mary Faus reside in Reading, PA, and attend Hope of the Nations Christian Center. They have three children: Matthew, Nebin, and Celeste. Jon and Mary desire to

see breakthrough in the region and to see the Body of Christ function in its God-given destiny.

Tim and Sandy Lapp live in Leola, PA, and serve as Elders at ACTS Covenant Fellowship. They have four children and four grandchildren. Tim works at LGH in the Cardiac Cath Lab, and Sandy works part time at the church.



Tim and Sandy Lapp

Network Intercessors:

- BECKY JONES
- DEBBIE DAVENPORT
- JOHN AND LILLY STOLTZFUS
- JON AND MARY FAUS
- MIKE HOLLINGER
- TIM AND SANDY LAPP



Debbie Davenport, Becky Jones, and Mike Hollinger

Becky Jones has a heart to see revival come to this region and has started a ministry, Called to Pray. She attends Hopewell Elverson and leads prayer there. She has been part of the Hopewell Network Intercession Team for 13 years, and now leads the team. She has four children and four grandchildren, and resides in Kutztown, PA.

By Becky Jones
Network Intercessor

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Prayer Training



Ministry time with Prayer Vision Team

As we began this year, the Holy Spirit clearly revealed the critical need of being fruitful in this hour. As we began to seek God for direction for Prayer Ministry here at Petra, he began to show us the need for training and equipping individuals to effectively minister freedom and healing and simply know God more intimately. Since unity is a top priority, we have made it our goal to bring all Petra ministries together by providing common training. This also means making ourselves available to tailor training specifically to the needs of individual ministries. We also desire for the prayer and counseling ministries to begin to merge in order to see more fruit.

On May 31, we held a Prayer Ministry Update Training, with more than 60 people in attendance. In this training we began

addressing some identified needs, especially in the areas of healing and deliverance. We had a powerful time of impartation and prayer ministry for those attending that served to both stir up individual spiritual giftings and encourage our team members. We were blessed to have Becky Jones and Johnny and Lilly Stoltzfus join us to provide the history of prayer within the Hopewell Network.

We are currently creating a prayer ministry manual and gearing up to provide regular equipping opportunities. Example topics include: intercession, spiritual warfare, dreams and interpretation, deliverance, healing, words of knowledge, prophetic and the revelatory realm, identity and authority, and “treasure hunts” that provide opportunities for folks to put what they’ve learned into practice.

By Kara Graver, Director of Prayer Ministry,
Petra Christian Fellowship

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Prayer Foundation of the Hopewell Network

We met for prayer every Saturday night in a home close to Morgantown, PA. There was one united cry in our hearts: Lord, send revival to the Conestoga Valley! We want to see people saved. It was never a large group that met—usually six to ten people. However, the commitment was strong. The intercession time was also quite disciplined. First, intercede for the region; second, process personal prayer requests; third, visit. We stayed on track! After two years of this kind of focused prayer, the Holy Spirit created a unique spiritual birthing station. Unique because the location

was 15 miles to the closest population center, and unique because of who the Lord used as his Spiritual midwives. More traditional people and free-flowing charismatics worked together to establish the constant stream of new believers. Thus, the Hopewell Network of Churches was birthed, and thus it will expand to bless many regions of the world!

Read Jeremiah 33:3 and do it, and God will make your church a blessing in your community.

By Pastor Johnny Stoltzfus
Hopewell Network Pastor



My Healing Testimony

The day after Thanksgiving, I received a call from my doctor with the results of a biopsy, and learned I had cancer. This began a journey of intense prayer, visiting doctors, and exploring options.

After my surgery, I waited to hear the results of the pathology report. The surgeon called me and said, “This is really rare.” He said when they examined the prostate and lymph nodes

they couldn’t find even a trace of the cancer. He said he can’t explain it, but that I am “cancer free.” Somewhere along the way, God had healed me.

A couple of days later I received a copy of the pathology report and they described it as a “vanishing cancer.” I call it a miracle!

By Pastor Lester Zimmerman
Petra Christian Fellowship

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Soaking Prayer, Petra Christian Fellowship

Be still and know that I am God! In the summer of 2008, I sensed God calling us as a congregation into a season of quietness before him. This led us into soaking prayer every Sunday evening until the end of 2008. During this time, we simply came into the sanctuary and waited on God. We played instrumental background music but we remained quiet and on “our faces” before him.

As we were in this soaking season, God called Petra into a 21-day fast beginning in January. After the fast, we believed we were to continue, but changed our format a bit. We now meet the first and third Sunday

evenings of each month with one hour of quietness and the second hour with worship and intercession similar to the harp and bowl model of prayer.

Our desire for this season is personal and corporate renewal and revival. I also believe this time of waiting on God is “investment” time. We are sowing in prayer, believing God for a greater harvest in our local communities.

By Pastor Erma Zimmerman,
Petra Christian Fellowship



Sunday Evening Soaking Prayer

Prayer Walk, Good Shepherd Community

Here at Good Shepherd Community Church the Lord has called us to prayer walk in Adamstown. Prayer walking enables us to see the people of Adamstown and the region as Jesus sees them. Prayer walking is prayer on site with insight as we usher in worship, warfare, and welcome to the region.

It is worship because we recognize and exalt Jesus in places where he may not be known or praised. It is warfare because people and areas untouched by the gospel have remained

that way because the enemy has held them captive. As we walk and pray we ask the Holy Spirit to set the captives free. Finally, it is a welcome call to embrace healing and restoration in the hearts and relationships of the people we see.

As we prayer walk, God is faithful to speak to us as we journey with him in prayer.

By Sean Marquis
Good Shepherd Community

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Harp and Bowl, Hope of the Nations

“Harp and Bowl” is a tool we use continually at Hope of the Nations to draw the congregation into corporate prayer for the city, region, state, US, and all the nations. The term “Worship and Intercession” is used interchangeably with “Harp and Bowl” from Revelation 5:8, “Now when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp (worship), and golden bowls (intercession) full of the incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”

Sometime during worship the prayer leader comes to the microphone and addresses a specific topic through prayer while the music is still playing in the background. Corporately we come into unity on the topic at hand and go to the Father with prayers, supplications, and

thanksgiving. The worship leader and the singers begin to sing their prayers as the prayer leader continues to make proclamations, declarations, and call on the Father to come and bless us with his presence. At this time, the microphone is opened for anyone in the congregation to join in with a scripture and/or a prayer. We experience the power of unity - one voice going before the throne, our eyes fixed and hearts focused knowing that our Father in heaven hears our cries for justice, righteousness, holiness, and mercy. Our church is determined to be known as a “House of Prayer for all the Nations.”

By Margie Ortiz, Prayer Coordinator,
Hope of the Nations Christian Center



Harp and Bowl

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Grace Assembly Fellowship of Churches	Port-au-Prince	Haiti
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Hopewell Happenings

Fall Intercessors Conference

On October 9 and 10, the Network Intercessors would like to gather the prayer leaders and intercessors of the Hopewell Network together at ACTS Covenant Fellowship in Lancaster for a time of refreshment in the presence of God. "...Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) is the theme of the conference.

The conference will be a time of hearing from God, teaching, worship, and soaking up prayer and ministry to encourage and fill you up for the months to come. There is something special that happens as prayer people gather to seek the Lord together; we will taste and see that the Lord is good. Put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

We as a team are looking forward to this time with you.

By Becky Jones, Network Intercessor



Hopewell Network Pastors Christmas Luncheon: Tuesday, December 1, 12 noon, Shady Maple Banquet Facilities