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From the  
Pastor's Desk



## Praying in Lent: the Psalms

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 17; this marks the start of the season of Lent. The season of Lent includes the six Sundays leading up to Easter. It is interesting to me that Lent is both ancient and modern. The seasons of the Church year are an ancient tradition which were created as a devotional and teaching tool to connect the Bible stories about Jesus with weekly worship services. But today many contemporary churches and modern church leaders are claiming the season of Lent, often without mentioning the long history behind this practice, as a time for personal prayer and spiritual discipline. We need to claim special times and seasons for focused attention on prayer and personal devotion. Lent is such a time.

This is especially true this year when it seems like time has slowed down. Generally, because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are not going to restaurants, movies, stores and public places as much; we are home more. This year for Lent, claim this time at home for personal spiritual renewal. I suggest reading the Psalms: slowly . . . daily. . . prayerfully. . . verse by verse. . . repeatedly. Read a Psalm-a-day. Find, write down and memorize your favorite verses from the Psalms. Search the Psalms for verses that match your feelings and emotions. Do a Bible study on the Psalms that are quoted in the New Testament.

The influential Protestant reformer and fore-father of the Presbyterian Church, John Calvin, described the Psalms as "an anatomy of all parts of the soul, for there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror." The Psalms include every dimension of the spiritual life from soaring praise - "*Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples*" (Psalm 117: 1) to shaking anger and disappointment - "*Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord*" (Psalm 130: 1).

In the tradition of Lent, Psalm 51 is always prayed on Ash Wednesday. This is a good place to begin a season of devotion and prayer: "*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin*" (Psalm 51: 1, 2).

In Christ!  
Mark

Next newsletter deadline is:  
**Friday, February 19**  
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## Our Lenten Worship Schedule

### Spiritual Practices for the Season of Lent 2021 Lenten Sermons from the Psalms

February 21: Lent One

Psalm 25: 1-10

Key Verse: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

Spiritual Practice: TRUST

February 28: Lent Two

Psalm 22: 23-31

Key Verse: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

Spiritual Practice: FEAR THE LORD

March 7: Lent Three

Psalm 19: 1- 14

Key Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Spiritual Practice: PROCLAIM

March 14: Lent Four

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Key Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Spiritual Practice: THANKS

March 21: Lent Five

Psalm 51: 5-10

Key Verse: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Spiritual Practice: CLEANSE

March 28: Lent Six; Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Key Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Spiritual Practice: FOREVER



## Church Life Announcements

The Women's Bible study will meet electronically Thursday, February 4 and Thursday, February 18 at 7 PM. Interested women, please contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.

The Women's Guild will not meet in February but if all goes well, we will meet March 16<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm and would be more than happy to see "new" faces. All women are welcome!

**Vital Mission Opportunities: The Fairfield Food Pantry & Ruth's Harvest** — Many thanks again for your continued support for the Fairfield Food Pantry and Ruth's Harvest Backpack Kids. It is amazing to watch the collection boxes in the narthex and outside the church office abundantly fill up every week. Now that we are in COVID lockdown except for Sunday worship services and many of our LMCPC family are worshipping virtually, the opportunity to fill the Food Pantry boxes inside the church is limited. But the need for these food donations is ongoing and increasing. Therefore, we have put containers outside the door to the Church office so you can drop off your donations anytime during our regular office hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Of course, the donation box in the Narthex will continue to be available if you attend on Sunday mornings.

**Per Capita** – The amount we pay the Presbytery of Carlisle for each member of LMC for 2021 is \$27.23. If you are a member, please consider paying your Per Capita this year. Thank you!

The Home Ministry Team and leaders of LMC's Garden Club are planning outside clean-up days and weeks. We are asking for help from members and friends of LMC. We have identified several weeks to begin the beautification of our church property. Sometime the week of March 22, we would like to begin weeding, edging and shrub trimming where needed. We also hope to rake leaves and turn over mulch. We do not believe new mulch will need to be added at that time. The weeks of April 26 and May 3 we will plant annuals and again weed where needed. From May to October, we are hoping to have individual volunteers sign-up for weeks that you would come to church and weed and water where needed. The week before March 22, we will identify work days, same with the weeks of April 26 and May 3. In April there will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for interested folks to sign-up for a week or two that you can help with the weekly watering and weeding. Thanks for what you will do to help make and keep our church property beautiful. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia DeHoff, Pat Diehl, Susan Nunamaker or Jenny Waybright.

## MUSIC Ministry

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of salvation," - Psalm 95:1*

The members of the LMCP Music Team hope you love listening to their music as much as they enjoy making it. It is so unfortunate that current Covid 19 protocol restricts singing by those in the congregation. Hopefully those of you watching our services from home are singing along at the top of their voices! Since you probably don't have a hymnal at home, steps are being taken to supply you with the lyrics.

Our musical groups will continue to rotate throughout the month as follows:

Week 1 - Choral Ensemble and Glory Singers

Week 2 - Wires and Wood (stringed instruments and vocals)

Week 3 - Bells of Faith

Weeks 4 and 5 - Choral Ensemble and Glory Singers

Each week I attempt to select a Preparation for Worship, the hymns, and a Postlude that support the theme of Pastor Mark's sermon. The selections included in the Prelude include theme-related songs and also requests! I already have a list of favorite songs from some members of the congregation. So, if you would like to suggest a favorite song to be included in a future service, email me at [pausetoread@yahoo.com](mailto:pausetoread@yahoo.com). Perhaps you would like to hear the fisherman's favorite song, "Shall We Gather at the River" or the favorite song of dentists, "Crown Him With Many Crowns!"

You are also invited to help rename our Chancel Choir. We are looking for a new name that better describes our new circumstances. Thanks for your suggestions!

## February Birthdays

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 — Kris Englund-Krieger | 21 — Carlos Wampler      |
| 7 — Kaylee Metz          | 21 — Judy Williams       |
| 7 — Pam Johnson          | 22 — Anthony Golden      |
| 13 — Mabert Anderson     | 23 — John Moser          |
| 16 — Rhoda Shirley       | 25 — Ellen McMann        |
| 16 — Diana Stith         | 28 — Jacqualin Marquardt |
| 20 — Margaret Metz       |                          |



*Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!*

## The Blue Envelope – Per Capita Offering

The annual giving of all Presbyterians, in the form of our Per Capita offerings, is a “tie that binds” the entire church and benefits every congregation. Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry. Per Capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.

Per Capita amounts are determined by General Assembly nationally, regionally by the Synod and locally by the Presbytery. These monies are used to administer the responsibilities, functions, and mission of each governing body. This year that assessment in our presbytery is \$27.23 per member. Our Session is committed to paying the full assessment for all members on our roll because we treasure our relationship with the wider church, and the congregation benefits when members contribute their share to the whole.

This year the split is as follows:

General Assembly:	\$ 8.98 (an increase of \$.03 from 2020)
Synod of the Trinity:	\$ 2.40
Presbytery of Carlisle:	<u>\$15.85</u>
Total:	\$27.23

This assessment per member maintains a physical office and staff at all three levels of governance; it provides training and leadership development for our church officers; it provides learning opportunities for pastors and members of congregations and faith formation initiatives for youth through Camp Krislund; it also provides oversight and preparation for those discerning God’s call to ministry. These are just a few examples of what the per capita funds do.

But it is not these benefits alone that make us so deeply committed to the per capita offering. It is our shared sense of our Reformed heritage and our Presbyterian identity that compels us to take our relationship with the whole Presbyterian family so seriously.

Thank you to all who have paid and plan to pay your share of the \$27.23 per member. By contributing your portion of per capita, you will free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you have not contributed to this in the past, we hope you will consider doing so this year. You may remit your per capita contribution by using the special envelope designated “per capita” that came with your offering envelopes, or simply by writing “per capita” on the memo line of your check.

We look forward to your participation in per capita giving, an expression of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation and beyond.

The Interpretation & Stewardship Team





**DISCIPLEMAKERS  
CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP**  
AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

## **Not Quite Apart. Not Quite Together.**

DiscipleMakers Ministry Update  
Kevin & Maria Noyes

Students are returning for classes. For some, this means hopping online for lectures delivered over Zoom (a video conferencing service). For others, this means heading back to campus for a semester spent in a dorm-room without roommates.

As we begin the spring semester, it appears that much of our work with students will again take place online. This creates both great challenges and great opportunities.

The challenge is that so much of our ministry work is interpersonal. In a typical week, we would connect with dozens of students face to face. Those interactions would build trust and give us opportunities to talk deeply about questions of faith and life. Creating these interactions online is functional, but far less effective than speaking in person.

However, at the same time students are far more available than ever before. Sports, Greek life, student clubs and many campus events are on hold for the semester. Even meeting together with a group of friends to study or grab a meal is challenging with the COVID restrictions. Students are hungry for community and genuine relationships which creates an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ.

Please pray for us, that we would persevere in ministering to students online. Please also pray that God would bless our efforts to proclaim the gospel through this new medium, and that men and women would come to faith in Christ this semester!

### *Friends in Need*

Jordan and Amanda Eyster, two of our friends and coworkers with DiscipleMakers, are being forced from their apartment at the end of March. As you can imagine, trying to pack and find a new place to live while ministering to students in a pandemic is quite and unexpected and heavy burden. Would you please join us in praying for them? Specifically, you can pray for God to give them peace, and to provide a suitable home for them and their four children in the Berks area (transition planned for the summer of 2021). Additionally, prayers for a short-term housing option (in case it takes a few months for them to purchase a home) would be much appreciated!

## Mission Advocate Report Sandy Buhrman

### How Our Budget Works

LMCPC's budget is divided into two categories: the "COF" budget, or "Church Operating Fund," and the "MOM" budget, or "Mission Opportunities and Missionaries." COF funds are spent on the church itself and its activities, including but not limited to music and deacons, worship and other ministry supplies, Sunday School, property expenses and maintenance, office supplies, and salaries. The MOM funds go to other organizations for their work. This is where we strive to be Christ-like in serving others.

MOM funds go to local organizations like the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen and Child Evangelism Fellowship, and they go nationally and worldwide. The largest portion helps to support actual missionaries. We also support additional organizations through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In a year (2020) in which many of the organizations we support faced difficulties and sometimes unique challenges because of COVID, your giving remained strong and enabled us to meet those challenges. Your estimate of giving cards for 2021 indicate that trend continuing. Early indications are that the organizations will continue to face difficulties, and we are thankful for our generous congregation!

Most organizations are working with individuals and populations not blessed with the resources we enjoy, and we endeavor to spread the Gospel through this work. Some of our support goes strictly to evangelism. All should reflect the guidance Jesus Christ has given us and our response for God's love in our lives.

### 2021 Mission Organization\Missionary (MOM) Budget

Through your Christian generosity, this year's MOM budget will help to support 24 mission organizations locally and around the world. Beginning this month and continuing in the coming months, I will highlight all the mission organizations and missionaries supported by LMC.



This year the MOM Budget will provide \$3,000 for **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of Adams County**. Before COVID, Good News Club meetings were held each week at all the elementary schools in Adams County (except Franklin), plus some home programs. Unfortunately, last fall only one club was able to meet in a school. If you

know a child interested in Bible lessons through the mail (Mailbox Club), or if you want to find out more about what is going on in Adams County, email [cefadams@gmail.com](mailto:cefadams@gmail.com) or call 717-677-4797. To find out more about the CEF ministries or to access their blog, go to [www.cefonline.com/ministries](http://www.cefonline.com/ministries).

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This year the MOM Budget will provide \$1,200 (increase of \$200) for the **Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen (GCSK)**. Located at 22 West High Street in Gettysburg, GCSK has provided nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community for over 25 years. Because of COVID, the Soup Kitchen has been forced to adopt new procedures. All food items are prepared in-house. A hot take-out meal is provided Monday-Friday (11:30am - 12:30pm). A cold bagged "double lunch" and some extra grocery items on Saturdays has successfully covered the weekend so the kitchen can close on Sunday. The average meals served each day is 40, some days more than 50. Food donations should be coordinated with Sandy Lutz, Soup Kitchen Supervisor, who can be emailed at [supSK3445@gmail.com](mailto:supSK3445@gmail.com). If you would like to give in addition to your donation through LMPCP, mail your check to the soup kitchen at PO Box 3445, Gettysburg, PA, 17325, or through their Facebook page or website.



### Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen

*Serving Meals With Love*

The MOM Budget includes \$6,200 for **SAT-7**, which is a Christian non-profit providing inspirational, informative and educational satellite television services to the churches and Christians of the Middle East and North Africa. The November 24, 2020 newsletter from SAT-7 begins with a thank you for our part in their "historic ministry." More than 30 million people in the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Central Asia watch SAT-7 on a regular basis. Most of the audience are not Christian, but they welcome Christian television into their homes, even in closed locations. Prior to the November newsletter, SAT-7 experienced a 4,000 percent increase in view response to some live programs. They report a total of 160 million views on YouTube as seekers and isolated Christians followed the many programs on their phones, computers, and smart TVs. Of course, the lockdowns and fears over the virus were a factor, but it was also because millions in the Middle East and North Africa are fed up with institutional religion, with their governments, their religious leaders, and rampant corruption.



The MOM budget includes \$500 for the **Gettysburg Ministerium**, a networking group of area religious leaders. The Ministerium is perhaps best known for organizing community worship services at Thanksgiving and on Good Friday, and for the outdoor summer services at the Gettysburg Battlefield. Prayers are that 2021 will bring back a sense of normalcy to their programs. The group supports the C.A.R.E.S. program for the area's homeless, and it provides vouchers for emergency food and transportation aid.

The MOM Budget includes \$500 to support **The Gideons International**. The Gideons' primary activity is distributing copies of the Bible free of charge. Gideons is most often recognized for placing bibles in hotel rooms; however, they also distribute Bibles to members of the U.S. Armed Forces as well as to patients at U.S. Veterans Administration hospitals. [www.gideons.org/about](http://www.gideons.org/about)



**Watch for more highlights next month.**



## Thanks

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

The members of the Joint Camp and Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland, and the members of the Krislund Staff would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$2,538.00 to the Annual Fund.

We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,

Josh Boyd, Camp Director

Dear Friends,

The Christ child brought the promise of everlasting hope to a world that was yearning for the long-awaited Messiah. *“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins”* (Matthew 1:21). Today, people around the world still need to hear His gospel message: that eternal hope can only be found through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

That is the Good News our teams are bringing to people in more than 100 countries worldwide as Samaritan’s Purse meets the needs of victims of war, poverty, disaster, disease, and famine. I am deeply grateful for your gift in the amount of \$147.00 and prayers for our ministry. As you celebrate the birth of the Savior, may the peace of Jesus Christ reign in your heart and life. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

Dear Members of LMCPC,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$975. The gifts C.A.R.E.S. receives from church groups, financial institutions, individuals, businesses and organizations are crucial to our providing shelter services during the winter months.

We opened this season in November with more homeless seeking shelter than any other previous year at the same time. Because of the pandemic and CDC guidelines, we are housing our guest in a local motel rather than in our churches. Your contribution helps to cover this cost for our guests. Since it was not part of our budget this year, we are very grateful.

Thank you again for your support. It is greatly appreciated. We hope to be back with you in 2021-2022 as one of our shelter churches.

Sincerely,

Mary Stevenson

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Board of Directors

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### C.A.R.E.S.

The 2020/2021 season was a challenging one for C.A.R.E.S. The guests could not shelter in any of the fourteen churches. The decision was made to rent motel rooms for the guests. This meant that individual breakfast meals needed to be provided and delivered daily to motel guests and placed outside their doors.

From January 10, 2021 to January 23, 2021 LMCPD provided about 390 breakfast meals for an average of 29 guests. This was a challenging and rewarding mission. We want to thank the following church members for getting up before the crack of dawn and preparing breakfasts for 29 needy and grateful people: Phyllis Doyle, Pat Diehl, Susan Nunamaker, Sandy & Frank Buhrman, Len & Dale Williams, Cheryl Waters, Nadja & Bob Muchow, Alicia DeHoff, Linda Lapp, Cathy & Gary Michaliga, and Arlene & Ray Wright.

We had no idea whether we could pull this off, but it went like clockwork because of so many dedicated and generous people. On behalf of Gettysburg's homeless, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. — Elaine & Joe Reichl

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Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Lower Marsh Creek's assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign this year. Having an organization sign up and fill the bell ringing slots makes the overall coordination of almost 200 bell ringers much easier and effective.

The campaign was a big success this year, which was fortunate. Right now, the government is providing a lot of people a lot of money, but there are significant numbers of people whose needs just fall through the cracks during the broad Federal programs. In many cases the people are in significant need, and others in desperate need.

Again, thank you. We have a new year, and hopefully we will soon start to see good news and better times. I was not sorry to see 2020 end but am hopeful for 2021.

Happy New Year,

Jed Smith

Salvation Army Kettle Scheduler

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Dear Friends and Partners of Adams Christian Prison Ministries,

Once again, we are grateful for all the support we received for the Christmas projects we were able to complete; Christmas cards for inmates and the prison staff, Mission Bright Star, Christmas cookies, Christmas cards from inmates to loved ones, and Operation: Socks for Inmates. We were overwhelmed by the number of churches and individuals that made Operation: Socks for Inmates a huge success. As each inmate received a brand new pair of socks and a candy bar for Christmas, we could tell in their eyes the impact it was making in their hearts. Actually, the impact that each of you made in their lives. Thank you for partnering with us to let them know that God remembers them and loves them.

Chaplain Angel Perez  
Director of Christian Ministries

Hello!

My son David is an inmate in Adams County Adult Corrections Complex. He was so thankful and blessed by your card, cookies, and candy at Christmas.

I wanted to reach out and let you know just how much that meant to him and to me as a mother. The card was signed Judy, Nancy and Donnie. Thank you all.

Please keep David in prayer. He has become very involved in reading his Bible and renewing his relationship with God. He and I share Scripture often when we write. David asks for prayer often and I do believe in the power of prayer.

Blessings to you all,

Kelinda Robinson

P.S. David said "Thank you" - he cried "happy tears".

To all at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

I'm writing to express gratitude for the recent card I received in this time of need. It proves God knows just what we need when we need it. Just another sign from God, He never turns his back on us and is always there no matter what we're facing, He is always there.

There's been several times I have veered off the beaten path but with His grace it never fails He shows me unconditional love "*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage*" Psalm 84:5.

If by any chance there is any reading material you come across you'd like to share, I will list my inmate name and number at the bottom. Please don't hesitate to share it with me. Once again, may "God Bless" you all!

Love,

Megan Shealer

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## From the Clerk's Desk

As I write these notes from the Clerk's Desk the plan is for the Session to meet on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, a bit too late to meet the publishing deadline for this edition of Li'l Ripples. Our meeting was first postponed due to COVID restrictions and then due to an impending winter weather event. Since I am not able to give you all the news I normally would I want you to know that despite the slow start to 2021 Session has been at work via e-mail votes and preparations for the annual report. Here are a few updates and actions taken:

- Membership as of 1/22/2021: Active Members (AM = CA): 171, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 68 and Family Members: 57.
- The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the usual monthly report and the quarterly report of special accounts in this issue. We thank you for your financial support! You will find a more in-depth report in the LMCPA Annual Report to be distributed in early February.
- Session voted to postpone the semi-annual Congregational meeting generally held at the end of January until the end of February anticipating that more members may be able to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2021 to be held in the sanctuary between services at approximately 9:45 AM. Session will review the 2020 Financial Reports, introduce the 2021 Budgets, and address any other business that may be brought before the meeting. An official Call to Meeting will be issued in mid-February.
- Session approved that the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank hold a Blood Drive in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Session approved that the 2022 Marriage Retreat be held from February 25 – 27, 2022 at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA.
- The Session team assignments for 2021 are:
  - Home Ministry Team: Alicia DeHoff, Susan Nunamaker and Jim Richardson
  - Spiritual Life Team: Bev Benner, Cathy Michaliga and Dirk Grove
  - Interpretation & Stewardship Team: Karen Golden, Ray Wright and Lynn Miller

Stay safe and well!



Deacons For 2021: Doris Wampler, Pat Diehl, Sue Welsh, Jim Welsh, Arlene Wright, Len Williams, Elaine Reichl, Joe Reichl & Pam Grove

### Food Pantry

Many thanks again for your continued support for the Fairfield Food Pantry. Now that we are in COVID lockdown except for Sunday worship services and many of our LMPC family are worshiping virtually, the opportunity to fill the boxes inside the church is limited. But the need for these donations is ongoing and increasing. There is now a container outside the door to the church office, so you can drop off your donations anytime during our regular office hours, 9 am - 2 pm Monday through Friday. Of course, the box in the narthex will continue to be available if you attend on Sunday mornings. I will be talking to Dottie Warrenfeltz each month to see if there might be a special need. Personal toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) as well as dishwashing soap and laundry detergent are always needed. Since they are non-food items, they cannot be purchased with food stamps. Many thanks to Lori and Joe Jackson for their years of transporting our donations to the food pantry. If you have any questions or suggestions, you may reach me at 717-549-2118. — Arlene Wright

### Deacons

The 2021 Board of Deacons is organized and looking forward to working together and serving Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church. Although the team has yet to meet in person in 2021, all deacons have eagerly assumed responsibilities and are ready for whatever normalcy can be attained this year.

Despite what we are unable to do at this time, we remain busy: 1. We have continued to setup communions with minor changes to ensure safety. 2. Transportation for those in need is still in effect so if you need a ride, please see the information and chart below. 3. The casserole ministry is delivering meals again. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from receiving a casserole, please contact a deacon and arrangements will be made. 4. There continues to be ushers/greeters at each Sunday morning service. Please consider being an usher. It's a great opportunity to greet friends and meet new attendees who might become new friends. Please sign up on the list in the narthex.

The Food Pantry and Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield continue to need support. Two containers have been placed outside the church office doors during office hours; one container is labeled Ruth's Harvest for individual serving items to be packed in children's backpacks for weekend meals and the other container is labeled Food Pantry.

Be safe and healthy until we can all be together again. — Doris Wampler, Moderator

**Transportation Ministry** — Attendees of LMC having a transportation need should call one of the following drivers directly to arrange for a date, time, and destination. If none of these volunteers can meet your need, please call Jim Welsh (717-377-5370).

Volunteer Drivers					
Lee & Jean Bentz	717-334-6064	Sallie Sites	717-334-8712	Len Williams	717-642-0123
Susan Nunamaker	717-642-9646	Roy Weaner	717-334-3376	Ray Wright	717-549-2118



**FINANCIAL HEALTH UPDATE – DECEMBER 2020**

**Church Operating Fund Income**

Account Description	December — 2020	Year-to-Date 2020	2020 Budget
Offering Income	\$23,476.00	\$277,118.75	\$312,219.04
Other Income	\$3.99	\$6,780.90	\$6,450.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,479.99</b>	<b>\$283,899.65</b>	<b>\$318,669.04</b>
<b>Church Operating Fund Expenses</b>			
Spiritual Life	\$120.89	\$3,604.11	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$2,670.11	\$4,193.80	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$0.00	\$6,371.70	\$6,385.60
Home Ministry	\$11,818.46	\$64,341.11	\$93,725.18
Church Administration	\$16,674.76	\$186,131.11	\$198,258.26
Uncategorized Expense*	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$41,284.22</b>	<b>\$274,641.83</b>	<b>\$318,669.04</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$17,804.23</b>	<b>\$9,257.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$58,919.69**

**Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income**

Account Description	December — 2020	Year-to-Date 2020	2020 Budget
Offering Income	\$5,272.00	\$73,035.92	\$69,000.00
Other Income	\$47.19	\$2,313.78	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,319.19</b>	<b>\$75,349.70</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>

**Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses**

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,990.00</b>	<b>\$75,126.65</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$670.81</b>	<b>\$223.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Missions Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$107.79**

**Balance on Building Fund Loan as of 12/31/2020: \$0.00—We are all PAID UP!!!**

**Notable expenses for December include: \$7,851.00—Insurance**

**\*Uncategorized Expense: \$10,000.00 taken from 2020 surplus for 2021 COF Budget**

## FOURTH QUARTER REPORT — 2020

**INVESTMENTS**

Account Description	Opening Balance 10/1/2020	Deposits	Expenses	Gains/ Losses	Closing Balance 12/31/2020
Building Fund	\$97,948.81	\$10,958.36	\$0.00	\$24,630.49	\$133,537.66
Cemetery Fund	\$4,416.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242.48	\$4,659.01
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$107,407.82	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$11,305.66	\$118,963.48
Mission Endowment Fund	\$134,482.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,495.92	\$144,978.23
Woods Scholarship Fund	\$92,731.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,347.93	\$100,079.43
David Scott Youth Fund	\$79,873.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,411.31	\$84,284.51
				<b>Total Investments:</b>	\$586,511.21

**DESIGNATED/RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Account Description	Opening Balance 10/1/2020	Deposits	Expenses	Closing Balance 12/31/2020
Congregational Retreat	\$1,086.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,086.93
Sound Booth/Equipment	\$801.94	\$0.00	\$226.84	\$575.10
Couples Retreat	-\$25.00	\$3,090.12	\$1,615.35	\$1,449.77
Handbell Restoration Fund	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$0.00
Sanctuary Flowers	\$625.44	\$759.10	\$265.00	\$1,119.54
Men's Breakfast	\$214.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214.76
Sound/Video Upgrade	\$5,842.22	\$5,225.00	\$8,997.99	\$2,069.23
Bulletins	\$392.92	\$140.00	\$110.39	\$422.53
Pastor's Study Leave	\$916.25	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,916.25
Fellowship Hall Remodel Fund	\$335.32	\$0.00	\$50.87	\$284.45

**SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

Account Description	Opening Balance 10/1/2020	Deposits	Expenses	Closing Balance 12/31/2020
Membership Assistance Fund	\$3,221.85	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,271.85
Cemetery Fund	\$189.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.27
Gifts & Memorials Fund	\$5,883.34	\$1,715.00	\$0.00	\$7,598.34
Loan Payback	\$3,761.18	\$8,646.18	\$8,646.18	+\$4,885.00



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9:45 — 10:45 AM Sunday School  
Nursery 8:30 AM — 12:15 PM  
11:00 AM Late Worship

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**LOWER MARSH CREEK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

**"To glorify God, deepen and enrich the spiritual life of the family of believers, and to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ."**

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