



# CROSS WALK

*A Communiqué of Anchor Christian Church*

## Have You Heard . . .

- ACC's Harvest Banquet is November 15, 5:30 PM.
- Mark your calendars for ACC's Christmas Musical, December 17-20, 7:30 PM.
- We offer Adult, Deaf, and Youth Bible Studies, and Pioneer Club for kids every Wednesday evening at 7 PM.
- Ladies' Bible Studies are held every Monday at 2 PM.
- Please pray for our leaders and don't forget to tell them how much you appreciate their ministry.
- Looking for a ministry? We've got opportunities where you can make a difference in worship, Christian education, youth work, missions, and more. Don't be shy! Contact the church office to find out more today!
- Our sermons are on the Web! Check out our web site: [www.AnchorChristian.org](http://www.AnchorChristian.org)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO ACC'S

# HARVEST BANQUET



**A**nchor Christian Church wants to celebrate the Thanksgiving season with you, our friends, and neighbors. That's why we're inviting the community to our

**Annual Harvest Banquet**  
**Sunday, November 15th,**  
**5:30 PM at**  
**Churchville-Chili**  
**Junior High School Cafeteria,**  
**139 Fairbanks Rd,**  
**Churchville, NY**

**The cost is FREE!**

Our goal every year is to give those who haven't heard the Good

News about Jesus Christ an opportunity to come and witness Christian love in action.

Over the last nineteen years, we have seen this event expand as church members invite neighbors, relatives, co-workers and friends to join with them in a Thanksgiving celebration.

Please mark your calendars and call the church office to reserve your spot as space is limited. We would love to have you be our guests as we give thanks to our great and mighty God who gives us all good things – including fabulous food!

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## Have You Met Our Newest Members?

**W**e love it when we get to witness new births and hear people say they want to be a part of our church family. And we have reason to rejoice, because, since our last newsletter, we've grown by seven!

*Billie Hoffman* came to us this past summer at the invitation of her friend, Cristel Oschmann. She enjoyed our services right from the start, and it

didn't take her long before she let us know of her desire to be included as part of our congregation! *Billie* comes to us as an immersed believer. On July 19th, we had the privilege of hearing her confess that Jesus is her Lord and Savior.

*Lindsay Haefner* is the daughter of Andy and Jessica Haefner. Lindsay grew up in our

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# Can You Guess November's Mystery Member?

**N**ovember's Mystery Member was born and grew up in Cuba, NY. He's was the oldest child in his family and has one brother and one sister. He says he actually lived in West Clarksville, where he attended a two-room schoolhouse for grades one through six. He also shares that his teacher attended the same church as his family, so he says he had no chance to ever misbehave!

At present, our Mystery Member lives in Gates with his wife. They have two married children and ten grandchildren.

## EDUCATION:

Our MM shares, "I attended the school of 'Hard Knocks' learning how busy you can be working on a dairy farm along with the long days that make the nights very short." He is a graduate from Richburg Central School and he also attended three years of college at SUNY Brockport. "I was studying to become a Junior High Math teacher, but marriage changed my mind about continuing that career!"

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

November's Mystery Member has worked for Cuba Cheese, Minute Man Gas, Eastman Kodak for 34 years, and for his current employer, Wegmans Food Market.

When asked what he enjoys about his job he says, "Driving around Rochester in luxury cars I could never afford!"

## INTERESTS:

Our Mystery Member especially enjoys wood-working with his scroll saw and hunting and fishing.

## HIS FAVORITES INCLUDE:

- **Book:** the Bible, and western novels by Louis L'Amour
- **Food:** any, except okra and escargo
- **Music:** Christian and Country
- **Movie:** *Left Behind* and *The Passion of the Christ*

## HIS FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:

Our MM chose Ecclesiastes 12.1 as one of his favorite verses. It

reads, *Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them."*

He said he chose this verse because it was one he memorized as a child in Junior Church, which his grandmother taught.

## HOW HE CAME TO ANCHOR:

When my wife and I moved to Gates, I searched the Internet for a church that had a mid-week service and found Anchor. We started attending and felt accepted and wanted. So, just over a year later, we joined. Anchor's people are friendly and unified.

## WHO IS IT? CAN YOU GUESS?

Here's one more clue: He had ankle fusion surgery in the Spring of 2008.

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church and has been active in our Sunday School classes and youth activities. As we hope with all of our kids here, she began thinking about a relationship with the Lord. After studying the Gospel with her parents and John Hilts, she decided to give her life to Christ. On August 23rd, we had the privilege and joy of seeing her father Andy baptize her into Jesus Christ.

**Bill, Wendy, Lauren and Emilee Tornow**, moved here be-

cause of a job relocation. They first came to us after looking at our web site and discovering we were hosting Dave Ramsey's nationwide Town Hall for Hope. Soon they started attending worship and serving with us regularly. Bill, Wendy, and Lauren come to us as immersed believers, but wanted to make sure before joining that we were all on the same page doctrinally. On August 23rd, they stood before the congregation to affirm that Jesus

is their Lord and we are now their home church.

**Cindy Polito**, is a former member of the Greater Rochester Christian Church of the Deaf. She heard about us through her friends that attend here with us each week. On September 27, she came forward stating her desire to be a part of our fellowship.

**Caitlin Bacus** married Paul Bacus on October 24th! They

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met while both attended Ozark Christian College, and after the school year ended, they moved back to Rochester to make this their home. But Caitlin puts first things first: on October 11th, she proudly and publicly confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus and joined our church family.

**Caitlin Mott** is the daughter of Brian and Jessica Mott. She and her parents faithfully attend worship, Sunday School, and Wednesday evening activities with us every week. Caitlin loves learning about Jesus and began expressing her desire to be baptized. Because of her young age, Caitlin's parents wanted to make sure she understood the Gospel and was ready to make this life-long commitment. After first meeting with Chris Bacus and studying the Scriptures with John Hilts, Caitlin was immersed by her father into her Lord and Savior on November 1st, as the congregation celebrated her decision.



## The Crosswards Company at Anchor Christian Church Presents

a musical production of

# “CODE RED: An E.R. Christmas”

**B**oth hearing and Deaf actors will present this story about four friends who desperately want to find their friend.

They've heard she went to the Emergency Room, but after getting there, they get caught up in the drama and comedy of the waiting room! Come see these friends sort out what's really important in friendship at Christmas.

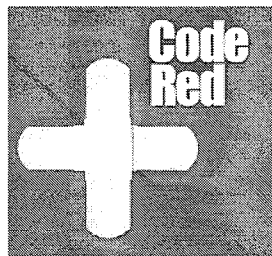
Performances of this show will be on December 17, 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30 PM here at Anchor.

Admission is free, but ticket reservations are recommended. All performances will be interpreted

for the Deaf. Afterwards, we'll have refreshments and fellowship.

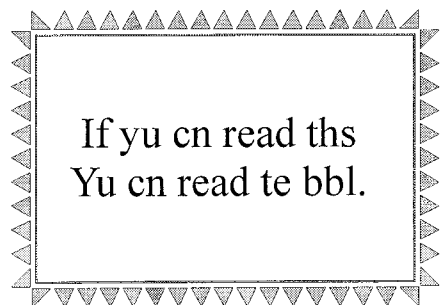
Invite all your family and friends! Take this great opportunity to influence those you love toward Jesus Christ. For

reservations, please call 360-9589, or email: [tickets@AnchorChristian.org](mailto:tickets@AnchorChristian.org).



## Do You Want an Improved Relationship With God?

1. Say a prayer the moment your alarm goes off.
2. Set aside time each day to read at least one small portion of Scripture.
3. Pray for each member of your family. Let them know you are praying for them.
4. Pray a prayer of thanks each day for something you've never given thanks for before.
5. Get involved in a Sunday School class or a Bible study group.
6. Imagine God wants to spend time with you just like any other friend does. Treat Him like you'd treat your best friend.



## CELEBRATE Jesus

**J**erry Patterson is organizing a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service for our church. It will be a quiet, simple affair, with carols, some special music, and Scripture reading.

We will begin at 6:30 PM, and we'd love for you to share with us in this celebration of our Lord's birth.



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## Chris' Corner

**T**he greatest danger to America is not global warming or carbon emissions. The

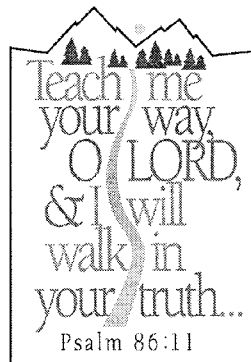
greatest threat to our future and that of our children is not Big Business, Big Banking, or Big Medicine. Our greatest national menace is not Socialism, not Communism, not Progressivism, not Fascism. It is not the threat of war, drug or alcohol or pornography addiction, nor is it the dangers of inflation, deflation, or unemployment.

I agree with those who worry over the grave perils that at least several of those things bring to our society and future today. Still, without a doubt, the greatest danger in America and the entire world is none of those problems. No, our worst national threat is this: the inactive, unfaithful, unconcerned, uncommitted, non-attending, non-participating, non-supporting church member. His name is on

## Our Greatest National Threat

the church membership list and he talks himself into believing that he's a Christian right with God.

But it's all a sham, and he ends up doing nothing to redeem and transform this sin-sick society and the poor, lost people in it.



Yes, these are the people who have bound the church, hand and foot, weakening our testimony, sapping our power to be salt and light in a tasteless and gloomy world. To

their shame, they've shrouded our living Jesus Christ with grave-clothes of their own making.

Are you a member of ACC? Wake up! Rouse and shake yourself out of any spiritual drowsiness! Spend time with God in prayer every day. Keep digging into His Word; absorb, incorporate His truth into your life. Watch for those who need your help and help them in Jesus' name. Find a place of regular service in the life of the church, and make her stronger. Show up at church for everything you can, adding your part and re-

ceiving encouragement from that of others. Invite people to join you at ACC's worship, Sunday School, Harvest Banquet, Christmas Musical, etc. Invite them to receive new life in Christ. Fan into full flame your love for the Lord and become a functioning New Testament Christian, and you will begin to see your world transformed by the power of the Gospel. If the sleeping segment of the membership of the church would suddenly wake up and start living for Christ and His church, it would make front-page news in every city of America. It would happen even here in Rochester! Who's in favor?

### Our Mission

**God has called us and leads us by His Spirit to live the love of Christ, have the mind of Christ, and do the work of Christ.**

The CROSSWALK is published periodically by Anchor Christian Church, 375 Beaver Road, Rochester, New York 14624. All visitors are welcome to worship with us each Sunday at 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, and 11:15 AM. The 11:15 AM Service is interpreted for the Deaf. Bible Classes for all ages are offered at 9:45 and 11:15 AM. We also offer a Deaf Bible Class at 9:45 AM. The church building is located on Route 252 near Chili Avenue. Chris Bacus is Senior Minister; John Hilts is Youth Minister; Benjamin Hays is Worship Minister; Debbie Letson is Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor. Church office phone: (585) 889-2436. E-mail: ChurchOffice@AnchorChristian.org