

Joshua's Chronicles



"Stand in the Gap"

Joshua's Haven
1230 Stambaugh Ave
Sharon, PA 16146

"Feeding the Hungry, Sheltering the Homeless, Sharing the Gospel"

"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, & stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Ezek 22:26 Pastor Sherry Swetz

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As we pass through this Christmas season and into 2020, I felt burdened in my heart and asked God, "Lord our nation is divided, the church too is divided, we are facing an impeachment of our President, what would you have me do?" The Lord said, "I call you to pray; Pray for My justice and righteousness to reign. If you look to the world, you will see chaos, this is part of a great shaking. Pray daughter that the forces of darkness are defeated and My light shines. Pray for My light to expose the deception and righteousness to come forth." I began to feel an urgency in this hour for our cities, our nation and our world. I believe this is a message to me and to the church today. To the Ekklesia, who are the called out ones, the governing body, He said, "I told you to take dominion." We must stand for life, for all life is holy. We must stand for what God said in His Word. We must pray for the Lord to come with His Glory to our nation & release a sound to God...one of praise and worship, one of intercession. We need to release a cry that will go to the high courts of heaven and ask for the Lord to intervene. At Joshua's Haven every January we fast and pray for our ministry, our nation and for wisdom to know how to proceed in new year...we are doing that now. Even now as we move forward to open our free clinic to the community as one that will serve people who have no insurance...this vision came 5 years ago before we purchased our current building. As the days unfolded, the provisions came and the commitment from UPMC under the leadership of our Medical Director Dr Aaron Listopad, to move forward with a greater capacity to serve our community at large. The vision here continues to expand, the healing ministry of Jesus goes forth in new and more ways to serve our Shenango Valley. Rise up Church...stand in the gap, stand and pray on behalf of our land and our nation. Happy New Year! We bless you all!

Introducing Our New Assistant Director

We are happy to announce Chuck "Chaz" Rice has accepted a position as Assistant Director. He came to us as a volunteer in 2015 and became our Men's Supervisor when the job became vacant. He has a heart to serve and began doing whatever needed to be done. Chuck will oversee the men's ministry and assist in some of the administrative duties and overall planning for the mission. He is married to Carole Rice and a member of Holy Cross Orthodox Church, Hermitage,



A World Of Thanks – Your generous giving makes it possible for us to provide services to homeless in our Shenango Valley. Many churches, organizations, foundations, businesses and individuals have supported us in so many ways. God Bless all of you!

Panera Bread
The Chapel at Mercer
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Stigliano Family Practice
Pizza Joes of Sharon
Covenant Presbyterian Church
New Life Baptist Church
First Assembly of God of Hermitage
Combine Brothers
Church of the Beloved Disciple
Pulaski United Methodist Church
Coolspring Presbyterian Church
Lebanon Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Sharon
United Steelworkers Union #1016
Harold W Stevenson Funeral Home
Chuba's Lock Stock N Barrel
Premier HR Services, LLC
Orangeville United Methodist Church
Plain Grove Presbyterian Church
DJ's Greenhouse
Mercer County Women's Association
Shenango Honda
Edward J Kavanagh Foundation

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Cretella Insurance
NLMK & Employees
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Presbyterian Church of West Middlesex
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SignMaster
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Paul & Eleanor Chadderton Foundation
VFW 6233 Ladies Auxiliary
Champion Carrier Corporation
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Designing Women Hairstyling
Eastside Baptist Church
Sisterhood of Erin
American Legion Post 299
Hendersonville Methodist Church
Stigliano Family Practice
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Eli Heating, Cooling & Electric
Ralph's Barber Shop
Charlie Surano Barber Shop
Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools

Boiler Donors

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Scott Campbell
Steven Jubelier
VFW Post 6233
HHS DR Architects/Engineers
Pennstar Federal Credit Union
J. Bradley McGonigle Funeral Home
Edward & Paula Donofrio
John & Sherry Swetz

Keeping Us Warm

This past October we got our new high efficiency boilers installed after raising \$55,000 to help make it happen. This replaces the original boiler to when this building was built...65years ago. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this big project. Steve Roth & Roth Mechanical Inc worked hard to install our new boilers and IC Electric, Inc upgraded our electric to make it run smoothly. The great and generous giving of many donors helped us to make this possible.

Thank You!



Meet our Mission Staff!

Your support to our mission is very important and we could not do it without your partnership. Together we are making a difference in the lives of many who come..... men, women & children.... for whatever they need: a meal, a warm bed, a safe place, a place to know God and experience a changed life. Here's our team!



Pastor Mike Harris
Front Desk & Teacher



Steve Konrad-Front Desk

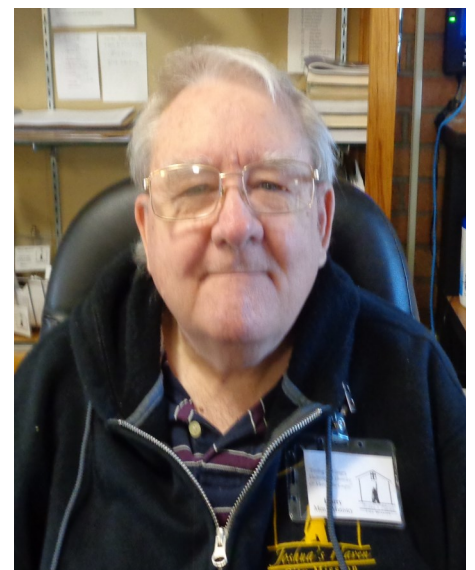


Martin Taylor
Case Manager & Worshiper



Reginald Dungee
Night Shift

Teresa Kirkland
Kitchen & Food Prep



Harry Steele—Front Desk

NLMK Employees Great Food Drive



A great food drive collecting 2,470 lbs. of canned goods and staple foods, came just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas this past year....What a blessing! We served 110 families. Thank you on behalf of the many people we serve.

Did you know? In 2019 we served....

- 2,646 nights of service
- 5,292 Meals
- 85 Families in weekly bread program



Since opening we served....

- Over 24,000 nights of service
- Over 73 veterans



***This Valentines Day Joshua's Haven
Extends Its Heart to our Community!***

***RIBBON CUTTING & DEDICATION
of our
Free Community Clinic
Thursday, February 13, 2020
2:00—4:00pm***

Followed by tours & refreshments

*Plan to attend and bring a friend!
Then on Sunday....come to dinner to help support our clinic!*



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser—Save the Dates

***Sunday, February 16, 2020
1230 Stambaugh Ave, Sharon, PA
Spaghetti Dinner & Chinese Auction
Live Music & More!
12-4pm***

***Adults: \$9.00; Child/Senior: \$8.00
Dine in or Take out—724.983.0304***

***Tickets may be purchased
in advance or onsite***

***All proceeds fund our Free Community Clinic!
Sauce compliments of Ferrara's Taste of Italy***





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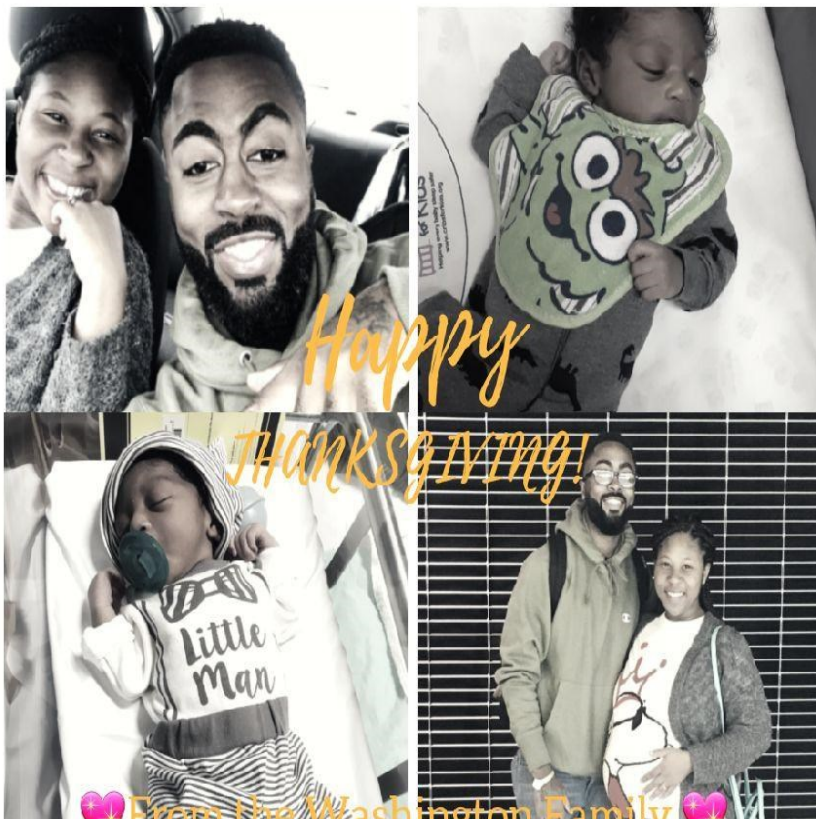
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New Year—New Beginnings—the Journey Continues



When Lashard Cruse Washington came to Joshua's Haven, he was broken. Life wasn't what he thought it would be. Looking for a new beginning...to start over when he came he had no job, broken relationships and no future. But God... Lashard recommitted his life to God...He got a job...then better job...he saved his money and planned to leave. He met a beautiful young woman Itarah, who he asked to marry and she proudly accepted. Just this past November, their son Lashard Jr was born...we were so happy to celebrate with them. We had our first baby shower here in our dining hall. God takes our brokenness and makes us brand new.

♥ From the Washington Family ♥