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Rest in Peace

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. . ." - Psalm 23: 4

The shadow of death has cast a dark shadow over our congregation in recent days. Never in my career as a pastor have I experienced such a concentrated number of deaths:

Evelyn and Dimitri Ganas
Mike Rioux
Virginia Speelman
Martha "Deeny" Robison
Jim Maddox

The prayers from the liturgy for our funeral service have become too common and familiar for me. The quiet echo of our committal service - "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" - plays over and over again in my heart. The power of numerous, inspired scripture passages is close at hand, but none more powerful or more close than the glorious, poetic images of Psalm 23 which we use in every funeral service. I try hard to give Witness to the Resurrection in every funeral service. In a tragic, sudden, shocking and early death like Evelyn and Dimitri that witness is clouded and obscure; I have to reach for it while stumbling in the dark and proclaim it when the words do come easily. But in a moment like the peaceful and perfectly natural death like Virginia's, at the age of 107, the witness comes easy and our faith in the order of things and God's providence is sure and certain.

I wonder and pray what does all this mean for our congregation? Will the hot heat of tragedy and death refine our steel, strengthen our resolve, bring us together? Most of all we give thanks for these dear friends who have died, we pray for their families and loved ones, and we continue in all things, with or without words, and even in the darkness to give witness to the Resurrection.

Deeny's family requested a verse which we may hold onto these days and always: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* - Romans 15:13

All things in Christ!
Mark

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THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR
YOU ARE WITH ME - YOUR
ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY
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Psalm 23 : 4

Church Life Announcements



Summer Worship Schedule — We are changing to one service at 10:00 AM and Sunday School at 9:00 AM beginning June 5 through September 11!



Couple's Study Group — Dave and Pat Diehl, 96 Meade Drive, Gettysburg will be hosting the Couple's Study Group on June 11 beginning at 5:30 PM. Dave has his boat ready to take anyone interested on a tour of Lake Heritage and promises that the battery is charged!! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and each couple is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Watch the church bulletin for our study topic. All married couples in the congregation are invited to join us.



The Women's Guild will be hosting a light coffee hour June 12th after the 10:00 am service. During this time, we will be recognizing the recipients of The Ginny Woods Scholarship. The congregation is welcome to attend and offer their congratulations! The Guild will meet June 21st in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. All women of the church are invited to attend. Welcome summer!

Sunday Morning Adult Study — Our Sunday morning group is discussing N.T. Wright's book, "Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church. Our discussion will be led by Wright himself through a DVD. Wright focuses on two questions: What are we waiting for? And what are we going to do about it in the meantime? He focuses on our ultimate hope - resurrection and eternal life and the discovery of hope within our present world. Any questions, see Susan Nunamaker or Doyle Waybright.

The Women's Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM. This summer, we will read and discuss Ten Women of the Bible: One by One They Changed the World by Max Lucado. We don't even know all their names. Some are referred to only by their nationality. Some are known only by where they lived. Some would become queens, while others would live on the fringes of society. As we study the lives of these women our desire is to find important truths that God wants us to grasp. Interested women should contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.

SIGN-UP TO WATER AND WEED: There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for interested volunteers to sign-up for a week or more to help with the weekly summer watering and weeding of the flowers and plants on the church property. Thanks for what you will do to help make and keep our church property beautiful. Any questions, please contact Alicia DeHoff, Pat Diehl, Susan Nunamaker, Jenny Waybright.

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Congregational Church Retreat - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." - Our theme for this year's



Church Retreat. If this sounds like a tall order and you sometimes wonder how to do that – please join us on Saturday, August 13th at Camp Eder on the Mt. Hope Road near Fairfield. Our annual retreat is once again FREE this year for all ages. We will gather at 9:30AM in the camp's air-conditioned main building where drinks and breakfast snacks will be provided. This day will be filled with programs, workshops, and activities. In the morning, Pastor Mark will lead the adults, while Miss Shirley and others will share Bible stories and activities with the children. A nutritious and delicious lunch and dinner will be served in the AC main

building. Everyone will be invited to participate in an artist led step-by-step painting session or making an artist led wood craft piece. The camp has a swimming pool, hiking trails, quiet areas for meditating, a creek for wading and a few other surprise things to try, and we will give you plenty of time to do these. The day will end around dusk with a service led by Pastor Mark and our musicians in the camp's cozy chapel on top of the hill overlooking beautiful Carrolls' Valley. Please prayerfully consider joining our church family for a day of fellowship, faith and fun. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board beginning June 5th.

Church Directory Photos - It's (almost) time for pictures! Please save the following dates to get your pictures taken for the new church directory.

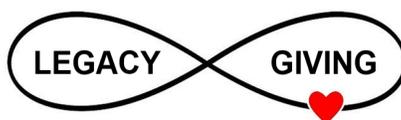


Thursday August 25: 2:00 - 8:30pm

Friday August 26: 2:00 - 8:30pm

Saturday August 27: 10:30 - 4:00pm

There will be more details as we get closer to those dates.



What is Legacy Giving? — Simply stated, Legacy Giving is a means to ensure your church's future. Your church is your spiritual home - and so much more. It's the place where children have been baptized, youth

have come to know Christ, where couples began a new life together. It's a starting place from which we go forth to serve the needs of our community. You can bless your church, its community ministry and the generations of Christians who follow you with a gift to your church in your estate. Past Legacy Gifts to Lower Marsh Creek helped in the building of the church addition, the establishment of the Ginny Woods scholarship fund, and, more recently, for the upkeep and maintenance of our cemetery. Please consider a Legacy Gift as your investment in future generations of Lower Marsh Creek Church.

Thank You!

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

The members of the Joint Camp and Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon, and Northumberland, and the members of the Krislund Staff would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$3,410.00 to the Annual Fund.

We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,

Josh Boyd, Camp Director

Krislund Camp & Conference Center

Dear LMCP,PC,

Thank you for all expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and food while Mike was ill. A special thanks to Pastor Mark who visited everyday in the hospital. Thanks also to Pastor Dale for his visit at the hospital. Thanks to the Deacons for their lovely luncheon. The LMCP,PC family is very special and Mike loved attending here when he was well..

Love in Christ,

Phyllis Rioux and family



June Birthdays

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



Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!

Virginia K. Woods Scholarship Recipients

The Interpretation and Stewardship Team in conjunction with the Session are please to announce that Aimee Metz, Hannah Best, Emma Dennison and Jenna Leedy are the recipients of the Virginia (Ginny) K. Woods Scholarship for 2022. Virginia, better known as Ginny, was a long-time member of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church and a retired teacher who had a great love for education and the youth. Ginny remembered the youth of LMC in her will through the establishment of this Scholarship Fund and we are proud to say this is the 9th anniversary of the scholarship. Aimee, Hannah, Emma and Jenna now join the ranks of other young folks who have been blessed by Ginny's generosity and love. Each recipient of this scholarship will receive \$1,500.

Aimee Metz

Aimee has attended Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church her entire life and was an active member of the Sunday School and Youth Group. She participated in many Christian activities within and outside of our church. For being a part of our church, she has learned how the Bible relates to everyday life. All her activities have helped her grow as a Christian. She is attending Shippensburg University, studying Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education. Her career goal is to teach elementary school. When she is not in class she is working at the YWCA as a child-care teacher in the day care center. She greatly appreciates the scholarships she has been awarded previously and is looking forward to finishing her education. Please congratulate Aimee on her accomplishments.



Emma Dennison

Emma will be graduating high school this year with plans to attend Seton Hill University where she will run track and play soccer. Her major in college is psychology with a minor in criminal justice with a career goal of Criminal Psychologist. She has a profound faith in God and has participated in many activities in her church. She had been very active in high school with sports and clubs as well as working and volunteering. Please congratulate Emma on her accomplishments.



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Hannah Best

Hannah will also be graduating this year with plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College. She will be majoring in early childhood education with plans to teach grades K-3. She is a “bookworm” and loves to get lost in the pages of a good book. She has grown up in a Christian family and has seen three significant steps to her faith in God. She enjoys group activities at church and sees her faith continue to grow. Please congratulate Hannah on her accomplishments.

Jenna Leedy

Jenna will be a sophomore at James Madison University studying Marketing with a career goal of Marketing Executive. She is a participant in the Women in Business Club at James Madison and was active in the Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club and National Honor Society in high school. Her involvement in community service has allowed her to uphold many important Christian morals and values such as generosity, compassion and service. Please congratulate Jenna on her accomplishments.



CONGRATULATIONS
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS





"In My Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. - *John 14:2*

As we move closer to Father's Day, we are sorely aware that many of us have loved ones in Our Father's Heavenly home. Again this month, I turned to the book **Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories**. This inspiring volume is from the library of our beloved choir member, Ki Neely. The above scripture helped in the creation of a familiar hymn.

In the year 1868, pharmacist Sanford Bennett was filling a prescription in his Wisconsin apothecary. As he asked a typically happy customer entering the store why he looked so sad, the reply was, "It's no matter. It will be all right by and by." This simple response inspired Mr. Bennett to write a poem and melody in thirty minutes! You may want to sing his lovely song when you need a spiritual lift!

*There's a land that is fairer than day/
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way/
To prepare us a dwelling place there
In the sweet by and by/
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by/
We shall meet on that beautiful shore*

Our calendar of summer music is taking shape. Now that people are healthy and can actually travel and visit relatives, planning is much more difficult. Although our Glory Singers, Faithful Voices, Wires and Wood, and Bells of Faith will take a summer vacation, many of their members will be providing music in the upcoming months. Please note, our schedule is subject to change.

June will include music by Erica Duffy, Frank Buhrman, Cornerstone (Roz, Suzanne, and Dirk), and The Groves.

July music will include some patriotic numbers on July 3, Dana Witt, and guitar stylings by Lynn and her friend Chris.

August will feature the music of Donna Jones, Whispering Creek and Jason Williams.

My wonderful music partner, Evelyn Ganas, made tentative arrangements with several of her friends and neighbors. Please pray that Andy Fink, Klaus Bergman, and Lisa Hawbaker will be able to participate in our summer music program.

Prayerfully consider joining one of our musical groups in the fall. Glory Singers rehearse at 8:00 am to sing at the 8:30 service. The Faithful Voices and Bells of Faith rehearse once during each week.

Feel free to suggest songs you would like to sing or hear during worship. Perhaps we can grant your wish!

Linda Clark pausetoread@yahoo.com

With You Always

Many years ago, I stopped in “The Family Restaurant” in Waynesville, Ohio. In this very ordinary restaurant there is a large oil painting hanging in the center of the dining area. The picture shows a middle aged businessman of today sitting at his desk, leaning forward slightly, with his hands spread out. He appears to be explaining a difficult issue to his guest. Sitting in the guest chair, in front of the desk, listening attentively to the businessman is Jesus. Jesus has a compassionate and patient expression on His face. This image made a powerful impact on me. I’ll never forget the image.

I obviously identified with the businessman. I could imagine the businessman (or me) trying to explain to Jesus our worldly behavior of greed, materialism, and too often putting the things of this world first. The businessman’s facial expression showed concern. He appeared embarrassed for holding the corporate plan to a higher priority than God’s plan.

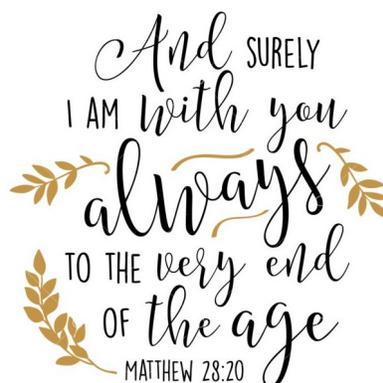
If this businessman was aware of Jesus sitting next to him at his next corporate meeting, would his attitude, behavior, and priorities change?

After seeing this picture I have tried to remember not simply the *image* of Jesus sitting at every meeting with me, but the reality that Jesus *is* with me every hour of every day. Remembering his daily presence helps us make God’s plan our priority, and fitting the proper corporate image clearly secondary or even trivial. If you remember that Jesus is in the room, you cannot act otherwise.

With that image of the Lord sitting there with us every day, wherever we are, we will know in every situation – what is the right thing to do, and we will have strength and courage to do it.

“and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

John McMann



The Giving Corner

God's Abundance

Spring has sprung! Once again the earth has come alive! Flowers are blooming, lawns are green, and trees are full and supplying shade. The birds are busy building nests preparing for their new families and we are tending our little pieces of God's green earth. Psalm 66:1 says it best: *"Shout with joy to God, all the earth!"*

In Psalm 65:9-13, David praises God for the great bounty he has provided to us:

*"You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.
You drench its furrows
and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers
and bless its crops.
You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the desert overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing."*

What a gift we have received in this beautiful creation called earth! With this amazing gift comes great responsibility. In Genesis 2:26, God made us the stewards of his gift. *"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."* God actually delegated some of his authority to us! He expects us to be careful and diligent as we fulfill this charge. Being good citizens; using our resources sensibly; and respecting our environment are part of being good stewards of what God has given us. This is stewardship in our every day lives!

Nature, all around us, points to God's overwhelming love for us – giving us more than we need or deserve! Realizing God's abundant generosity should make us grateful to Him and, in turn, we should show generosity to others!

How do you treat God's creation? Use your resources wisely because God holds each of us accountable for our stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP



Time & Talent



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

With summer weather arriving, picnic condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, etc. are needed items. Crackers such as graham and saltines are always welcome. Cleaning items such as Lysol and Mr. Clean are always needed, as they can't be purchased with Food Stamps. - Arlene Wright

From The Deacons

The Deacons have been honored with providing funeral receptions for families of five of our church family members who have recently passed on to heaven. Dimitri and Evelyn Ganas, Mike Rioux, Virginia Speelman and Martha "Deeney" Robison's families gathered to spend time together, reminiscing and sharing.

When preparing gatherings for families, there are occasions when the family will ask for the use of an easel to display pictures or memorabilia. The easel is stored in the closet in the fellowship hall. If any team or individual uses the easel, the Deacons would appreciate the return of the easel to the closet. When setting up tables and preparing décor and food, searching for the easel becomes time consuming and unnecessary if it is returned to the closet.

Returning to one service only will begin on June 5. Please consider being an usher/greeter during a summer service. If a sign-up sheet is not already posted in the narthex, please contact Joe Reichl or Sue Welsh if there is a Sunday when you are willing to serve as an usher. You would meet and greet people as they enter the church, hand out bulletins and offer prayer sheets. Barb sends a reminder prior to your date with all instructions.

Please continue your support of the Fairfield Food Pantry with your food, cleaning and personal hygiene items. We are very fortunate to be able to help address these needs. Ruth's Harvest collection will end at the conclusion of the school year. A note will be placed in a Sunday bulletin when collection resumes.

We are glad that we members and friends who have been able to reach out and receive transportation assistance. 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 – April 2022

Church Operating Fund Income			
Account Description	April - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$19,075.00	\$106,205.66	\$284,948.00
Other Income	\$1,361.74	\$17,617.24	\$25,050.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,436.74	\$123,822.90	\$309,998.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$307.47	\$5,449.29	\$16,450.00
Education & Nurture	\$9.53	\$172.76	\$5,050.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$0.00	\$4,988.00	\$5,988.00
Home Ministry	\$4,323.59	\$14,192.66	\$74,500.00
Church Administration	\$18,000.70	\$62,714.93	\$208,010.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,641.29	\$87,517.64	\$309,998.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$2,204.55	\$36,305.26	\$0.00
Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/2022: \$88,204.79			
Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income			
Account Description	April - 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$3,767.00	\$30,808.00	\$76,800.00
Other Income	\$1,881.53	\$2,783.84	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,648.53	\$33,591.84	\$77,800.00
Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,444.20	\$33,024.10	\$77,800.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$204.33	\$1,567.74	\$0.00
Missions Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/2022: \$1,914.95			
Notable expenses for April include: \$1,319.17 – Taxes			
\$1,052.38 – Equipment Maintenance			



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Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM Worship
9:00 - 9:45 AM Sunday School
Nursery 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
717-642-5332

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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