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The **DEADLINE** for the
FEBRUARY ISSUE of Li'l Ripples
is **JANUARY 16TH**

The Giving Corner

NEW BEGINNINGS . . .

EACH MOMENT - EACH DAY - EACH MONTH - EACH YEAR!

Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Many of us have learned that to be a little depressing because by January 5th or so, we've already gone off tract. Daily resolutions like: I'll take time to pray this morning before I start anything else; I'll smile at people as I go through my day (yes, all day); I'll try to do one kind thing for someone without letting them know who did it; or possibly, I'll put a couple more dollars in my church contribution this week so that along with others who do this, we will be able to help more people. Any or all of these things are certainly doable.

But . . .

Have you ever considered how blessed we are to be able to start fresh each day? The mistakes from yesterday can be left behind (so that we can make new ones - haha) and today can be a beautiful "do over". OR are you someone who dwells on yesterday's issues and completely misses this opportunity of a new beginning? **GOOD NEWS - YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND**

Right here and right now is really all we have so let's try to live this moment to the fullest. Planning for the future is certainly a wise way to live as long as we don't miss the present, because that is what this day is—a **PRESENT**. Let's open this gift and thank God for it.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR
INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP TEAM



CHURCH LIFE - FUTURE, PRESENT, PAST

**JANUARY EVENTS**

Pastor Dave's last Sunday with us will be January 11, 2026. Let's thank him with a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Spiritual Life will supply fried chicken. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Pastor Brian's first Sunday with us will be January 18, 2026. Let's welcome him with a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.

For questions, please contact Phyllis Smith 717-253-3162

Adult Sunday School Class - Starting January 4, our group will examine eight prayer warriors from Scripture who turned to God when times turned bad. You'll learn how to pray with their same power when you feel weak, helpless, stressed and afraid. We will read prayers of Moses, Jonah, Hezekiah, Jesus and others. Join us.

Questions: Susan Nunamaker/Doyle Waybright

Women Online - The Women's Bible study meets electronically **two Thursdays a month at 7 PM**. We are currently reading and discussing *A Heart Like His: Intimate Reflections on the life of David* by Beth Moore. If interested in joining us contact Dana McDonald.

Women's Guild - will not meet in January. A Happy and Healthy New Year to One and All ! Roz Santay

Notice - The LMCC Coat Ministry is back in business, effectively immediately !
Bring what you have to donate when you come to church.

Thanks to everyone who will help support this worthy cause.

Lee Bentz

A Note from the Editor: I want to say, again, that I **am very grateful to all of you** for all the interesting, informative and inspiring articles, notices, photos, etc. that you submit every month for inclusion in Li'l Ripples. I get immense enjoyment and satisfaction from compiling all these varied items into the finished monthly newsletter. I am looking forward to checking my inbox in 2026 and finding more of the same.

PLEASE - SEND ALL ITEMS TO THE NEWSLETTER ADDRESS - lilripples@gmail.com Thank you !!

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Collection week for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, was November 17-24, 2025. The mission of OCC is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. For most of these children the shoebox is their first gift ever. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

LMCPC collected 61 shoeboxes this year. Many more members of our congregation built shoeboxes online, and I have no way to count these contributions. Shoebox gifts built online go to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places - whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to numerous unreached people groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

I collected the boxes from our congregation and dropped them off at the First Baptist Church on Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg.

Boxes from Adams County were transported to a brand-new processing center in Baltimore. In the past, Samaritan's Purse has rented warehouse space and the warehouses were often cold, and inadequate. This year Samaritan's Purse purchased a new, permanent warehouse. Franklin Graham was on site to dedicate the facility. It is an amazing place with wall-to-wall murals of Samaritan's Purse outreach events and relief efforts. I hope that next year some of our congregation will volunteer to work at the new center. It is an up-lifting experience. The day I volunteered, we processed 50 thousand shoeboxes!

Elaine Reichl

1 - Barb Schwartz
1 - James Bigham
1 - Barbara Bigham
3 - Phyllis Smith
9 - Cynthia Haskins
11 - Dirk Grove
14 - Mike McDonald
16 - Darlene Palmer



Birthdays
In our LMCPC
Family

17 - Davalene Winters
18 - Frank Buhrman
23 - Franklin Orleski
24 - Art Roth
26 - Mary Smith
28 - AJ Aldrich
30 - Robert (Bob) Williams
31 - R. Daniel (Danny) Shriner

Please Note: Two names were inadvertently dropped from the birthday list in the December issue - Aimee Metz on December 27th and Lynne Orner on December 31st. Sorry for this mistake.

THANKS**THANKS****THANKS****THANKS****THANKS****THANKS****THANKS****THANKS**

November 21, 2025

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

The **Adams County Community Foundation** gratefully acknowledges your gift to the Foundation on November 6, 2025 for the Giving Spree.

Your generosity - combined with that of many others - will have a year-round impact, as participating non-profits have pledged that every dollar donated will stay in and benefit Adams county.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Serpe, President and CEO

November 21, 2025

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

To the Members of the Congregation,

I want to thank you for your generous donation to the ministry of the **Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies**. Your donation supports our commitment to recruit, train and sustain quality chaplains for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Veterans Affairs Hospitals and the military services. Our dedicated chaplains are touching hearts in diverse environments - from bustling VA hospitals and correctional facilities to distant military deployments.

With gratitude,

Rev. Dennis Hysom, Executive Director

November 24, 2025

Your gift to **The Gideons International** enables us to share God's Word for free - wherever needed - locally and globally. Please accept our appreciation on behalf of those blessed by your thoughtfulness.

December 10, 2025

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

We would like to thank the church very much for your generous donation in support of **Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield**. Your gift allows us to provide food for those who need it most, the children in our community. Our goal is to provide children with a backpack of food items that would supply seven meals, five snacks, and two beverages for the weekend to ensure the children of the Fairfield area school district will be well nourished.

With much gratitude and many blessings,

Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield

December 22, 2025

Thank you to everyone that "sent" Christmas cards to me. Each one was **very much appreciated**.

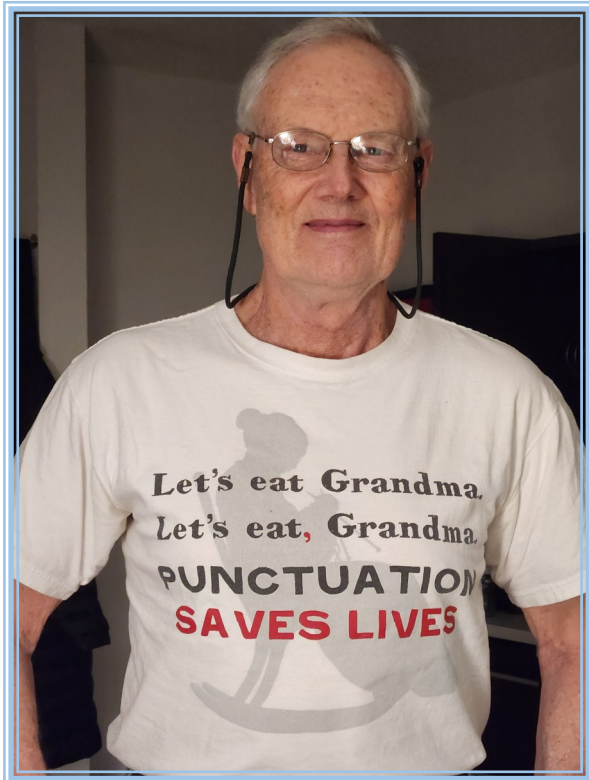
Fay Hess

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Thanks to Kathy Megyeri for the above humor.



Jim Richardson

was kind to

provide a

wise

hint

for us

as we compose

items

for the

Li'l Ripples

newsletter.

THANKS Jim !!

Happy New Year to Everyone !

A Message That's Sorely Needed and Wonderfully Appreciated

Because of my husband's Parkinson's, I spend half my life living at an old folks' retirement home in Washington, DC that's inhabited by a mixture of retired military, civilians and government employees. Eighty percent of its residents are widowed women, and its campus adjacent to Rock Creek Park is like living in a lush forest with walking trails. It has all the amenities one would expect - continuing care, a pool, a dining room, a schedule of activities and field trips, computer support, longtime and caring employees, a food service run by Sodexo Corporation, security guards, and a retired two-star Army General as CEO. But what has surprised me the most during my two-year tenure there is the amount of complaining, which puzzles me. Granted, some are in frail health, many worry about their finances lasting to pay for such care in future years, and of course, some without families nearby depend on each other for companionship. Ironically, the most well attended class offered on Wednesday nights is Bible study taught by local pastors in the area on a rotating basis. As comedian George Carlin once said, "*Perhaps they're all preparing for their final exam.*" But still, I'm amazed at the gripes I hear regularly be it about food, an elevator that malfunctions periodically, a cancelled concert, or maybe late mail delivery, mostly insignificant items that will soon be rectified. But I've come to the conclusion that some inhabitants are simply spoiled. For example, I was shocked while eating one evening that the wife of a retired U.S. Army base commander and another two-star general, who was no doubt used to chauffeurs and staff in her previous life, complained to me that her tossed salad was so sparse that she could see the china plate holding it right through the lettuce, onion, and tomatoes. I wanted to regale her with stories of my 34 years of high school cafeteria duty that I monitored as a teacher to prevent food fights and that resulted in the banishment of serving peas as a vegetable because they made pretty good missiles that could be fired with a fork across the room. I'm just thrilled to be retired and able to pursue my own projects and then walk down to the quiet dining room and be served a three-course meal with a full salad and dessert. It's then that I remember a recent sermon on "Inspiration" wherein the question was posed to each of us how we can be inspired by the Holy Spirit. This message was so on-target and so needed that I felt compelled to share it with my fellow elderly residents. First and foremost was the admonishment to be *grateful* and that, for me, has become a priority during each of my own evening's devotions. Secondly, we are to be *alert to what God is doing in the world*, mostly in very quiet and gentle ways. Third is the ability to *appreciate silence* as there's not enough quiet in our lives. Each Sunday, we were told to center ourselves and be present in the moment so that we can open our ears and eyes to what God is doing in the world now. Ellen Langer, psychology professor at Harvard, claims, "*Remaining in the moment is a way to stay mindful.*" And as a 101-year-old Baruch College law professor who taught for 70 years said, "*You don't live in the past; you live in the present.*" We should not dwell on the past and our regrets and not even worry about what's on our "to-do" list for tomorrow but be open to our own and others' behaviors, attitudes and beliefs and consider the possibility that we could be wrong and that others might be right. So thanks to that particular Sunday's message, I'm trying to be more accepting of others' behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs, and although I'm impatient and often intolerant of the other old folks' complaints, I am trying now to understand where they're coming from. The benefits and joys of chosen careers have ended, loved ones have passed on, they face future uncertainties, and they don't have access to the scholarship, caring and compassion that I am fortunate to enjoy at LMCP with meaningful sermons, and for which I shall be forever grateful.

Kathy Megyeri
June 2025

Deacon's Annual Thanksgiving/Advent Turkey Dinner



November 30, 2025

Photos by
Jim Richardson



And . . . Speaking of Music . . .

MUSIC THAT MOVES ME

***After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,
Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. - Matthew 2:1-2***

The weeks leading up to December 25—Christmas—are busy, hectic and joyful. But, what happens next in the church year? It is a fact that many Christians attach such significance to the celebration of Jesus' birth that the all-important lead-up to our MOST significant Christian celebration - Easter - often takes a backseat.

Did you know that the Christmas season actually BEGINS on December 25, and extends for twelve days AFTER Christmas Day? In 567 A.D., the Council of Tours proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany (from Christmas through January 5) to be a sacred, festive season. This proclamation is the origin of the medieval "Twelfth Night Feast," a night of revelry combining the Roman "Saturnalia" and the Celtic "Samhain" festivals, which were adapted by Christians as a final indulgent celebration preceding the required abstention of Lent. You may also recognize this feast as the inspiration for one of William Shakespeare's most famous plays, "Twelfth Night."

On January 6, 2026, we celebrate Epiphany. This description is copied directly from the PC-USA website: "Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the Magi came from the East to worship the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the Magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ."

You may think of it as a traditional Christmas carol, and you would be correct. But, theologically, "*We Three Kings of Orient Are*" is more aligned with Epiphany. This carol is the first widely popular Christmas music written on American soil, and it is a significant part of America's historical fabric.

Interestingly, this carol shares a connection with another famous Christmas poem composed by an American.

In 1823, Clement C. Moore, a writer, scholar and real estate developer, penned a poem entitled "*A Visit from St. Nicholas*." You may know this poem by its first line: "'Twas the night before Christmas...".

Prior to the fame brought to him by this poem, Moore owned a large estate in the undeveloped northern area of Manhattan, "*a quiet, rural retreat on the picturesque banks of the Hudson*," as he referred to it. He had inherited the "Chelsea" estate from his parents.

The son of an Episcopal bishop, Clement Moore was undoubtedly aware of the newly-formed Episcopal Church's desire and efforts to establish a seminary in New York City. Responding to this need in 1820, he deeded the estate's apple orchard - comprising 66 tracts of land - to the Episcopal Diocese of New York to be the site of the General Theological Seminary. The seminary in New York's Chelsea district continues to produce theologians today, surrounded by residential areas originally subdivided by Moore from his estate.

And, now, we fast forward approximately thirty years, to 1850. Thirty-year-old John Henry Hopkins Jr., who had previously worked as a journalist and studied law, felt a call to the ministry. He enrolled at the General Theological Seminary, graduated, and was ordained as a deacon. Five years later, in 1855, Hopkins became the seminary's first music teacher, a post he held simultaneously with his ministry in the Episcopal Church until 1857.

It was in 1857, during his final year of teaching at the seminary, that Hopkins wrote "*We Three Kings of Orient Are*," as part of a Christmas pageant produced by the General Theological Seminary.

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He wrote this carol to include five verses. He intended for verses one and five to be sung together by 3 male voices (representing the Magi), with verses two through four sung as solos by the individual "Wise Men." The carol's vivid imagery interweaves the story of the Magi's journey with the revelation of God's promise and the light of the star in the east.

This carol established Hopkins as a leading Episcopalian hymn composer. While he went on to write many other worship songs, none achieved the popularity of "*We Three Kings*."

It is fascinating that, somewhat indirectly, one of America's best-loved secular poems about Christmas paved the way for the composition of one of America's best loved Christmas (Epiphany) carols. Indeed, God works in mysterious ways.

EPIPHANY

We Three Kings of Orient Are 233

WORDS and MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1822-1891), alt.

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Lower Marsh
Creek Church
Nativity Scene
December 2025

New
Church
Sign
Along
Route
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Serving God By

DEACONS' INFORMATION

Serving Others

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Attendees of LMCC 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 Al Miller at 717 - 642 - 1574 or 443 - 977 - 9129.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

Susan Nunamaker 717 - 642 - 9646

Sallie Sites 717- 253 - 0305

Jim Welsh 717 - 377 - 5370

Len Williams 717 - 642 - 0123

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY:

I had the pleasure of representing LMCPC as our delivery was made to the Fairfield Food Pantry on Friday December 19th. What I did not know was the Food Pantry Volunteers were having a discussion prior to my arrival. This discussion centered around items they needed and their budget limits. LMCPC had been asked to provide breakfast items for Christmas morning. As I carried the first box in, the volunteers became excited "this is great, people will be happy to see these items." But to their surprise, I turned and gathered several more boxes. By this time they were full of joy. But we still were not finished, and as the last box was deposited the team was speechless, they said, "thank you just didn't seem like enough." Once again this church family sent a tremendous blessing to this program. Thank you to all that helped make this possible. This was a true Christmas experience for me.

God Bless,
John Stottlemeyer

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE**Adams Christian Prison Ministries**

From the December 2025 ACPM Newsletter

"I, Rachel DuPhily, the new Director of Christian Ministries, had the privilege of working with Chaplain Perez during the last two weeks of November. His knowledge and expertise in this role are truly appreciated. I am very excited about all that God is doing here at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex and within our community.

I would like to personally thank Chaplain Perez for the incredible work he has done over the past six years as the ACPM Director of Christian Ministries. He will be greatly missed, yet we hold great expectations of good things to come in all he does."

Adams Rescue Mission/Agape

2025 Report

We have been hard at work improving the lives of our neighbors in Adams County. Through strong partnerships with organizations, nonprofits, and local churches, we have expanded our support for those most in need. This year we have:

- ~ In the process of acquiring a building to house 30 single women
- ~ Through partnering with local landlords, community donors, Safe Home, and CYS we were able to provide 16 transitional housing opportunities for our Resident Guests.
- ~ Opened our first daycare in partnership with Chapel Hill Church of God in York Springs
- ~ Begun plans to refurbish the former York Springs parsonage to shelter up to 5 families
- ~ Served over 30,000 meals

We continue to provide housing and jobs for men at our York Road facility. To sustain these efforts, we invite you to support our Annual Appeal with a gift of cash, check, or appreciated stock. We now accept stock donations through ACNB Bank. Your generosity keeps the Mission strong. Thank you for your support.

A huge thank you to the incredible individuals who show up each week to support the work we do for our community. From driving our trucks and helping in the sorting room, to lending a hand with pick-ups. Cleaning, leading Bible studies, and so much more – your willingness to serve makes our mission possible. We are deeply grateful for you!

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Child Evangelism Fellowship

From the December 2025 CEF newsletter

For Christmas this month, we are talking to the children about what it would be like if Jesus had never come, based on John 15:22. What would life be like if Jesus had never been born, lived and then given up His life on the cross taking the punishment for our sin. Then rose again and is in heaven interceding for us.

Have you taken the time to ponder this?

Your grocery bill could help this ministry. When you sign up for the rewards program at any Kennie's Market location, 1% of your total bill will be donated to this ministry. Just go to customer service and sign up.

Is there someone in your life that you would like to honor or remember with a donation to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County? Maybe they love children or have taught children and you would like to honor them. Bless them with a gift to help us to get the Word of God to the children of Adams County.

Every Thursday morning at 7am some folks gather around their phone or computer to pray for CEF of Adams County. If you are interested in joining us to pray for the children, please contact Miss Pam (717-677-4797 or pamelablankenship@cefepa.net).

With the constant increase in postage, we would like to offer email options to all our supporters. If you are willing to have your newsletter or donation receipt emailed to you instead of post mail, please contact Miss Pam at the office. We appreciate you helping us to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Compassion International

In his last letter, Sergio mentioned that he is struggling with his studies, and he asked for a picture of our family. I sent him a congregational picture which was taken in 2022 in front of the church along with this letter: "Dear Sergio, Thank you so much for your latest letter. I would like to encourage you to work as hard as you can in your studies and I will pray that you are able to meet your goals in the third trimester. You asked for a picture of our whole family, and I am sending the latest one I have which was taken in 2022 in front of our church. Peace to you and your family in this holiday season, Sandy Buhrman ..."

DiscipleMakers

From their November 22, 2025 newsletter

As we minister on campus, we have a secret weapon: **Our student leaders.** We can't enter classes to meet new students, *but our student leaders can.* We can't turn study meetings into prayer meetings, *but our student leaders can.* We can't join athletic teams to share the gospel, *but our student leaders can.*

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Over our years of ministry, God raised up a team of men and women committed to Christ. They strive to follow Jesus themselves, and help others to do the same. So each week, I (Kevin) meet with these student ambassadors to train them in evangelism, discipleship, prayer and Bible study.

The most recent addition to our leadership team is "Brett," a marine who met his Messiah. Since putting his faith in Jesus a few months ago, Brett has grown by leaps and bounds. He shifted his schedule, prioritized church involvement, and began devouring God's word. Over the last few weeks, I met with Brett. As the semester progressed, he sensed it was time for him to start sharing God's word and his faith with others. Here's his explanation of why he wanted to join our Student Leadership Team, in his own words:

"Being a member of DiscipleMakers Leadership Team will help in pushing me in following Jesus more. Throughout his time on Earth, Jesus never stopped spreading the Gospel, sending the disciples in spreading the Gospel and finally commissioning them to make disciples of all nations. God is calling me for something greater than to just know the Word but to spread the Word. I believe being part of LT will help push me in this calling. Just like the disciples being equipped and sent out in pairs of two, God [is] showing me this is my training to do faith with works."

Please join us in praying for God to continue to grow Brett (and our other student leaders) as bold disciples of Christ! Please also pray for God to encourage our leaders with good fruit from their labors. We're praying that each leader might help a peer or classmate put faith in Christ this year!

Fall Conference Update: By God's grace, over 500 students heard the gospel preached from God's word over and over. Several young men and women made professions of faith in Jesus at the conference, or shortly thereafter as they thought about what they'd learned.



Additionally, around 60 students attended Maria's breakout on how to talk to new people. Here are a few of their reactions:

"When I'm choosing not to engage with others around me, I'm loving my comfort and productivity more than people!"

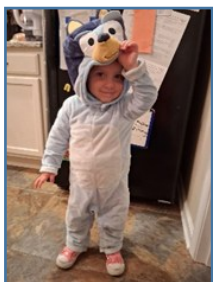
"We were designed to talk to strangers and build relationships with those around us. Most of the obstacles that prevent us from talking begin with US."

"I went to the how to talk to strangers breakout with Maria Noyes! She is so great. I will definitely be taking her practical tips and study-backed reasoning to talk to more strangers in my life."

Praise God for His work at Fall conference!

Noyes News

Birthdays: This fall, Maria planned a combined birthday party for Simeon (who turned 6) and Hope (who turned 2). Hope really enjoys dressing up in costumes!



Adventures: Maria had the opportunity to attend the Christian Counseling and Education Foundation (CCEF) National Conference at the Hershey Lodge in October. As a part of staying there, she got free tickets to the Hershey Rose Gardens. So, she took the kids to the gardens and to Chocolate World the following week for Hope's birthday with some friends. The kids had a blast seeing the sights and enjoying some sweet treats!

Pregnancy: [At last report, Maria's pregnancy was going well and the placenta had moved. Both Maria and their baby boy were healthy. Her due date was December 12th and I look forward to giving you an update as soon as I hear. ~Sandy]

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Mission of Mercy

2025 Report

During the twelve months ending October 31, 2025, Mission of Mercy provided:

- ~ Free primary care to over 1500 medical patients who visited their clinics over 3950 times
- ~ Dispensed more than 3020 free prescription medications
- ~ Provided free dental fillings and/or extractions to over 840 dental patients who visited the dental clinics over 1070times
- ~ Performed over 7580 free dental procedures
- ~ In July 2025 Mission of Mercy expanded to provide free dental care for veterans one day per month and have served 41 veterans to date
- ~ Initiated a dental hygiene program at two Mission of Mercy dental clinics
- ~ Distributed over 82,700 pounds of fresh, nutritious food to over 2700 families
- ~ Over 140 medical and dental professions and lay people volunteered their time and talents across the six Mission of Mercy clinics.
- ~ Six community hospitals provide pro-bono diagnostics (lab and x-ray) to support the clinics, including Mercy Hospital, which provides up to 12 free surgeries each year

Hold the date!

Adams County Young Life will be holding a fundraising banquet on

Monday, February 23, 2026 (6:30 – 8:30p.m.)

at Gettysburg Foursquare Church, 328 W. Middle Street

Look for an announcement in the Sunday bulletins
after the first of the year for information on how to sign up



From the Clerk's Desk

Even though Session did not meet in December here are a few business items to close out the year 2025.

- o Membership as of 12/19/2025: Active Members (AM) = 153, Friends Participating (FP) = 33, Affiliate Members (AfM): 0, Family Members (FM): 44, Total: 230
- o The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. We thank you for your continued generosity and financial support!

Approved the following events and business items:

- ~ Approved via email the payment for road signage to Len Dick in the amount of \$1,935 from the Church Operating Fund.

News from the Clerk of Session:

- o A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship service on January 25, 2026.
- o Session Team assignments for 2026 are as follows:
 - o Spiritual Life Team: Mike Orleski (chair), Susan Nunamaker, Lynne Orner
 - o Home Ministry Tem: Lanny Winters (chair), Joe Jackson, Jed Smith
 - o Interpretation & Stewardship (I&S) Team: Lauren Neely (chair), Doyle Waybright, Bev Benner

**Session wishes all members and friends of the
Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church family
a blessed New Year!**

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
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Gettysburg, PA 17325

Li'l Ripples January 2026



Pastor
Brian Moss



Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School - 8:30 AM
Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Nursery 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Church Office Information

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Website - www.lmcpc.org

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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

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