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This is a Test!

What does it mean to be a Christian today? There are many interrelated answers to this question. To be a Christian requires viewing all of life as beneath the sovereignty of God. To be a Christian requires a commitment to acknowledge and claim for oneself the richness of our spiritual lives. In our materialistic world, living a spiritual life is challenging. A Christian spiritual life includes a commitment to prayer, worship, love of others, and mission. To be a Christian requires us to behave each day in ways that seek to express the great biblical values of peace, righteousness and compassion. More than anything else, being a Christian today means knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus includes both knowing about Jesus, and knowing Jesus as part of a deeply personal relationship with him as our Lord and Savior.

Since we have moved through all the great high holidays of our Church year, let's test ourselves: Do we know about Jesus?

1. The Church year starts with Advent and flows through five Church seasons until Pentecost. (In the Church year, the many weeks from Pentecost to the start of Advent again are often called Ordinary Time.) What are the five traditional seasons of the Church year and how are they related to the life of Jesus?

2. In the Church, we mark with special days the most important events in the life of Jesus. What is the significance of each of these days and how is each of these days related to the life of Jesus?: Christmas Day, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension Day, Pentecost.

3. In the Church, we always seek insight and wisdom from the things that Jesus did in his life. Make a list of specific things that Jesus did in his life, and ponder how these influence the way you live your life.

4. In the Church, we celebrate two Sacraments: the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Do you know the stories from the life of Jesus that are the inspiration for our Sacraments?

All things in Christ!

Mark

Next newsletter deadline:

Friday, June 18

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TRUST in
THE LORD
with ALL YOUR
HEART
PROVERBS 3:5

Church Life Announcements

Sunday mornings at 9:45 all adults are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall to read and discuss the Gospel of Mark. We are using N.T. Wright's book Mark for Everyone.

The Women's Bible Study will meet electronically Thursday, June 3 and Thursday, June 17 at 7 PM. Interested women contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.

The Women's Guild wants you to remember the date September 25th, 2021. That is the date our annual Yard & Bake Sale will return. Get your items ready to sell and look for our form in the July/August issue of the newsletter and in future church bulletins. Let's get rid of clutter! The Women's Guild will meet June 15th in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Adams County Habitat for Humanity – a new Blitz Build has been scheduled for next month, June 3-5 and June 10-12. The worksite is located at 41 Marie Lane in Biglerville. Masks are required on the worksite and each day is limited to 20 workers. Please notify Lucas Crumbacker, 717-339-9396 or crummy38@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer for the Blitz Build. No food or refreshment contributions are needed for the Blitz Build. Lower Marsh Creek will be providing refreshments and workers for a workday on September 4th. Please keep that date in mind and let Lucas know if you would like to contribute to the workday on September 4.

MARRIAGE RETREAT Kickoff Social. Please save the date! On September 18th the planning committee is hosting a potluck picnic. All couples are invited to attend. More information will be provided in the coming months.

TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND — October 8 - 17, 2021

Join Pastor Mark and Pastor Dale on the trip of a lifetime, discovering our spiritual roots in beautiful Scotland. The trip, of special interest to those with a Reformed or Presbyterian background, includes visits to a number of sites made famous by the great Scottish Reformer, John Knox. Arriving in Glasgow and a tour of the city, we travel to Edinburgh, where we will visit St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, and walk the famous "Royal Mile." From there it's off to St. Andrews, Scotland's oldest university town, and the "Home of Golf." Leaving St. Andrews we will travel from Aberdeen to Inverness in the Scottish Highlands and have the opportunity to look for the Loch Ness Monster! In addition, we'll visit a sheep farm, where sheep herding dogs are trained, and enjoy a traditional "Celidh Experience," an evening of Scottish dancing and music. From there we travel to the coast and ferry to the Isles of Mull and Iona, where, in the 13th century, St. Columba established a monastery that became the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. From Iona we return to Glasgow by way of the Trossachs, including a scenic cruise on Loch Katrine, tour of Stirling Castle, and a visit to the Bannockburn Heritage Center. The tour concludes with a "special "farewell dinner" in Glasgow before returning to the United States. It is our hope that this tour will be a rewarding spiritual experience as well as an enjoyable one.

Pastor Mark will lead a study that will help us appreciate our Scottish spiritual heritage prior to our departure. Time is running out to sign up! **The deadline to sign up without any penalty is June 15.** Pick up an "Itinerary and Registration" package in the Narthex or talk to Pastor Mark (pastormark@lmcp.org) or Pastor Dale (pastor.dale.williams@gmail.com) for more information.

“IS IT I LORD”

Congregational Retreat JUNE 26, 2021 10:00AM - ????

Where: Jim & Bev Benner's Home, 1675 Cold Springs Rd., Fairfield, PA

Relationships: Seeking the Fruit of the Spirit

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.”

Lamentations 3:40

As human beings we crave connections and relationships with one another. We were born for relationships. Many of our relationships are casual and fun, never truly revealing the depth of our feelings. But some of our relationships include deep intimacy and transformative power. Of course, our Christian faith encourages and nurtures deep, sustained and meaningful relationships with one another. For Christians the relations which we share with one another are motivated and inspired by Jesus Christ.

Relationships with one another will happen whether or not we pay attention to them or bother to invest any spiritual energy in them. But the higher calling of Christian discipleship also teaches us that our relationships can be improved, transformed, and generally encouraged. Forgiveness and reconciliation are possible! Conflicts may be resolved through dialogue and mutual trust. New friendships can be created and sustained. Teamwork can accomplish remarkable things. Truly, when we abide in Christ all of our relationships are blessed and grow deeper.

This workshop during our congregational retreat day will use some contemporary research from the field of psychology to help us discuss ways we may nurture, deepen and sustain our relationships with one another. We will ponder together the categories of “emotional intelligence” to define ways we may improve all of our relationships in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please join us for our congregational retreat on Saturday, June 26.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



MUSIC News



Psalm 150 instructs us to: "Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens...Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre...Praise Him with timbrel ...and strings and pipes ... Praise Him with the clash of cymbals..."

As we enter the month of June, and throughout the summer months, our music program will be including familiar faces as well as some new musicians. And, yes, we will attempt to include as many musical instruments as possible for your worship experience at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church! Please let me know if you would like to be scheduled to share your musical talents!

Our Special Musical selections for the month of June are listed below. I must share that we are experiencing a new phenomenon – people have places to go and people to see and are able to travel! This is wonderful, after so many months of COVID protocol. However, scheduling has become a bit more complicated, but for an exceptionally good reason. We can finally visit family and friends!

June 6 – Communion – Vocalists

June 13 – Wire and Wood with a special song by Dirk Grove to fit the sermon presented by Lynn Miller

June 20 – Bells of Faith

June 27 – Vocal ensemble

July 4th!!!! - Since this national holiday falls on a Sunday (the first Sunday we will be having only one service at 10:00), it seems the perfect time to raise our voices in patriotic songs! I would like to invite anyone interested in singing in a special ensemble on this special Sunday to contact me (pausetoread@yahoo.com or see me in church). That way I can get you the music/lyrics. The songs will be ones that you know, so no worries! And, of course, we will wear red, white, and blue as we fill the front of the church with very special music!

I hope you enjoy singing as a congregation as much as I enjoy accompanying you!

"As long as we live, there is never enough singing." Martin Luther

Linda Clark

Virginia (Ginny) K. Woods Scholarship Recipients



Pictured from left to right: Jenna Leedy, Kendall Grossman and Lynne Miller, representative of the I&S Team

On Sunday, May 23 Lynne Miller, on behalf of the Interpretation & Stewardship Team in conjunction with the Session, presented the Virginia K. Woods Scholarship to both Kendall Grossman and Jenna Leedy. There was no scholarship award given last year due to COVID restrictions, so this year the I&S Team decided to award two scholarships to each of the young ladies in the amount of \$1,500.

Virginia K. Woods, better known as Ginny, was a long time member of Lower Marsh Creek Church and a retired teacher who had a great love for education and youth. She remembered the youth of LMC in her will through the establishment of this Scholarship Fund.

Kendall Grossman is the daughter of Henry and Crystal Grossman and the granddaughter of Linda Lapp. Over the years she attended Sunday School, volunteered at VBS and participated in the Youth Group here at LMC. She will graduate from Gettysburg Area High School and will be attending Slippery Rock University located in the village of Slippery Rock in western Pennsylvania. Kendall will major in sports management with the goal of becoming a high school or collegiate athletic director.

Jenna Leedy is the daughter of Wade and Jodi Leedy and the granddaughter of Carlos and Doris Wampler. Jenna was a participant in VBS and later volunteered in the program. She also attended summer camp at Camp Krislund. She will graduate from Gettysburg Area High School and will be attending James Madison University located in Harrisonburg, Virginia in the western part of the state. Jenna will major in marketing with the goal of becoming a marketing executive.

Stone by Stone (The Church Song)

When the church was going to celebrate its 250 birthday on May 31st, 1998, Gary Bechtel, our then Clerk of Session, asked me if I would write a poem to commemorate the anniversary. I willingly did and read the poem in the cemetery on the day of the anniversary. Fast forward to 2021 and our church organist, Linda Clark, felt that with the passing of 6 of our beloved members, that we should have a church song to help honor them and all others who have departed during the church's lifetime. The poem became important once again since it was based on everything a church does for the people who attend it. Dirk Grove became a very essential part of this idea since he writes and sings music beautifully. So, one night Linda, Dirk and I went to choir practice early and began creating what we hoped would be a church song that honored the building of our structure and those who have served and loved "our little stone church." Linda suggested we begin each stanza with the opening notes of our beloved, "Closing Prayer", and emphasize how stones were brought by the congregation to add to the beauty of the building. We all rearranged words of the poem so they would fit the pattern of the song and with Linda and Dirk playing original music on guitar and piano and choir members adding harmony to the verses, we all felt our church song was ready. On May 2nd, the song was presented and was graciously received. I was honored that my poem was used again after 23 years and that I had the privilege to work with two wonderful people whose talent made it into a song which we hope will be used often. *Roz Santay*

1. We built it up, stone by stone; A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone
Surviving change, surviving sorrow; Providing faithfulness and fellowship, and strength to face tomorrow
2. We built it up, stone by stone; A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone
Soothing pain, we fight despair; We offer peace and consolation by simply being there
3. We built it up, stone by stone; A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone
Recalling friends, recalling faces; Rememb'ring moments etched in time, and the love this church embraces

Our Lower Marsh Creek Church stands solid
Each one of us a stone unique
Our trust in God holds us together
This Heavenly place on earth, Marsh Creek
4. We built it up, stone by stone; A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone
We nurture faith, the seeds we sow, are those of harmony and unity to help God's kingdom grow
5. We built it up, stone by stone; A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone
Believers come! Fulfill your search! And find contentment and salvation at the Lower Marsh Creek Church

Listed below is the poem that Roz Santay wrote at Gary Bechtel's request for Lower Marsh Creek Church's 250th anniversary on May 31, 1998.

250 Years

What seems like a glorious moment

Just a twinkling of God's eye

250 memorable years of our

Church's life have passed by.

250 historical years

Surviving change and sorrow

Of striving to create a faithfulness

On which we can build tomorrow.

Of reaching out to help its people

When life is filled with despair

By lending a supportive hand,

Or simply being there.

250 constructive years

Of growth, expansion and faces

Of people who have stayed a lifetime

Or have journeyed to different places.

And yet with all the passing years

One thing remains the same,

Lower Marsh Creek Church

has always been a home

For those who know God's name.

So on this day of celebration

Let our faith be a seed to sow

May our love for the church continue

And be nourished so it may grow.

We ask God's blessing for our church

Its ministers and congregation

And for the next 250 years

May it continue to be our strength and salvation.





Recent Correspondence from Mission Organization/Missionaries We Support

Adams Christian Prison Ministries

In their May newsletter, ACPM reports that as of the end of April they had received \$7,995 in donations for Celebration of Grace and after adding the matching grant, the new total is \$15,910. More donations are trickling in and they hope to exceed their goal of \$20,000. ACPM will hold its annual golf outing on July 21 and the deadline to register is July 6.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Extra hands are needed: summer missionary trainees, face painters, hosts for 5-Day Clubs, just to name a few. If you are interested, contact Pam at 717-677-4797 or cefadams@gmail.com. The summer schedule includes a Missionary Training School June 14-25, and 5-Day Clubs June 21 - August 13. The South Mountain Fair is scheduled for July 27-31.

DiscipleMakers (Kevin and Maria Noyes)

Kevin reports that he has noticed a challenging trend. This semester more and more of the young men he regularly talks with seem to have little to nothing to talk about. COVID has condensed their worlds to their studies, and their escape of choice (usually a videogame or TV show) leaves little mental energy for God, their spiritual growth, or other people. Maria reports that although this year's Women's Conference didn't look much like a typical one (virtual which doesn't have quite the same appeal as attending in person), it was one of her favorites because God allowed her to see how He has been working powerfully in the ladies' hearts through the challenges of this past year. In a personal note, they report that Simeon's braces arrived at the end of April and they are already noticing significant improvement in his balance and mobility. He now loves walking (and sometimes almost running) around the house pushing his push toy.

Thomas and Cheri Henry

Thomas and Cheri plan to be in Gettysburg May 29 - June 6. They will visit LMC on Sunday, May 30 to present a minute for mission during both services and hold an open meeting in the sanctuary between the ser-

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vices, and will be at First Baptist Church on Sunday, June 6. I will be working with Thomas and Cheri to coordinate their visit at the end of this month.

Bob and Kristi Rice (South Sudan)

We received a thank you from Bob and Kristi for our faithful prayers and generous financial support. They praise God that churches have been planted this year, leaders trained, and the healing and reconciliation work continues, despite the challenge of the pandemic. Bob and Kristi have been in the U.S. this year because of Covid-19, but they hope and pray that they can return to South Sudan soon.

Letters from our Compassion Children

Brayan Alexander Trujillo Orellana (El Salvador)

In Brayan's latest letter (February), he was under 10 days of quarantine at home with his parents, and he reported that he had been doing homework and guides sent to him by his tutors at the Children Development Center. The Center has supported his family with groceries, medical check-ups, clinical exams, and hygiene kits. He asked what we have done in the days of the pandemic and requested prayers for him and his family.

Hawine Hirko (Ethiopia)

In Hawine's latest letter (December), she prayed for God to protect us from the pandemic and thanked us for our support. She looks forward to completing her education and continuing to grow in her spiritual life, especially in spiritual song. There is a more recent letter from Hawine in transit but not translated yet.

Sergio Mauricio Orihuela (Bolivia)

Sergio reports in his latest letter (March) that they were able to buy groceries and hygiene supplies with the gift we sent. He and his mom say thank you for the support. He was able to travel to visit grandparents and do some fishing in the river. He plays soccer every weekend with his uncles and when his mother goes to work, he studies and does his homework. He misses attending school and being with his teachers and friends, and he asks for your prayers for his good health, that the pandemic disappears, and people stop being sick.

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I have recently written to all three of our Compassion Children, but if any of you would like to send a letter to them, please let me know.

Sandy Buhrman

Mission Advocate

## Legacy Giving Sunday

On May 2nd, Lower Marsh Creek Church observed Legacy Giving Sunday. It was an opportunity to reflect on how your church is your spiritual home — and so much more. It's the place where children have been baptized, youth have come to know Christ, where couples began a new life together and where a community of faith lives and shares together.

Each person has a legacy to be given. Some legacies are like Alfred Nobel's Prizes or Andrew Carnegie's endowments to education and world peace. Maybe your legacy is to live a life of wisdom or community service. Maybe to be remembered by your children and grandchildren for a life well lived. Maybe we remember the story in Mark, Chapter 12, where Jesus observed the poor widow placing her two pennies in the Temple collection telling his disciples that as poor as she is, has given everything she has.

What we are considering is a legacy to God and God's Church here on earth. To be mindful that a legacy can be something that endures and grows. It is a way to continue the blessings of your spiritual home for many years to come.

I&S Team



## June Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 6 — Catherine Orleski | 18 — Stephanie Kann  |
| 12 — Roy Weaner       | 21 — David Sheppard  |
| 17 — Nicole Bucher    | 27 — Susan Nunamaker |

*Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!*



Answers from page 13: 1. **A** (Ps. 1:1) 2. **C** (Ps.3: 1,7) 3. **C** (Ps. 9:19-20) 4. **C** (Ps. 80:4-5) 5. **B** (Ps.137:1-3)  
6. **A** (Ps.127:1) 7. **C** (Ps. 90:10) 8. **A** (Ps. 6:1,6) 9. **B** (Ps.139:23-24) 10. **B** (Ps.73:1-3)

**THANK YOU**

We thank each one of you for your kind words, cards, food and prayers following the loss of our beloved Eddie Lee, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Your kindness and love were felt more than you can know. Encouragement following a great loss is a gift from God, and we're grateful to belong to such a remarkable church family. - Pat, Michael, Isaac, Nicole and Larkin

Dear Friends of Lower Marsh Creek,

"We are called to be holy, not through anything we have done, but through the grace of Jesus Christ granted to us before the beginning of time." (2 Timothy 1:9)

God's divine grace enables us to overcome any and all issues in our lives. It is best understood and most needed in the midst of sin, suffering, and brokenness. Grace makes us alive! Grace, though, is not about us, but about God who gives us nothing less than Himself! AMEN!!

As we are sent to proclaim the Gospel message, we go by God's grace. It transforms our motivation and behavior, for our salvation was won for us through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ!

Thank you, dear friends, for supporting ACPM on Celebration of Grace day. Your gift of \$300 is a blessing of grace for our ministries!

In His love,  
Deacon Tom Aumen  
ACPM Secretary

Dear Friends and Partners of Adams Christian Prison Ministries,

We are truly grateful for all the churches that joined us for our Celebration of Grace Sunday this past month. Their participation has made this campaign a successful one. As of the end of April, we received \$7,995 in donations for Celebration of Grace. Adding the matching grant, we have a new total of \$15,910. More donations are trickling in, so they will help us to exceed our goal of \$20,000. God continues to provide for this ministry through the generous donations from organizations and individuals. Thus we are able to continue to fulfill our mission and purpose. Thank you!

Adams Christian Prison Ministries  
Chaplain Angel Perez

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Dear Friends at Lower Marsh Creek,

Easter-tide greetings to you! We want to thank you again for your faithful prayers and generous financial support. We are so grateful for your partnership.

We praise God that churches have been planted this year, leaders trained, and the healing and reconciliation work continues, despite the challenges of the pandemic. God is at work! We have been in the U.S. this year because of COVID-19, but we hope and pray we can return to South Sudan soon.

We pray often for your church, and for your witness to God's love and grace in Gettysburg and around the world.

In Christ,

Bob & Kristi Rice

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Church,

For more than 30 years the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen has been providing a friendly environment where adults and children can come to meet their needs for both food and fellowship. Since 1991, our total meals served exceeds 300,000 with 15,064 in 2020.

We received your donation of \$1,200. I wish to extend our warmest thanks on behalf of our guests. Steady blessings such as yours enable us to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry each year.

In 2020, the Soup Kitchen served a nutritious mid-day meal to an average of 40 persons daily. In addition to our meals, guests are able to select one or two items daily from our giveaway basket, take unlimited items of baked goods, fresh vegetables and fruits, toiletries, and overstocked canned goods.

We look forward to your continued support and just know that your contribution is at work.

Thank you again,

Sandy Lutz

Kitchen Supervisor

Dear Lower Marsh Creek 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 \$2,000 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

Krislund Camp & Conference Center

## Complete The Psalm

It's the hymnbook of Scripture, a prayer book, and the longest book in the Bible. Psalms is quoted more in the New Testament than any other Old Testament book. The 150 psalms contain a wealth of literature that is both applicable and memorable. Below is a sampling of quotes from the Psalms. See how well you do at choosing the correct option to complete each thought. But a word of warning: the various psalmists were very honest about their feelings. As you check your answers at the bottom of page 10, you may be surprised at some of the things that are actually stated in the Bible.

1. Blessed is the man who does not walk
  - a. In the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners
  - b. Away from the Lord
  - c. Where his feet should not tread
2. O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!...Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God!
  - a. Provide your protection from all my enemies
  - b. Forgive my enemies for their offenses against me
  - c. Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked
3. Arise, O Lord, let not man triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence
  - a. Let your loving mercy shine on them
  - b. Judge them with complete fairness
  - c. Strike them with terror, O Lord; let the nations know they are but men
4. O Lord God Almighty, how long will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
  - a. We beseech you seeking compassion and forgiveness
  - b. The loss of your presence is too much to bear
  - c. You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful
5. By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our
  - a. Tools, determined to do no work for our enemies
  - b. Harps, for there our captors asked us for songs
  - c. Heads and prayed that God would soon return us to our homeland
6. Unless the Lord builds the house
  - a. Its builders labor in vain
  - b. It will never withstand the storm
  - c. His people continue to wander as sheep without a shepherd
7. The length of our days is seventy years, or eighty, if we have the strength
  - a. And beyond that, eternity with you
  - b. Yet our years are but sand through your hands, O Lord
  - c. Yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away
8. O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath...I am worn out from groaning
  - a. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears
  - b. Yet I groan no longer for you are with me
  - c. But you do not bless groaning, so I laugh instead
9. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts
  - a. Forgive the iniquity you find in my life
  - b. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting
  - c. Grant me your everlasting peace and help me live for you
10. Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied
  - a. The strength and power of the nations around me
  - b. The arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked
  - c. The righteousness of the patriarchs of old



## From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Following are highlights from actions taken at this meeting:

- Membership as of 5/18/2021: Active Members (AM = CA): 167, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 68 and Family Members: 57.
- The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report on page 17 in this issue. We thank you for your financial support!
- At a special meeting of Session on May 23, 2021, Session hosted a welcome luncheon and accepted into membership Lane and Carolyn Speck, Donald Rider, Erica Duffy, and Carol Salisbury. Welcome to our new members! A public reception will take place on Sunday, May 30, 2021 for our new members during both worship services.

⊙ *Approved the following events and business items:*

- That a Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 12 noon to 6:00 PM.
- Approved that the wearing of masks is optional both indoors and out on church property effective May 25, 2021.
- Approved that the Home Ministry Team move ahead with the purchase of a new HVAC system for the classroom/office portion of the education building. The cost of \$10,346.00 will be expensed through the Building Investment Fund.

⊙ *News from the Home Ministry Team:*

- Team Members: Alicia DeHoff, chair; Susan Nunamaker and Jim Richardson
- A Wi-Fi booster system has been installed on the education building and the church to strengthen the service for live streaming purposes.

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- Stump removal and the planting of new trees occurred on May 24, 2021.
- The new AED has arrived and will be installed in the church building.
- Under the direction of Julie Orleski, a new AED Equipment Check Committee has been created. They will do monthly checks on both AEDs. Thank you to all who have volunteered for this important work!

⊙ *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team:*

- Team members: Karen Golden, chair; Ray Wright and Lynn Miller.
- The Budget Team, a subteam of the I&S Team, has scheduled an All-teams Budget Preparation meeting for Sunday, July 11. A Congregational Budget Discussion will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021 between services and Stewardship Sunday is set for Sunday, October 3, 2021.
- The team will review the action items recommended by the Financial Review Team as reported in the 2020 Financial Review Report received by Session at their April meeting.

⊙ *News from the Spiritual Life Team:*

- Team members: Bev Benner, chair; Cathy Michaliga and Dirk Grove.
- The team is planning a few spaghetti dinners as fellowship events for this fall.
- Sunday School for the children will end for the summer on May 30, 2021.
- Considering the start of a widows' fellowship group. More information will be coming on this idea.



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 for your continued support for the Fairfield Food Pantry. If you are unable to drop off donations, you may send a check to LMCPD and designate Fairfield Food Pantry in the memo line. Please keep in mind that personal items and cleaning supplies are always appreciated since they cannot be purchased with food stamps.

#### Personal Items Needed:

Shampoo/ conditioner  
 Soap/ body wash  
 Toothpaste/ dental floss  
 Deodorant  
 Feminine hygiene products  
 Shaving cream or gel

#### Cleaning Supplies Needed:

Laundry detergent/ softener  
 Dishwashing liquid  
 Floor care products (Mop & Glo, Spic and Span etc.)  
 Furniture dusting spray (Pledge, Endust, etc.)  
 Toilet bowl cleaner (Lysol, Clorox, Scrubbing Bubbles)  
 All purpose cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine-Sol, Lysol, etc.)

### Deacons

The first funeral reception since the beginning of COVID-19 was held for family and friends of Ed Gotwalt on May 20, 2021. Precautions were in place to ensure safe food preparation and serving. Several additional receptions are in the planning stages and deacons will continue to remain COVID-cautious.

Thank you for all for the support of Ruth's Harvest Fairfield during the 2020-2021 school year. Food collections will cease the end of May but monetary contributions will continue to be accepted throughout the summer. Food collection will resume in August prior to the beginning of Fairfield School District's school year. Further information regarding food collection and filling of the backpacks will be printed in the church bulletin and Li'l Ripples prior to that time.

Doris Wampler, Moderator

***May the sunshine of God's love and kindness be reflected in all we do***

### 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).

| <b>Volunteer Drivers</b> |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 – APRIL 2021

## Church Operating Fund Income

| Account Description                   | April - 2021       | Year-to-Date<br>2021 | 2021<br>Budget      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Offering Income                       | \$32,264.15        | \$107,882.15         | \$280,000.00        |
| Other Income                          | \$889.07           | \$13,930.09          | \$15,450.00         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   | <b>\$33,153.22</b> | <b>\$121,812.24</b>  | <b>\$295,450.00</b> |
| <b>Church Operating Fund Expenses</b> |                    |                      |                     |
| Spiritual Life                        | \$65.00            | \$931.01             | \$14,200.00         |
| Education & Nurture                   | \$0.00             | \$237.29             | \$6,100.00          |
| Interpretation & Stewardship          | \$0.00             | \$4,955.86           | \$5,951.00          |
| Home Ministry                         | \$3,420.58         | \$17,265.87          | \$70,382.00         |
| Church Administration                 | \$14,829.33        | \$58,660.72          | \$198,817.00        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                 | <b>\$18,314.91</b> | <b>\$82,050.75</b>   | <b>\$298,450.00</b> |
| <b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>          | <b>\$14,838.31</b> | <b>\$39,761.49</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>       |

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/2021: \$76,363.04

## Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

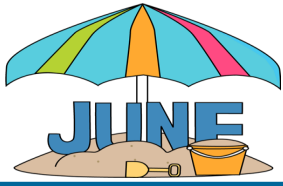
| Account Description | April - 2021      | Year-to-Date<br>2021 | 2021<br>Budget     |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Offering Income     | \$5,956.85        | \$29,995.85          | \$71,750.00        |
| Other Income        | \$695.94          | \$2,717.38           | \$1,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>\$6,652.49</b> | <b>\$32,713.23</b>   | <b>\$72,750.00</b> |

## Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

|                              |                    |                    |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>        | <b>\$12,106.33</b> | <b>\$31,395.40</b> | <b>\$72,750.00</b> |
| <b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b> | <b>-\$5,453.84</b> | <b>\$1,317.83</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>      |

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/2021: \$1,425.62

Notable expenses for April include: \$1,248.22 — Taxes



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Pastor Mark Englund-Krieger

**Sunday Morning Worship**

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

Church Office Hours  
Monday — Friday  
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM  
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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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