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Often And Authentically

"I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6

Recently while reading a magazine article about ministry some good, old advice for pastors popped off the page at me. In an article reflecting on stewardship campaigns today and the financial management of congregations, I read this ageless, good advice: say "Thank you" often and authentically. Thus, writing this newsletter article a week before our national Thanksgiving holiday, I say to our congregation: "THANK YOU!"

- Thank you for the wonderful spirit in our worship. When I rise to start our service, I am often amazed at the cacophony of chatting, laughter, fun and fellowship that is alive in our midst.
- Thank you to the many people who set their valuable time apart to come here on a cold evening to do the administrative work of our church. How many people were here for our Team meetings? From reviewing our finances, to changing light bulbs, to preparing feasts for the congregation, to planning opportunities for mission, there is an abundance of people and energy doing all the support work for our life together.
- Thank you for the devout group of people, young and old, who gather around tables every Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon for Sunday school classes and Bible studies. Thank you for walking in the Word!
- Thank you for the beautiful card, dropped in the offering plate, thanking me. The cover art on the card blesses me, quoting Psalm 119: "The unfolding of your words gives light."
- Thank you for the remarkable generosity reflected on our financial reports as they were reviewed and studied again this week.

Next newsletter deadline:
Friday, December 16
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"I thank my God every time I remember you. . . "

In Christ!

Mark



Couples' Group — To all married couples in our congregation! Ray and Arlene Wright will host the Couple's Study Group on December 10th beginning at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will have a "white elephant gift exchange" with 1 gift per couple, if you want to participate. Weather permitting, the plan is to visit a few local homebound members to share our voices with singing their favorite carols. A signup sheet is in the Narthex so Ray and Arlene can make advance plans. Please join us for a night of fun, good food and fellowship.

ACPM Christmas Sock and Chocolate Bar Program



Adams Christian Prison Ministries is collecting donations for **Operation: Socks for Inmates**. The inmates at Adams County Adult Correctional Complex need to know that during the Christmas season they are not forgotten. Join us in bringing a little joy in a practical way. ACPM is asking for donations of a pair of solid white men's crew socks and a Hershey Milk Chocolate (1.55 oz.) candy bar (no nuts, please).



A donation basket will be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 27. Please place your donations in the basket no later than Sunday, December 11.

Showing of "The Chosen" — On Sunday morning, December 18, come to Fellowship Hall between services and watch "The Chosen: A Story of the First Christmas." The writers/producers of the popular series "The Chosen" have released a 22 minute film that tells the story of a disabled shepherd who seems doomed to a life of pain and struggle until a miraculous revelation allows him to be part of the greatest moment in history. It's short, but powerful. Any questions, please see Susan Nunamaker or Doyle Waybright.

The Women's Guild — will hold its annual Christmas party at Perkins, December 20th at 11:30 AM and a report about this party will be in January's newsletter. This will end the year for us and we will not meet in January or February in case of bad weather. Happy holidays to all of you.

The Women's Guild has sponsored two Teen Angels for 18 years. We became sponsors the first year the program started in 2004, and are the only original group still with the program. Here is the note Gary Fox, the program's coordinator sent us: "Hi, Roz. Here we go again. Many, many thanks to you and your group of ladies for supporting our outreach. You have been with us from the birth of our outreach. Imagine all those youth that had a great Christmas because of your kindness and caring!"

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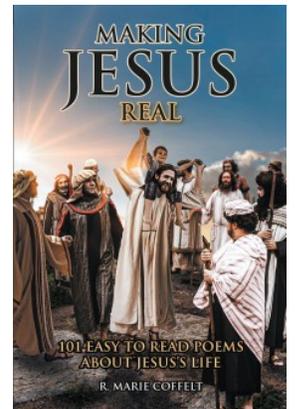
The Women's Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM. This winter we are reading and discussing the book, "Prayer in the Night" by Tish Harrison-Warren. Interested women should contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.

Winter Wear Donations — Temperatures are dropping and once again, we have the opportunity to provide coats, hats, sweaters, gloves, etc. to those who are less fortunate in our community. Please search through your closets and drawers for clean, gently used items and place them in the "coat box" located in the Fellowship Hall/Education Building hallway. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations!

Special congratulations to our friend, Marie Coffelt, whose book of poetry was recently published. Marie writes beautiful poetry inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus. Her book titled, "**Making Jesus Real: 101 Easy to Read Poems About Jesus's Life**" is published by Covenant Books and is available in print and Kindle formats via Amazon.



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Christmas Eve worship:
Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM)
(The 7:00 PM service will also be available via our livestream)

Christmas Day worship:
10:00 AM (one service)

New Year's Day worship:
10:00 AM (one service)



MUSIC News



Our musicians will be very busy during the month of December! And you will be singing also!

- † December 4 – Glory Singers and Faithful Voices (8:30 and 11:00)
- † December 11 – Wires and Wood (8:30 and 11:00)
- † December 18 – Festival of Music (8:30 and 11:00)
- † December 24 – Christmas Eve (7 PM and 9 PM)
- † December 25 – Christmas Day (10:00 Service Only)
- † January 1 – New Year's Day (10:00 Service Only)

May you all enjoy a happy New Year of 2023. I believe that the LMPC music program will undergo some changes in the future!

Linda Clark



Hold the Dates!

In case you missed it, (and haven't done the math,) the 275th anniversary of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church's establishment is NEXT YEAR! Our session has set up an ad hoc committee to plan and oversee a number of events during the year when we will highlight this important and historical milestone. Some of them will be in connection with congregational events; some will be open to the public as this church has been an integral part of the history of this area. We are only beginning in this process, so if you want to join in the fun of planning, come to our next meeting on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 PM. In the meantime, hold the dates for these events which will have activities associated with our church's anniversary along with our usual brand of fun (including eating, of course!):

- Saturday, March 11, 2023 — Congregational Winter Banquet at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available in the new year.
- Sunday, June 11, 2023 — Congregational Picnic in the afternoon. More information will be announced as we confirm our plans.

The Giving Corner

The Advent Season



Advent: a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ on Christmas Day and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King with the Second Coming! We celebrate the revelation of God in Christ!

Advent is another part of our spiritual journey, our time to affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in our world today, and that He will come again in glory. We are living “between the times” and we are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God’s people. It is a time for us to renew our responsibility as followers of our Holy Father to “love the Lord your God with all your heart” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

It is a time of giving; a time to share the love that Jesus has so gracefully given to us that is so present in the “Christmas spirit” felt during this beautiful season. Spread your Christmas spirit this year through your gifts and actions, reflect the love of Jesus Christ; share the hope that the birth of the Baby Jesus brings to the world! It may be a simple smile to a stranger, it may be dropping some change in the Salvation Army bucket, or it may be volunteering to ring the bell at that Salvation Army bucket, or it may be shopping to fill a shoebox for a child overseas. However you use your talents, time, and treasures during the Christmas Season, use them in gratitude for the greatest gift our Holy Father ever gave us: His only Son, Jesus Christ!

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”

2 Corinthians 9:15

The Interpretation & Stewardship Team wishes each and every one of you a Blessed & Merry Christmas filled with the hope, joy and peace found in our Lord Jesus Christ!



Christmas Eve Special Offering

This year we will continue a tradition started three years ago. At each of the Christmas Eve Services a special offering will be collected. This year, the total monies collected will be split evenly between the Refugee Resettlement Partnership of Gettysburg and the Prosperous Youth Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The **Refugee Resettlement Partnership of Gettysburg** (RRP) is a local partnership among eight area churches and other interest parties working together to make a new home in the Gettysburg area for two or three refugee families from Afghanistan. The Department of Homeland Security and Department of State complete medical and security clearances for the refugee families and they are legally admitted to the United States, either as legal permanent residents or humanitarian parolees. Many are previous employees of either the U.S. Embassy or U.S. military forces in Afghanistan, or contractor groups working with both organizations. Two families have been relocated in Gettysburg (a family of ten and a family of four). In the beginning, support is needed for just about every service and daily need of family life that we take for granted. The goal is for each family to be self-sufficient as soon as possible.



Luke and Alyssa Miller, along with their children Psalm, Shepherd, and True are serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They work with the **Prosperous Youth Foundation** (PYF) team to network with youth homes by providing them with resources, equip youth workers, and disciple youth (ages 12-20) living without their parents in the city of Chiang Mai. Many of these youth come from tribal families who live in mountain villages, hours from schools, so they move to the city for an education while their parents stay in the village to work their farms.

In 2021, Luke and Alyssa opened **Selah Home**, a domestic violence shelter and safe house for women in Northern Thailand. "Selah" is a word that appears in the Bible and is believed to indicate a transition, or a pause, or a time to rest and reflect. Selah Home is committed to providing women with a place to rest, heal, and plan their next steps. Luke and Alyssa work alongside a team of Thai staff to address a major problem in Thailand - a lack of resources, support, and safe spaces for women trapped in abuse and violence. The mission of Selah Home is to see each woman who enters their doors knows that she is valuable, that her life has purpose, and that she has the support and tools she needs to live a life free from violence and abuse. In addition to the safe home, they offer access to professional counseling services, vocational training with local businesses and foundations, and a long term work program that allows women to get back on their feet as they prepare for their next season of life.





MISSION ADVOCATE MAILBOX RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

Adams Christian Prison Ministries



The warden has given the go ahead to start receiving applications for the volunteer program. The intention is to provide several security training dates to begin in January 2023. Applications will be required of both returning and new volunteers in order to update the database and background checks. Applications are available on the ACPM website under the "Join Us" tab. Completed applications need to be mailed to the chaplaincy department at ACACC, 45 Major Bell Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17325. DO NOT email your application since it will contain personal identifiable information. Contact Chaplain Perez if you need assistance.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County



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Clubs are active in most of the schools of Adams County. A couple of teachers are being trained, but more volunteers are needed to teach or help in the classroom. If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and you love children, contact Miss Pam at the office and talk to her about where the Lord could use you to affect a child for eternity.

Compassion International

Sergio writes that he likes to play ball, walk, and exercise. There was a party at his school for Student's Day where there was food and dancing. His favorite foods are spicy chicken, "saice" (sauce), and "puchero" (stew). He reports that he has improved his grades and is now participating in the youth network every Saturday. Sergio asks that we pray for his family, his cousins, his teachers, for his studies and for people who do not have food.



Thomas and Cheri Henry

"We have spent this last year receiving support and instruction for the purpose of being restored, body and soul. We are now currently learning to live out of this new awareness and strength. As we begin to turn the corner toward future ministry, we have ideas of what we want or feel called to

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do. But out of a sincere desire to do the right thing, we would rather have a measure of validation from others before we proceed. With this in mind...



Could God use you in helping us discern His next steps? He certainly could! You have followed and supported us for years. And we are grateful. Each of you knows us on some level. And so, we invite you into this discernment process. If you have insight or advice that may be from the Lord into where or how God may want to place us back into ministry, we'd like to hear from you. It is the local body of Christ that sends out workers to the field. We trust God to use that family to help guide us into His ongoing purpose. Pray over the coming months that He would make more clear this next path in life and ministry. If you do pray, please shoot us a quick note. (thomas.henry@hawkemail.net and cheri.henry@hawkemail.net) We would be greatly encouraged. *Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.* (Proverbs 15:22) We are in the final week of leading the 8-week *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* course at our home church here in Lexington, KY. 25 participants are being challenged and encouraged to slow down to connect and commune with God at a deeper level. Each time Cheri and I facilitate these courses God brings us into greater awareness of the need for the Gospel to daily cultivate our heart in His presence. As we keep ramping back up in ministry, in January we will lead the second 8-week course, *Emotionally Healthy Relationships*. Pray for us and all who participate, that we mature into loving God, ourselves, and others as well, as we make disciples."

Our Daily Bread



The Fall 2022 newsletter from Our Daily Bread Ministries reports that they are developing a literacy program for communities in Africa. They surveyed 70 churches in Uganda and found that 25 percent of the church members cannot read. Many African countries have similar struggles; for example, Ethiopia's literacy rate is under 50 percent according to the World Population Review. The year-long program uses *Our Daily Bread* devotions to teach people to read and grow spiritually.

Bob and Kristi Rice

"On a late Monday afternoon in late July, we found ourselves almost at the end of our long journey. It was a miracle we had made it this far in one day. The small watercraft had run out of gas, and we found ourselves 50 meters shy of our destination floating downstream on the Nile. John Odhong, my faithful companion, suggested that we paddle with our hands to the side of the river and grab some reeds to arrest our ascent northwards. We did so as the leader of our party called
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for help. An hour later a canoe arrived with five liters of fuel. After a short trip upstream, we arrived in Kodok, the capital of Fashoda County, the home region of the Chollo (Shilluk) Kingdom. Upon arrival, we took off our shoes and waded to shore as members of the church received us. We were taken to the home of a church member where we washed down delectable fried fish with Coca-Cola. In response to our good fortune, arriving in Kodok from Juba within one day, Reverend Johnson Amum, our primary host, said

to us, 'The Lord must be with you.'

During our time in Kodok, Rev. Johnson Amum made himself fully available to us. We spent hours upon hours asking questions and learning about his life and about the Chollo people. ... it became clear that Rev. Johnson has thought deeply about the different ways in which the Gospel and the Christian faith interact with culture and the traditional ways of the Chollo people. ... Rev. Johnson, a pioneer evangelist, planted many of the churches in the region during the early 2000s. When we worshiped together on Sunday, choirs energetically sang a couple of the important songs that Rev. Johnson Amum had created. The songs incorporated traditional forms of worship in song and dance and were filled with the message of Jesus Christ. On the following Tuesday, John and I again found ourselves in a small watercraft. Due to our good fortune of getting seats on the speedboat of a non-government organization (NGO) traveling to Malakal, Rev. Johnson Amum again said to us, 'The Lord must be with you.'"

SAT-7



The November SAT-7 newsletter included the following testimony from an isolated believer who lives in Iran: "Christmas always reminds me of my spiritual rebirth. All I can say is that I was like the walking dead, thirsty for truth! The Lord came into my heart and showed me the truth. I pray for others who are lost and thirsting to receive what I have received. Due to the threat of persecution in Iran, I can only have fellowship with other believers via the internet. The authorities know that during Christmas, Christians come together and celebrate, so they watch, then burst into gatherings and arrest people. These days, we are witnessing many of the lost being saved in Iran. Wherever I go, even among my immediate neighbors, people are talking about Christianity. We get to share in the Kingdom of God, so I seek to share the Good News with others. I believe that although only a few changes can be seen on the surface, those changes show that God is working."

2023 Mission Trip Opportunities

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is promoting two mission trips and one teen work camp in 2023. Please contact the leaders of the trips you are interested in so they can plan for your attendance at an interest meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 6:30 PM. in Fellowship Hall. Questions will be answered in a group setting first followed by two opportunities for breakout sessions with specific mission trip leaders.

South Carolina Mission

Dates: March 20-25, 2023

Cost: \$175 (approximately)

The Sea Island Habitat for Humanity mission is located on Johns Island, South Carolina. This ministry is to make possible affordable housing for families in need while eliminating sub-standard poverty housing. Our volunteers typically stay in a house with ample sleeping, bath, and kitchen accommodations. Meals are prepared as a group and devotionals are shared to enrich our time together. The primary activity is building new homes. Individual construction job assignments vary, depending upon weather and what has been completed before our arrival. We could be working on basic carpentry construction, roofing, painting, or anything in between.

Qualifications: Adults of all ages are invited to participate. No special skills needed

Contact: Jerry Cleaver - 717-359-0419 or Bonnie Wright - 717-398-2411

Mexico Mission

Dates: July 2023

Cost: approximately \$900 (includes airfare)

Working in conjunction with Accion Ministry, this trip serves the people of rural Yucatan Mexico. Living in local Mayan homes we help with construction projects to support Presbyterian churches in the area, we run a Vacation Bible School for local children, and we provide a free reading glasses ministry. We spend time in fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ. There is also time for recreation and historical site seeing. This is a wonderful cross-cultural experience that will encourage your faith!

Qualifications: Anyone who had completed 9th grade and is in reasonably good health may participate. No special skills are needed. Spanish is helpful, but not necessary.

Contact: Tom Kolmer - 717-634-0258 or tomkolmer@gmail.com

Teen Work Camp

Dates: June 2023

Location: TBD

Cost: \$350

We work with several organizations to facilitate our workcamp experience. These "relationship camps" believe that participants will grow in three areas or relationships: their relationship with God; with themselves and their youth group; with the work crew and homeowner they are assigned to for the week. The work is the vehicle by which relationships are fostered. Our group will join about 350 high school youth and their adult leaders on this mission trip to repair and renovate homes for the elderly, widowed, unemployed or under-employed homeowners. We provide basic weatherization, painting, wheelchair ramps, decks and some roofing. A long time motto of our high school mission trip is, **"We work on homes...God works on us."** Confidential scholarship is available as well as financial breaks for families sending more than one child from their family.

Qualifications: Applicants must be of high school age having completed the ninth grade. We do take freshman or sophomores in college if space is available.

Contact: Rev. Lou Nyiri - 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Thanks

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

We would like to thank your church very much for your generous donation of \$300.00 in support of Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield. Your gift allows us to provide food for those who need it most, the children in our community.

Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield is a partnership between Fairfield Area School District, and the churches, businesses, and organizations in the Fairfield area. Currently any student, in the Fairfield Area School District receiving free or reduced-price lunches, is eligible to participate in Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield. Our goal is to provide children with a backpack of food items that would supply enough food for seven meals, five snacks, and two beverages for the weekend.

Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield relies substantially on the generosity of donors to continue the mission of our organization to ensure the children in the Fairfield Area School District will be well nourished. Proper nutrition has the potential to promote not only physical growth and health, but also better academic performance, behavior, and attendance in school.

Thank you again from all of us at Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield. Our mission would be immensely more difficult without the support of caring churches like yours. By helping us you are making a positive difference in the lives of many children. We look forward to your continued support of Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield.

With much gratitude and many blessings,
Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield



December Birthdays

1 — Ursula Sanchez	6 — Sergei Ismailoff	26 — Linda Lapp
5 — Lenorah Williams	7 — Rachel Williams	27 — Aimee Metz
6 — Nick Johnson	9 — Rodger Benner	28 — Fay Hess

Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!



From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on November 21, 2022 at 5:58 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Here are highlights from actions taken at that meeting:

- ✦ Membership as of 11/19/2022: Active Members (AM = CA): 160, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 60 and Family Members: 51.
- ✦ The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report on page 15 in this issue for October. We thank you for your continued generosity and financial support!
- * *Approved the following events and business items:*
 - ✦ Election of the Clerk of Session, Denise Lockwood, and Associate Clerk of Session: Phyllis Doyle Smith for one year.
 - ✦ Authorize the COF Treasurer to pay the Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 of \$5,022.00 (162 members at \$31.00 each)
 - ✦ Authorize the Clerk of Session to submit various reports to Presbytery and General Assembly by the due date as stated by the Presbytery, usually mid-February.
 - ✦ Appointment of Jean Bentz as Gifts and Memorials Officer for 2023.
 - ✦ Schedule the meeting time and day of Session for the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
 - ✦ Support of the Adams County Prison Ministry Christmas Program by collecting men's crew socks and Hershey Milk Chocolate bars beginning on November 27, 2022.
 - ✦ Christmas Eve Worship Offering to be split between the Prosperous Youth Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the Refugee Resettlement Partnership in Gettysburg.
 - ✦ Any End-of-Year funds in MOM be donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ft. Myers Hurricane Relief.
 - ✦ Sunday, February 12, 2023: Souper Bowl special collection of monetary gifts and soup/canned goods with soup/canned goods to go to the Fairfield Food Pantry and the monetary offerings to go to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen.
 - ✦ The Approved Lists of Gifts and Memorials.
- * *News from the Home Ministry Team - maintains the church property and cemetery*
 - ✦ The storm water drainage work in the church parking lot is scheduled to be completed in November.
 - ✦ With approval from Session, the team will hire Faithful Productions to help support our media people. This is a Christian organization that works with churches to help them better utilize their audio/video systems. This company will train our A/V operators in all aspects of our system as well as create written procedures for live-streaming, troubleshooting, and everyday operations of the sound/video system. The cost is \$1,825.00 and will be taken from the Gifts and Memorials Fund.
 - ✦ The lights project in the sanctuary has been moved to 2023. Investigations are continuing into the best lighting to put in.

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- ✦ The lighting project in the education building will be completed in 2023. All materials will be purchased in 2022.
- * *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team - manages church finances and mission support*
 - ✦ A total of 67 Estimate of Giving Cards were received for the Stewardship Campaign. Pledges totaled \$231,291.00 for the Church Operating Fund and \$75,451.00 for the Mission Organizations/Missionaries Fund.
 - ✦ The Church Operating Fund and the Mission Organizations/Missionaries Fund budgets for 2023 were approved by Session. The Church Operating Fund increased by \$657.00 totaling \$310,655.00 and the Mission Organizations/Missionaries Fund remained the same at \$77,800.00.
- * *News from the Spiritual Life Team - oversees the spiritual life of the church as well as fellowship, education and music in the church*
 - ✦ Plans are ongoing for the many events planned for the Advent Season. Please watch for an announcement highlighting the many events!
- * *News from the 275th Anniversary Committee – to celebrate the 275 years of the church's history and service to God*
 - ✦ Plans are underway for various celebrations and special events throughout 2023. The opening event will be the annual Winter Banquet on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Mark your calendars! The event will take place at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg, MD and there will be a special speaker to talk about life in our area when our church was first being formed.
 - ✦ Watch for information as plans come together!
 - ✦ If anyone is interested in serving on this committee please contact Lynn Miller.
- * *News from the Clerk of Session:*
 - ✦ The annual examination of the Session Minutes and Church Register resulted in approval and found to be in order!
 - ✦ Annual Officer's Training took place in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Ordination and installation of officers will take place at both worship services on Sunday, January 8, 2023.
 - ✦ Session approved the formation of the ad hoc committee, 275th Anniversary Committee, for the purpose of planning and executing special events in 2023 in honor of the church's 275 years of service to the Lord. Elder Lynn Miller is the chair of this committee.
 - ✦ Heard that the Per Capita for 2023 will be \$31.00 per member.
 - ✦ Scheduled the semi-annual Congregational meeting for Sunday, January 29, 2023, between services in the fellowship hall.
 - ✦ Elders Nunamaker and Grove will continue to serve as co-chairs of the 2023 Nominating Committee.
 - ✦ Session team assignments for 2023 are:
 - * Home Ministry Team: Dirk Grove, Jim Richardson, Ron Milhimes
 - * Spiritual Life Team: Cathy Michaliga, Susan Nunamaker, Lynn Miller
 - * Interpretation & Stewardship: Ray Wright, Doyle Waybright, Lane Speck
 - ✦ All end-of-year business was completed giving Session the month of December off. There will be no team or Session meetings in December!

Session wishes everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and thanks you for your continued love and support of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church!



Pictured are from left, Front Row: Sue Welsh and Pam Grove
 Back Row: Jim Welsh, Doris Wampler, Elaine Reichl, Arlene Wright, Pat Diehl and Joe Reichl
 Missing from picture: Pam Johnson

Food Pantry

There is a special request for December — Cereal! The food pantry manager was unable to get cereal when she placed her order. The number of families continues to grow. The Fairfield Food Pantry is now serving 35. Many thanks. - Arlene

From The Deacons

Deacons are co-coordinating with the Spiritual Life Team to provide the Congregational Christmas Dinner to be held on December 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to sign up in the narthex, if you plan to attend.

We are also reorganizing our deacon volunteer responsibilities for 2023. Several deacons are volunteering for positions that are new to them, but everyone is looking forward to working together as a team.

We are glad that we are able to reach out with our casserole ministry to members and friends in need of a little extra love and care. A casserole and conversations are always comforting. Please contact Pat Diehl or Arlene Wright, if you know someone in need of a casserole or if you would like to consider preparing a casserole.

We are glad that members and friends have been able to reach out and receive transportation assistance, when needed. If you have a need for transportation, please see the drivers' information below or contact Jim Welsh (also listed).

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).

Volunteer Drivers

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

FINANCIAL HEALTH UPDATE – October 2022

Church Operating Fund Income

Account Description	October - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$28,656.00	\$238,831.80	\$284,948.00
Other Income	\$2,906.18	\$25,155.90	\$25,050.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,562.18	\$263,987.70	\$309,998.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$1,204.25	\$8,285.02	\$16,450.00
Education & Nurture	\$0.00	\$710.73	\$5,050.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$451.14	\$5,577.60	\$5,988.00
Home Ministry	\$4,308.20	\$49,817.33	\$74,500.00
Church Administration	\$15,938.13	\$157,307.85	\$208,010.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,901.72	\$221,698.53	\$309,998.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$9,660.46	\$42,289.17	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/2022: \$92,186.09

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	October - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$8,296.00	\$65,628.00	\$76,800.00
Other Income	\$32.20	\$2,948.34	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,328.20	\$68,576.34	\$77,800.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,544.75	\$68,881.05	\$77,800.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$216.55	-\$304.74	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/2022: \$132.50

Notable expenses for October: \$1,198.00 - Equipment Maintenance

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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

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Monday - Friday
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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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