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**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL
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IS MARCH 20th**

Dear friends,

During the forty days of the season of Lent, we journey with Jesus to the cross. This season, our sermon series is titled "A Journey to the Cross," and each week we will follow in Jesus' footsteps in Luke's Gospel as he walks toward Jerusalem. As we do so, we will see our Savior move steadily toward suffering with mercy, resolve, and love.

On Wednesday nights (2/25, 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18), we are gathering for a **Lenten Book Study**. Together, we will read through *Lent: The Season of Repentance and Renewal* by Esau McCaulley. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for soup and salad at 5:30 p.m., with the study beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29. We will once again have a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday will be different from previous years. On Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m., we will have a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary. During this service, we will pray, read, and sing our way through the Passion Narrative in Mark's Gospel. Tenebrae is a "service of shadows," and throughout the service, the room gradually darkens as we remember what Jesus has done for us on the cross. On Holy Saturday, April 4 at 3:00 p.m., we will meet for a prayer vigil in the LMC cemetery. Then, on Easter morning, there will be an outdoor sunrise service at 6:45 a.m., followed by our Easter morning worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, I want to invite all of you to join me for one of a series of **cottage meetings**. Throughout March, our elders will be hosting these cottage meetings in homes, in the Fellowship Hall, and at various times of day, so that everyone can find a spot that works. During these times together, I look forward to getting to know all of you better. These gatherings are an opportunity for conversation. I will bring a few questions as I seek to learn more about you and Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church. You can sign up on Sunday mornings at church or by calling the office.

As we enter into this journey to the cross, may the Lord deepen our faith and draw us nearer to Him and to one another.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brian Moss



CHURCH LIFE - PRESENT, FUTURE, PAST

LENTEN SOUP AND STUDY

Pastor Brian's study begins in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 25th and will continue the next 3 Wednesdays (March 4, 11 & 18). Our evening will begin at 5:30 PM with soup and salad. At 6 PM we will start our study using Esau McCaulley's book *LENT: The Season of Repentance and Renewal*. We'd love to have you join us. See Phyllis Smith (717) 253-3162 for a book.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

<u>Palm Sunday Worship Service</u>	- March 29th at 10:00 AM
<u>Maundy Thursday Communion Service</u>	- April 2nd at 7:00 PM
<u>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</u>	- April 3rd at 7:00 PM
<u>Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil (LMC Cemetery)</u>	- April 4th at 3:00 PM
<u>Easter Outdoor Sunrise Service</u>	- April 5th at 6:45 AM Correction 6:45 am
<u>Easter Morning Worship Service</u>	- April 5th 10:00 AM

ADULT STUDY GROUP

This spring our Sunday morning group is examining 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 Jonah, Hezekiah, Jesus and others. Join us.

Questions: Susan Nunamaker/Doyle Waybright

COUPLES' GROUP

The Couples Group will not meet in March due to the scheduled Couples' Retreat.

Davalene Winters

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

The Guild is back!! The Women's Guild will meet **March 17th at 1:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. We will be setting up our plans for the year. Come join us; you may just like us!

Roz Santay



Your help is needed for

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. consists of a cold weather shelter and a Resource Center geared to provide support for up to 30 people when no other shelter can be found. This is accomplished through a partnership with local churches, including Lower Marsh Creek and other community service agencies.

LMCPC has volunteered to prepare breakfast for the C.A.R.E.S. program from **Tuesday March 24, 2026, through Monday, April 6, 2026, excluding Sundays.** We will need 2 volunteers to prepare breakfast each morning beginning at 6:00 am at the St. James church youth house, on 121/123 York Street, Gettysburg. Guests arrive at 7:00 am. We will also be responsible for clean-up. St. James church supplies all paper products, juices, tea, coffee and coffee mate, cereals, milk, and condiments. The participating churches supply the morning meal. Some suggestions are breakfast casseroles, French toast, breakfast sandwiches, scrambled eggs, sausage links, potato products (hash browns, tater tots, shredded potatoes), fruit, breads or baked goods, muffins, bagels, pancakes, waffles, bread for toast, etc.

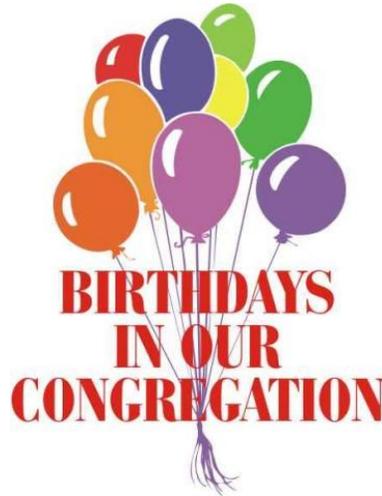
On Wednesdays, we can only serve bagels, cream cheese, cereal, and fruit, because we cannot cook on Wednesdays.

A training session for volunteers will be held at the youth house on a date closer to our service week; the time for this will be determined at the meeting on March 8, 2026. At the training session we will learn how everything works in the kitchen and exactly what we will be asked to do. If you cannot attend the training session, we will pair you with a volunteer who has attended. We will not know how many guests to expect until the week before our service.

We will meet with volunteers after church on **Sunday, March 8, 2026,** to share our menu choices and agree on a date for training. Joe and Elaine will check the supplies in the CARES refrigerator ahead of this meeting to see what supplies are already stocked. The church will reimburse you for any food that you purchase.

Please consider signing up for this worthwhile mission. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If we can answer any additional questions, please contact us. Elaine & Joe Reichl: 717-398-2430, jereichl@comcast.net.

- 3 - Erica Duffy
- 5 - Gary Michaliga
- 5 - Charlotte Orleski
- 6 - Gregory Santay
- 7 - Pamela Johnson
- 8 - Scot Dolly



- 9 - Lucas Crumbacher
- 9 - Megan Crumbacher
- 12 - Jim Richardson
- 27 - Alexander Forsyth
- 30 - John McMann
- 31 - Tammy Harkleroad

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January 26, 2026

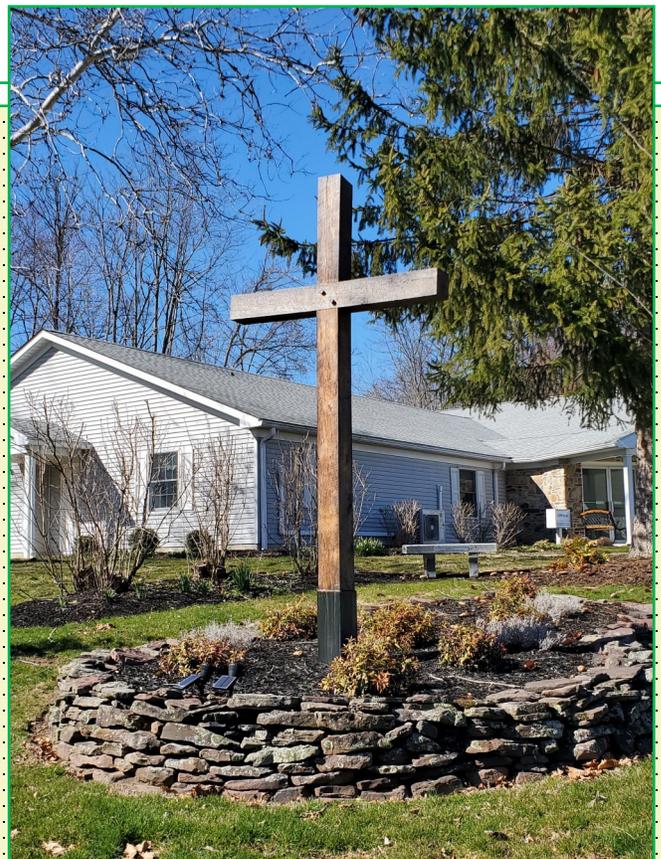
Dear LMCP Friends,

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful creche and luncheon you gave me at the conclusion of my ministry with you. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you and for this thoughtful gift.

May God bless you all richly !

Dave

(Pastor David Wright)



WOMEN WHO FOLLOWED JESUS

40 Devotions on the Journey to Easter,

by Dandi Daley Mackall, Paraclete Press, 2024, 256 pp.

So many Bible study classes omit the stories of women whose faith, courage, and devotion shaped the early church. In this 2025 finalist in the Christian Book Awards, a 40-day devotional brings fresh insight into the lives of Mary, Mother of Jesus; Mary Magdalene; Joanna; Susanna; Salome and others who witnessed Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. Author Mackall also wrote "*Three Wise Women*" for Advent focusing on such role models so she knows her subjects well. She won her first writing contest at ten years of age when she submitted her essay called "*Why I Want To Be a Batboy for the Kansas City A's.*" Her essay won first place but her dream of becoming a batboy was never achieved. Since then, she's authored more than 500 books and picture books with sales of 4 million copies in 22 countries and her "*My Boyfriend's Dog*" is a Hallmark movie. She's won numerous writing awards and was the Distinguished Alumna winner in 2008 from the University of Missouri. Her latest novel based on the true story of her parents, an Army doctor and an Army nurse in WWII, called "*With Love, Wherever You Are*" has received glowing reviews. She's appeared on major TV networks and is currently a national speaker, but this book is unique. Each daily reading includes a scripture passage, reflections on these women's struggles and triumphs, their personal encounters, ways to apply their stories to our own lives, and best of all, testimony to the fact that these women weren't just followers of Jesus but played a pivotal role in the birth of the early church. They remind us of the role we can all play as well. Perfect for individual study or use with Bible study groups and book clubs, this portrayal of 1st century women will remind many of "*The Chosen*" TV series. Her portrayal of the nine women includes each one's encounters with Jesus told in first person and offers insights into how they must have felt. Mackall is able to bring their culture and personalities to life. The book is well written and includes extensive research for accuracy in spite of the fact that several of the women have little known of them. For example, Susanna and Joanna were among the women who had been healed by Jesus, traveled with him and supported his ministry but have only few references contained in the Bible. Yet, Mackall is able to fit them well into Jesus' ministry because of her research and education. For example, Susanna suffered from 12 years of continuous blood loss even after undergoing bloodletting and drinking potions but nothing had worked. So she was considered unclean and became poor and abandoned. Jesus, of course, healed her after she touched his garment. (Luke 8:42-45). Many readers suggest starting the book on Lent's Ash Wednesday and ending 40 days later because they then became convinced of the reasons that Jesus appeared post-resurrection first to women. Many believe it's because they more fully understand Christ's mission and its impact on the gospel. What a lovely Easter gift, but be sure to buy a copy for yourself as well.

Kathy Megyeri



DID YOU KNOW - HAVE YOU HEARD?

One Sunday morning, more than fifteen years ago, during the LMCC worship service, Ginny Woods stood up and requested help from someone in the congregation. She needed some pieces of wood cut to a certain size. She wanted to use these small pieces of wood to make crosses. She intended to assemble and decorate these crosses to sell at the church bazaar. I guess Ginny did not have a saw or was not adept at using one. My husband, Jack Hess, had a small shop with the tools needed so I poked him in the side and whispered to him, "why don't you volunteer to help Ginny." So he did. "*God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.*" Thus began Jack's ministry of making crosses. In recent years, since he died Christmas Eve 2015, I regretted that I never kept a list of the number of crosses he made and who received them. Jack was very good at making crosses. He had no interest in keeping a record. Therefore, I was very grateful when Mike Orleski mentioned Jack's crosses (on February 15th) and requested that people would bring any of these crosses back to the church to display on the sanctuary window sills during Lent - along with crosses from other sources. What a wonderful idea!

Thanks Mike.



Fay Hess

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

A/V OPERATIONS REPORT

1 Year-to-date:

2892 views

1444 views were from the U.S.A. viewers

1448 views came from across the globe

During that period we added 14 subscribers

January 1 to February 22, 2026:

733 views

207 views were from non-subscribers

6 new subscribers

Total subscribers to date 124

Highest Viewer Count Per Video Since January 1, 2026:

January 25th service - 156 views

January 18th service - 130 views

For February 22, 2026 Service:

18 active subscriber devices* were logged into the entire service

2 additional subscriber devices were logged in for the sermon only

*Note:

A "watching" head count cannot be provided for logged in subscriber devices. A logged in device could be 1 or 2 or more people watching. Let's assume that using the 25/75 method, 5 individual viewers and 13 couples viewing for a total of 31 people.



Nick Johnson

*And . . . Speaking of Music***MUSIC THAT MOVES ME: OLD HUNDREDTH**

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God." –Psalm 100:1-3

Faithful Presbyterians sing this tune at least once every week. It is instantly recognizable to Christians everywhere.

But, are you aware of the deep connections it has to the Reformation - and, therefore, to our Presbyterian tradition?

In the 16th Century, the Protestant Reformation swept across Europe. This major theological movement posed a religious and political challenge to the authority of the Catholic Church and the Pope. Along with others, including Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Wycliffe, Jan Hus, Thomas Cranmer and John Knox, John Calvin emerged as a leader of the movement. John Calvin's teachings formed the foundation for the Reformed theological tradition and the Presbyterian Church.

Prior to the Reformation, it was typical for a select group of singers to present musical selections during worship. The congregation usually did not join in the singing. Both Luther and Calvin, however, advocated singing by every worshipper. In his *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1536), Calvin states, *"It is certain that the use of singing in churches (which I may mention in passing) is not only very ancient, but was also used by the apostles, as we may gather from the words of Paul, 'I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also' (1 Cor 14:15). In like manner he says to the Colossians, 'Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord' (Col 3:16)."*

While Luther encouraged the singing of hymns and carols during worship, Calvin thought that only the Psalms of David should be sung. Moreover, Calvin favored the use of metrical versions of the psalms. (Metrical psalms use consistent syllable counts and stress patterns, such as Long Meter, Short Meter or Common Meter, to fit specific hymn tunes.) Calvin believed, like Augustine, that there are *"no better songs nor more appropriate to the purpose than the Psalms of David which the Holy Spirit made and spoke through him."*

Inspired by Martin Luther's German versification of the psalms, John Calvin worked with poet Clément Marot to create similar versions in French, which he intended to publish in songbook form. This, he believed, would make the biblical texts more easily accessible to common people. The first version of the *Genevan Psalter* was published in 1539, and it contained adaptations of 18 psalms. Subsequent, improved publications occurred in 1542 and 1543. Then, in 1551 a new version of the *Genevan Psalter* was published. This version contained 83 psalms, including an interpretation of Psalm 134, which was set to a beautiful, majestic melody composed by a man named Louis Bourgeois.

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Finally, in 1562, the definitive *Geneva Psalter* made its debut. This collection boasted all 150 psalms—but, in this version, Bourgeois' beautiful, Long Meter melody accompanied a new versification of Psalm 100 by Rev. William Kethe. This interpretation appears in our hymnal, and many others, as #661 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (also known as Calvin's Reformation Hymn). And this is why Bourgeois' tune came to be known as *Old Hundredth*.

You probably know it best as our *Doxology* (#34), because we sing it faithfully every week:

- Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
- Praise him, all creatures here below;
- Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
- Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The next time - and every time - you are privileged to come with joyful songs before our sovereign God, who created all things, I pray that you will feel a profound connection to our Creator, to his Creation, and to all those saints who prayerfully developed our Reformed tradition. I pray that you will be inspired to know that the Lord is God - and shout for joy to the Lord!



-Dirk Grove

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 661

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with joy, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

WORDS: William Kethe (ca. 1530-1594); *psalm*: Psalm 100
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561); *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561); *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE**Adams Christian Prison Ministries**

Excerpts from the ACPM February 2026 Newsletter

A new recovery Bible study has started, led by Rachel DuPhily, Director of Christian Ministries, whose own recovery journey brings both lived experience and deep compassion. This Bible study offers not only spiritual grounding but a supporting space to begin the hard but hopeful work of recovery transformation. Each week inmates are reminded that freedom is possible, healing is real, and God is still in the business of restoration. Please pray for the individuals participating, the Director of Christian Ministries, and that God will use this study to set some on a path of total freedom in Christ.

ACPM is excited to invite their volunteers to a special Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, March 31, between 8:30 and 10 AM. Invitations will be sent in February.

If you have been feeling called to serve the population at the Adams County Adult Correction Complex, now is the time to submit your volunteer application. All applications need to be received no later than March 20. ACACC will be conducting its annual Volunteer Security Training on Thursday evening, April 23, for both current and prospective volunteers. Current volunteers and eligible applicants will receive an invitation to attend as part of the renewal or initial approval process.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ACPM will be distributing Easter Blessing Bags to share the hope, forgiveness, and new life found in Him. Each bag is a reminder that Jesus is alive and that His love reaches every heart, even behind prison walls.

**The LMC Mission Committee will be collecting these items for the
Easter Blessing Bags beginning Sunday, March 1:**

Irish Spring Soap (original scent bars)	Dove Soap (white bars)
Men's Speed stick (regular, 1.8 oz)	Lady's Speed stick (shower fresh, 1.4 oz.)
Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate packets	Snyders mins Pretzel bag
Pop-Tarts	Honey Buns
Cheetos (Crunchy)	Lays Chips (Classic)
Ramen Noodles	

There will be a collection basket located in the Narthex.

Deadline to donate: Sunday, March 15

Adams County Community Foundation

Scholarship applications for High School Seniors are due by **March 15**. More information and the application can be found at <https://www.adamscountycf.org/scholarship-application-now-open/>

Did You Know?

Donate Tax Free from Your Retirement Fund: Charitable gifts transferred directly from your IRA are considered “qualified charitable distributions” and do not count as taxable income, though they do count toward your required minimum distribution.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

From the Kids Corner in the CEF January newsletter:

When asked what would change in our lives if Jesus hadn't come, a young man said: *“Well, unfortunately we would be killing a lot of innocent lambs - at least one a week.”*

Summer Ministry: Summer ministry is already scheduled. We are blessed with four summer interns. They will be trained to work with children and share the Gospel with them. Here is a glimpse of what is coming:

- 6/22 (Practice “club” for all interns teaching)
- 6/29 - 7/3 (Day Camp – Idaville United Brethren in Gardners)
- 7/6 - 10 (Day Camp – Griest Park in York Springs)
- 7/13 - 17 (Day Camp – Memorial Baptist in Gettysburg)
- 7/19 - 23 (VBS – Iron Springs BIC, evenings 6-8, with two interns)
- 7/21 - 25 (South Mountain Fair, 4-9 and Saturday 1-10)
- 8/3 - 6 (Day Camp – Nawakwa, with soccer workshop)

DiscipleMakers (Kevin and Maria Noyes)

From their January 27 newsletter:

Jesus calls his followers to live as salt and light in the world. His disciples' lives are to shine with distinctiveness, attractiveness, and preserving goodness in the darkness of our world. So last fall we trained our student leaders to live as salt and light on campus. We prayed. We prompted conversations about faith with those around us. We even practiced responding to conflict and misunderstanding with trust in God and patient peace-making instead of angry outbursts. And in the Lord's kindness and grace, God transformed these young men and women into attractive ambassadors on campus.

“Jess” wanted to invite peers and classmates to Bible study in a way they be more receptive, so she went to the store, and sacrificing some of her own limited resources, bought a big box of candy. Then Jess proceeded to walk around campus, handing out her candy with flyers for our Bible study. God used her efforts to show that our students are willing to put their money where their mouth is to bless their campus. And that gets attention even from those uninterested in Bible study.

“Daniel” boldly invited a teammate on the baseball team to attend our Bible study. Not only did that teammate come, but he brought a friend as well! This small invitation represented a big step. Instead of living as an under-cover Christian, Daniel is going public. He's starting spiritual conversations even if it means that some of his fellow athletes might think less of him.

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As I (Kevin) chatted with him, Daniel shared that he is so committed to living as a disciple of Christ, that he is even willing to defy the expectations of his team if that's what it takes to share his faith.



Family news:

Ezra is a sweet little guy who gets a lot of love and attention from his older siblings. Every morning when Hope sees Ezra she exclaims, "Hi baby!" and Simeon likes to ask Ezra throughout the day, "How you doing Ezzie?" It's definitely an adjustment having three kids but we feel deeply blessed that God would give us the gift and privilege of getting to parent Simeon, Hope and Ezra.

Prayer Requests:



Please join us in praying for God to continue to grow our student leaders boldness. Please pray for God to connect us with many spiritually hungry men and women! Please pray for our adjustment to being a family of five, especially for Maria to have patience and strength to care for three kids at very different developmental stages while Kevin is on campus.



Our Daily Bread

From the Our Daily Bread Ministries Winter 2026 quarterly newsletter:

Laundry Day Devotion by Patricia Raybon: Driving through a low-income area near his church, Colorado pastor Chad Graham started praying for his "neighbors." When he noticed a small laundromat, he stopped to take a look inside and found it filled with customers. One asked Graham for a spare coin to operate the clothes dryer. That small request inspired a weekly "Laundry Day" sponsored by Graham's church. Members donate coins and soap to the laundromat, pray with customers, and support the owner of the laundry facility.

Their neighborhood outreach, which dares to include a laundromat, reflects Jesus' Great Commission to His disciples. As He said, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:18-19 GNT).

His Holy Spirit's powerful presence enables "everywhere" outreach, including even a laundromat. Indeed, we don't go alone. As Jesus promised, *"I will be with you always, to the end of the age"* (v. 20 GNT).

Pastor Chad experienced that truth after praying at the laundromat for a customer named Jeff who is battling cancer. As Chad reported, *"When we opened our eyes, every customer in the room was praying with us, hands stretched out toward Jeff. It was one of the most sacred moments I have experienced as a pastor."*

The lesson? Let's go everywhere to proclaim Christ.

Reflect & Pray

Where can you go in your neighborhood today to proclaim Christ? How could His powerful presence enable you?

Jesus, please enable me to proclaim Your good news today - everywhere.



The Giving Corner

Welcome to this month's little financial history lesson.

Hopefully you have heard talk about the per capita payment we make every year to our Presbytery. The amount we pay is based on our church membership the end of the previous year times whatever needs are there to operate the Carlisle Presbytery(\$21.00); Synod of the Trinity(\$2.40) and General Assembly(\$11.26). These figures total \$34.66 per person and we have paid \$5580.26 for 2026. Eighty percent of the Carlisle Presbytery pay this per capita. Lower Marsh Creek pays the per capita regardless of whether you pay the \$34.66 to the church or not.

In Matthew 18:18-20 Jesus said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

The per capita that we pay is deeply rooted in the values that guide what it means to be a Presbyterian:

1. We are a priesthood of all believers.
2. We are a connectional church
3. All worshipping communities are equally important and valuable to God's church
4. We can only be the church with one another.

There are 39 churches included in the Presbytery of Carlisle (that's us). Our Synod of the Trinity is made up of 16 Presbyteries in three states. (Pennsylvania, West Virginia and part of Ohio) - hence the Trinity. And finally the PCA General Assembly brings together approximately 1700 churches to decide on theological, policy and organizational issues.

So there it is in a nutshell. The histories of these bodies are very interesting and when you have time maybe you can Google how they came to be and more of what they do to help us all follow the Great Commission.

Interpretation and Stewardship Team



From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the education building with Rev. Brian Moss serving as moderator. Here are the business highlights of the actions taken at that meeting:

o Membership 2/13/2026: Active Members (AM) = 150*, Friends Participating (FP) = 31, Affiliate Members (AfM): 0, Family Members (FM): 40, Total: 221.

* Removed Susan and Kerr Thompson from the membership rolls due to transfer of membership to Red House Presbyterian Church in North Carolina and per Session approval on January 20, 2026. Removed Mabert Anderson due to death on January 28, 2026.

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 collection of items for Adams Christian Prison Ministries "Easter Blessing Bags" on Sundays, March 1, March 8, and March 15, with pick up during week of March 16.
- Approved a dinner out at a restaurant with a small group on Saturday, March 21 with visiting missionaries Bob & Kristi Rice.
- Approved a church potluck after worship service on Sunday, March 22 when Bob & Kristi Rice are visiting and preaching.
- Approved One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) collection on Palm Sunday, March 29.
- Approved the addition of the following to the 2026 Schedule for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:
 - o April 5, 2026 – 10:00 AM worship service
- Approved that Pastor Brian Moss will lead a vow renewal ceremony and sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the Marriage Retreat on Sunday, March 8.
- Approved that Rev. David Wright will preach at the Sunday worship service on March 8, while the Pastor is away at the Marriage Retreat.
- Approved that Rev. Bruce Dietrich will preach at the Sunday worship service on April 19, while the Pastor is away at a leadership conference.
- Approved that a May 17, 2026 Installation service for Pastor Brian Moss to be held at LMCP in the afternoon with a dinner in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.
- Approved that Rev. Dr. Bryan Burton preach at the May 17 worship service and installation service.
- Approved a summer community Vacation Bible School (VBS) with Stephanie Moss as coordinator on a date to be determined.
- Approved a Facilities Use Request from Liberty Oaks Homeschool for homeschool classes on Wednesdays from January 21, 2026 through May 27, 2026. They will use the playground, fellowship hall, 3 classrooms (as available), and kitchen for preparing food from 9:15am – 1pm.
- Approved destruction of financial documents older than 7 years, in accordance with the Presbytery document retention schedule.

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News from the Home Ministry Team – maintains the church properties including the cemetery

Team members: Joe Jackson, Jed Smith, and Lanny Winters

- ☐ New letters/numbers for Rt 116 sign have been ordered. Pastor Brian will work with Jim regarding the timing and content of messages.
- ☐ Will put a clock in Sanctuary at the back where the Pastor can see it.
- ☐ New AED was purchased for Fellowship Hall. Delivered 2/17.
- ☐ There is a huge split tree by the entrance in the Cemetery – pursuing what to do to prevent it from splitting further.
- ☐ Exploring ideas for what could be done at the Cemetery for Memorial Day. A lot is already happening in the community.
- ☐ Will mount a lock box outside church office to provide a secure location for sensitive items to be dropped off – ie: notes, prayer requests, giving/checks.

News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team – manages church finances and missions

Team members: Lauren Neely, Doyle Waybright, and Bev Benner

- ☐ Budget Committee Meeting was held on February 10 to discuss 2025 expense overages.
- ☐ Annual financial review is expected to commence in March.
- ☐ The financial reports for January were approved.

News from the Spiritual Life Team – oversees the spiritual life of the church as well as fellowship, education and music in the church

Team members: Mike Orleski, Susan Nunamaker, and Lynne Orner

- ☐ The Pastor will be leading a Lenten book study the following four Wednesdays: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a soup dinner followed by the study based on the book *Lent* written by Esau McCaulley.
- ☐ The Pastor is interested in a redesign of the pew prayer cards to have a “Connection Card” asking visitors for name, address, with a place for prayer requests.
- ☐ Due to upcoming Cottage Meetings, Sunday afternoon games/social gatherings have been put on hold.
- ☐ It was decided not to have a Winter Banquet this year due to all of the other activities happening. There will be a dinner in Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 17 after Pastor Brian’s Installation Service.

News from the Clerk of Session – Dana McDonald:

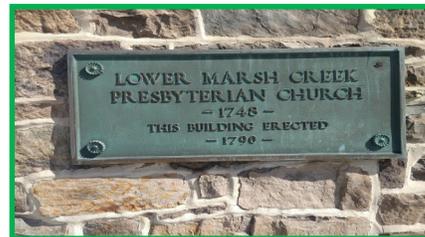
- ☐ The Clerk submitted the required annual statistical report for 2025 to the Presbytery on January 31. If anyone is interested to have a copy of the report, please see Dana McDonald.

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Rev. Brian Moss



Sunday Morning Schedule

The Seekers Group 8:30 AM
Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Nursery 8:30 - 11:00 AM

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Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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