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2020 CCAM Church Annual Business meeting

Update on Rachel Meyers' brother, Dan Schmidt.

The family arrived in the states on the 28th of September and Dan had surgery on September 30th, at Pittsburgh Hospital. His diagnosis is Testicular Cancer-Stage 3. Dan starts 12 weeks of chemotherapy on October 19th . They found a temporary home in Beaver , PA, close to their supportive family. Please continue to pray for them as they are dealing with many changes

The Clarence-Akron Mennonite Church's Annual Business meeting occurred remotely via Zoom on Thursday night, opened by Council Chair **Mark Schaefer**. There were 17 people present. The meeting came to order with a prayer shared by **Sandy Craft**. **Pastor Dale** presented the financial report (which will be made available). **Jack Keough** provided an update on the Property Stewards 2020 activity, including the installation of the new heating system. **Linda Wideman** presented a report on the church's utilization of Zoom and other social platforms during the pandemic. **Don and Luanne Livingston** presented their current activities, and their future vision for the Children's Ministry. **Pam Keough** gave an overview of the church's Beaver Camp Retreat. A vote was then conducted on the 2021 budget and it unanimously passed. **Mark Schaefer** closed the meeting in prayer.

Grandkids ! by Pamela Keough

As Jack and I celebrate the birth of our second grandchild, we are keenly aware of the blessing and responsibility to speak words of truth into the lives of Violet and baby Kenny. Larry Fowler of Family Life writes this: "Grandparent, are you aware of your power for influence? Here's the truth: you are second only to the parents in your potential to impact your grandchildren spiritually. Most grandparents enjoy a great relationship with their grandkids, especially in the younger years—and that loving bond is ideal for nurturing spiritual growth."

I am currently reading through **Deuteronomy** and recently read the following verses that instruct us to teach

Phone conversation with Ellen Frey - Ellen reports she is coming along, but slowly. The doctors are working to adjust her medications. Her appetite is still not great. Her husband Ken has been very helpful. She appreciates our prayers and I reassured her that we will keep praying.

*³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

*⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

our children and grandchildren about God:

"Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only! Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Message)

"Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren." Deuteronomy 4:9b (The Message)



Great fun had at Dale and Rachels last Sunday evening

