



“The event of Christ is the only event in human history that promises relocation and centering, meaning and purpose. This promise and its fulfillment evoke passionate and heartfelt praise and thanks especially for those aware of their own brokenness and the healing which Christ brings into their lives.”

—Robert Webber

SUCCESSFUL FALL BANQUET WITH ANITA KEAGY

“This was the best banquet yet!” commented a number of persons at the end of the fall banquet at Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church on November 3rd. Almost 150 persons attended and nearly \$6,000 for the Naaman Center was cleared above costs. Soloist Priscilla Oliver delighted us with her music, and Enck’s Catering furnished a feast.

People especially appreciated the testimony by a former Naaman Center client who told how God used Naaman Center counselor Samuel Mwangi and Medical Director E. Daniel Martin to turn his life from alcohol addiction back to God and his family.

Anita Keagy gave a gripping story of seeking the daughter she had given up for adoption. Her seeking included creating a file that her daughter could access if she wished to learn about her birth mother and the love that mother had always had in her heart for her. Anita compared her file with the record God has given to woo us to himself—His written word. She encouraged us to read in the Gospel of John each day and to journal about what we learned about God.

Anita is a nationally known speaker, but for the first time ever, on November 3rd, the daughter she had given up for adoption and her granddaughter were part of her audience.

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Excellence in drug and alcohol treatment with a Christian perspective

Dickerson Heads Up Satellite Office in Gap, PA



Ted Dickerson

“You should be dead,” the doctor told Ted Dickerson in 2006 after a horrific accident. A 95-year-old woman had run over him with her car while he was working in his front yard, hurling him 30 feet into the air and breaking his leg, arm, back and numerous ribs.

“Jesus doesn’t think so,” Ted replied. Although always a God-fearing Christian, Ted told the Lord after that experience, “Lord, get me and keep me, and I’ll do more of your work.”

After more than five years of rehab, therapy, and rest, Ted began working as a Christian therapist at the Naaman Center in 2010 and is now clinical supervisor of the Gap Office. Today he says he is completely healed from that accident.

Ted grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, one of three sons in a military family. At age 16 the family moved to Pennsylvania when his dad became stationed at Mechanicsburg. Deeply involved in the AME Zion church, the family was in church, wherever stationed, almost every time the doors were open. The whole family played and enjoyed music. Ted still enjoys singing old gospel songs where one song can last 20 minutes.

Ted received a Bachelor’s Degree with a major in psychology and a minor in psychology/religion from Millersville State University. With that degree he took various jobs—geology assistant for the State, counselor for alternative school students, clinical and investigative work for PA Department of Health, and work at a hospital inpatient detox unit and at numerous addiction clinics. He earned a Certified Addictions Counselor (CAC) classification in the process.

Before the accident and before coming to Naaman Center, Ted

worked for six years at Mercy Hospital in Philadelphia as an outpatient mental health counselor, commuting by train from Lancaster.

Ted finds the work in mental health and addictions rewarding. He likes gaining people’s trust and helping them

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COTE OPENS PRIVATE PRACTICE



Teresa Cote

Does your life feel out of control or stuck in the past? Do fear and anxiety paralyze you? Naaman Center at 1600 E. Harrisburg Pike, Elizabethtown, now includes The Healing Place, a counseling service with Teresa Cote, a professionally trained Christian counselor who also works part-time in Naaman Center’s recovery program.

Teresa provides a therapeutic environment where both believers in Christ and non-believers can work through their issues in a positive, safe, and healing environment. Teresa works with groups, individuals, couples, and families to encourage healing of wounded lives, restoration of relationships, and freedom of destructive life patterns and mindsets in a safe, compassionate, and non-judgmental way.

Teresa has an MA degree in Counseling Psychology from Immaculata University and a BA in Counseling/Urban Missions from Valley Forge Christian College, Phoenixville, PA. She is a licensed professional counselor and holds Co-Occurring Disorder Professional Certification.

Learn more about this ministry on the web: <http://thehealingplacecounseling.com>. For counseling service contact Teresa through the web site or call her through the Naaman Center at (717)367-9115 or 1-888-243-4316.

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From the desk of the executive director



It's hard to believe that in a few weeks we will celebrate Christmas, a time when we are reminded that miracles can and do happen. Two thousand years ago Christ came to a messy place, a stable, and transformed it for all time into a place of glory. Today Christ continues to come, when invited, into hopeless and messy situations. When he comes, lives are transformed by His glory.

None of us is immune to devastating tragedies that may suddenly come our way. Many do not know how to cope with these unexpected heartaches and desperately look for something or someone to take the pain away.

If there was anything that Jesus wanted everyone to understand it was this: *A person is worth something simply because he/she is a person.* That is why he treated people as he did. God never gives up! When Joseph was dropped into a pit by his own brothers, God didn't give up. When Moses said, "Here I am; send Aaron," God didn't give up. When Peter worshiped him at the supper and cursed him at the fire, he didn't give up. And when human hands fastened the divine hands to a cross with spikes, it wasn't the soldiers who held the hands of Jesus steady. It was God who held them steady--God, who would give up his only son before he'd give up on you. In Psalm 11:7 (The Message) we read, "God's business is putting things right."

Also, in James 5:17 we read "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.*" If you are sometimes tempted to think you are not making a difference... I want to tell you that YOU ARE when you generously give of your time and resources to Naaman Center. Your prayers are especially vital to this ministry. Recovery from addiction is a spiritual journey. A Christian's prayer opens a pathway for God to work in a person's life and strengthens that person spiritually. Your generous gifts allow Naaman Center to help people when their funding sources run out or just simply are not there.

God continues to bless this ministry with a strong, committed Board of Directors, dedicated and professional staff and our faithful supporters like you. We remain organizationally strong and for that we give thanks!

Surviving the economic crisis of 2009 through 2011 is evidence of God's blessing. Your investment helps Naaman Center remain strong and gives us freedom to provide the services we do. Our clients help with the financial burden related to their treatment program experience. Your gift today will help us make up the difference between the collected program fees and the total expenses needed in order to make the ministry programs available.

In 2011, we experienced many blessings and some challenges. Our Elizabethtown location completed a \$122,000.00 project. We are nearing the halfway mark of contributions for this much needed addition. I believe God will help us to meet that need with your gifts. State budgets continue to be cut and budgets for some projects are even eliminated. Yet, God continues to provide!

This Christmas season is a wonderful time to partner with Naaman Center and make a most generous year-end gift. You will become partners in helping those suffering with drug and alcohol addictions. Your support today will make all the difference in the life of someone's spouse, parent, child, or friend!

Wishing you and your family the blessings of His love,

Patricia Frank



MEET N.C.'S ROVING THERAPIST



Eugene Errickson

Trained for the pastorate 42 years ago, Eugene Errickson has spent 25 of the years since that time working exclusively in drug and alcohol treatment programs.

"I'm humbled that God uses me to touch people that He loves most," he says. That statement tells a lot about Gene, about how he sees himself and how he sees others. He is a humble servant called to love and help others who are very special to God. His personal commitment to Jesus Christ moves him to care deeply for others.

New Jersey natives, Gene and his wife Gail moved to Lancaster County in the summer of 2010 to enjoy lower living costs. Soon thereafter Gene began working as a therapist at the Naaman Center. At the present time he is the only therapist that works at all three locations—at the Gap Office on Wednesday, at the Quarryville office on Thursday, and at the Elizabethtown office on Friday. Presently he is also serving as interim pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Paradise, PA.

Since moving to Lancaster County, Gene has become closest friends with several Amish families. "Grandpop" to a number of Amish children, he is known to take them to the ice cream shop on their birthdays and special occasions.

Born and raised in the Catholic faith, Gene took all his training in Catholic schools and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Bernard's College and Seminary in Rochester, NY, a *Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus* (Master of Divinity) at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University, New York, NY. He needed to take a leave of absence from ministry to

work on his own recovery. Following that, he worked in various substance abuse programs for many years, usually with persons with a dual diagnosis, i.e., persons dealing with an addiction and a mental health problem.

Gene was ordained as a Catholic priest but believed that following God included marrying Gail and joining her United Methodist faith. They have two children, Amy, married with three children, and Brian who has been awarded a Purple Heart recently for his service in Afghanistan.

Clinical director Steve Schedler says, "Gene brings a wealth of personal and professional experience to the clinical team. He has a heart to follow the Lord each step of the way in life's journey. What a blessing to have him at Naaman Center!"

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

GOAL



The Capital Campaign Fund, the fund for Naaman Center's new addition, is growing. With your help it can go over the top! Please remember this need in your end of year giving.

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to change through that trust. His refuge with the Lord precludes burn-out even when clients do not continue with recovery. Steve Schedler, clinical director, reports that clients often give very positive comments about how Ted impacts their lives in the group sessions.

For the past 33 years, Ted has been married to Linda, an educator for 40 years in the School District of Lancaster and now a licensed minister at Bright Side Baptist Church. Ted serves as a deacon at the same church. He and Linda have three adult children—Erin, Theodore, and Parker.

Since his close encounter with death, he chooses to embrace life and enjoy God's beauty. He gets up each morning at six to give his two English mastiffs some exercise. He plays tennis. He even cuts grass in his front yard!



Marshmallow-Mint Popcorn Balls

Young children or grandchildren will love to watch or even help you make these. Add a few candy canes to the bowl if you like. This recipe was a Christmas tradition in Thelma Swartzentruber Goszleth's family in Iowa! She writes, "We grew our own popcorn, and there was always plenty of this to share at Christmas."



2 c. popping corn
1 t. salt

1/4 c. butter (1/2 stick)
10 oz. Marshmallows
1/3 lb. crushed peppermint stick candy (we prefer the soft peppermint sticks but you can also use the small hard round pieces)
Add later— 1 1/2 teaspoons of baking soda

Pop the corn kernels using a popper. If you have no popper, use a heavy bottomed pan. Place 3 kernels of corn in the pan and heat with about 3 tablespoons of oil (canola, peanut, or your favorite) until kernels begin to pop—your signal that the oil is hot enough. Then add 1/2 cup of popping corn. As the kernels begin to pop vigorously, shake the pan over the heat to shake unpopped kernels to the bottom of the pan so they can pop. When the popping stops for a few seconds, dump the popcorn into a bowl and continue to pop more batches until you have popped the two cups of kernels. Shake the bowl of popped corn so that unpopped kernels fall to the bottom where you can discard them. Salt the large bowl of popped corn.

Crush the candy. In a large heavy bottomed pan combine the crushed candy, the butter, and marshmallows. Cover and heat on low, stirring frequently, until melted. Stir in baking soda and pour over popcorn, stirring very quickly to cover evenly. Form into balls, or cool, and break into pieces. Serve or store in tight container.

Hint from Thelma: To clean the sticky pan, pour a little water into it. Cover and heat to steaming. Stir to dissolve marshmallow residue. Add milk or chocolate milk for a wonderful hot mint drink!