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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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| 10/6  | ABW Meeting        | 1:00 PM |
| 10/24 | Board Meeting      | 6:30 PM |
| 10/18 | AB Men's Breakfast | 9:30 AM |

### **THIS MONTH: WORLD MISSION OFFERING**



**Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO), every September and October thousands across the country celebrate and give financial support to ministries that God is using to transform the world.**

# *Greetings in the Name of our LORD !*

## *To God Be the Glory*

There is a story in the Bible about the sparkling of God's deity. It is the story of Moses on God's mountain Exodus 19-20. God had invited Moses up to Mount Sinai for the world's first summit meeting. He wanted to issue his policy statement on human behavior, sometimes called the Ten Commandments. But when Moses went back down the mountain and started telling people what to do, how would they know



that he was not just making it up as he went along? They needed some evidence that God was actually speaking with Moses. God gave that evidence for them when Moses went up the mountain a second time as we read in Exodus 24:15. While Moses was upon the mountain, it became enveloped by the clouds. On the seventh day, God called to Moses from the cloud. The appearance of the Lord's glory to the Israelites was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop. Moses remained on the mountain 40 days and forty nights.

To say Moses had some experiences with God would be an understatement. Indeed Exodus 24 was one of quite a few dramatic moments. The experiences are breathtaking, the burning bush, the 10 plagues, the splitting of the Red Sea, God ascending on Mount Sinai, the tent of meeting.... And yet, what is most amazing to me in Exodus 33:18 is that Moses, after all of these experiences with God, still wants more of Him!

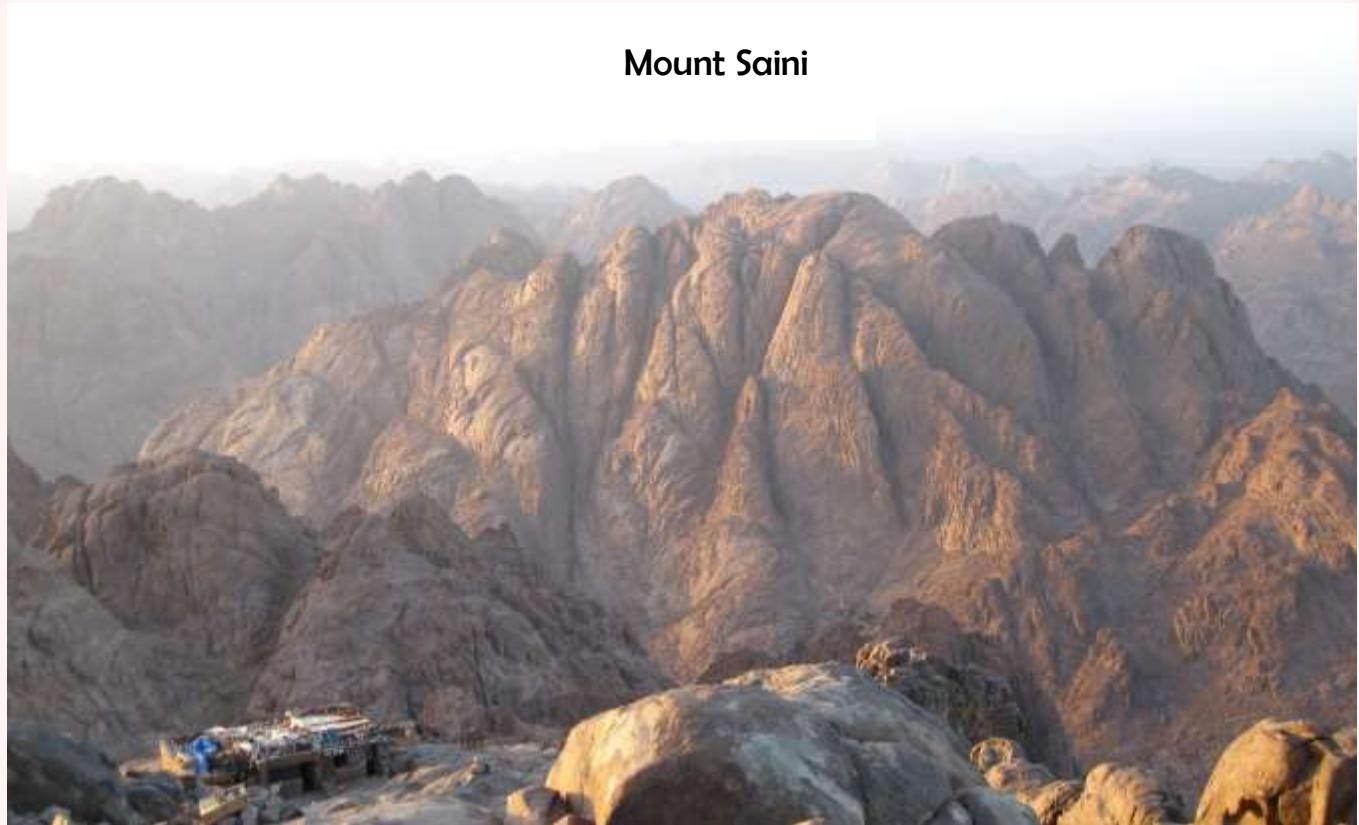
*Moses wanted to see God face to face. Moses said, "Please show me your glory!" (Exodus 33:18)*

It seems the more Moses experienced God, the more he wanted of Him. This is not a typical statement. For most of us, we are content with the familial and presumed relationship we have with God; which is too often static and not dynamic. Yet Moses, after encountering God in such marvelous ways, longed deeply to see more of God's glory.

Scripture is filled with those who longed to see God.

- “*My soul is crushed with longing after Your ordinances at all times..*” (*Psalms 119:20*)
- “*At night my soul longs for You, indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; for when the earth experiences your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.*” (*Isaiah 26:9*)
- “*Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.*” (*Psalms 73:25*)
- “*My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your Word.*” (*Psalms 119:81*)
- “*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?*” (*Psalms 42:2*)
- “*O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.*” (*Psalms 63:1*)
- “*I stretch out my hands to You; my soul longs for You, as a parched land. Selah.*” (*Psalms 143:6*)

Mount Saini



Using these scriptures as study references, along with the longings of Moses, they teach us something very important. If you are genuinely experiencing God in your life, your appetite for His glory will increase, not decrease.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** How about you? Do you long to see God's glory? How important is it to you to know God more intimately and truly than you know him today? Are you willing to pray as Moses prayed?

**PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, because of your amazing grace in my life, I have been privileged to know you, even to glimpse a bit of your glory. I have learned who you are through the Scriptures in which you speak. I have experienced your guidance and blessing. I have been renewed through your Spirit. Most of all, I have seen your glory revealed in Jesus, your Son. How blessed I have been! Thank you!

Yet, today I am emboldened by the example of Moses to ask: Show me your glory! Yes, Lord, even more. I want to see your wonders, so that I might praise you even more. I want to perceive your holiness, so that I might fall before you in humble worship. I want to be astounded once more by your beauty, justice, and grace.

Open my eyes, Lord, to see your glory all around me. Open the heavens, so that I might join in the worship of the angels, offering you all that I am, all of the time. O Lord, may I live each and every day for the praise of your glory! Amen.



He told me to tell you!

*Faithfully,  
Pastor Robert Zimmerman*

Latest Blog from Our Missionaries  
Nzunga & Kihomi Move to the Dominican Republic

Dear Loved Ones,



Greeting. Many persons are wondering about our health and about our situation in general. We just had our annual physical and the doctor gave us the OK to go back to our mission field. He told us to increase our physical activities.

Life in Haiti has not improved at all since the last information you heard on TV or read on newspapers. The situation remains very volatile. Our university has closed until September when we start another new academic year.

The eye clinic is still open. No matter the violence and all the disturbances in the country, we are open, treating poor people in need of assistance. Last month, the month of July, the eye clinic consulted 709 patients, they operated on 23 and gave out more 100 eye glasses.

The eye clinic has also changed its chairs from the white to the red chairs. More 25 enough to seat everyone at one time. The issues affecting the clinic is gas. It has become very, very expensive if one can find it on the black market. The generator is about to give in after so many years of excellent service. It is now on its last leg.

(So) We (permanently) move our home from Haiti mid-September for Dominican Republic where we plan to learn enough Spanish to be able to communicate with Dominicans as well as Haitians. When it is possible, we will be crossing to Haiti to continue our ministries.

Thank you is not enough word to express our gratitude and our thanksgiving for your love, your daily prayers, and your financial support. Without you, we would not at all be able to do anything in term of helping our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you and thank you again.

May God of love continue to watch over you and to bless you all.

Yours,

Serving the Lord with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Nzunga & Kihomi





## ABW Ministries

**Our next ABW meeting is  
Thursday, October 6, 1:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**

We are participating in the Regional ABW project. The program, "Fresh Start in Costa Rica," is also affiliated with ABC International Ministries and missionary Sue Hegarty. See the posted flyers for more information.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Shoebox Project will be sponsored by ABW again this year.

Collection dates are October 30 to November 20. You can use your own boxed package or use the shoeboxes available in the narthex or downstairs on top of our mailboxes. You can also create one on line at [samaritanspurse.com](http://samaritanspurse.com)

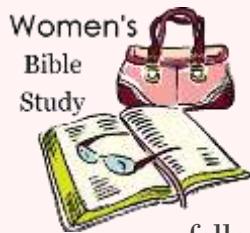
Other ABW activities will include Bake Sales and sewing projects. We will continue to make stuffed animals for local use, and the Luo Pads for rural Africa. We will also contribute to Blessings of Hope in Ephrata and Elizabethtown Nursing Home.

We are looking forward to a very active and satisfying winter and hope that you may join us for one, or all of the projects.

If you have questions about ABW, or our projects, please see Pat Rust.

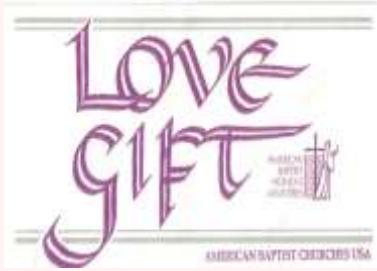
God Bless & Praise the Lord, Pat Rust and the ABW Ladies

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Have you ever thought about the prayers recorded in the Bible? Who was praying? Why? How did God answer? What can we learn from their prayer? Come join a Women's Bible Study this fall Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. The format promises to be cozy and casual. We will be exploring 6 prayers from the Old and New Testaments, in a six week format. Each week, we'll start out with a time of fellowship and conversation, then together we'll go into the study. We'll also talk about journaling and becoming more confident and comfortable in our prayer lives. I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts as we study these beautiful prayers together. Join us!

Lynda Williams



Thank you for generously giving to American Baptist Women's Love Gift in September. Donations of \$170 were received, and that's before all the coins get counted. This year Westgate folks have given over \$370. You've shown your love and blessings for God and to God along with your support of the ministries of American Baptist Churches worldwide.

Thank You.                    Marie Mohn

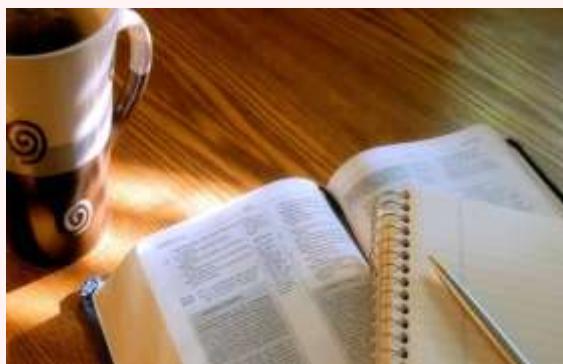
## AB Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the **Family Fare Restaurant**, 5921 Main St., East Petersburg, PA 17520 for a casual Christian Men's fellowship time.



## Sunday School Studies

We have resumed our Adult Sunday School Classes. Stephen Appleby and I will be co-leading the class. We gather at 9:30am for coffee and class begins by 9:45. Currently we are following video series and book entitled *Where God Came Down* by Joel Kramer. *Where God Came Down*: The Archaeological Evidences presented emphasize agreement between the Bible and archaeology. Using Scripture as his primary ancient text and interpretive tool, author and archaeologist Joel Kramer examines the archaeological record for ten locations recorded in the Bible. Come and be a part of this fascinating study which will have us visiting ancient and historical sites in the Holy Land—and comparing those sites with the biblical record using archaeological discovery.



Our time together will consistently include moments of worship, creative media presentations, conversations surrounding the chosen curriculum, open sharing of ideas and opinions as facilitated. It's my hope and vision that more of our regular worshippers will choose to participate in this time of fellowship and sharing.

*"Bible study is the most essential ingredient in the believer's spiritual life, because it is only in study of the Bible as that is blessed by the Holy Spirit that Christians hear Christ and discover what it means to follow Him."* — James Montgomery Boice

# Birthdays & Anniversaries for October



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| 10/1  | Barbara Adams   |
| 10/2  | Kayla Bell      |
| 10/14 | Janet Whitehead |
|       | Messiah Jones   |
| 10/18 | Wilson Joseph   |
| 10/29 | Sue Seevers     |



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| 10/3/1987  | Ron & Lynda Williams      |
| 10/11/1975 | Paul & Sandy Dour         |
| 10/25/2020 | Rev. Richard & Nancy Cook |



## Treasurer's Report

September	
Budget Income	\$8,556.00
Non-budget income	\$ 994.00

Don't come  
between me  
and my  
coffee!



## My Farewell to Jesse Crookshank

**Jess-- do not call him Gilbert-** **Crookshank** was not an easy man to get to know, unless you allowed yourself to look beyond his gruff exterior. Underneath his brusque surface lay a man who felt deeply and was brutally honest. If you did not know that Jess would lie down in the mud to let Nancy cross a puddle without getting her shoes dirty, then you did not know of his great love. If you did not know that he was devoted to the Lord all his life, then you did not see the depth of his faith. If you were not aware that Jess was also a sensitive person, easily hurt by the cruelties of this world, then you did not see his heart.

Jess often spoke to Mike and me of his childhood. After the loss of his father, he grew up living with his mother and very strict grandparents. They lived on a rural farm, an austere, no nonsense life, where hard work and discipline was expected. Attending church every Sunday was mandatory. He enlisted in the Army, at the time of the Korean War. Jess was there at the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter, and he was in one of the regiments that engaged in the horrific battle at the Chosin Reservoir,

known as "Frozen Chosin." This was a rescue operation to save US Marines and UN troops who were surrounded by the Chinese military. His Army regiment of 1,500 was reduced to 300 at the end. He told me of waking, after a night sleeping on the hard ground, next to fellow soldiers who had passed during the night of exposure. The temperature was from -4 to -50 degrees that winter. The survivors are known as the "Chosin Few". Mike and his 6 ex-Marine brothers have great respect and honor for these Army vets. So yes, having to survive such experiences gave Jess a gruff, calloused exterior ... until he met Nancy.



They met while Jess was on leave in 1959. It was love at first sight. They were married at the beautiful Washington's Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge. A week later Jess had to return to service, but I believe that having Nancy waiting for him at home, gave him an additional strength to survive. During Viet Nam Jess became an MP. His worse memory of that time was having to pull a "kid" on leave from under his bed to return to the war. After 20 years, Jess finally retired from the military, Nancy often told me she spent many of these years ironing out Jess' rough edges, but it was all worth it. I believe Jess found comfort in the calm, organized way that she approached life.

The man I knew enjoyed helping and caring for others, serving the church they attended and being Nancy's chauffeur to all her extra church ladies activities. He made lasting friendships with people he met on mission trips. He loved to putter in his vegetable garden- cucumbers were his passion. He enjoyed reading- action or mystery novels. I was admitted into his small book club, along with his nephew. Jess' sense of *-less than subtle-* humor was appreciated by some, including Mike and me. You always knew where you stood with him- for good or bad, he was never fake, never false. I will greatly miss his visits to my office where he would come in and say, "How's it going kid?" and our times spent at the Crookshank household. But I know he is now where he wants to be- with Nancy again.



Elisa H.



## **INVITATIONS TO LOCAL EVENTS**

### **Annual Lititz Artisans' Parkwalk October 1<sup>st</sup> - 23rd**

Lititz Springs Park | Lititz, 17543

The 23rd Lititz Artisans' Parkwalk (formerly Porchwalk) will be returning to lovely Lititz Springs Park. This event features over 30 unique local artisans in a variety of media including ceramic, wood, fiber, metal, jewelry, painting, and more, all set up in lovely Lititz Springs Park (in area by gazebo). Rain or shine.

### **Lancaster Symphony Orchestra: October Masterworks – New Symphony, New Adventures**

October 14 First Presbyterian Church Lancaster, 17602-3587

#### **October Masterworks – New Symphony, New Adventures (October 14-15, 2022)**

- Bernstein: Overture to Candide
- Midkiff: Mandolin Concerto, From the Blue Ridge
- Dvořák: Symphony No. 9, From the New World

Pack a bag and journey to lands unknown! Step into the shoes of an expatriate and discover a new world. Immerse yourself in colorful soundscapes where bluegrass and the orchestra meet.

### **Parish Resource Center classes**

#### **Concert on the Lawn Fulginiti Jazz Quintet Sunday October 16 4:00 pm**

Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. Picnics ok too.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd -- 750 Greenfield Road -- Lancaster, PA 17601

#### **Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram**

Saturday, October 22nd - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Enneagram is an ancient system that describes nine personality styles with many variations. The Enneagram is first and foremost a journey of self-discovery and can also increase understanding and harmony in our relationships, offering a path for personal and spiritual growth.

*The Enneagram of Personality has been widely promoted in both business management and spirituality contexts through seminars, conferences, books, magazines, and DVDs. In business contexts it is generally used as a typology to gain insights into workplace interpersonal dynamics; in spirituality it is more commonly presented as a path to enlightenment. Both contexts say it can aid in self-awareness, self-understanding, and self-development.<sup>1</sup>*

#### **Using Volunteer Skills in the Real World**

Monday, October 17th - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Skills like healthy boundaries, mindfulness, and trauma awareness are helpful, but can be difficult to apply to real world volunteer, familial, and professional situations. This workshop will talk through hypothetical and audience suggested scenarios to help you apply your head-knowledge to your everyday life.

# Baptist Potpourri

## Four Keynote Speakers Announced for 2023 Biennial Mission Summit

We are excited to announce the keynote speakers for the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 23-25, 2023 at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

Save the date and begin making plans now to attend! Registration for the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit will open in November 2022. Please note that the Biennial Mission Summit will open with the Welcome Session on Friday afternoon, June 23, but events will occur throughout the week.



## WHAT IS THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)?

Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. We want you to join in, too!

Many of our partner churches will dedicate time in September and October to use our free World Mission Offering promotional resources (available in print and through [www.worldmissionoffering.org](http://www.worldmissionoffering.org)) to make it easy to share stories of God at work through global mission. Build excitement for mission in your congregation! Some churches will take a one-time offering for world mission during this time, and many others make monthly recurring gifts to the WMO.

As one pastor described his church's involvement in the WMO, "God allows us to participate in what he is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond."

Join with us, as we work cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

**HOW ARE WMO GIFTS USED?** WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs.

**WHAT ABOUT MY GIFTS TO SPECIFIC GLOBAL SERVANTS?** All personalized global servant support is targeted for the global servants and keeps them in their ministries.

**WHAT ELSE WILL MY WMO GIFTS DO?** As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants

with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries. Questions? Email [wmo@internationalministries.org](mailto:wmo@internationalministries.org) or call 610-768-2311 to speak with someone on our development team. 1003 W 9th Ave, Ste A, King of Prussia, PA 19406 | [internationalministries.org](http://internationalministries.org)

## "THE CRISTIAN CITIZEN"

### **Report finds ‘unprecedented levels’ of anxiety, depression among U.S. children**

By Zach Dawes, Jr

September 15, 2022

Children in the U.S. are struggling with mental health, experiencing “unprecedented levels” of anxiety and depression, according to the 2022 Kids Count Data Book published in early August by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Since 2016, an additional 1.5 million children in the U.S. are struggling with mental health challenges. The percentage of children with anxiety or depression increased from 2016 to 2020 in 41 states, with South Dakota seeing the highest percentage increase (102.4%). The COVID-19 pandemic is a factor in the mental health challenges, which has claimed the lives of millions worldwide, with estimates that 200,000 U.S. children have lost a parent or caregiver to the virus.

Contributing to the increase in anxiety and depression among children are the ongoing challenges of limited economic resources, which result in reduced food intake, inadequate housing and other factors that negatively impact a person’s social and emotional well-being. AECF’s annual report assesses the well-being of U.S. children and youth by using a total of 16 indicators across four areas: economic well-being, education, health, and family and community. “Youth who grow up in poverty are two to three times more likely to develop mental health conditions than their peers,” the report said. “Children need a solid foundation of nutritious food, stable housing and safe neighborhoods — and their families need financial stability — to foster positive mental health and wellness.”

The pandemic caused delays in data collection from the sources used in the Data Book. So, the 2022 report relied on data from a range of years (2016-2020) in some cases, and in other cases, the report used data from 2018-2019, comparing these data sets to earlier data points. Of the 16 indicators, U.S. children fared better in 10, worse in four and the same in two. The death rate for children and teens was one notable area of concern, as it increased to 28 deaths per 100,000 population, the highest rate since 2008. “The rise reflects a large increase in homicides and drug overdoses. In fact, for the first time ever, firearm-related fatalities are the leading cause of death for children and teens,” the report said.

While the overall trends are positive, AECF’s report emphasized that significant disparities remain when data is analyzed based on race and ethnicity. For example, white children were under the national average for all 16 negative indicators used in the report. By comparison,

American Indian and Latino children were both under the national average for two indicators, while African American children were under the national average for three indicators.

- 17% of children of all backgrounds live in poverty compared to 32% of Black children and 31% of American Indian children.
- 27% of all kids have parents who lack secure employment; this rate rockets to 44% for American Indian children and 41% for Black children.
- Latino children, when compared to their white peers, are also more likely to grow up in poverty and to have parents who aren't securely employed.

In terms of overall child well-being, the top-performing states remained the same as last year, with Massachusetts leading the list, followed by New Hampshire (2) and Minnesota (3). Similarly, the lowest-ranked states remained the same but shuffled in rank. New Mexico fell one spot to 50, Louisiana fell one spot to 49 and Mississippi improved two spots to 48.

## Pennsylvania

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		RANK
	UNITED STATES	PENNSYLVANIA
<b>Children in poverty</b> us 12,599,000   pa 434,000	21% 2008-12    17% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER	18% 2008-12    17% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> us 19,745,000   pa 696,000	31% 2008-12    27% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER	30% 2008-12    26% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> us 22,137,000   pa 708,000	39% 2008-12    30% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER	34% 2008-12    27% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> us 1,153,000   pa 40,000	8% 2008-12    7% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER	7% 2008-12    6% 2016-20    ↓ BETTER

The full report is available at this link <https://www.aecf.org/about>

*The Annie E. Casey Foundation- More than 100 years ago, Annie E. Casey was a widow raising her four children near Seattle. Her sacrifice and struggles deeply affected her eldest, Jim, who dedicated his life to creating an enduring legacy of service to children and families in America. Jim started a messenger service to help support his mother and siblings. This service later becomes UPS.*