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275 Years

Happy Anniversary: 1748 to 2023

A small pamphlet titled the *Centennial Exercises* was published following the 100th anniversary celebration of our church building on September 25, 1890. The Rev. Dr. William M. Paxton from Princeton Theological Seminary was the keynote speaker at the grand occasion. The Paxton family, four generations of Presbyterian pastors of rich Scots Irish heritage, were an influential force in colonial Presbyterian circles. Having Dr. Paxton travel from New Jersey and preach at our anniversary celebration was quite an honor.

These are Dr. Paxton's beautiful words: *"The tongue of time is speaking; the voices of a hundred years are ringing in our ears. If the walls of this ancient church could speak, or its echoes could syllable the memories of the past, what a tale they would tell . . . We see the old church, its grove of majestic trees, the horses standing in the shade, the gathering of families and friends in little clusters to ask of each others welfare; the children with restrained bashfulness getting gradually together, and the old spring, blessed in the memory of every child that ever dipped up its refreshing water. As we enter the church we seem to see the forms of our venerable fathers and our beloved mothers and brothers and sisters as they gather in the family pew. We reproduce our first early impressions of religious thought and feeling, and lift our hearts toward God and heaven. . . ."*

And thus we will this year, 2023, in various ways celebrate our remarkable heritage of 275 years, marking us among the oldest congregations in the United States. The dates we use are these: 1748 marks the founding of the congregation, the original log church which we know was located within the bounds of our cemetery is now all gone; 1790 marks the construction of our stone sanctuary which we are blessed to borrow from the ages to enjoy each week for our worship of Almighty God.

I will try in many ways and at different times this year to offer some hints of the blessing, gratitude and honor I feel at the opportunity to serve this historic congregation. But I have little hope that any words I may say will soar with the majesty and beauty of the words that have already been spoken by all the previous generations, including the esteemed Dr. Paxton.

"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past."

Deuteronomy 32:7

In Christ,
Mark

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Church Life Announcements

Sunday Morning Adult Study — Join our Sunday morning group this winter at 9:45 in room 3 in Fellowship Hall. We are reading and discussing the Old Testament book of Judges. Any questions, please see Susan Nunamaker or Doyle Waybright.

The Women's Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM. This winter we are reading and discussing Prayer in the Night by Tish Harrison-Warren. Contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272, with any questions.

Winter Wear Donations — It is cold outside 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. The box will be there for donations through the month of March. Thank you for your support!



The LMC Stitches had a busy year in 2022. We enjoyed our Mondays knitting and crocheting items for the Winter Coat Drive and for the Tender Care Pregnancy Center. In between we also worked on our own projects and learned new skills from our members. We even took a field trip in December with plans for more. We welcome everyone who would like a safe space to learn a new craft or to enjoy the fellowship (and the trials) of other crafters. Please join us Mondays from 10:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We meet in classroom 4 but you will have no trouble finding us as we are not a quiet group! Please contact Judy Williams at 717-968-4381 with any questions. Thanks!



From the Clerk's Desk

The Session did not hold a regular meeting in December but will resume their regular meetings in January 2023. Here are just a few items:

- * Membership as of 12/15/2022: Active Members (AM = CA): 159, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 59 and Family Members: 51. Total:269
- * The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report in this issue for November on page 13. We thank you for your amazing generosity and financial support

Session wishes you and your families a Holy and Merry Christmas Season and a New Year filled with joy and hope in the Lord! Let us look toward an exciting year of serving our Holy Father as we each reach out to our church family, community and the world with his love!

Faith or Foolishness

It was with sadness that I learned in early October that Richard and Linda Hagee were resigning their positions with our church and “moving on to other goals”. Soon after, I read the announcement in the Sunday bulletin that the church was looking for replacements for these two valuable, faithful servants. When I read about the job Linda was leaving, I thought, maybe this is something I could do.

In recent years, limitations of age and common sense keep me from doing things that just a few years ago I would have attempted with no second thought. For one thing, I no longer care to drive after dark, so my activities are somewhat limited. But, I thought, is this a way I might serve the church?

After a brief prayer for guidance, I responded with an email inquiry to Cathy Michaliga who was listed as the contact person in the announcement. I asked what knowledge, experience, and equipment were necessary to follow in Linda’s footsteps. Cathy responded, “I believe if you have a computer and a reasonable command of either Word or Publisher then you can certainly do the job.” She advised me to contact Linda for particulars. At the time, I had neither a computer nor a command of the software. Nevertheless, I contacted Linda.

Linda was very helpful, very forthcoming with all types of information. She was willing to work with me in any area where I needed training.

It has not been easy. It has not been smooth. There has been a lot of second guessing on my part. I knew at the outset that it would be a steep learning curve. But, with many prayers for guidance, advice from family and friends regarding hardware and software, and in-person training with Linda, I have prepared to take over as Editor of the church newsletter effective with the February 2023 edition. At my age, with my level of experience, is this faith or foolishness? Time will tell. Only God knows for sure.

Thanks to all for this opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to working with everyone. I can be reached at the usual email address – lilripples@gmail.com

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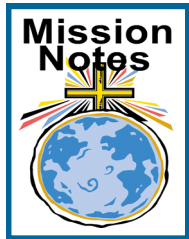
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 — Barb Schwartz | 23 — Franklin Orleski |
| 3 — Phyllis Smith | 30 — Robert Williams |
| 5 — Caleb Miner | 31 — Dan Shriner |
| 18 — Frank Buhrman | |



Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!



Recent Correspondence from Mission Organizations/Missionaries



Adams Christian Prison Ministries (ACPM)

December means that ACPM is gearing up for the annual Christmas activities for inmates and correctional officers. Similar to last year, they will be receiving Christmas cards from various churches and organizations to wish them a Merry Christmas. Operation Inmate Socks will be executed providing each inmate two pairs of socks and a Hershey's milk chocolate candy bar. Christmas cookies baked by the members of Herr's Ridge Mennonite Church in Gettysburg will be distributed. The inmates will have an opportunity to receive a blank Christmas card for them to fill out and send to their loved ones. The postage will be covered by ACPM. As a sign of gratitude, ACPM will sponsor a holiday meal for the correctional officers and the staff at ACACC in the beginning of the year.

Volunteer application packets are starting to come in, but many previous volunteers have not yet submitted an application packet. The application packet needs to be completed by all individuals who wish to volunteer inside the prison. When received by Chaplain Perez, the application packets will be forwarded to the security department to conduct a criminal history background check. Once approved, volunteers will receive an invitation to attend the mandatory volunteer security training. Applications are available on the ACPM website and need to be mailed to the chaplaincy department at ACACC, 45 Major Bell Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Please do not email your application since it will contain personal identifiable information.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County

At a recent Good News Club, the public-school teacher informed us that one of her students, an attendee at Good News Club, wrote a song and sang it to her music class. The song was about Jesus and the little girl's love for Him. She was not at all ashamed to sing of her love for the Lord in front of her classmates in the public school. At our mission time, the student was more than willing to play and sing her love song about Jesus to all of us in Good News Club. This little girl boldly shared her love for Jesus with her classmates. Do we share boldly? Do you wonder what to say? If you are concerned about how to share the Gospel, please contact Miss Pam at the CEF office. She would be happy to talk with you about how to share your faith with those with whom you come in contact each day. Are you thinking, "I wish I could help, but I can't teach?"

There are many other ways that you can help this ministry. Being available to listen to children's verses or sitting with them while someone is teaching. There are snacks and prizes needed for all the clubs. A couple of the clubs have over 30 regular attendees. Prize box items needed include small bouncy balls, glow in the dark bracelets & necklaces, squishies, bath bombs, little toy cars/trucks, etc. Non-sugary snacks needed include pretzels, popcorn, cheese crackers, chips, raisins, etc.

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Compassion International

After a period of silence, we have a letter from Brayan! He writes: "Hello, dear sponsors Friends, it is such a joy for me to address you through this beautiful letter wishing that God is keeping you and all your loved ones greatly. I wish to tell you that my siblings from oldest to youngest are Ismael, Raquel, me and Ester. I like to learn from my older brother Ismael. He studies a lot and knows many things. Let me tell you that no extended family live with me. I also tell you that in my family, I spend the most time with my dad. He teaches me many things about his job of carpentry. Someday, I will be like him because I really like that. Let me tell you that my food is prepared by my mom. She prepares yummy food, and I love that she does it. My favorite thing to do with my family is to eat together and then talk. I like to do it often, and we have fun. I also wish to tell you that my family lives in a rural area, and it is so beautiful to live in a place like this one. I love it. My favorite way to help in my family is to clean and run errands, and I also help my dad in the agriculture to grow beans, corn, etc. My family's faith background is Christian. I like to go to church on Sundays with my mom and little sister because it is good to learn from the word of God and His will with us. My family needs prayer for us to stay healthy and for God to help us keep going together. I wish to ask you: What do you like to do in your free time? I say goodbye wishing blessings for you and your family. Love, Brayan."

Brayan just turned 17 on November 25th and he would like to hear from us. If you are willing, you can submit a letter to Sandy Buhrman (sandybuhrman49@gmail.com) and she will upload it to the Compassion website.

DiscipleMakers

This month we have been working with "Mike," one of our student leaders at Penn State York, to begin investing more intentionally in younger students. Each week we meet to help each other process life from a gospel-centered and biblical perspective, to read the scriptures together, and to pray for each other and our efforts to make disciples. We study the book of Proverbs, then think through how to live as men of faithfulness and wisdom before the Lord. Several weeks ago, I began encouraging Mike to do something similar with younger students. Mike stepped out in faith, asking a first-year student to read God's word and pray together on a regular basis. "Chad" eagerly agreed and now they get time together in prayer and God's word on campus. Chad has expressed interest in being a student leader in the future.

Prayer requests from Kevin and Maria: 1) Praise God for bringing "Oriana" to Bible study. Please pray that God will continue to draw Oriana to Himself. 2) Praise God for our student leaders at Penn State York and Gettysburg College. Pray for boldness as they initiate with their peers, and receptiveness to their offers to read the Bible. 3) Please pray for our team. Many of our faithful coworkers have been wrestling through challenging health struggles, while also ministering to students. 4) Pray for God to grant us more children. We welcome your prayers for God to give us more children and to help us wait on Him. Thank you for praying for us after our recent miscarriage. We really appreciated your prayers and thoughtful cards.

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Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry

Migrant workers spend around 6-9 months alone in the camps, which affects them and some of the workers have the inclination to feel alone and depressed. After visiting and praying with two workers who were depressed and needed spiritual support, the workers received Jesus as their Savior. We are grateful for every person who is praying for us because this year more than 150 workers received Jesus in their hearts. Please pray for: our ministry so we can better connect with the migrant workers; pray that we can help local churches start the visitation process with them; pray for the financial support we need to raise, especially this year because of the inflation in the economy.

If you know of any church or business who could donate a van or SUV for our mission, please let Christian Aguilar know (717-623-0999). Our van has a lot of issues, and we are praying for a newer and better means of transportation for the ministry.

Thank you to all the people who participated this season visiting and mobilizing churches to collect jackets, blankets, and making personal care kits for the workers.

Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

It is no secret that the increased cost of food and fuel continues to have a significant impact on all of us, and for organizations such as ours and how we maintain our mission: "To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community." For our guests, fixed incomes and food stamps are not stretching as far as they once did, and it shows in our numbers. Since May of this year, the number of guests being served by us has increased from a typical day of 45, to as many as 60 a few times each week. Our current data shows that we are on a path to serving 3,000-4,000 more meals this year than in years past. Throughout 2022 guests received 7 meals each week, and pantry items 2-3 days each week. Anyone who is hungry can eat at the Soup Kitchen, no questions asked.

As we wrap up our 31st year of serving the Gettysburg Community, our organization continues to succeed through the kindness and generosity of others. Many youth groups, sports teams and smaller church groups continue to provide gifts of food and supplies; monetary donations generated in response to our annual appeal not only pay for the food and supplies associated with our meal service, but also help pay for utilities, routine site maintenance, and equipment repair or replacement when needed.

Krislund Camp and Conference Center

Children today are more anxious and less happy, spending an average of only four to seven minutes a day in unstructured outdoor play. At Krislund, youth of all backgrounds have the opportunity to learn about our Lord and Savior, disconnect from technology, and be entirely present in the natural world with their peers. These outdoor, faith-based, and interpersonal experiences are crucial for children, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our campers and their parents agree that Krislund's programs are needed now more than ever. In addition to serving residential and day campers in 2022, Krislund also provided adventure programming and Christ-informed hospitality to hundreds of retreat guests from local churches, universities, and special-interest groups.

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As Krislund approaches its 60th anniversary in 2023, we hope you will donate to ensure a bright future where all people can continue to encounter God, build relationships, and experience Creation. As we reach this milestone, there is much to be done to ensure that Krislund remains a safe, welcoming place for our campers and guests. Your support is crucial to funding infrastructure upgrades, land management and stewardship, and camper scholarships for 2023. Contributions can be made on Krislund's website at www.krislund.org/donate.

SAT-7

What is happening in Iran should be on the hearts and in the prayers of every Christian in America. The uprising of women in this troubled nation has grown even more critical. The government may continue to crush the demonstrators, killing hundreds if not thousands ... or the 43-year-old revolutionary regime could collapse. If freedom prevails, a door of historic opportunity could open for the Gospel. Thankfully, the news media is finally starting to report, women, students, and even men throughout the nation are rebelling ... demonstrating for freedom, demanding release from the oppressive regime. People are being imprisoned and beaten just for standing near a demonstration.

There is a heart-wrenching report of elementary school girls who did not wish to board a school bus. Reportedly, they were beaten mercilessly, and one girl died after falling into a coma. There was a news story of the military firing into a non-violent group of protestors, killing 11, including children. This nationwide movement may end in brutal massacres and mass imprisonment, or some type of long stalemate. We just don't know, but tens of thousands of lives are at stake.

Here are some of the moving messages that have been sent to SAT-7, sometimes at great risk to the senders:

Amir: Without a miracle, I don't see the rulers leaving their throne and hold on Iran. Their answer to the oppressed and defenseless people of Iran is with bullets. Let us unite in prayer for a miracle.

Shahnaz: The people of Iran need your prayers. All these unarmed young people were killed. Pray for Iran to be rescued from evil. Dear believers, may the living Lord Jesus Christ grant you His grace and blessing.

Zina, a teenage girl, wrote: Please pray for the people of Iran. They are killing so many every day. At four o'clock this morning, the agents came and took my uncle away because he had gone out on the streets.

And another said: Many of our young people are being tortured and kept in prison on fabricated charges. I am asking Jesus Christ to save them; and I would like God to help us be freed from these chains. And I would like to build churches in my country for believers to gather in prayer. Amen.

Pray for an end to the violence, that the soldiers will refuse to kill their own people, and that the killing of innocent, peaceful people will cease. Pray that any new government, in God's providence, will be no worse, and that stability and freedom will instead come to this troubled nation. Pray that God will use these difficulties to draw millions to watch SAT-7 PARS, to hear the Gospel, and give their lives to the Prince of Peace, their Lord and Savior.

Message from Thomas and Cheri Henry



Praise the Lord, skilled helpers who know us deeply have seen our restoration, believe we are ready to return to the mission field, and have given us a green light. January 2023 marks the corner we will turn to head back to full-time ministry in a new context. We recently reached out to two organizations that align with our vision and mission, and in January we begin to formally pursue each. Pray with us as we discern our best fit (organization/team & location) and the timing of relocating.

How God Has Been Restoring & Transforming Us During Sabbatical

These are all a work in progress, but they have already opened us up to greater freedom in Christ. Praise God for skilled & compassionate helpers.

Rejoice with Cheri

- *I don't have to make everything right because I am OK in Jesus.* (I am growing in awareness that God is the true Rescuer. I can relax and transfer my needs & desires onto Him in faith.)
- *I am entitled to my own opinion - period.* (The implication is that others are entitled to their opinion too - period.)
- *When I sense sadness or gloom rising up in me, I can stop and explore the message I am telling myself.* (The next step is to ask Jesus if there is a lie attached to what I am telling myself, dispute it, and return to joy.)
- *Stop looking to empty cisterns for living water.* (Jesus and sometimes the Spirit of Jesus living in others satisfy my thirst.)
- *I have had a deep and complicated "Anger Iceberg", and it's melting.* (Christian counselors, a Spiritual Companion/Director and safe friends have helped.)
- *I am gifted with leadership abilities for the building up of the body.* (The implication is to stop asking Thomas to speak for me. I am growing in not overwhelming people.)
- *Having more margin for stillness, prayer, and "the love exchange with God" greatly reduces my intensity.* (The implication is not to run so fast!)

Rejoice with Thomas

- *I am not as strong as I think.* (The implication is that I must take off the mask, recognize my limits, take my weakness, temptation, and burdens to the Lord, and not carry them myself, appearing to be someone I'm not.)
- *Let evil get to me.* (I need to let myself feel the pain and impact of sin and injustice, to not spiritualize it away or chalk it up to God's sovereignty too quickly. I want it to drive me to my knees to intercede or confess.)
- *Hope all things.* (I don't want to give up on things that seem hopeless. All things are possible with God, and my hope is in Christ no matter what the outcome.)
- *Embrace the WHOLE person I love.* (The implication is that nobody is perfect, we're all complex. I may not like a person's flaws or idiosyncrasies, but I am called to accept them and love them - the good and the "ugly", and not let those things get to me.)
- *Don't idealize my childhood.* (I'm realizing important things were missing. This awareness has been painful, but it has opened the door to being honest with myself and the Lord and to learn to walk in freedom.)

We thank God for you who give financially. Your sacrifice made our sabbatical possible. And you who pray. Your struggle is worth it. Don't give up! Even though we stopped for a season to be restored, God NEVER stops! The lost are being found. Disciples are being made. The church is being gathered. And Christ will soon return. As you eagerly wait for Him, may the joy of the Lord be your strength.



Welcome to another year of music at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church. This is a special anniversary, marking 275 years of worship by congregations here in our lovely stone structure. During the upcoming year we will focus on religious music from previous centuries, moving from the past to the present. The internet, as well as a collection of old hymnals, will provide titles for anthems and service music. Special guest musicians are being invited to present some of these popular genres of yesterday.

Before introducing our plans for 2023, I want to thank all our dedicated singers. They take on a lot of added responsibility each week since I am busy playing the organ and piano. Additionally, our music schedule is very hectic since the Bells of Faith play only two Sundays during the year (Thank you, Dana and Ringers!). Although our children are few in number, they are very talented and always a pleasure! And, our Wires and Wood members always perform at both services during their monthly presentation. Dirk Grove always has our music beautifully created just for our group. Again, LMCPCC has a very talented and dedicated group. Please take a moment to thank them for their performances!

Looking ahead to 2023: The last Sunday of each month will feature "Congregational Choice" songs. Please email me, Linda Clark, at pausetoread@yahoo.com with your suggestions! I will certainly try to have your favorites played, or sung, at a Sunday worship service. Mark your suggestions with "Favorite Song" in the memo line of your email so I can easily identify them.

Our January musical lineup is a bit unique since the first Sunday is New Years Day. Also, weather and illness have been known to disrupt our plans! Currently our proposed schedule is as follows:

- January 1 – Guitar ensemble: Lynn Miller and Dale Williams
- January 8 – Glory Singers/Faithful Voices – Song for Epiphany
- January 15 – Guest musician?
- January 22 – Wires and Wood
- January 29 – Favorite songs featured

Linda Clark

Why The Blue Envelope? Per Capita Offering

The annual giving of all Presbyterians, in the form of our Per Capita offerings, is a “tie that binds” the entire church and benefits every congregation. Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry. Per Capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.

Per Capita amounts are determined by General Assembly nationally, regionally by the Synod and locally by the Presbytery. These monies are used to administer the responsibilities, functions, and mission of each governing body. This year that assessment in our presbytery is \$31.00 per member. Our Session is committed to paying the full assessment for all members on our roll because we treasure our relationship with the wider church, and the congregation benefits when members contribute their share to the whole.

This year the split is as follows:

General Assembly:	\$ 9.85
Synod of the Trinity:	\$ 2.40
Presbytery of Carlisle:	<u>\$18.75</u>
Total:	\$31.00

This assessment per member maintains a physical office and staff at all three levels of governance; it provides training and leadership development for our church officers; it provides learning opportunities for pastors and members of congregations and faith formation initiatives for youth through Camp Krislund; it also provides oversight and preparation for those discerning God’s call to ministry. These are just a few examples of what the per capita funds do.

But it is not these benefits alone that make us so deeply committed to the per capita offering. It is our shared sense of our Reformed heritage and our Presbyterian identity that compels us to take our relationship with the whole Presbyterian family so seriously.

Thank you to all who have paid and plan to pay your share of the \$31.00 per member. By contributing your portion of per capita, you will free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you have not contributed to this in the past, we hope you will consider doing so this year. You may remit your per capita contribution by using the special envelope designated “per capita” that came with your offering envelopes, or simply by writing “per capita” on the memo line of your check.

We look forward to your participation in per capita giving, an expression of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation and beyond.

The Interpretation & Stewardship Team

The Giving Corner

A Season of New Beginnings

Happy New Year! 2023 – Wow!! As we enter this new year we pray for peace, prosperity, good health, joy, and happiness! We hope for a year filled with love and God's guidance. We celebrate the arrival of Emmanuel "Christ Among Us" and we say thank you for the Holy Spirit dwelling within us!

Some of us make New Year's resolutions. There are numerous definitions for the word resolution; some legal, some related to acts of the government and then the one which relates to our resolutions: a firm decision to do or not to do something.

Are our New Year's resolutions ever firm decisions? We always have good intentions but how long do our resolutions really last? What if Christ had not been firm in his resolution to fulfill his reason for being "Christ Among Us?" Where would that leave us? Jesus gave his life to forgive our sins and give us life eternal! How do we even grasp the full meaning of that? The love that Christ has for us is truly overwhelming!

Let us resolve this January of 2023 to be a people of true gratitude for all our God has done for us! We can show our gratitude by giving back to our church, our community, and our world. We can give of our time, our talents, and our treasures. Prayerfully consider how you can make a difference and get connected this year. We have many opportunities to serve at Lower Marsh Creek.

Paul encouraged Timothy to live a godly life and in so doing he would impact others to live faithfully. Let us resolve to be the type of Christian that Paul encouraged Timothy to be. Let us encourage each other to live faithfully by sharing our time, talents and treasures in thanksgiving and God's own goodness will be felt in the world. That is the gift we can give; may that be the resolution we keep!

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8-11



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us



Food Pantry

Thank you everyone for your generosity and support for the food pantry this past year. The number of families needing assistance has grown as the price of everything has gone up. Cereal is on the top of the list of needs as well as non-food items for January. — Arlene Wright

From The Deacons

During 2022, the Deacons had the privilege of preparing funeral receptions for families of nine of our church family members who passed away. Food was provided as well as a time for families to gather together and share memories.

The Deacons continue to organize and distribute casseroles to our members who are experiencing illness or have a need. If you know of anyone in need of a casserole or if you are willing to provide one, please contact Pat Diehl or Arlene Wright. Recipients are always most appreciative.

In January, the Deacons will review their assignments and responsibilities for 2023. The 2023 Board will be Pam Johnson, moderator, Pat Diehl, Pam Grove, Al Miller, Elaine and Joe Reichl, Jim and Sue Welsh, and Arlene Wright.

Transportation is available for members and friends who have a need for transportation assistance. If you have a need for transportation, please see the drivers' information below or contact Jim Welsh (also listed).

Doris Wampler, 2022 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 – NOVEMBER 2022

Church Operating Fund Income

Account Description	November - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$21,309.00	\$260,140.80	\$284,948.00
Other Income	\$133.01	\$25,321.91	\$25,050.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,475.01	\$285,462.71	\$309,998.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$399.12	\$8,684.14	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$24.00	\$734.73	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$0.00	\$5,577.60	\$5,951.00
Home Ministry	\$1,867.04	\$51,684.37	\$70,382.00
Church Administration	\$19,583.92	\$176,891.77	\$208,010.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,874.08	\$243,572.61	\$309,998.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$399.07	\$41,890.10	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 11/30/2022: \$91,951.88

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	November - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$6,802.00	\$72,430.00	\$76,800.00
Other Income	\$160.29	\$3,108.63	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,962.29	\$77,059.02	\$77,800.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,614.00	\$75,495.05	\$77,800.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$348.29	\$43.58	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 11/30/2022: \$390.79

Notable Expenses for November: \$3,550.00 - Christmas Bonuses for Staff



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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

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
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**“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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