

# MOUNTAINSTREAMNEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

### Seasons of Life



*Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*

The trees quickly changing into their Fall foliage remind us that a new season is here. The warmth of summer is behind us, and pretty soon the cold of winter will be upon us. But there is much we can enjoy in this season of Autumn. We need to be careful not to miss the warmth of summer so much, or fear the cold of winter (or anticipate the cold of winter for you few hardy winter lovers) so much that we miss the particular wonders of Fall itself. Be sure to take some time to enjoy Falls stunning colors and cool temperatures. Go apple picking, or pumpkin picking. Enjoy this season.

The author of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there are seasons to our lives as well. We constantly face change and uncertainty. The old and familiar gives way to the strange and new. Sometimes it can be unsettling. But we can live joyfully and successfully through each season of life if we remind ourselves that our loving God is in control of every season of our lives, and has incorporated lessons and blessings into each one (Ecclesiastes 3:9-10). What often seems haphazard and chaotic to us, is actually carefully shaped by our loving Father to make us more and more like Christ. It is fine to remember past joys. It is fine to anticipate futures joys. But we must also be careful to live in our current seasons. God has lessons embedded into them for us. Sometimes there are challenges, losses, and sadness interspersed with joy, gains and blessings. But all are carefully balanced to bring good into our lives (Romans 8:28-29). May God help us to approach each season with the confidence born from the knowledge that He is with us and is working through every season of our lives.

May God give you fullness in whatever season He currently has you in.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## HE CHANGES THE TIMES AND SEASONS. PRAISE GOD.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Breakfast this Saturday, 9am.** Invite a friend and bring something to share for breakfast if you can.
- Please continue to pray for Marilyn Johnson recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Dwain & Tashoy Gayle are to be received into membership soon. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- Thursday & Friday **online Growth Groups begin this week.** Sign up via email at [mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com)
- Thanks to all of you who supported the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Pocono's Walk for Life either by walking or by donation.
- **As we observe social distancing** at our in-person services, there is only a **limited number of persons who can be accommodated inside the building** at one time. **Please call ahead (570-856-3310),** or email us at [mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend this Sunday's service so we can make adequate preparations. If you'd prefer to come and stay outside, you are welcome to. You don't need to call.
- If you are **interested in learning basic music** (primarily for church worship purposes), please come to church on **Saturdays at 5 pm** for free instructions in keyboard, guitar and drumming. For more information please contact Dwain Gayle at 347 677 2923.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

#### October 6

Join us via Zoom video  
Please contact Pastor James for details.  
[rcantio@gmail.com](mailto:rcantio@gmail.com)

### GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

#### October 8 & 9

Contact Pastor James at [rcantio@gmail.com](mailto:rcantio@gmail.com) for logon details.

### YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

#### October 9

Youth meetings are in-person at church.

### WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

#### October 11

In-person service and livestream.  
Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

### VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM

#### October 11

Kidzone is available every Sunday.  
Contact Candice at [candicebrich@gmail.com](mailto:candicebrich@gmail.com) for logon information.

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If at any time during this virus outbreak you feel that you need some help: whether you are physically unable to go out for groceries, or you might need a little financial help due to the virus, or you just need prayer, feel free to reach out to us, our contact details are below.

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### QUICK TIPS

#### Two ways to give your offering.

Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!