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From the Pastor



The New Old Rugged Cross

After being away from the church for a week, I noticed it immediately when I drove into our parking lot on Monday morning. I have been teasing people who have been around here at the church but have NOT noticed our new Cross. It is a perfect addition to our Church property. It is stout and strong. Without words, it proclaims a message that is bold, clear and loud. It identifies us and is the authority over this property. It is a sign proclaiming who we are. It is a symbol of all that we believe and all that we have received. It perfectly matches the old stones of our sanctuary with a quiet message that says loud and clear, "We will be here. We will endure. Generations will come, and generations will pass away, but the Cross of Christ will stand." It is not ostentatious or proud; it is not arrogant or rude. It is quiet, and almost humble. Yes, although it is huge, it is very easy to miss, walk past, and neglect. But now it stands; and when I ponder it I am moved to prayer. With the stone walls of our sanctuary, I wonder how long it will stand there, straight and tall, quiet and true.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

Very special thanks to our team who first envisioned this project and saw it through. Of course, this project was funded by our Gifts and Memorials Fund, and thus honors all who have gone before us in the Lord.

In Christ!
Mark



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Church Life Announcements



Transitional Ministry Team news:

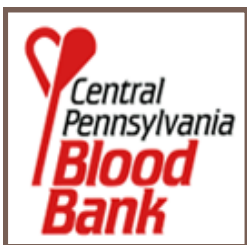
Three years ago, in March Pastor Mark began his ministry here at Lower Marsh Creek. At that time Session hired him for a two-year period to fill our empty pastoral position as our transitional pastor. It was our intention at the end of two years to ask Carlisle Presbytery for an exception to the Book of Order to officially call Pastor Mark and install him as our permanent pastor giving you, the congregation, a voice, and a vote in “officially” choosing Mark. But COVID changed our plans. Fast forward to today and we would like to start that process towards installation.

Towards that end goal, the Presbytery has recommended that we conduct a congregation wide survey to hear from you about Marks ministry AND to learn how you folks view LMC as it is today and more importantly where you would like to see LMC go in the near future.

The Session has engaged Holy Cow Consulting to help with the survey. Yep that’s right, there is a company called Holy Cow that uses a survey called CAT which stands for Congregational Assessment Tool to query you by means of an online survey. That survey, otherwise known as a CAT scan, will help us a lot to understand how you see Mark’s ministry and where does LMC head in the future.

The survey will open November 7. We will email you a link to participate. For those who need help with the online part, we will have people in our congregation ready to sit down beside you to help with filling it out. For those who prefer a paper copy, we will have that available too. More information will follow on these particulars.

Remember, my Holy Cow needs you to fill the survey pail up with your responses, it is important! Our goal is at least 80% participation! Let’s show the Presbytery that LMC is alive, vibrant, and ready to do God’s work! Feel free to reach out members of the team with questions: Bev Benner, Isaac & Nicole Bucher, Denise Lockwood, Carlos Wampler and Doyle Waybright.



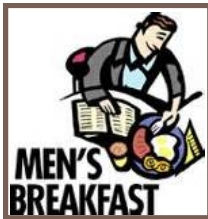
Blood Drive: LMC will host a community blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 2 from 12 - 6pm. There are two ways to schedule your donation appointment: go to [717GiveBlood.org](https://www.giveblood.org) and click on donate now or call 1-800-771-0059. A form of ID is required to donate. We strongly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome, however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.

Lay Readers Needed for The Psalm for the Day – We are grateful for everyone who participates in our worship service by leading our Responsive Psalm Lesson. More readers are needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board. The reading will be sent to you in advance.

The Women’s Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month (usually the first and third Thursday) at 7PM. We are reading and discussing “Forgiving What You Can’t Forget” by Lysa Terkeurst. Interested women should contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.

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The Couple's Study Group will meet November 13th from 6:00-8:00PM in Fellowship Hall for a traditional Thanksgiving meal catered by Kennie's Market, Gettysburg. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so please sign by November 7th. We will finish our study on Manoah and his wife (info taken from Judges 13). We are looking for 2 or 3 couples to step forward to help plan and facilitate this group for next year. This will be our last meeting for 2021. Looking forward to spending time thinking about and expressing our gratitude for God's many blessings in our lives and the life of the church.



The November Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, November 20 at 8:00am in the fellowship hall of the Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church. Robert R. Stanley, Mayor of Fairfield will be the speaker. Please join the men of our church as well as Iron Springs Church for this event. In order to have an accurate count for breakfast, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Feel free to bring a friend!

The 2022 Marriage Retreat: Learn one Secret that will change your marriage. The Retreat is February 25 -27 at the Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, PA. Please turn in your Marriage Retreat Registration Form as soon as possible. Please note the following corrections to the Registration Form. The church mailing address should have said Knoxlyn Road, not Knox Road. Also, when you submit your Registration Form, please tell us which entrée you want for the served dinner on Saturday evening. The entrée options are either Sliced Bistro Tenderloin with Bordelaise Sauce, or Maple Bacon Glazed Salmon. Get ready for fellowship, healthy discussions, prayer, and maybe learn something new about your spouse. Any questions, call Gary Michaliga at 717-339-6137.



Thanks for donating **\$3,735.00** to Presbyterian Disaster Relief over the past few weeks. Because of your generosity during this recent collection, and through previous donations to our missions account, we were able to send three checks to support disaster relief in Haiti, Tennessee and those most impacted by Hurricane Ida. Each of these worthy causes received \$4,245.00. That's a total of \$12,735.00!!! Again, thank you for your support!

Thank you for all that participated in our church stewardship campaign, "Generations of Generosity". We are grateful for your support. We have received 55 estimate of giving cards to date. It is amazing to see the amount of gifts that are given to Lower Marsh Creek, not just monetary. If you have not yet returned your estimate of giving card, we encourage you to mail it or drop it by the church. This is important information for the Interpretation and Stewardship Team to finalize the budgets for the Church Operating Fund and the Missions/Missionaries Fund. Last year we received a total of 67 cards. Thank you also to Leonard Orleski, Erica Duffy, Ray Wright and Denise Lockwood for your involvement in the presentation done on Stewardship Sunday. Without our time, talents and treasures for generations; Lower Marsh Creek would not be the

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church it is today. Let us keep being generous in all three to have a strong and faithful church for future generations. — I & S Team

On behalf of The Women's Guild, I would like to thank everyone who contributed items to sell and baked goods for our Yard & Bake Sale. Thanks to all of you we made \$951! Special thanks to Julie Orleski, Randy Smith, Phyllis Smith, Lucas Crumbaker, Nancy Brill and Sandy Buhrman who arrived at 6:00am to help me set up tables, spaces and soothe my frazzled nerves. Special thanks also to Therese Herlihy and Joan Drake who sold lots of Therese's soup and baked goods. Thanks to Len Williams and Sandy Buhrman for helping Nancy and me at the Guild tables and a grateful thanks to God who provided us with a glorious day for the sale. We could not have done this without all of you. The November meeting of The Women's Guild will be November 16th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Thanks to all who showed their support for our annual marriage retreat through our sub sale. Combined with the help of sales at two other church congregations, we are able to add just under \$900 to our budget. That will allow us to help support the cost of the retreat including, but not limited to, offsetting the cost per couple. Thanks again!



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

During Advent join our Sunday morning adult group as we walk the road to Bethlehem. We will use Adam Hamilton's book, "The Journey". In it, the author travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus. The DVD that accompanies the book will show us portions of the road Mary and Joseph may have taken as they traveled to Bethlehem. We will also visit Nazareth, Ein Karem, the site of Elizabeth and Zechariah's home, and many other Holy Land sites. Talk to Susan Nunamaker or Doyle Waybright, if you have questions.



Illuminating Advent
A Time of Fellowship, Prayer And Bible study
Tuesdays in Advent
November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 at 6:30

The sacred season of Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 28. That day we will celebrate the season with a creative worship service (both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.): The Hanging of the Greens. Also for the season of Advent, Pastor Mark will offer a time of sharing, fellowship, Bible study and prayer on Tuesday evenings (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21) at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall. With discussion in small groups, with Bible study on the great themes of Advent, with a special time of Advent candle lighting, and, of course, with Christmas cookies, we will celebrate and illuminate Advent together. Please join us!

Adams County Community Foundation's Giving Spree

The Adams County Community Foundation's annual Giving Spree is Adams County's day of giving where everyone in the community comes together to learn about local non-profits and are encouraged to support them.

Through your MOM contributions, Lower Marsh Creek supports seven of the 94 organizations participating this year: Adams Christian Prison Ministries, Adams County Habitat for Humanity, Adams Rescue Mission, Gettysburg CARES, Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen, Mission of Mercy, and Tender Care Pregnancy Centers. You can make additional contributions to those seven organizations or to any of the remaining organizations participating by either designating your gift for "today" or "forever." A forever donation will be used as an endowment, invested by the foundation to provide an annual gift to the organization you designate for years and decades to come. You can also donate to a "Stretch Pool" which helps all participating nonprofits. The pool is distributed to the participating nonprofits in proportion to the amount they raised during the Giving Spree.

Donations can be made by:

1. Dropping off your completed Donation Form and gift to the Gettysburg Times on November 5 between 1 and 5pm for contact-free curbside giving.
2. Mailing the completed Donation Form and gift to Adams County Community Foundation, 25 South 4th Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (by November 1 to ensure your gift is received in time for the Giving Spree on the 5th).
3. Visiting ACCFGivingSpree.org on November 5th any time between 12:01am and 12 Midnight to complete your donation online, quickly and securely.

Donor forms are available in upcoming editions of the Gettysburg Times, through the Community Foundation or participating nonprofits.





Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week November 15-22

Time to start shopping for your shoeboxes!

Shoeboxes are now available in the Church Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies and deliver them to children in need around the world, as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There are three options for the project this year:

1. Pack your shoebox yourself and return it to the church during National Collection Week.

2. Follow Your Box: Adhesive labels are available to attach to your shoebox. They contain a QR Code, which you scan with your smartphone camera. This activates your label and you can discover the destination of your shoebox. "Don't have a smartphone?" The label also contains a nine-digit code that you can enter on Samaritan's Purse website to follow your box: [samaritanspurse.org/activate](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/activate).

3. Build a Box Online: Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

OR Google: [Samaritanspurse.org](https://www.samaritanspurse.org), select "What We Do," select "Operation Christmas Child," and select "Build a Shoebox Online."

You select items to fill your box. The donation for this service is \$25. Many shoebox gifts built online can be delivered to parts of the world where access to the Gospel is restricted or where strict customs regulations require a specially packed shoebox.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Collection week for shoeboxes is **November 15-22**. LMPC is a drop off location for Adams County. We will receive boxes from surrounding area churches in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times.

If you would be willing to volunteer at one of these times to greet people dropping off boxes, and do a little accounting (very simple), please call Elaine Reichl at 717-398-2430 or email her at jereichl@comcast.net. Safe COVID practices will be in effect.

Monday, Nov. 15 — 3:00-5:00pm

Tuesday, Nov 16 — 9:00-11:00am

Wednesday, Nov 17 — 11:00am-1:00pm

Thursday, Nov 18 — 4:00-6:00pm

Friday, Nov 19 — 11:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, Nov 20 — 10:00-am-12:00pm

Sunday, Nov 21 — 12:30-2:30 and 4:00-5:00

Monday, Nov 22 — 7:00-9:00am Strong men needed to load crates onto truck

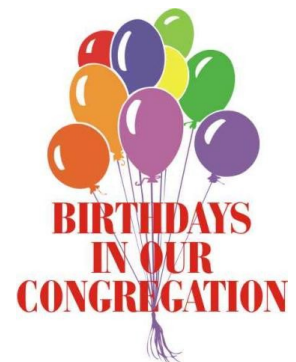


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November Birthdays

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| 1 — Dick Belinski | 27 — Nancy Brill |
| 9 — Glenn Lookabill | 27 — Linda Seamon |
| 13 — Mike Orleski | 29 — Shirley Aldrich |
| 20 — Shelby Schultz | 29 — Jim Welsh |



Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!



MUSIC Ministry



The congregation of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church is an amazing community of devoted Christians who love the Lord and share that love in service to the community. During the past year we have seen several of our beloved long-time members pass on to be with the Lord. Several of these, Alex Kessel and Ed Gotwalt, have been important members of our music family, as well.

Recently, Janice McCraw, a former member of our choir and other musical organizations, passed away and left explicit directions concerning her funeral. She included the following inspiring sentiments:

"My whole life and work has been an experience of music and it seems to me that to share that love one last time is quite appropriate and necessary. Music tells the story of God's love in its own unique and wonderful way, and has the potential to draw us all very close to Jesus. We sense the presence of God, feel the love of Jesus, and our faith is strengthened because of the combination of sound and word. What a wonderful gift God has given us in music."

"Rejoice in the beauty and sound of music. Listen for God's voice and know that He is with you. Remember that I am now singing in the most wonderful choir - the praises of my Lord! No notes off pitch, entrance solid, cut-offs perfect, and all the words memorized."

These words of a lifelong church musician are certainly inspiring to our current LMPCPC music family. The members of our Faithful Voices, Wires and Wood, and Bells of Faith are extremely talented, hard-working, and devoted to providing music to enhance your worship experience! And I am honored to work with all of them!

During the month of November, our music schedule will be as follows:

November 7 — Faithful Voices - (*Communion*)

November 14 — Wires and Wood

November 21 — Bells of Faith

November 28 — Faithful Voices - Hanging of the Greens

Linda Clark



Mission Advocate Message

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

~ Hymn 552, We All Are one in Mission, words by Rusty Edwards ~

Many of you have donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Haiti, Tennessee, and Hurricane Ida disaster relief. As of Sunday, October 10, your donations had reached a total of \$3,585, however \$150 more has been received since then bringing the total to \$3,735. I offer you my sincerest thanks and God's continued blessings for your commitment to this cause!

In addition to your donations, the Mission Committee approved a donation of \$9,000 to PDA (\$6,350 from the Mission Endowment Fund and \$2,650 from the Mission Organization/Missionaries (MOM) budget, bringing the total donation to \$12,735. Three checks, each in the amount of \$4,195 and earmarked for Haiti, Tennessee, and Ida, have already been mailed to PDA, and three more will be mailed in the near future (\$50 each). — Sandy Buhrman

Recent Correspondence

LMC is fortunate to receive regular communications from the missionaries and mission organizations we support.

Adams Christian Prison Ministries

ACPM continues to distribute Bibles, devotional books, Christian and Catholic books, and other religious items. ACPM has partnered with the Adams County Community Foundation "Giving Spree." The ACCF's day is scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021. See the article in this month's newsletter for more information. ACPM has had the opportunity to schedule "non-contact" clergy visits with some of the local ministers and priests. Inmates request the visit through Chaplain Perez who then makes the necessary arrangements.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County

CEF asks for prayers that all the schools will allow them inside to teach the children. The schools not yet open to outside organizations are Franklin Township Elementary, James Gettys Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary. Also, CEF needs a few more volunteers, especially with computer technology skills. Contact the office at 717-677-4797 or cefadams@gmail.com if you are able to be involved in any way.

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Compassion International



On behalf of Sergio, his tutor (Hernan) writes that Sergio was happy to receive our letter. On his school break, Sergio went to the countryside with his mom and uncles to visit his grandmother. They went to the river, but it was too cold to get into the water. They had a barbecue for lunch, and he enjoyed his visit with his mom and grandmother. Sergio's uncle will be traveling to Argentina, and he will miss him. He has helped his aunt with the carrot harvest, continues to take virtual classes and is doing well in his classes. Sergio likes to play soccer on the weekends. He asks for prayers for his family, for his uncle to do well in his trip, for his studies, and for his mom.

DiscipleMakers

Kevin and Maria Noyes report that they are seeing more students interested in learning about Jesus this year than they did before Covid. Watch for an upcoming video Minute for Mission about DiscipleMakers.

Thomas and Cheri Henry



Thomas and Cheri closed shop in Turkey at the end of July and flew to Europe to begin six weeks of much anticipated vacation, recovery, and debriefing, with minimal social media. They found that the inner fatigue of the past season and the push of energy at the end to get out of Turkey revealed itself the very first night in Europe in the form of exhaustion, but they were eventually able to enjoy some hiking, reading and just being together. The last week they attended LeRucher's debriefing center in France where skilled workers helped them unpack the challenging last several years of serving in Turkey and working with a team. They ask for prayers for the ongoing work of restoring the foundation and deepening their roots. On the health front, Thomas returned to Istanbul for ongoing skin cancer treatment and while there, doctors discovered four herniated disks. Doctors say it should reverse itself in a few weeks with proper treatment. They ask for prayers for the daily grind of recovery - exercise, reduction in pain, and healing. The week after their newsletter was written, Thomas and Cheri were returning to Lexington, KY, their home base, where they plan to purchase a home they can return to once they retire from the field. They hope, Lord willing, to have many more years of full-time ministry but are beginning to think about the day they will predominantly live in Kentucky. They say, for the sake of clarity: "We have left Turkey and are starting a sabbatical year of restoration in KY. After this furlough, we plan to return to overseas ministry, although for now we do not know where. Please continue to send pledges and donations to Christar.org."

SAT-7

Dr. Rex Rogers, President of SAT-7 USA reports that the situation for Afghan Christians is dire. The Taliban is actively seeking out Afghan brothers and sisters in Christ - many who recently came to faith through the broadcasts of SAT-7, whom they regard as "apostates" or anyone who helped the West, and they are targeting them for execution. Afghan Christians are telling counselors that SAT-7 programs are their only remaining source of hope, prayer, and help. House churches are disbanding, people are burying books and hiding Bibles. SAT-7 is actively raising funds that will allow SAT-7 to produce more programming especially for desperate Afghans. Counselors are expecting an increase in contacts from non-Christian seekers throughout the Middle-East, who are abandoning their beliefs, searching for a God who cares and a faith that gives them hope and peace, responding to the love they see on SAT-7.



Dear Lower Marsh Creek Church,

Thank you for your generous annual gift towards our ministry with DiscipleMakers. We are seeing more students interested in learning about Jesus this year than we did before COVID. Recently a first year student at Gettysburg College put his faith in Jesus! We can't thank you enough for partnering with us to reach the next generations with the gospel!

Much thanks,

Kevin, Maria, and Simeon Noyes

Dear LMCP,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and acts of kindness during Alex's illness and his passing. It meant a lot to our family. I would especially like to thank Pastor Mark for his moving eulogy, Linda Clark and the choir for their music selections which were Alex's favorites, and the Deacons who prepared and served a special luncheon. I also want to thank the Prayer Shawl Committee for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is on the back of my chair ready for the cool days and nights ahead. LMCP is not just a church. It is a family and I am proud to be a part of it.

Jane Kessel and Sons

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Adams County Habitat for Humanity received your kind donation of \$1,000.00. Thank you for your wonderful donation, on behalf of the entire board!

Generous donations are vital to our nonprofit Christian ministry and our shared mission to provide affordable housing via no-interest mortgages to Adams County residents. Your donation helps make it possible for us to fulfill Habitat's worldwide mission: "A world where everyone has a decent place to live."

Sincerely,

Lori Wright, Board Secretary

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your donation to the Adams Rescue Mission and supporting the Agape House Program. Your generosity will help the ARM to meet its obligation and to continue to help the lost and broken in our community. Thank you for your gift of \$2,000.00. May God richly bless you.

ARM Staff

Dimitri and I would like to thank everyone for all of the well wishes, cards and letters of encouragement that were given during his recent hip surgery. - Evelyn Ganas



From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Here are highlights from that meeting:

- ◆ Membership as of 10/16/2021: Active Members (AM = CA): 170, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 61 and Family Members: 53.
- ◆ The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report in this issue for September on page 15. Because of your continued generosity and financial support the church's financial health is excellent! Thank You!!
- ◆ *Approved the following events and business items:*
 - ◆ Saturday, November 13: The Couple's Study Group will have a catered Thanksgiving meal served in the fellowship hall.
 - ◆ Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve services scheduled for 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.
 - ◆ That a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey be conducted by the Holy Cow Consulting Co. from November 7 through November 27. The purpose of this survey is twofold: to gather input from the congregation regarding Pastor Mark's ministry at LMC and to plan for the future of our church.
 - ◆ The reappointment of the Transition Ministry Team composed of Doyle Waybright, chair; Denise Lockwood, Beverly Benner, Isaac & Nicole Bucher, and Carlos Wampler.
 - ◆ That the Transition Ministry Team, on behalf of the Session, move ahead to create a Transition Ministry Team Report to file for an exception with the Presbytery of Carlisle to call Pastor Mark Englund-Krieger as the full-time, installed Pastor at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church.
 - ◆ That the cost of \$1,550.00 for new signage on the church campus be taken from the Gifts & Memorials Fund. The signs will be used to identify the sanctuary, office, and fellowship hall. In addition, a welcome sign will be placed at both entrances to the property.

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- ◆ *News from the Home Ministry Team - maintains the church property and cemetery*
 - ◆ Team Members: Alicia DeHoff, chair; Susan Nunamaker and Jim Richardson
 - ◆ The new sitting area has been installed in the Cemetery. Consideration is being given to extending the stone-based parking area.
 - ◆ The large wooden cross has been placed in the Peace Garden.
 - ◆ Investigating a means to reduce the noise level in the fellowship hall for large events by way of acoustical engineering.
 - ◆ Targeting Spring of 2022 to install a new air conditioning system in the sanctuary.
- ◆ *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team - manages church finances and mission support*
 - ◆ Team members: Karen Golden, chair; Ray Wright and Lynn Miller.
 - ◆ The team thanks you for your participation in both the Stewardship Conversation and Stewardship Sunday. As of October 19: 59 of 120 Estimate of Giving cards have been received with pledges totaling: \$212,025.00 for the Church Operating Fund and \$71,677.00 for the Missionaries/Mission Opportunities Fund. It is not too late to return your card if you have not yet done so!
- ◆ *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: Bev Benner, chair; Cathy Michaliga and Dirk Grove.
 - ◆ The Worship Team reported the following:
 - ◆ "Joy to the World" will replace the doxology during Advent.
 - ◆ "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" will replace the Gloria during Advent.
 - ◆ Faithful Voices will perform a cantata entitled: "Behold the Star" on Sunday, December 5.
 - ◆ The Marriage Retreat thanks you for your participation in their sub sale. They made a profit of approximately \$900.00!
 - ◆ Pastor Mark will do an Advent Book Study beginning on Tuesday evening, November 30 at 6:30 PM.
 - ◆ There will be a hymn sing during the coffee hour Sunday, November 28, for the Hanging of the Greens Day.



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

Food Pantry

Spiritual Life's "Home Harvest" initiative for the month of October added many holiday foods for the Fairfield Food Pantry. They are always so thankful for our continued support. As they are filling baskets for Thanksgiving, it will be nice to add some of the items we delivered. — Arlene Wright

Ruth's Harvest

The food collection bin for Ruth's Harvest has been relocated to the narthex for your convenience and a list of suggested food items has been secured to the top of the bin. Presently, Ruth's Harvest is providing 30+ backpacks weekly to eligible children in the Fairfield School District who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend when they are not getting school lunches. The backpacks provide single servings of food items to cover 7 meals and 2 snacks for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Please consider contributing food items for this worthy cause. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to LMCP, write Ruth's Harvest on the memo line and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your kindness in contributing to these children in need.

Please continue to check the sign-up list for ushers which are always appreciated at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service. — 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 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Church Operating Fund Income (COF)

Account Description	September - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$24,459.00	\$225,533.60	\$280,000.00
Other Income	\$3.57	\$15,140.19	\$15,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,462.57	\$240,673.79	\$295,450.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$363.33	\$4,236.54	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$143.53	\$416.45	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$372.16	\$5,353.01	\$5,951.00
Home Ministry	\$3,323.49	\$39,888.49	\$70,382.00
Church Administration	\$14,101.44	\$131,124.11	\$198,817.00
Uncategorized Expenses	\$0.00	\$110.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,559.74	\$181,128.60	\$295,450.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$6,158.62	\$59,545.19	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 9/30/2021: \$58,093.48

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	September - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$5,699.00	\$64,981.85	\$71,750.00
Other Income	\$0.40	\$2778.74	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,699.40	\$67,760.59	\$72,750.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,764.00	\$64,959.40	\$72,750.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$2,935.40	\$2,801.19	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 9/30/2021: \$3,508.98

Notable Expenses for September: None



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Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 AM Early Worship
9:45 - 10:45 AM Sunday School
Nursery 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
11:00 AM Late Worship

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Monday - Friday
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LOWER MARSH CREEK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“To glorify God, deepen and enrich the spiritual life of the family of believers, and to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ.”

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