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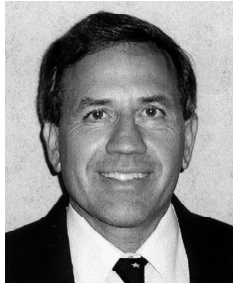
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Fall 2025 ACTION Newsletter



Message from the President...

DC Trip Recap

by Robert Kettering

Tuesday, September 11, was a beautiful autumn day and on that day 52 people went to Washington DC for a Spiritual Heritage Tour of our nations capital. Stephen McDowell, President of the Providence Foundation was our tour guide for the day. We began the tour in the Capital Rotunda where large murals portray the major events in our nations history.



LANDING OF COLUMBUS ON SAN SALVADOR, OCT. 12, 1492.

The first mural is of Christopher Columbus landing in the new world. Columbus was a diligent student of the Bible, especially of the prophesies. He believed that God had set him apart for this work as he solemnly declared, "God made me a messenger of the new Heavens and the new earth. it was a great victory which our Lord has granted me in my voyage; I named the (first island)

San Salvador in commemoration of our Holy Savior, who has, in a wonderful manner, granted all our success."

Then we viewed a mural showing the pilgrims with their spiritual leader William Brewster shown holding an open Bible depicting the Pilgrims mission for religious freedom and their desire to spread the gospel to the new world.

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EMBARKATION OF THE PILGRIMS, FROM DELFT HAVEN, JULY 22, 1620.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

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Beside that mural is a beautiful mural of Pocahontas being baptized by the Rev. Alexander Whitaker, surrounded by English colonists, members of the Powhatan family and John Rolfe, Pocahontas's future husband. Again this mural portrays the reason that the Pilgrims traveled to the new world, to propagate the gospel.

There are many other murals depicting other major events in our nations history but these first three paintings certainly give us a very clear view of what motivated these people who through great personal sacrifice established the foundation for the great country that we enjoy today.

After visiting the Rotunda, we got a special treat from Congressman Smucker who took us out onto a balcony off a hall from the Rotunda to see a wonderful view of the Mall and the Washington Monument. Inscribed on the capstone at the top of the Monument is the latin phrase “Laus Deo” which translates to “Praise Be To God”

Later we viewed some of the statues in Statuary Hall including one of the two Pennsylvania statues, the Rev. John Peter Muhlenberg, known as the “Patriot Pastor” for his dual career as a Lutheran minister and a Continental Army brigadier general during the American Revolution. He is known for his 1776 sermon where he declared “there is a time to pray and a time to fight” and then removed his clerical robe to reveal an Army officers uniform underneath. He then led 300 men from his congregation to enlist in the revolutionary war. The statue depicts him removing his clerical robe, revealing the officers uniform underneath.



After lunch we visited the Library of Congress, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial before heading back to Lancaster.

Although I've been on this tour several times before, it always inspires me as I think about these great leaders who honored God and founded our nation and what they were able to accomplish. Because of their efforts, we are the greatest, most prosperous, and most free nation to ever exist. It is truly amazing!



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, October 11, 2025 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike (Rt 340), Bird-In-Hand, PA

Our Speaker: Thomas Shaheen

Topic: Culture War: Fighting the Good Fight



Tom is the Vice President for Policy at the PA Family Institute. He has served in this capacity since 1991. He is responsible for a major part of Pennsylvania Family Institute's mission: To help enact laws that respect the traditional, foundational principles and values essential for the well-being of society - and to help defeat proposals that do harm. His three major areas are: sanctity of human life, marriage and family, and religious liberty.

Tom brings with him a long-held passion for protecting the sanctity of human life, having previously served as Administrative Director of Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services in Lebanon and Lancaster Counties.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-847-0902) or emailing LancoAction@gmail.com by Monday, October 6, 2025.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and may be paid by cash, check or zelle. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Park in the rear, enter at corner and take elevator to lower level.

A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

Lancaster County ACTION annual dues (January - December) are \$20.00 per family. Dues are payable January 1st of each year. If you have already paid your Dues for the coming year, "2025" will appear on your Newsletter mailing label. If "2025" does not appear on your label, your Dues should be paid now.

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Note that members do receive a \$5.00 discount on the price of breakfast!

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life of Charlie Kirk
1993-2025

