

MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP
LOVE GOD SERVE ALL

BREAKTHROUGH 2020 a year in review

*Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
Psalm 127 1-2*

LEADING THROUGH A PANDEMIC

What a year 2020 was! We all started the year with not a clue as to what was ahead! Maybe it was better that way? Then it happened, Covid-19 hit the shores of the United States and we all had to change course. Beginning in mid-March we began holding 'online-only' services and adjusting to our new normal. Many of you began making masks for our local hospitals and healthcare workers. What was supposed to be a 14 day period to flatten the curve ended up taking over all of 2020. It seemed like we had all entered into another reality. BUT, God was with us, and we continued to see His Hand.

There were many miracles this past year. Our wonderful ministry team here at Morning Star were creating ways to keep the ministry going. Children and families were provided with online resources. Bible studies and devotionals were started online. We, as a body, found ways to keep connected to one another. This past Easter we met online instead of in-person, which was so strange. We continued with our Easter project and raised money for both Convoy of Hope global feeding initiatives and Gil and Dolfi's Maunda's ministry to the Datooga tribe in Tanzania Africa where we our offering helped complete a school that we had worked on during a missions trip. In June, we opened our Quakertown campus with Covid-19 mitigations in place. The summer was filled with activities for our children and youth. We were so grateful that we were able to offer some normalcy to those who felt comfortable coming to events.

In October, we held two Light up the Nights, one in Quakertown and one in Pennsburg. Our community expressed their thankfulness to do something normal again with their families.

I think the biggest miracle of 2020 was opening the Pennsburg Campus! During the pandemic we were right in the middle of renovating our Pennsburg Campus and still had so much to do. Many of you spent countless hours volunteering your time to help paint, clean, build, and do whatever it took to get it done and together, we did it! I hope you will take some time to read about the miracle that took place on the following pages.

One thing we know is this, 'Unless the Lord build the house, those who build it labor in vain.' We are beyond grateful for Jesus and for all of you.

We love you.

Pastor John and Theresa Decker



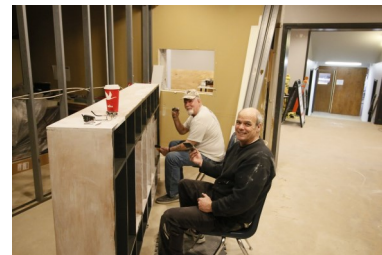
THE PENNSBURG STORY

In the beginning of 2019, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Pennsburg was looking for a church to help them close their doors, but to also to reopen them as another ministry. Morning Star Fellowship currently had quite a few families who drove past Lighthouse on their way to our Quakertown campus which is only 8 miles away.



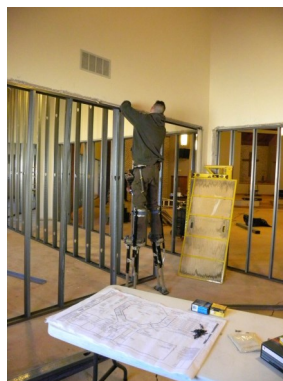
The Executive Leadership Team met with the remaining leaders of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship and then gathered together for six weeks to pray and seek the Lord for His will. In a unanimous decision, it was decided that we would go forward. This meant the acquisition of the building and property along with their cash assets of \$260,000 and the dept of \$423,500. There was a lot of work to do ahead.

We cast the vision to the body of Morning Star Fellowship and then designated our Easter Offering in 2019 to the project lovingly called BUILD FOR LIFE 2.0.



A total makeover was envisioned with the hope that some of the work would be accomplished through volunteers on Saturdays and Tuesdays. We had times of prayer in the building to welcome God's plans and to seek His face. We thought we could accomplish this task by Christmas of 2019 but soon realized that there was just so much to do! We hired outside contractors including Labor Boys, Stray Lights and Sound, Denlee Electric, Michael Reinhart Flooring, and Alderfer Glass. We brought in Mapes Dumpsters and took out load after load. Many skilled volunteers built walls and check-in counters, helped with networking, lighting, and more. It was truly a wonderfully huge undertaking.

By scheduling smaller groups in the building we could spread out to do the work. So many wonderful people helped. There was even a scouting group that pitched in to build the Elementary classroom's stage.





2020 Easter Offering

Every year Morning Star Fellowship has felt God's leading to give our entire Easter offering away. Though Easter 2020 was different, since we were still holding 'online-only' services, we decided that we were going to split the offering between two ministries; Convoy of Hope and Gil and Dolfi Manuda, missionaries to the Datooga tribe in Tanzania Africa.

With the \$15,000 that was given to Gil and Dolfi, they were able to complete the school that our missions team had worked on back in the fall of 2018 located in Gijeedeshdaghat and Esheel, Lake Eyasi Tanzania. Dolfi and Gil were so excited to send pictures of the completed buildings! The dedication of the school was held on December 15th 2020.

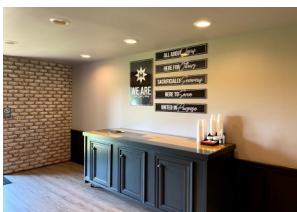
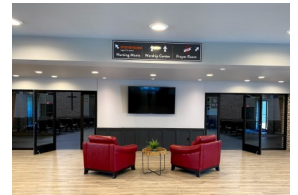
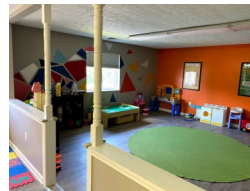
From Gil and Dolfi, "We thank you for your contribution, building this school would not have been possible without you!"



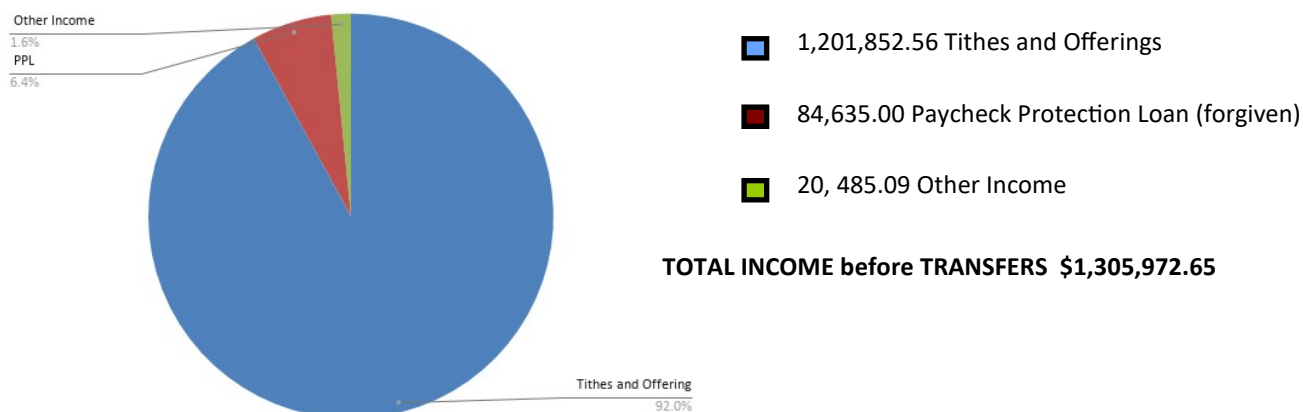
Having been there personally, we know that the children are taught about JESUS along with their education and that the school is a wonderful ministry. Reaching the next generation for Jesus will change the course of history for the Datooga people.



Finally in September 2020, the Pennsburg Campus opened with Pastor Ryan DeFrain serving as the Campus Pastor. Our Pastoral team and staff have worked really hard and our worship teams have been stretched and have grown. We are so thankful for the team that God has put together in the past several years. God knew what we needed and He has provided. Pennsburg has had an average attendance of 300 people per week! This is during a pandemic! We continue to see new people coming to both campuses and are looking forward to seeing God build his Kingdom through the ministries of Morning Star Fellowship Quakertown and Pennsburg.

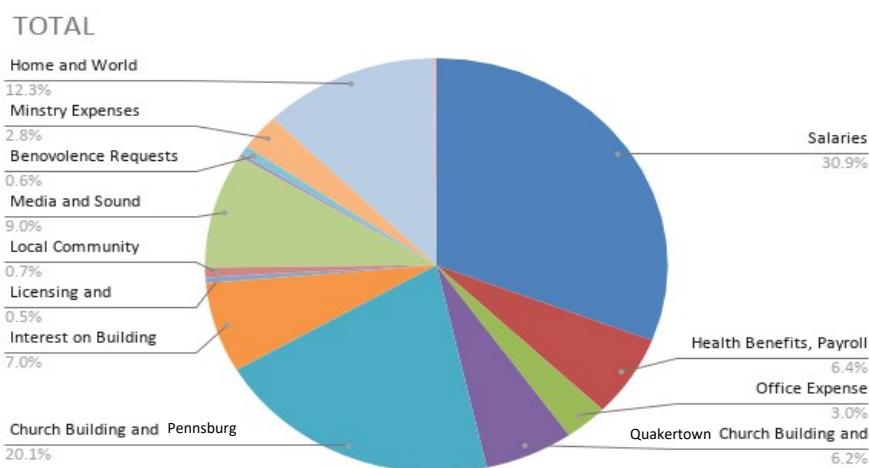


MORNING STAR FELLOWSHIP 2020 Income and Expense ALL Funds



TOTAL EXPENSE \$1,417,696.34 not including transfers to other funds from our General Fund

438,222.76	Salaries
90,035.63	Health Benefits, Payroll Taxes
43,000.32	Office Expense
88,107.60	Church Building and Grounds Q'town-
284,452.86	Church Building and Grounds Pennsburg
99,933.59	Interest on Building Loans
6,482.68	Licensing and Subscriptions
10,515.63	Local Community Outreach
127,090.49	Media and Sound Pennsburg
3,901.63	Media and Sound Quakertown
9,183.99	Benevolence Requests
39,790.41	Ministry Expenses
174,060.30	Home and World Missions
2,918.45	Parsonage Real Estate Tax



Current year Income (loss) 2020 (\$111,723.69)

Please note, a loss occurred in 2020 because the income spent on the Pennsburg project came in 2019 and went out in 2020

The Pennsburg Story from purchase in 2019 to December 2020	
Lighthouse Indebtedness 423,500.00	
(this is a two year look)	
INCOME	
Tithes & Offerings Qtown	26,137.07
Tithes and Offering- Income received from Pennsburg	260,870.69
Miscellaneous Income * insurance and parsonage rent	8,193.68
Building Rental from another church using gym	10,675.86
Transfer to Pennsburg Campus from QTOWN General Fund	261,004.61
TOTAL INCOME	566,881.91
EXPENSES	
Office expenses including copier, computers, telephone and internet	12,043.58
Media and sound equipment	127,090.49
Inside remodel, repairs, equipment, networking, appliances, decora-	311,137.92
Landscaping, utilities, propane, insurance, security monitoring, and cus-	49,951.56
Interest on mortgage	30,897.44
Ministry outreach and supplies	5,184.90
Parsonage expenses	3,318.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	535,624.59
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE	31,257.32