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From the  
Pastor's Desk



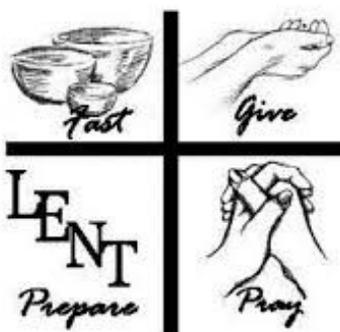
## Make Time for Lent

We begin the season of Lent this year on Ash Wednesday, March 2. This holy season in the church year will carry us for six Sundays. I encourage you to make time for Lent this year by adding into your life an additional, focused and intentional time of prayer, Scripture and worship. Make time for Lent by joining us on Ash Wednesday when we will have a light soup supper together at 6:30 and a special time of worship and prayer in our Fellowship Hall. Make time for Lent by joining our weekly fellowship meal, book discussion and short service of evening prayer each Tuesday at 6:30 (March 8, 15, 22, and 29). Make time for Lent by joining us each week for Sunday worship.

This is an interesting phrase in our English language: "make time." What does it mean to "make time"? In one sense this is impossible. Time is a given, a constant, it cannot be manufactured. There are 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, seven days in a week. This does not change. What does it mean to "make time"? We cannot add more minutes to the day, or days to the week. But can we prioritize the time we have? Can we rearrange our time to focus on things that are more important, and eliminate things which "waste our time"? In this deeply spiritual sense, I encourage you to **make time** for Lent this year. This may require some reordering and re-structuring of your days and weeks. This is a good thing!

From our **Book of Common Worship**: "*Lent is a period of forty days - like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to repentance to Ninevah, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday.*"

Next newsletter deadline:  
**Friday, March 18**  
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In Christ,  
Mark



### The Season of Lent 2022



#### Ash Wednesday, March 2:

A light soup dinner and worship service at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall. We will gather for Bible study and prayer. After a time of silent prayer, we will gather around our fire pit outside.

#### Four Tuesdays in March: Evening fellowship meals, Bible study and devotions

Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 in the Community Center at Dietrick Village (56 Winding Drive, Gettysburg).

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 in the Community Center at Dietrick Village (56 Winding Drive, Gettysburg).



STUDY GROUP

A light soup supper will be provided. Our discussion and devotions will be guided by the new book from Tish Harrison Warren, *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep*. (Copies are available at the church. Suggested donation for the book is \$20.)

#### Deep and Enriched for the Season of Lent

A beautiful collection of nineteen stories of faith have been written by members and friends of our congregation. Our **Testimonies of Faith** booklet will be distributed as a PDF document to everyone on our newsletter email list for Ash Wednesday. Paper copies will be available in the narthex on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6. We hope these testimonies will encourage spiritual sharing across our congregation. Please include our **Testimonies of Faith** booklet in your daily devotions during the season of Lent.

**Winter Banquet** – Join us for our Winter Banquet Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant. Please arrive at 11:30 with luncheon being served at noon. The main menu is Roasted Turkey, Baked Ham and of course Crab Imperial. Our entertainment will be Whispering Creek Bluegrass group. They are the children that sang in our church last year. Due to donors and a new line in the church budget we can enjoy all that for the price of \$13.50 a person, \$6 for 6-12 year olds and \$4 for age 5 and under. There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Checks or cash can be paid to the church office marked Winter Banquet. Come enjoy food and fellowship and chase away the March blues.

The Women's Guild - We're back! Unless March is a lion and bad weather prevails, The Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the year, March 15th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If any woman has considered joining us, this is the perfect time to do so because all women of the church are welcome for fellowship, fun and food!

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Sunday Morning Adult Study - Do you desire to receive a “gentle answer”? Do you desire to always give a “gentle answer”? In today’s culture of disagreement, can followers of Jesus reveal a better way of living? We want to, but it is challenging. Pastor Scott Sauls has just released his new book, A Gentle Answer, in which he provides a pathway for countercultural gentleness in our perpetually angry, attacking, outraged time. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 as we read and discuss this book. No cost for the book. Any questions, ask Susan Nunamaker or Doyle Waybright.

The Women’s Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM. This spring, 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.



**The Virginia (Ginny) K. Woods Scholarship Program Seeks Applicants** - Calling all high school seniors, students who have successfully completed at least one year at an accredited post-secondary education institution and anyone pursuing a master’s degree or some type of further education: it is time to apply to the Virginia (Ginny) K. Woods Scholarship program. This scholarship program was established at the bequest of Ginny Woods, a member of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church who was a retired school teacher with a love for youth and education. The applicants of first consideration will be a member of LMCPC, a member of our youth program, or an active participant in the life of the church. **As requested in her will; if no one is in need of a scholarship from LMCPC, the Interpretation and Stewardship Team will accept applicants from the Fairfield and Gettysburg communities.** Applications are available at the church office. You may also call Barb Schwartz, church office manager at 717-642-5332 or e-mail her at [office@lmcpc.org](mailto:office@lmcpc.org) to request an application. She can mail or e-mail it to you. Applications must be submitted by April 1 and they are reviewed by the Interpretation and Stewardship Team. The scholarship usually is awarded in May. **Please pass this information on if you know a student in need.**

SAVE THE DATE: August 13<sup>th</sup> — 9:30AM - dusk



We save dates for celebrations, vacations and doctor's appointments, why not for our annual Congregational Retreat? This year our theme is: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Pastor Mark will lead the adults in our morning session and the youth will have their very own session on Love at the same time. We will be meeting at Camp Eder, Mt Hope Road, Fairfield this year where there is lots of space and fun activities both inside and outside. The camp will provide our meals (we will share the menu a little closer to the date) so that our committee can spend time on implementing activities for the day. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS FUN DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH.**

Update on the Fairfield Community Vacation Bible School: Plans for the VBS are moving along nicely. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who can help during the week of June 13-17. Please take a look! Any questions, call Cathy Michaliga at 703-994-0289, or email [cmichaliga@yahoo.com](mailto:cmichaliga@yahoo.com).

## Lent & Stewardship

You are probably asking yourself, what does Lent have to do with stewardship? That is a very good question – read on, my friends!

Lent is a time to remember Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection and what that all means to us as his followers. During this time of 40 days, like Jesus' forty days in the desert, we usually give something up. Many of us give up chocolate, or soda, or maybe our favorite show on TV, or something we really enjoy doing. What if we looked at Lent differently this year? What if we made these 40 days a time to live generously? Do Lent Generously!

Do Lent Generously! What a concept! Now, Lent becomes more than just giving stuff up; it becomes about using our time, talent, and resources more generously. The stuff that we are good at has been given to us from God – his gifts to us. Lent is the perfect time to use these gifts to thank God for his generosity in sacrificing his only Son for us! Generosity is about much more than money; it is about our heart, our attitudes, desires, and behaviors. Lent is our time to be generous with our gifts whatever they may be!

*“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,  
When it is in your power to act.”*

Proverbs 3:27

How do we do this? Simple acts of generosity can make a very big difference in each of our life's as well as someone else's. Every day is full of potential mini-miracles; opportunities that if acted on can bring each of us and other people joy! It may be something as simple as smiling at a stranger; helping someone with their packages; encourage a friend who is down; spending quality time with someone you know is lonely. Random acts of kindness! If you do give up your favorite Starbucks coffee, or Friendly's sundae, or a meal out during the week, take that money you would have spent and put it in your Fish for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Look around you, where can you make a difference? Be aware of others and their needs. Think, how can I be God's hands, heart, and feet today? How can I be a good steward of the gifts God has given me to reflect his love in the world today?

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he wrote: *“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”* With these words from Paul, let us each accept the challenge to **“Do Lent Generously”** this year! Let us put into action the words of our Mission:

**“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.”**

Live  
Lent  
with Love & STEWARDSHIP

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Refugee Resettlement Partnership of Gettysburg (RRP of Gettysburg) is a local partnership among eight area churches and other interested parties working together to make a new home in the Gettysburg area for two or three refugee families from Afghanistan. The RRP of Gettysburg is partnering with Bethany Christian Services, Lancaster. Bethany, a sub-contractor of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, is the resettlement agency and will identify those families. Like other volunteer groups across the country, the Gettysburg group will provide sponsorship, assistance, and friendship to the families. While not a member of the partnership, LMCPCC has volunteered to aid wherever possible. Sandy Buhrman, Mission Advocate, will serve as the liaison for LMCPCC with the partnership.

These families are part of a group of more than 70,000 refugees temporarily residing on U.S. military bases here in the United States. The Department of Homeland Security and Department of State have completed medical and security clearances for all the refugees currently waiting for permanent placement. They are all 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. As such, some of the family members may possess English language ability already, but details probably won't be known until a family arrives.

The first Afghan family has arrived and were moved into their new home in Gettysburg. The family consists of father and mother, Awaz and Seema, and eight children ranging in age from 4 or 5 to 20 (five sons, Jamalkhan, Nabiulla, Jahanzaib, Mustafa, and Baber, and three daughters, Fatima, Farishta, and Sama). The oldest son remained in New Jersey with one of the other sons who needed surgery before coming to Gettysburg. Jamal, who is eighteen and speaks English, is being heavily relied upon for translation assistance.

The partnership coordinator reported on the day the family arrived, "Watching the youngest tend a baby doll on the coffee table, I thought how much our lives intertwine. Sharing a cup of a fruit and nut smoothie offered to me, I thought how similar are the things we enjoy. The children are delightful, and offered smiles, daring jumps across chasms and delight with their new surroundings (the youngest was mesmerized with handwashing!). Their exuberance brings tears to the eye. This family has traversed danger and sorrows we can't imagine, but they have high hopes and aspirations for the future."

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*Note: Two welcome cards full of signatures from our congregation, along with two \$100 Visa gift cards purchased through MOM discretionary funds and \$50 cash donated by one of our members, were delivered to the partnership coordinator on Sunday, February 13, and it has been reported that they were greatly appreciated!*



The month of March hails our holy season of Lent. In addition to Pastor Mark's inspiring and topical sermons based on the Holy Bible, our hymnal, "Worship and Rejoice" provides lyrics to support the message. Hymn number 250, "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" well articulates the season.

*"Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way  
Where meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope 'til Easter day.  
We bear the silence, cross, and pain of human burdens, human strife  
While sisters, brother, help sustain our courage 'til the Feast of Life."*

Each week during Lent, we will be using a special response to our Assurance of Forgiveness. Instead of the traditional Gloria Patri, we will be singing the first verse of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Our other special music for March follows:

March 6 – Glory Singers and Faithful Voices will be presenting "Let Us Break Bread Together" and "Here at This Table" respectively, featuring beautiful vocals and accompaniments.

Also, the congregation will begin a new tradition of singing "Stone By Stone: Our Church Song" at the conclusion of each Communion Service. The lyrics for the version we will be singing together are printed below. Hopefully everyone in the congregation will soon be humming this memorable tune as they enter and exit our stunning stone structure, a place of worship for centuries.

*Verse: We built it up, stone by stone, A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone  
Surviving change, surviving sorrow, providing faithfulness and fellowship and strength to face tomorrow*

*Chorus: Our Lower Marsh Creek Church stands solid / Each one of us a stone unique  
Our trust in God holds us together / This Heavenly place on earth Marsh Creek*

*Verse: We built it up, stone by stone, A place where we can be together, and no one will be alone  
We nurture faith, the seeds we sow, are those of harmony and unity to help God's kingdom grow  
We built it up. . . We built it up. . . We built it up!*

March 13 - Wires and Wood will be performing a selection entitled "There Ain't No Grave Gonna Hold My Body Down!" Again this group has managed to use their unique talents to create a special sound we hope you enjoy.

March 20 – The Bells of Faith continue to create beautiful harmonies as they are now fewer in numbers, but their ringing continues to inspire. Thanks to our dedicated Ringers!

March 27 – Glory Singers and Faithful Voices will be presenting inspiring selections for the season of Lent.

Looking ahead to warmer weather...Our LMCPC Musical Family will be continuing to add to our worship services through the end of May. Again this summer, we will be having just one service and hope to include special music presentations beyond our regular groups. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, may be interested in providing music this summer! My email is [pausetoread@yahoo.com](mailto:pausetoread@yahoo.com).

Linda Clark



## Mission Advocate Mailbox Recent Correspondence

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### **Adams Christian Prison Ministries**

On Sunday, April 24, ACPM invites all the churches of Adams County to observe "Celebration of Grace" Sunday and recognize the ongoing witness of God's love and grace at Adams County Adult Correctional Complex by setting aside time in their worship services to pray specifically for those incarcerated; to come to the Lord's table in Communion in honor of inmates; and to consider a special offering to support the ongoing ministry at the correctional complex.

Pastor Dennis Probst, Stan Weidler, and Debra Colson have joined the ACPM leadership team. These individuals have been contributors to the ministry at ACACC as volunteers and now they have picked up the mantle of leadership with ACPM. Terms of service for Pastor Carl Harris and Deacon Tom Aumen have come to an end but they continue to volunteer.

### **Adams Rescue Mission (ARM)**

The 2021 Adopt a Family Program reached 48 children, all ages up to 12, to provide a Christmas to remember. Each child was blessed to receive six to eight gifts on their wish list. Each family was introduced to the gift that keeps on giving, the love of Jesus Christ.

The ARM Thrift Store Winter Clearance Sale will be held March 14-26. All Winter clothing (excluding new items) will be on sale (buy one get one free plus additional sales). Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 9-5.

This year's Upcycled Art Show and Silent Auction to celebrate Earth Day and benefit ARM, will be held online, through Bidding Owl, April 1-22. Art must be submitted by March 31 to be included in the show. The application can be downloaded from [www.adamsrescuemission.org/events](http://www.adamsrescuemission.org/events).

### **Krislund Camp and Conference Center**

The summer camp schedule is available along with additional details at [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org), along with digital and printable versions of the brochure.

### **Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County (CEF)**

In Adams County, all school districts (6) are accommodating Good News Clubs. There are nine clubs running with one club awaiting administrative approval. The CEF Facebook page, online giving through easyTithe, and website have all been updated and linked to one another. Good News Club registration forms are available on the website.

### **DiscipleMakers**

DiscipleMakers thanks us for our partnership with them in 2021. By God's grace, they saw significant opportunities to make disciples for Christ among college students despite the limitations. They are eager to see what God will do in 2022 as He raises up young men and women to build His kingdom. Read stories and updates, at [annualreport.dm.org](http://annualreport.dm.org)

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### **Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry (FFCM)**

In the past, we have not regularly supported this ministry; however, we gave them \$906 through the Christmas Eve Offering in 2021 and \$901.50 through the Christmas Eve Offering in 2019. You can visit their Facebook page to see information on the many activities that they are doing with the workers. Churches are encouraged to start visiting the migrant workers this year. The main concern, of course, is how to do that if you don't know the language, but simple things like bringing pizza and beverages and even showing workers how to make and enjoy S'mores can make the workers feel happy and loved by the community. The House of Bread Church visited a camp and gave the workers coffee, a coffee machine and cookies and showed them how to make a fresh cup of coffee. The workers felt the love of that church, and they said nobody comes to visit them except the bear who comes sometimes in the night! Pastor Aguilar reports that they have migrant workers who have given their life to Jesus. Around 20 of them are new believers and they are encouraged to share Jesus with their families when they go back to their countries.

### **New Hope Ministries**

In the past, we have not regularly supported this ministry; however, we gave them \$906 through the Christmas Eve Offering in 2021. New Hope completed its 38<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community in 2021. Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs is the statement they have used as their tag line for so long and it still embodies their work. Kristin Warner wrote in her thank you that our gift will help them provide food, rent, and mortgage assistance, job training, and stability programs for neighbors in need. We had planned to take a tour of their Littlestown facilities but postponed those plans due to the current Covid situation. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule soon!

### **Our Daily Bread Ministries**

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, is a country in Southeast Asia whose people have experienced extreme difficulties through political upheaval as well as the COVID-19 pandemic. The Our Daily Bread office there is working diligently to provide resources that share the love and hope found in Christ. They have launched a website, Hope for Shattered Dreams, in both the Myanmar and English languages. The site provides resources to the people in that area who are asking questions like, "Does God hear our cries?" It is also creating awareness of the situation in Myanmar and sharing updates so others know how to pray for the people and help in tangible ways.

### **SAT-7**

Millions of children in the Middle East have been left behind. If they have access to television, local programming is typically legalistic, judging, and lacking love. SAT-7 has a strategic and promising outreach called *My School* - classrooms on the air providing education for Arabic-speaking children who are out of school in the Middle East and North Africa, estimated to be more than 1.5 million. Video classrooms are provided via satellite and the internet, starting with grammar school, continuing each year, and now in the fifth season. Further, every program, every episode, every grade level is uploaded to YouTube and for viewing anytime over SAT-7 Plus (video on demand). Topics are language (Arabic, French, and English), math, science, social studies, hygiene, and more. Many viewers who watch are not from Christian backgrounds and might never have the courage to enter a church, but in the privacy of their homes, they will watch - from small children, to teens, to adults. Some local government, humanitarian, and educational agencies are either supportive or partnering with *My School*, even though they know that SAT-7 is Christian.

## SAT-7 LETTERS

## BIJAN'S PRAYER: AN IRANIAN BOY'S STORY OF FAITH

Thirteen-year-old Bijan from Iran recently got in touch with Persian children's show *Hashtag*, asking to give his life to Jesus. Here, he shares his story of faith – ending with a beautiful prayer that blessed the whole team.

I am thirteen years old, and I started to believe in Jesus about two years ago. My parents have been believers for six years. When I was younger, I found it interesting to listen to them pray, and sometimes I prayed with them and said "Amen". As I heard more about Christ, I was drawn by His personality. Then by chance, I found a picture book at my grandmother's house about how Christ lived and the things He did, which I picked up and read. I found it really interesting.

I watched the *Jesus Film* several times, and as I learned about His miracles, my jaw was on the floor in surprise! No one in the world could do such huge miracles – how He healed the sick and brought the dead back to life. No one can do these things unless he is a great physician, and such a doctor could only heal the sick but wouldn't be able to forgive our sins.

So it was that I thought about it and believed that Christ is the only Savior and He alone can forgive our sins because all of us have sinned and continue to do so, but He went to the cross for our sins, He died and came back to life so that we might be saved. So I believed.

For a time, though, I stayed apart from Christ and I used my mobile phone to look at things that I shouldn't have seen. As I confessed all my sins to Christ, the Lord changed my heart and caused me to see each of my sins before my eyes and I repented of them. I give thanks to the Lord that He has forgiven my sins and those of my family.

I am now so happy that although I may not have many things, I have Christ.

Please pray for my uncle who says he has no religion and he doesn't believe in God. He says that God is just people's imagination, but I believe in Jesus and I would like to see my uncle meet with Christ, too.

*Lord, thank you for the life You have given to my family and me, and thank You for letting me come into Your presence. Please help us to live with joy, whether in poverty or in plenty. I am so happy, and I thank you for the things you have given us. Help us walk alongside You both in sad and happy times, in Jesus' name.*

*Lord, help me to confess my sins. Because we all sin; it was only Your son Jesus Christ who did not sin, but instead He went to the cross that our sins might be forgiven.*

*Just as the Lord asked Peter if he loved Him, I too want to confess three times that I love you, Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

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Dated January 31, 2022, and found on SAT-7's website ([sat7.org](http://sat7.org))

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### OPEN LETTER FROM AN AFGHAN GIRL

“Armineh” is 16 years old. She dreams of going to university, of becoming a politician – and now these doors are shut. But Armineh wants to be heard. Please pray for her and for the countless others like her.

“I write down what is on my heart with my eyes full of tears. I am writing during the utter confusion of these days; when so many hearts are broken, so many are living without hope and are filled with sadness. Before these days, there were so many years of grief and war, and sometimes joy, too. When I think of those times now, they seem to be a completely different world. A world where everything was different; where I was familiar with peace and laughter, and I experienced being alive. It was a little like a kind of heaven.

On August 15, 2021, the Taliban were able to take over our country, and this was the end of my dreams. I lost hope – it was as if all the doors were closed to me. I no longer have the strength to speak, and I write this letter to express through my pen the pain that I am feeling and to make you aware of the suffering of millions of Afghans.

When I consider the limitations that will be put in place by the new regime, I think perhaps there is no future for me. Because under this new regime, girls and women will not receive equal rights and women will not have their proper place in society. After 20 years of struggle to obtain their rights, it only took a few days for all that had been built to be razed to the ground.

I do not see a bright future here for myself or for any Afghan girls, because we must be trapped in a chador [burka], only able to peer through a small opening, as though through the bars of a prison window, and somehow live our lives.

Is this life? Is this humanity? A life in which you are like a prisoner, and when the time comes to be released, you are in the next world? I plead with you to make my voice heard by the people of the world. Our future is in your hands.”

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Taken from *SAT-7's Insight* November 2021 issue

Note: The MOM Budget includes \$6,200 for SAT-7, which is a Christian non-profit providing inspirational, informative, and educational satellite television services to the churches and Christians of the Middle East and North Africa.

## Lenten Bible Verses

Lent is the 40-day observance leading up to Easter Sunday in which Christians fast, pray, and prepare spiritually for a time of reverence and adoration of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

The Lenten season reminds us of our need for a Savior as a time to reflect and repent for our shortcomings. It is an opportunity to recognize the human condition and all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Thankfully, Lent reminds us that the story doesn't end there. God provided a way that we could experience eternal life with him. Lent prepares us as we approach Good Friday and Easter with thanksgiving for the grace and mercy shown to us.

Here are some Bible verses to encourage your participation in fasting, prayer, and spiritual discipline during Lent, awaiting the celebration of Easter. May you draw strength and further inspiration from the Word of God through these Lenten Scripture quotes.

"So we fasted and pleaded with our God about this, and He listened to our prayer." - *Ezra 8:23*

"When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach." - *Psalms 69:10*

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate." - *Joel 2:12-14*

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites...but when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." - *Matthew 6:16-18*

"Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." - *James 4:8*

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." - *Jeremiah 29:12-13*

"But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always." - *Hosea 12:6*

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." - *1 Peter 5:6*

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." - *Psalms 51:1-2*

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." - *Psalms 51:10*

"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." - *Lamentations 3:25-26*

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." - *Psalms 25:4-5*

"I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participate in His sufferings, becoming like Him in death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." - *Philippians 3:10-11*

## FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

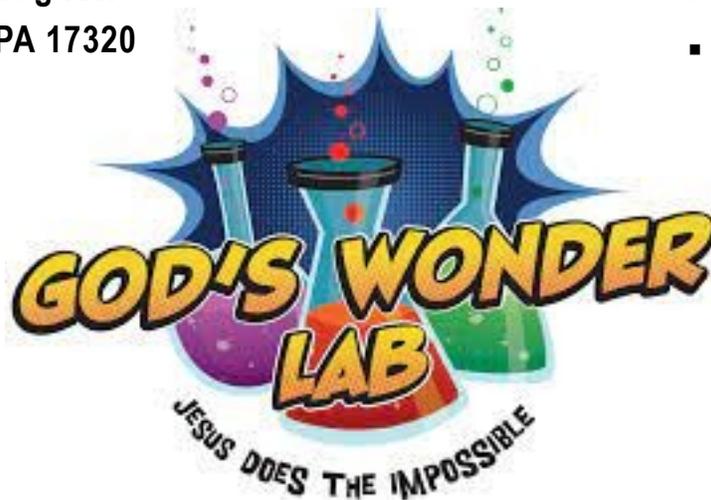
**Who: Children Ages 5 - 12**

**When: June 13 - 17**  
**6:15 - 8:00 PM**

**Where: Hamiltonban Community Park**  
**4020 Bullfrog Rd.**  
**Fairfield, PA 17320**

**FREE!**

- CRAFTS
- BIBLE STORIES
- SNACKS
- GAMES
- MUSIC



### CHURCH SPONSORS:

- Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
- Iron Springs Brethren Church
- Liberty Worship Center
- Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
- Orrtanna United Methodist Church
- St. John Lutheran Church
- Fairfield Mennonite Church

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## Thank You

Dear Friends of Lower Marsh Creek,

You all possess the compassion and love of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ. As He proclaimed in Luke 4:21, "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." We know that Jesus came to minister to the oppressed, to the poor, to the imprisoned...salvation through the Good News was His focus.

It is that same Word of God which directs our spiritual path toward eternity? That Word asks us all to preserve and extend the mission of Christ. And so, we accept the challenge.

Thank you all for generously fulfilling God's Word in your lives, and in supporting ACPM to do the same. Your gift of \$4,175.00 was received. The future hope of the men and women benefit from your love.

In His Holy Name,

Deacon Tom Aumen, ACPM Secretary

Dear Friends,

Because of you, there is food for the hungry, help with transportation needs, financial assistance for heating, and life-changing programs like GED, Nurse Aide, and Forklift Certification so our guests can obtain training and find a job.

Thank you for joining us as we share Christ's love and provide help and hope to more than 15,000 people every year in south central Pennsylvania. Your generous gift of \$906 helps care for our neighbors who are hungry, helpless, and hopeless. Please know that your prayers and support change the lives of those we serve!

Peace to you,

Kristin Warner, New Hope Ministries



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| 2 — Martha "Deeny Robison | 15 — Evelyn Ganas    |
| 5 — Charlotte Orleski     | 17 — Denise Lockwood |
| 5 — Gary Michaliga        | 26 — Larkin Bucher   |
| 7 — Pam Johnson           | 29 — Dimitri Ganas   |
| 9 — Megan Crumbacker      | 30 — John McMann     |

*Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!*





## From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on February 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. This meeting was also the annual joint meeting of the Board of Deacons and Session. Pastor Mark led a discussion on the results of the Holy Cow Survey taken by the congregation in November of 2021. Following this conversation, the Deacons were excused, and Session continued with their usual business meeting. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- Membership as of 2/15/2022: Active Members (AM = CA): 161, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 63 and Family Members: 52.
- The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report in this issue for January on page 17. As always, Thank You for your continued generosity and financial support!
- *Approved the following events and business items:*
  - Sunday, April 14, 2022 (Palm Sunday): One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be taken. Fishbowls will be distributed starting Sunday, March 6, 2022, the first Sunday of Lent.
  - Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday: Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM.
  - Friday, April 15, 2022 – Good Friday: Special service in the Peace Garden at 3:00 PM which will include the dedication of the new cross.
  - Saturday, April 16, 2022: Couples Group will travel to Naomi's Restaurant for dinner hosted by Jean and Lee Bentz.
  - Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Easter: Sunrise Service outside in the parking lot at 6:30 AM followed by a covered dish breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:00 AM.
  - Sunday, June 5, 2022: beginning of summer worship schedule with one service at 10:00 AM.
  - Approved the schedule of events for Naomi's Sisters for the year of 2022.
  - Sunday, May 22, 2022: Elder Bev Benner will lead worship and provide pulpit supply while Pastor Mark is on vacation.
  - Approved that Elders Susan Nunamaker and Ray Wright and at-large members Lauren Neely and Tim Myers be members of the Membership Assistance Fund Board for a two-year term.
  - Approved the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement with Pastor Mark effective March 16, 2022, for one year.
  - Approved that beginning in January 2023 the income from the rental of the white house will be used to fund the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.
  - Approved that the monies now in the Cemetery Fund will be used to pay for head stone repairs at the cemetery in 2022. The balance remaining after all expenses have been incurred will be moved to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund closing the Cemetery Fund account.

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- Approved that \$10,000.00 be taken from the general Church Operating Fund to help pay for the project to extend the cemetery parking lot. Any remaining monies from this allotment, following the payment of project costs, will be deposited into the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.
- *News from the Home Ministry Team - maintains the church property and cemetery*
  - Team Members: Alicia DeHoff, chair; Susan Nunamaker and Jim Richardson
  - Work is continuing to acquire the necessary permits and other requirements to extend the parking area at the cemetery.
  - The project to place acoustical panels in the fellowship hall has been postponed until 2023.
- *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team - manages church finances and mission support*
  - Team members: Karen Golden, chair; Ray Wright and Doyle Waybright
  - The credit card application has been approved by ACNB Bank!
  - LMC is now listed in the Thrivent catalogue of institutions able to receive donations electronically through them and able to receive Thrivent Choice points. To date we have received \$183.00 in Thrivent Choice point donations.
  - Sandy Buhrman, Mission Advocate, will be presenting videos from our various missionaries and mission organizations for Minute for Missions over this year.
  - A policy will be written informing all donors to special projects that once the project is completed and all expenses have been paid any remaining money will be absorbed into the Church Operating Fund. This will be done to better manage the designated accounts.
- *News from the Spiritual Life Team - oversees the spiritual life of the church as well as fellowship, education and music in the church*
  - Team members: Cathy Michaliga, chair; Lynn Miller and Dirk Grove
  - Organizational work is being done along with 6 other Fairfield area churches for the Community Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 13 – 17, 2022. Volunteers are needed to prepare for the event as well as during the event. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in the narthex. LMC has accepted the responsibility of preparing all decorations for the VBS.
- *News from the Transitional Ministry Team – preparing the report to file for the exception with the Presbytery to call Pastor Mark as our installed pastor*
  - Team members: Doyle Waybright, chair; Bev Benner, Carlos Wampler, Isaac and Nicole Bucher and Denise Lockwood
  - The Commission on Ministry (COM), at their meeting in January, approved our Petition to File for an Exception to call Pastor Mark as our installed, full-time Pastor. They will file this petition with a recommendation to approve with the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Carlisle. This council will then schedule a Presbytery meeting for a vote by the Presbytery.
  - Following approval from the Presbytery, a special meeting of the congregation will be scheduled to give the membership the opportunity to call, through a vote, Pastor Mark as our installed Pastor.



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

Thank you to all who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring collection of food and monetary donations. The total offering collected was \$576. The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen received \$384 and the Fairfield Food Pantry received \$192. I was able to deliver a lot of soup and other food items. — Arlene Wright

### From The Deacons

Members of the 2022 Board of Deacons have settled into their 2022 responsibilities, some new and some that are the same as last year. We will continue to setup communions with present changes, but Pam Johnson will assume baking of the communion bread as Nicole Bucher has relinquished providing that gift for 10 years. Thank you for all you have done Nicole!!

We were honored to offer a funeral reception for Pam Divanna on February 8, 2022. Pam's family was very thankful and gracious, as Pam always was.

Please consider being an usher/greeter at either service. There is a sign-up list in the narthex. There is no passing of the collection plate as it is now located in the back of the sanctuary, and no prayer cards are collected at this time. Basically, you would greet people as they enter the church, hand out bulletins, and offer prayer sheets. There does need to be a count taken. Barb emails specific instructions prior to the Sunday for which you volunteer.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fairfield Food Pantry and Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield. There is a great need and they are thankful for everything they receive.

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 – JANUARY 2022

**Church Operating Fund Income**

Account Description	January – 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$47,794.66	\$47,794.66	\$284,948.00
Other Income	\$13,127.12	\$13,127.12	\$25,050.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$60,921.78</b>	<b>\$60,921.78</b>	<b>\$309,998.00</b>
<b>Church Operating Fund Expenses</b>			
Spiritual Life	\$3,618.08	\$3,618.08	\$16,450.00
Education & Nurture	\$32.25	\$32.25	\$5,050.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$4,988.00	\$4,988.00	\$5,988.00
Home Ministry	\$1,634.53	\$1,634.53	\$74,500.00
Church Administration	\$16,935.35	\$16,935.35	\$208,010.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,208.21</b>	<b>\$27,208.21</b>	<b>\$309,998.00</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$33,713.57</b>	<b>\$33,713.57</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 1/31/22: \$86,078.22**

**Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income**

Account Description	January – 2022	Year-to-Date 2022	2022 Budget
Offering Income	\$18,213.00	\$18,213.00	\$76,800.00
Other Income	\$54.51	\$54.51	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,267.51</b>	<b>\$18,267.51</b>	<b>\$77,800.00</b>

**Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses**

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,564.00</b>	<b>\$12,564.00</b>	<b>\$77,800.00</b>
<b>INCOME minus EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,703.51</b>	<b>\$5,703.51</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Missions Checking Account Balance as of 1/31/22: \$5,812.72**

**Notable expenses for January include: \$4,988.00 – Per Capita Payment  
\$3,000.00 – Marriage Retreat**

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**Pastor Mark Englund-Krieger**

**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  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
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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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