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DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
OF LI'L RIPPLES IS **OCTOBER 16th**

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." — Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Dear friends,

One of the most important Scripture passages that has guided me throughout my life is Romans 12:1-2. Here we are reminded that worship is about more than just what happens on a Sunday morning. Worship is a lifestyle, something that we are called to live out every moment of every day.

Of course, none of us can do any of this perfectly. We all make mistakes. We all go our own way. We all need forgiveness and redemption. And we all need spiritual renewal. Thanks be to God that we do all of this *in view of God's mercy*. By God's grace, we can indeed *be transformed by the renewing of our minds*.

With all of this in mind, I am so looking forward to our **Spiritual Renewal Weekend** here at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian, which will take place on **October 2-4**. You can find more information about the weekend in this newsletter, including a schedule of events, speaker bios, and an interview with Katy Hutson. This is a **FREE** event, so please invite others you think might be interested.

I have known David, Katy, and Kenny for a long time, and I am excited about what I know they'll bring to our time together. Please join us for as much of the weekend as you can. I also ask that you pray for the weekend, for all that will happen, and for all who will attend.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Brian Moss

LOWER MARSH CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND October 2–4, 2026

SACRED RHYTHMS *in a Syncopated World*

REST • WORSHIP • LISTEN • BE RENEWED

Guest Speaker: David Hughes

Guest Musicians: Kenny & Katy Hutson

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:00 pm Leadership Dinner with David Hughes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 pm Welcome Reception in Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Opening Prayer and Worship
7:30 pm Session One with David Hughes
8:45 pm Closing Prayer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 am Coffee and Pastries
9:00 am Morning Prayer and Worship
9:30 am Session Two with David Hughes
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Stories and Poetry with Katy Hutson
11:00 am Session Three with David Hughes
12:00 pm Midday Prayer and Worship
12:30 pm Lunch on your own
2:00 pm Optional Activity or Rest
7:00 pm A Concert with Kenny and Katy Hutson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 am Worship Service
David Hughes, preaching
Kenny & Katy Hutson, leading worship

All are welcome.

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GUEST SPEAKER AND MUSICIANS



GUEST SPEAKER

David Hughes

David Hughes holds an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary and a PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served for thirty-six years in ordained pastoral ministry, including twenty-two years at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. David continues to serve as a Spiritual Director and as Theologian in Residence with the Transforming Community, and he leads retreats and spiritual renewal events throughout the country.



GUEST MUSICIANS

Kenny & Katy Hutson

Katy Bowser Hutson is a writer and singer-songwriter. She is the author of *Little Prayers for Ordinary Days* (IVP) and *Now I Lay Me Down to Fight* (IVP), and she is currently writing *Play Book* (Rabbit Room Press). She has made music with Indelible Grace, Rain for Roots, and Coal Train Railroad.

Kenny Hutson is an instrumentalist, songwriter, and producer. He has toured with Crowder, Over the Rhine, Little Big Town, and Vigilantes of Love. He also has an album of instrumental hymns called *Foundation & Fortress*.

Katy and Kenny love to join forces and make music together whenever possible and have collaborated in songwriting, leading worship, marriage, raising two children, and a bunch of chickens.

Join us for a weekend of worship, prayer, reflection, and renewal.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH KATY HUTSON

I hope you will consider joining us for our **Spiritual Renewal Weekend from October 2–4, 2026**. I wanted to take a moment to introduce you to Katy and Kenny Hutson, our guest musicians for the weekend. I had the opportunity to reconnect with Katy over the phone a couple of days ago and was able to record this interview.

BRIAN: Hi, Katy. We are so looking forward to having you and Kenny here with us. I remember we first met back in Nashville at Belmont University when we were just “kids.” And now our kids are growing up and doing their own things, and it’s so exciting to see. Could you share a little bit about you and Kenny - your background, musically and otherwise - and about your family?

KATY: Sure. Yes, I remember meeting you at Belmont. You and Stephanie had just gotten married when I met you. You were the first people who got married that we knew who were our age, which was fascinating. We watched and learned from you guys. And then you had Haley.

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BRIAN: Some good memories there.

KATY: Kenny and I met in 2003, and we were both coming from our own musical paths. I had been hanging out with Indelible Grace, which came out of our Sunday school class at Christ Community Church.

As you know, Kevin Twit started handing all of us young songwriters hymnals and saying, “*These hymns don’t have melodies anymore. Why don’t you guys put music to these?*” And then we recorded them. It was really neat to be part of bringing those songs back into the church after sometimes a couple hundred years.

BRIAN: Yeah. I remember being in the studio with you when we recorded “*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus.*” It flowed so smoothly and quickly, and it was just a great experience.

KATY: I love that I got to be part of that song. It’s one of my favorites of all time. I think I want that one at my funeral. That hymn is just so deep and rich. It’s one I keep going back to.

So, I went to school at Belmont with you to study music. I was doing hymns and also going off and doing my own songwriter thing - writing my own songs. Then, after a bit, I ran into Kenny. Kenny had been playing in rock bands and, occasionally, gospel bands and bluegrass.

Musically, when Kenny and I met, it was kind of neat to see what happened, because I grew up on jazz and Kenny grew up on bluegrass. When we started playing together, it sounded kind of like a radio show from the 1930s, which was a surprise to both of us.

We didn’t write any songs until after we got married. No premarital songwriting! So that was a fun surprise.

Then we toured around doing music together. Now we both have projects of various kinds, and anytime we get to play together, it’s a treat.

BRIAN: What kind of songs or music will you be playing for the concert? What can people expect?

KATY: Ooh, we love doing traditional hymns. We love doing some retuned hymns, like Indelible Grace, but we also love to sing songs where people can sing along with us.

We’d love to sing some songs you already know, maybe with a bit of a fresh take on them. We like to make music where we get to hear people sing - where people sing along to things they know and love - and to worship together.

BRIAN: So it will be a concert, but kind of a sing-along worship concert.

KATY: Yes, please. Yes, please!

BRIAN: You have written a couple of books of poetry out of your experiences and, in some cases, through some of the most challenging times of your life. Could you talk about what led you to go from writing songs to writing poetry, and what that experience was like for you?

KATY: You know, I don’t think I went from one to the other. I have always written songs, and I’ve always written poetry. I was known for doing music first, but words and music have always been two ways that I’ve expressed how I understand things. They are ways that I’ve used to understand and pray and worship, and to explore what is good and what is true and what is beautiful.

I did a book of prayers for children with a couple of friends called *Little Prayers for Ordinary Days*, with the understanding that God meets all of us - even little children - in all the ordinary moments of our days: the moments when we’re getting ready in the morning, when we’re having lunch, when we’re having a hard time, when we’re settling down at the end of the day, and when we’re playing. God meets us in all of those moments and cares about all of them.

Then I wrote a book of poetry and some short essays called *Now I Lay Me Down to Fight*, from the time when I had cancer.

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I didn't write those poems with the intention of publishing them. I wrote them because I needed them. They were how I worked out and understood the things I was talking to God about and what was going on inside me while I was struggling through cancer. Those poems are how I processed and understood everything. Writing has often been a way for me to pray - a way that I can take things out of my own head, put them on a page, and understand them better.

BRIAN: What are you looking forward to in the upcoming year? Is there something you're excited about that you're working on, or something you're going to do as a family?

KATY: Well, I'm looking forward to meeting the people at your church. That should be exciting. It's always great to meet new people and see what's going on - and also to see where our friends have landed.

In the next year, I have a book coming out. Right now, it's called *Playbook*. It's about what play is, how God plays, and how we see God at play in Scripture and in our lives. So I'm excited about that.

Our kids are in high school and middle school, and they are running around a mile a minute, growing up and doing amazing things.

Kenny is in the middle of producing an album of hymns from the *Trinity Hymnal* right now, so that should be coming out before too long.

Projects aplenty!

BRIAN: Nice. Very exciting. Are you going to bring any books or CDs with you to Gettysburg?

KATY: Yes, I can bring a hodgepodge of what we have.

BRIAN: Great. Is there anything else that you think would be interesting for our church to know about you?

KATY: My folks are from the other side of the state. They're from Oil City, Pennsylvania.

BRIAN: That's right.

KATY: So it's always interesting to me when I get to come over to your part of the state. And Kenny is a history buff, so he is more than excited to come to Gettysburg. If anybody has fun facts for Kenny, bring it on!

BRIAN: Well, we hope to do a battlefield tour, for sure.

Thank you so much for your time. We are so looking forward to you being here, and we can't wait to introduce you to the church.

KATY: I can't wait. We can't wait to meet them, and we can't wait to see you.

A Voice From Above

Two outdoorsmen from Texas went to Minnesota for a little ice fishing. After setting up a tent and sorting their equipment, they began to drill a hole in the ice. As they fired up their chainsaw, however, they heard a booming voice from above them: *"There are no fish under that ice!"*

Startled, the men looked at each other. *"Is . . . is that you, Lord?"* one of them asked.

The voice boomed again: *"No, I'm the owner of this ice-skating rink, and I'm telling you guys for the last time - there are no fish under that ice!"*

(Thanks to Kathy Megyeri for this bit of humor from *"A Laugh a Day! A Daily Dose of Heavenly Humor"*)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:**

In the fall of 2025, Microsoft Corporation notified users/subscribers of their Publisher software that effective October 1, 2026, after approximately 35 years in use, Publisher will be discontinued. This means that this newsletter no longer will be compiled using the Publisher software program. In addition, any files created with Publisher will not be accessible unless they are moved - before the October 1st deadline - to another program. I have worked, experimented and researched off and on for the last year to be ready for this change. Microsoft has advised Publisher users to switch to their Word program. So far, I have found this to be a poor substitute for Publisher but I may be forced into using it temporarily. This issue will be the last one created with Publisher. Please bear with me as I attempt to make this transition without changing the usual look and format of Li'l Ripples. Thank you.

THE SEEKERS SUNDAY GROUP

The Seekers class is currently studying *Dangerous Grace* by Rance Settle. If you have ever felt too failed for God to use, or too far gone for God to reach, come join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. We'll study this book together and discover why God doesn't wait for us to clean up our acts before He shows up in our lives. Rather, He bestows His grace on us while meeting us in our messes, our brokenness and our failures. Also, we'll get fresh insight into Scripture's unlikely heroes.

Mike Orleski

ADULT SUNDAY GROUP

This fall each Sunday morning at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall our Sunday morning group will be reading and discussing prayers found in the Bible. We will learn how to pray with power when we feel weak, helpless, stressed and afraid. We will be reading prayers of Jesus, Paul and the Revelation saints. Join us.

Questions: Susan Nunamaker/Doyle Waybright

WOMEN ONLINE

Join us this fall as we read and discuss the book *He Is Enough, Living in the Fullness of Jesus*. It is a study book based on Colossians. The Women's Bible study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM.

If interested in joining us contact Dana McDonald.

COUPLES' STUDY GROUP

Jim and Karen Richardson will be hosting the Couples' Study Group on Saturday, October 10th at 5:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall. They will be serving Chili. They have not yet decided on a topic.

Karen Richardson

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild had their annual Yard & Bake Sale on the 26th of September but the results were too late for the October newsletter. So, please check upcoming bulletins to see how we did financially. Thanks to all my women for their hard work in getting items priced and put out and thanks to our generous congregation for donating items to sell and the baked goods that received oohs and aahs from our shoppers. Thanks to Therese Herlihy for making her special soups. We could not do this without all this help!

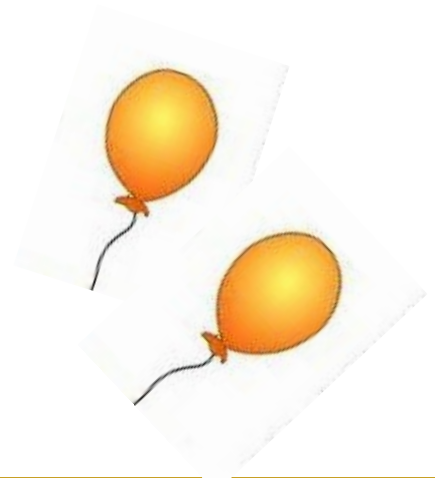
The Guild's next meeting is October 20th at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Also, the Guild will be going to Hillside Nursing Home October 27th.

Roz Santay

Happy Birthday to the following members of the LMCPG family -

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| 2. Jane Kessel | 16. Jim Benner | 21. Lynn Berwager |
| 4. Gary Adams | 17. Lori Jackson | 22. Susan Wagle |
| 10. Roslyn Santay | 17. Cheryle Waters | 28. Sara Rohr |
| 12. Lee Bentz | 17. Lanny Winters | 29. David Metz |
| 16. Dave Diehl | 18. David Brill | 31. Rick Gladhill |
| | 18. Karen Golden | |

**More wise quotes passed on to the readers from Dave Diehl :**

- ~If you don't fight the current, you're going downstream.
- ~Motivation gets you started; habit keeps you going.
- ~Obstacles are what we see when we take our eyes off the goal.
- ~Wanting to be someone else is a waste of who you are.
- ~Winners are losers who never gave up.

Thanks Dave!

November is right around the corner. Please start picking up items to make your shoebox fun, full and personal. At a recent meeting, I watched a video of a shoebox distribution event. Several parents at the event were seen in tears as their children opened their boxes. The videographer asked why they were so moved and one mother said she'd never been able to give her child a present. She said the items in the box cost more than the cost of food they needed for a month.

Elaine Reichl



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week, November 15-22, 2026

Shoeboxes due by Sunday, November 22, 2026

It's time to think about packing a Shoebox!

Those of you who have been members of LMCP are familiar with Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization that serves the world community.

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way. Each box bursting with items becomes a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community.

Local ministry partners distribute your gifts to children in their communities. After receiving shoebox gifts, many boys and girls are invited to enroll in *The Greatest Journey*, a 12-lesson discipleship program. Through the program, ministry partners are able to establish long-term, caring relationships with children and families, sharing the love of Jesus Christ

A \$10.00 shipping fee is requested for each box. You may include a check, made out to Samaritan's Purse, OCC in your box.

If you would like to discover the destination country of your shoebox gift, you must make your \$10 per shoebox donation online by activating your shoebox tracking label (QR code) at [samaritanspurse.org/activate](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/activate).

Don't have time to shop????

You can **Build a Shoebox Online**. It is a convenient way to pack your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift right from home. Choose from our selections of toys and other fun items to include in your gift. Then, personalize it by adding your own letter and photo. For a suggested donation of \$30 per gift, we'll pack everything for you and send it on its way with the message of God's love for a boy or girl in need around the world. Just google "Build a Shoebox Online" and follow the prompts. Or enter: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> These boxes can be shipped to "closed countries," who have strict laws regarding shoebox items.

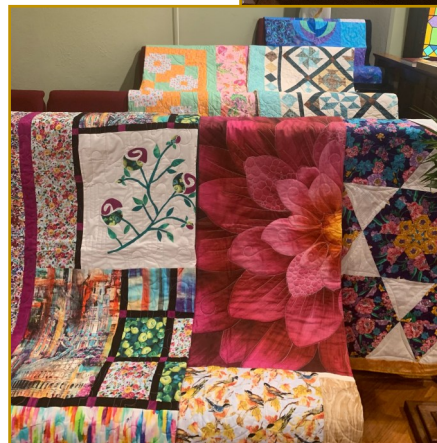
AMAZING GRACE QUILTING GROUP

The Amazing Grace Quilting Group makes quilts for people who live in shelters and also for particular world events that inspire us to donate. We began our ministry in 2012 and have thus far donated over 600 quilts to various shelters and causes. We are a group of 13 women who meet for one full week of each month and piece together beautiful quilt tops and backings, made from donated fabric. Five of our members worship at LMCP. The Good News Church of Orrtanna, the Gettysburg United Methodist Church, and LMCP support the mission financially. However, most of the fabrics are donated from quilters who have had to retire from the craft.

This fall, the quilt group donated 40 twin sized quilts to the Adams County Rescue Mission's Sheltered Single Women's Restoration Center, a 36 bed shelter in Littlestown which will be opening in October. On September 13th, Pastor Brian blessed a batch of these quilts at the 10 AM worship service. The other two sponsoring churches blessed the remainder of the quilts at their services within the past few months. We have also donated 20 queen sized quilts to the Agape House family shelter in the past few years.

The Amazing Grace Quilting group will be supporting the **"One Generation to Another" banner project** that is soon to be launched at LMCP, to beautify our fellowship hall. Stay tuned for more on that project in future editions of Li'l Ripples.

Yours in Christ,
Cathy Michaliga, Chair
Amazing Grace Quilting Group
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Fall has arrived at Fellowship Hall



Thanks to Jim Richardson for this photo and caption.

Sing to the LORD

MUSIC MINISTRY

a New Song

Did you know this very popular music fact - singing in a group, boosts mood? Know why? Studies have shown that singing with other people helps your body release feel good hormones (like oxytocin) and reduces stress inducing hormones. That's why the choir does it and we enjoy each other and learning new songs and hopefully adding to the service.

Roz Santay

Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

Psalm 96:1-2

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August 20, 2026

Dear Pastor Brian and the Congregation at LMCPCC !

On behalf of Young Life Adams County we want to say a big "**Thank You**" for your contribution to Campership this past camping season. As leaders, we got to walk intentionally with 16 middle and high school students this summer. And, at least 3 have started new walks with Christ this year. Thank you for helping us introduce adolescents to Jesus and grow in their faith !

Martin Polok and the Young Life team!

September 14, 2026

Thank you for thinking of our families. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

Lisa, South Central Community Action Programs, Inc.



Editor's note: The donation from LMCPCC consisted of 112 bags of diapers and 2 boxes of wipes.

This is a photo of the bags of diapers after they were prepared for the Drive-through Diaper Give Away held at the church on September 12, 2026.

See the full report of the Diaper Give Away on page 16.

September 17, 2026

Dear Sandy and Lower Marsh Creek,

Thank you for your generous donation of the Life recovery Bibles! Because of your support, inmates are reading, encountering Jesus and learning recovery principles. We could not do what we do without your help!

God bless you,
Chaplain Rachel, ACPM

Serving God By

DEACONS PAGE

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 - 9646Jim Welsh 717 - 377 - 5370Sallie Sites 717 - 253 - 0305Len William 717 - 683 - 2674**FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY:**

September was "Theme Bag" month for LMCC in support of the Fairfield Food Pantry. Carlos Wampler coordinated the request with Deb's Fruit Market on Route 30. Carlos was on travel so John and Deb Stottlemeyer backed him up and picked up the 26 boxes on Friday, September 18th. Boxes were transported to Fairfield Food Pantry for delivery on Friday afternoon. Thank you church family for your support with this ministry.

John and Deb Stottlemeyer



"Do all the good you can for as long as you can."

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

Adams Christian Prison Ministries

From the September 2026 ACPM newsletter:

Dear friends and partners of Adams Christian Prison Ministries,

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, we are thrilled to share important upcoming dates for you to mark on your calendar:

November 5: ACPM is excited to participate again in the Giving Spree on Thursday, November 5. Ways to give include dropping your gift off or giving online. Join us live on November 5 at the Wyndham Gettysburg (3-7 pm). For more information about the program, please visit ACCFGivingSpree.org.

November 13: We are delighted to invite you to the ACPM Annual Banquet on Friday, November 13, for an inspiring evening dedicated to celebrating transformed lives, renewed hope and our shared impact on the individuals at ACACC. Please keep an eye out for your formal invitation with specific event details coming soon.

[Note: Sandy Buhrman will have tickets for the banquet. There is no charge to attend, but it is a fundraising event so bring your checkbook!]

Christmas Blessing Bags: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, ACPM is preparing to share His unconditional and redemptive love with Christmas Blessing Bags. We are putting together special care packages to bless every inmate and remind them of the true joy of the season. Items Lists and Drop-off Details: We will soon share a complete list of requested items to put inside the bags as well as where and when to drop off your donations.

September Prayer Requests:

- Pray for deliverance from drug and alcohol dependencies and that they learn healthy coping skills.
- * Pray for strong, Christ centered groups and support for anyone looking for help.
- * Pray for the lives of the leaders, staff, contractors, and volunteers at ACACC.

DiscipleMakers (Kevin & Maria Noyes)

From Kevin and Maria's September 17 email:

As summer waned, we wondered what things would look like on campus this fall. This was particularly the case at schools like Penn State York, which are closing this year. Would we step onto campus only to find few gospel opportunities?

Thankfully, God showed that his mighty power cannot be thwarted by the plans of men, even when those plans are campus closures!



So on the first day of classes, our student leaders joined us for a prayer walk around campus. Together, we asked the Lord to grow us as disciples of Christ, and to provide spiritual opportunities with classmates, coworkers and neighbors.

The next day, we hosted a Soularium outreach table, where we invited students to answer spiritual questions using a pile of photographs. By God's grace, we were able to have a number of good conversations and train our younger students in a winsome evangelistic method.

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In one of those conversations, God introduced us to "Chris." Stroking his mustache while looking down at the photos, Chris replied, "I'm not sure what I believe. I guess it would be fair to describe myself as an agnostic."

One of our student leaders boldly invited Chris to Bible study, reassuring him that he didn't need to be Christian to attend. But Chris looked hesitant and soon walked away. I (Kevin) prayed that God would work in Chris' heart and draw him to himself. I hoped that I would run into him again in the dining hall later in the semester. To my surprise, the next day when we held our first Bible study of the semester, Chris showed up. Not only that, he participated by answering questions and bringing up thoughtful ideas of his own.

Since then, Chris has attended every Bible study, exploring the person of Jesus as revealed in the book of John. Please join us in praying that Chris would continue to have a spiritual hunger that drives him to God's word until he sees, *"heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man"* (John 1:51).

Snapshots of God's Work on our Campuses

At **Shippensburg University**, a team of 40 student leaders are working together to clearly and intentionally share the gospel with at least 1,000 people in one-on-one conversations this year.



At **Gettysburg College**, over 40 students showed up to our first large group meeting, eager to worship and learn from God's word! Since then, bold student leaders have intentionally built friendships and invited them to church.

At **Penn State Harrisburg**, interest in Bible study was so great that the eager men and women couldn't all fit in the room! So, after the first week, student leaders found a new room so they could welcome more of their peers.

At **Penn State Mont Alto**, which is also closing this year, evangelism has led to more connections. Despite knowing nearly no students at the start of the year, the Lord connected our team with enough men and women that we are holding multiple weekly Bible studies!

At **Penn State York**, student leaders worked to reach as many of the remaining students for Christ as possible by doing spiritual surveys, giving away donuts, and handing out Bible study flyers! Even agnostics and atheists tend to agree with Isaiah's words, *"How beautiful... are the feet of him who brings good news"* (Isaiah 52:7a) when they come bearing donuts!

Please pray for our staff and students at these campuses, and for God to continue providing more gospel opportunities!

A Practical Opportunity to Partner with our Ministry at PSU York this Fall

Since this is the last year that PSU York will be open, we wanted to go big for the gospel! We have been providing a free lunch to students who come to our Bible study so we can reach as many students as possible with the good news of Jesus.

Would you prayerfully consider providing a meal for our Bible study? Our Bible study starts at 12 PM on Wednesdays and we're asking that food be dropped off on campus around 11:50 AM.

Dates that we still need meals for are: 9/30, 10/14, 11/11, 12/2, 12/9

Or, if you'd like to help but can't bring a meal, would you prayerfully consider partnering with DiscipleMakers with a preference toward the Penn State York Scholarship fund? These funds can be used towards meals for our Bible study.

You can find more details and sign up to bring a meal or donation at <https://mealtrain.com/kerOwz>

If you have any questions, just let us know! We're so thankful for your partnership in the gospel!

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This summer Maria and Simeon had the privilege of being a part of a good friend's wedding.



The kids also enjoyed the Carroll County Fair in Maryland where they got to pet lots of animals! Ezra went to the Utz Outlet for the first time but sadly can't eat anything yet in the store.

We also had a fun adventure to an outdoor tiny town in Lancaster. Hope especially loved the coffee shop and Simeon enjoyed the post office.

Prayer Requests

Would you join us in praying for God to make disciples and build His kingdom in these specific ways?

1. **Praise God for our students leaders.** Please join us in thanking the Lord for raising up students who are eager to live as disciples of Christ, and encourage others to do the same. Please pray for God to give them courage, compassion, and commitment to reach those around them.
2. **Pray for "Chris."** God is clearly at work as Chris (the self-identified agnostic) has been one of our most consistent Bible study attenders. Please pray for his spiritual hunger to grow and for it to lead him to faith in Christ!
3. **Pray for Kevin's studies.** Please pray for God to help Kevin learn and grow from his classes so he can more effectively minister to students and staff. He just finished a class on the prophets, and is starting one on Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology.
4. **Pray for our parenting.** Please pray for God to help us show the love of Christ to our kids as we teach and shepherd them. Parenting often exposes our sin and weakness, which makes us even more thankful for our perfect Heavenly Father!

Thank you for your partnership in our ministry with DiscipleMakers, and for your prayers. We are so thankful for you!

Samaritan's Purse

Excerpts from the September Franklin Graham Update:

North Central Venezuela is still reeling after double earthquakes killed more than 6,000 people. Building after building has been reduced to rubble and dust. Everywhere you look there's death and devastation. With even standing structures unsafe to reenter, people simply have nowhere to go and are trying to get by in tents on the streets and in camps.

The medical professionals serving at our field hospital in the coastal city of La Guaira, near the epicenter of the tremors, are working around the clock to care for people with urgent needs. They have already treated more than 5,000 patients and performed over 300 surgeries, many to repair bones broken during the quakes. With area hospitals flattened or badly damaged, we have become the main provider of medical care for the area. We are now mainly receiving patients with critical issues due to chronic illnesses and injuries that were ongoing before the disaster.

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In addition to the medical ministry, our Disaster Assistance Response Team is working hand in hand with local church partners to distribute tons of relief items and thousands of hot meals. We also have established water points to deliver many gallons of clean drinking water.

Keeping Up the Fight Against Ebola

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Samaritan's Purse is continuing to care for those who are sick and suffering from the deadly Ebola virus. We are operating two Ebola Treatment Centers and have cared for nearly 500 patients to date. Our staff continue to provide public education and training to help limit the spread. We have installed 164 hand-washing stations in communities and are airing educational radio spots. The current mortality rate is 45 percent, and the virus continues to spread.

4th Annual Diaper Give Away

Many volunteers along with members of the Missions Team came together on Saturday, September 12, to run another successful Diaper Give Away. Note: This picture below only shows some of the folks who helped.

Thirty-five cars came through and we handed out more than half of the diapers collected (a total of 8,454 were collected). The remaining diapers were distributed between the Adams Rescue Mission's Little Ones Child Care Centers, AGAPE House, Tender Care, and SCAAP. We were also thrilled to welcome Monica and "M," who were our first customers on Saturday, to the church service and coffee hour on Sunday!

A survey of the folks who drove through indicated that our road signs were the most effective, followed closely by the flyers which were distributed throughout the community and social media.

In addition to the many, many diapers donated, we also received monetary donations from Thrivent Financial, Giant Grocery in Gettysburg, Weiss Markets in Gettysburg, and Mason Dixon Farms.

I cannot say thank you to all of you enough times! It takes an army, and we could not have done it without you!

Sandy Buhrman,

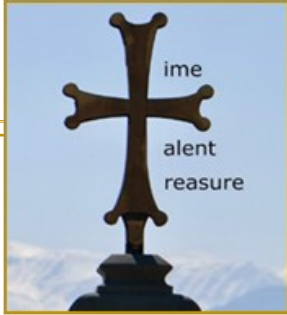
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Editor's Note:

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The Giving Corner

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

Matthew 9:37

We are blessed to live in a rural area where we see the result of work people put into the crops here. There are beautiful tomatoes, green beans, squash, corn, apples, peaches, cherries and hay to feed cattle, etc. It's hard work and sometimes the harvest seems overwhelming with only a few laborers. Did I say it's hard work? Oh yes . . . there it is. Waiting for the crops to ripen is hard work. Harvesting is hard work. What to do with the crop once it is harvested is sometimes overwhelmingly hard.

Now, hopefully you get the picture that there all types of harvests, laborers, and good and not so good results from the harvest. How do we deal with all these issues? WE TRUST IN GOD.

Trusting in God in an active way renews our physical strength and also our spiritual and emotional strength. Actively seeking God rather than passively waiting in idleness helps prepare us through prayer and worship to be channels through which God can use us as laborers in His amazing way. We can be used by Him to be ready for the harvest of people who need the Power of God to help and sustain them. Do we actually look into the eyes of those we meet and greet each day? Do we see the sadness, pain or even joy so we can connect with them? We should go beyond superficial contact with others to help bring about God's kingdom here on earth. Each of us is called by God to share the good news of His amazing grace so that the labor force, filled with gratitude, is ready to begin this process of renewal. Consider what you can contribute to help share the good news of God's love and saving grace to the ends of the earth.

The Interpretation and Stewardship Team



From the Clerk's Desk

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Worship 10:00 - 11:00 AM
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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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