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From the Pastor

Back to Basics: The Six Great Ends of the Church

Who are we?

Why are we here?

What are we doing?

What is our purpose?

Where are we going?

For generations, Presbyterians have summed up answers to these questions in what we call the **Six Great Ends of the Church**. The Great Ends are included in our Book of Order, the Presbyterian Church's constitution (F-1.0304):

- † The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- † The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- † The maintenance of divine worship
- † The preservation of the truth
- † The promotion of social righteousness
- † The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

These Great Ends will guide my preaching for September as we begin another school year. Let's ponder together why we are here using these old and famous Great Ends as conversation starters. Over the next weeks please consider each of these purpose statements in turn. Do they describe what we are doing? Do they describe what is important to us? They are not listed in any kind of priority order; how would you prioritize them? In my preaching this month, I will connect each of them with a Bible passage from the life and ministry of Jesus. What Bible passages come to your mind as you consider the Six Great Ends?

Please join us for worship every Sunday! We return to two Sunday worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) on September 12.

Grace and Peace!

Mark

Next newsletter deadline:
Friday, September 17
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TRUST *in*
THE LORD
with ALL YOUR
HEART
PROVERBS 3:5

Church Life Announcements



Pastor's Study Group: Learning How to Speak "Presbyterian": A Discussion Group on the Protestant Reformation and the Presbyterian Tradition with a focus on the Scot's Confession. FIVE TUESDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 to 7:30; August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28. This study group will be open to the whole congregation but will be particularly relevant to those participating on our study tour to Scotland in October. For more information please talk with Pastor Mark. All are welcome!

Rally Sunday, which marks the beginning of our official Sunday School program as well as when we start offering two worship services, will be held on September 12th. The Spiritual Life Team will be providing some "trunk incentives" for joining us that day following the 8:30AM service prior to the beginning of Sunday School at 9:45AM. Please join us as we share the excitement of what our God is doing in and for us at LMC. **REMEMBER: Church services go back to 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM and Sunday School for all ages at 9:45AM beginning September 12, 2021.**

Adult Sunday Morning Groups will begin September 12th at 9:45. This fall the group meeting in the Education Building will focus on the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Humility, and Self-Control. Join us as we work on growing into the image and likeness of Jesus who is our model for these. In August a Unison Prayer of Confession had these words, "May humility, patience, forbearance and love find their way into our hearts." As followers of Jesus Christ this is our desire. If you have any questions, see Doyle Waybright or Susan Nunamaker.

Women's Guild The Women's Guild is gearing up for its Yard & Bake Sale on September 25th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be selling wonderful treasures, baked goods and soup. If anyone in the congregation would like to help our worthy cause by contributing baked goods, please use the following guidelines and price them as follows: **6 cookies in a Ziploc, \$1.50, 6 brownies or rice krispie treats in a Ziploc, \$1.75, small quick breads, \$2.00, regular size quick breads, \$3.00, 6 cupcakes (on a paper plate), \$3.00, pies in an aluminum pan, \$6.00, 6 cinnamon rolls (on a paper plate) \$6.00.** We have appreciated your help in the past and will be grateful for any donations this year. Thank you in advance. The order form to reserve a table or space can be found on page 8. The next meeting of The Women's Guild will be September 21st at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Marriage Retreat Kickoff Social — *There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please attempt to carpool, if possible.* ALL COUPLES are invited to our Marriage Retreat Kickoff Social, which will be held September 18th, 5PM, at the home of Gary and Cathy Michaliga. **Even if you've never attended a marriage retreat, or can't attend the 2022 retreat, PLEASE join us for fellowship and fun.** We will have a corn hole tournament, potluck sides, and brats and dogs done at the bonfire pit grill. We will also have information to share regarding the retreat, which is scheduled for February 25-27. If you have questions, please call Cathy at 703-994-0289 or Gary at 717-339-6137.

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LMC Stitches — After taking a summer break LMC Stitches will resume meetings on Monday, September 13th. We meet in Classroom #1 in the Education Bldg from 10:30-12:30/1pm on Mondays. We will not meet when the church office is closed for holidays. LMC Stitches donated 10 baby summer hats to TenderCare in July. We have a stash of hats, mittens, scarves and sweaters to donate locally when the winter clothing drive starts again. We welcome all newcomers of all skill levels. Please contact Judy Williams at 717-968-4381 or gbgjudy@yahoo.com for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry — has shawls for gifting to grieving church family members. We now have white bags with church labels to deliver the shawls in. Please contact Judy Williams or Pastor Mark with shawl requests.

The Women's Bible Study meets electronically two Thursdays a month at 7 PM. It is usually the first and third Thursdays of the month. We are beginning a new book "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst. Interested women should contact Dana McDonald at 717-642-6272.



New heating and cooling system installed in our Educational Building. With the stellar leadership of our Home Ministry Team and with abundant support from the generosity of our congregation a new, high efficiency air handler (heating and air conditioning) has been installed in our Education Building. This system provides efficient temperature control in the long hallway of the educational building including the restrooms, all the classrooms and the pastor's office. This system was installed by Desco Services after a careful search and consideration of multiple bids by the Home Ministry Team. We are very grateful to Trace Schwartz, Barb's husband, for donating his expertise in helping us with the technical planning of this project. The total cost of the project was \$10,346. *Note:* This project marks the complete replacement of the heating/ air conditioning system in our education/ office building. A separate, high tech, ductless system was installed in the Fellowship Hall in 2018.

Outreach for the WIDOWS of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church — LMC is reaching out to our widows in love and support by establishing a small group called "**Naomi's Sisters**". The story of Naomi is found in the book of Ruth. Despite the devastating tragedy that Naomi faced in the death of her husband and two sons, she finds the courage, strength and hope to work through her grief and show great compassion to Ruth. Naomi is devoted to Ruth and helped arrange her marriage to Boaz, ensuring that both women would be cared for. In God's time and by God's grace, the marriage of Ruth and Boaz brings a joyful end to the tragic story. Not only were both women cared for, Ruth's and Boaz's child, Obed, becomes the lineage of King David and Jesus. The first event for this group is a church sponsored tea at the Old Farmhouse Tea Room, on Nov 5th, 2021, 12 noon. The Spiritual Life Team of Session has identified 29 widows in our congregation and we will send a personal invitation to each one. **In the meantime, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!** Questions, call Cathy Michaliga at 703-994-0289, or email her at cmichaliga@yahoo.com.

Generations of Generosity: Our Stewardship Campaign for 2022

As we prepare for our Stewardship Campaign looking forward to the new year 2022, please mark these special events.

Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall Our Stewardship Conversation:

On Sunday September 19 during the Sunday School hour at 9:30, everyone is invited to our Stewardship Conversation. We will gather around the tables in Fellowship Hall for an informal conversation celebrating our congregation. These discussion questions will guide our conversation together:

- What excites you about our congregation? Can you share experiences that were especially meaningful and spiritually encouraging?
- What excites you about the future of our congregation? What are your dreams and visions for our life together in the future?
- How are you participating in our congregation now?
- How do you see yourself participating in our congregation in the future?
- Do you understand the finances of our congregation? Do you have any questions about our financial system or the 2022 proposed budget?

Sunday, October 3 during both worship services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) Our Stewardship Dedication:

Please submit your Estimate of Giving Card during a special time of dedication during our worship services. Sunday, October 3 is also World Communion Sunday and we will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thank you for your continuing and generous support!
The Interpretation and Stewardship Team



STEWARDSHIP

A Disciple's Way of Life



For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

As our summer season comes to a close, I hope you have enjoyed the music presented by LMPCPC church members as well as their friends and families. On September 5th our special music will be presented by Susan Thompson who is doing a piano/organ duet with me. I would like to thank Evelyn Ganas who has been graciously playing the hymns with me each week. Certainly, we will be hearing more from both of these pianists in the future! Thank you, ladies! And, thanks to all those who assisted by suggesting talent as well as those musicians who have participated.

We are now entering our **“Season of Singing and Ringing.”** When we return to two church services (8:30 and 11:00) on Sunday, September 12, our musical groups will start returning to their regular rotational schedule. Our regular schedule for September begins with Wires and Wood on Rally Day, the second Sunday of the month. Dirk Grove’s talent and leadership are both greatly appreciated as he organizes this group of singers and instrumentalists.

The Bells of Faith will begin performing in October, so the Glory Singers and Faithful Voices will be sharing special music on September 19, September 26, and October 3. **Anyone who would like to sing with the Glory Singers at the early service, please attend practice downstairs promptly at 8:00 on those mornings. Our Faithful Voices/ Wires and Wood meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.**

As the seasons pass, every year we each pass a new milestone, a birthday! God has given some of us enough birthdays to appreciate the following “Old Timers Music Selections.” (Even young people will smile at these!)

“Give Me That Old Timers Religion”

“Just a Slower Walk With Thee”

“Go Tell It On the Mountain, But Speak Up”

“Blessed Insurance”

“Blessed Lord, Take My Hand, and Help Me Up”

“Nobody Know the Trouble I Have Seeing”

“It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt”

Any other suggestions?

Linda Clark



Recent Correspondence from Mission Organizations/Missionaries We Support



Adams Christian Prison Ministries

ACPM requests prayers for ACACC leadership wisdom as they plan on how to safely restart volunteer programs. The tentative timeline to allow churches and organizations back into the prison is some time in the Spring of 2022.

Adams Rescue Mission

The thrift store summer clearance sale is coming up soon (September 13-25).



C.A.R.E.S.



C.A.R.E.S. is gearing up for their tenth season, and they are excited to be returning to host churches in October. The birthday of C.A.R.E.S. will be celebrated with a socially distanced Open House outside behind the Slentz House (117 York Street) on Friday, September 3rd from 6 until 7:30. Join them for cake and ice cream and meet their new director, Debbi Little, hear about their program, and tour their Resource Center.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County

Sixty-five children heard the gospel during CEF's summer teaching children ministry. CEF participates in the Kennie's Market Community Rewards program. If you sign up for the rewards program, 1% of your total bill will be donated to the CEF ministry.



DiscipleMakers (Kevin & Maria Noyes)



Even though the semester had ended, Bible study continued during the summer. Every week or two there were gatherings to study the scriptures, enjoy some ice cream, and get to know one another. They are praying that these gatherings were so attractive that friends will invite friends and they will meet this fall's first year students before they step onto campus. If you know a student heading to college this fall, send them a message about Kevin and Maria's work with college students as they help students transition to college and grow in their faith, and point them to their ministry website (www.dm.org/our-campus).

Thomas and Cheri Henry

"A very-challenging season of ministry, supporting Thomas' dad, considering a big change in team, and shutting down affairs in Turkey, are now behind us. They have drained us in every way - spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. This is why we need a sabbatical of rest. However, before officially entering into that season, we are taking August as a long, much-needed vacation. Then, in September we will attend Le Rucher in France. There



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we will allow skilled helpers to guide us in a deep dive debrief designed for global workers to begin processing the challenges we have faced in order to press on. We are now between two distinct seasons.” Pray for the Henrys as they work at strengthening their “inner person.” During their sabbatical they will be disconnecting from the busyness of the world, including social media, and will begin to practice what they hope will become one of the defining dimensions of their sabbatical - slowing down to walk at God’s speed.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the August 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,300 people dead, thousands more injured, and an unknown number of people are still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed, and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti’s ongoing struggles with endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest, and as Tropical Storm Grace bears down on the region. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience. *[taken from an August 19 PDA email]* Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. Pray that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.



Samaritan’s Purse



Samaritan’s Purse is airlifting critical relief supplies to Haiti after the massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake, while also rushing an Emergency Field Hospital to Jackson, Mississippi, after a staggering surge in Coronavirus cases. The state averaged nearly 2,700 new COVID cases per day over the past week. Over 200 patients in the state are being held in emergency room beds, waiting for ICU beds to open up. Pray for all those who are suffering in Haiti and Mississippi. Remember also the disaster relief and medical teams as they serve in Jesus’ Name. Donations to assist with these efforts may be made online through the Samaritan’s Purse website.

SAT-7

In July a Zoom call was held with the leadership of SAT-7 TURK, the 24/7 channel for Turkey, launched five years ago. During the call, the Director of SAT-7 TURK, Melih Ekener, reported a growing influence of SAT-7: “Before COVID, the programs spoke often about God and love, but viewers did not engage. Now they have much more interest in Christianity. People are scared and asking, ‘Why are we here?’ ‘Where are we in life?’ especially the younger generation. People are looking for answers and seeking something more than what the world can offer. We can point them to our God of love, in whom we have hope and freedom” A pastor, who hosts a popular teaching program, reports: “We used to get common questions such as, ‘Has the Bible been changed?’, but now viewers are researching the Bible themselves. They are comparing verses. They are engaging with the programs, and their questions are becoming more difficult.”





AND



WOMEN'S GUILD YARD & BAKE SALE

Tired of clutter? Tired of dodging inanimate objects when you open a closet? Are you scared to open a drawer for fear of being suffocated by flying garments? Then The Women's Guild has the answer for you. Sell your unwanted items at our Yard & Bake Sale. On September 25th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, we will have our annual sale in the church's parking lot or in Fellowship Hall if it rains. You can procure a table 8 feet long for \$15, a round table for \$12 or bring your own table and rent a space 8 feet long for \$10. We will also be selling baked goods and bowls of soup for lunch or takeout. The money we raise will help us buy Christmas gifts for our Teen Angels. Join us in this worthy cause. Fill in the form below and give it to Roz Santay or Nancy Brill by September 19th.

Name _____

_____ Number of 8 feet tables

_____ Number of round tables

_____ Number of spaces

Make checks payable to The Women's Guild



LMCPC Members & Friends,

Thanks to the Deacons, friends and neighbors for the casseroles, cards, prayers and phone calls following my recent emergency surgery. Thanks also to Linda Clark for the basket of flowers.

Thanks again,

Joyce & Gary Adams

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Virginia Woods Scholarship. It means a lot to me and will be very helpful when it comes to paying for college.

Sincerely,

Jenna Leedy

Dear Friends of Lower Marsh Creek Church,

A very heartfelt thank you for all the birthday cards that were sent in celebration of my 97th birthday. I received over 60 cards and truly enjoyed every one of them. I am grateful for my church family. Thanks for an extra special birthday!

Peggy Benner

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Church,

We at Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield would like to express our thanks to your church for supporting our program. Your donations of food and money help to sustain our program. We also appreciate your time spent helping to fill the backpacks!

We completed our sixth year of service to the children of the Fairfield Area School District. God willing, we will continue our mission for years to come.

Blessings,

Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield Board of Directors

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

We give thanks for the faithful support of churches like yours. Grace and peace to you and yours through our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes us one. On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, please allow me to express our appreciation to your church for your gracious and faithful support. Your support changes lives for the sake of the Gospel not only here but also around the world. Thank you, for your witness to the Great Commission and your partnership in mission.

We received \$2,592.33 for One Great Hour of Sharing, and we also received \$6,200.00 for Ryan and Alethia White.

Blessings on your mission and ministry,

Lynne Foreman, Mission Engagement Advisor

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Dear Members of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the patients served through Mission of Mercy, I thank you for your very generous contribution. Your support truly enables us to live our mission of *restoring dignity and healing through Love* with those who are uninsured and underinsured and who fall through the cracks of our healthcare system.

Since our inception 27 years ago, our dedicated medical and dental teams have provided more than 230,000 medical and dental patient visits and dispensed over 420,000 prescription medications. These services have been provided without the reliance on government funding and at no cost to our patients.

According to the Mobile Health Clinics Association's national Mobile Health Map, the positive return on investments for mobile clinics is \$12 for every dollar spent on operations. By this measure, Mission of Mercy saves our communities over \$11 million every year. Thus, your donations have a tremendous impact not only on the patients that we serve but on the community in general.

Here is a story about one of our grateful patients: *A female, cancer survivor in her sixties came to Mission of Mercy because she also had chronic health issues. Financially she was unable to afford her medical treatment and her medications. She has been a patient of Mission of Mercy for years now and she said, "Thanks to Mission of Mercy I am alive and am able to see my grandchildren grow up. Thank you Mission of Mercy I don't know what I would do without you!"*

This is just one example of how you are truly helping Mission of Mercy save lives through your very generous donations. You truly are helping us bring the gifts of hope and healing to those who are sick and suffering. God bless each of you.

Gratefully,

Linda M. Ryan, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I love seeing how God works in the situations others experience. We receive so many notes from those He has changed through resources they've received from us. We are so thankful for how He uses the ministry for His purposes.

We recently received a letter from a young person. The weight of her grief must be great. As the letter reveals: *As a victim of sexual assault (more accurately child molestation, since I'm underaged), my whole world was confusing and scary. Then I found a copy of an Our Daily Bread devotional, I remember reading about how much Jesus loves us, how we can find recovery and shelter in Him, and how far He goes for us daily to say He loves us. One night I broke down crying tears of joy because I found a reason to keep walking. I knew Jesus had been beside me all along. I don't know where I'd be today without that reminder. I am so thankful that God made a way for me to know that He sees me!*

How amazing that God knows each one of our needs! The same Lord who comforts me in my struggles, comforts you in yours. And His comfort isn't a one-size-fits-all! He tailors it to our circumstances, personality, and greatest need at the moment. Christ is indeed beside us. He sees and know us. Because of this, we can face tomorrow!

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 and joining us on this mission to reach as many people as

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possible with the life-changing wisdom of the Bible. May more and more like this young person come to deeply know the love of a Savior who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

Gratefully,

Rich DeHann, Our Daily Bread Ministries

Dear Elders of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the monetary gift of \$500 from your church. We are grateful that you value the Gettysburg Ministerium as an outlet for helping those in need within the Gettysburg Community, and that you support the mission and efforts of the Ministerium.

Blessings,

Katy Clowney, Treasurer

Dear Session and Members of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

With joy and celebration, we want to extend a special thank you to your congregation for the generous support you have given to One Great Hour of Sharing over the past 20+ years! You have shown your faithfulness and commitment to God's ministry by continuing to be "repairers of the breach" alongside those experiencing great need. It is especially remarkable to have continued this mission through the challenges of the pandemic.

We know that this generosity and consistency reflect the efforts and hopes of many people. Please extend our gratitude to the members of your congregation, and especially those who have been instrumental in providing this continued support of One Great Hour of Sharing. For them, we have a dedicated Facebook group, Special Offerings - Promoting Presbyterian Mission Together. Join at www.facebook.com/groups/special.offerings.support.

As Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church continues the work that God has called you to do in your community and partnership with other Christians locally and around the world, we pray that you might be encouraged and emboldened. As Presbyterians, we are committed to serve the world in Christ's name as one body. Thank you for sharing in this ministry that proclaims just that: We are the Church, Together.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,

Bruce E. Wiebe, Director & Melanie Roney, Mission Specialist

September Birthdays

1 — Sally Gately	10 — Sue Welsh	23 — Doyle Waybright
1 — Lauren Neely	14 — Donnie Brill	24 — Joyce Adams
2 — Bev Benner	15 — Sandy Buhrman	24 — Melody Duffy
3 — Teresa Sanders	20 — Mike Rioux	28 — Jeff Kann
5 — Alex Kessel	20 — Pat Diehl	30 — Alicia Dehoff
10 — Joe Reichl	21 — Dale Williams	



Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!

Photos from LMC's Congregational Retreat

The 2021 Congregational Retreat was held June 27th at the home of Jim and Bev Benner. There were 65 people in attendance at this one day event - which is a high since the retreat began over 5 years ago. The day started with Pastor Mark talking with the adults about Spiritual Maturity and simultaneously the children had a session on Jonah and the Whale. After a bagged lunch, Cathleen Lerew from Under the Horizon presented a pottery demonstration and a testimony of faith and most of our group painted a pre-made piece of pottery. The afternoon consisted of swimming, playing cards and board games, fellowshiping and a scavenger hunt. We had a dinner, catered by Kennie's Market, and then a camp fire and lots of singing. We also had a "gift exchange" provided by Jenny Waybright. Beautiful weather, wonderful friendships and the loving spirit of God permeated the day from beginning to end. Pottery pieces will be available for pick-up at the church picnic on August 29th.







From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Here are highlights from that meeting and some news from their meeting of July 28, 2021:

- ✦ Membership as of 8/20/2021: Active Members (AM = CA): 171, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 62 and Family Members: 57.
- ✦ The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly reports for June and July on pages 17 and 18 as well as the second quarter report of our special accounts on page 19 in this issue. We thank you for your continued generosity and financial support!
- ★ *Approved the following events and business items:*
 - ✦ Saturday, September 18, 2021: Kick-Off Social for Marriage Retreat to be held at Gary and Cathy Michaliga's home.
 - ✦ September 19-October 10, 2021: Sub sale fundraiser in support of the Marriage Retreat.
 - ✦ Friday, November 5, 2021: An afternoon tea at the Old Farmhouse Tea Room for widows in the hopes of beginning a widow's social/support group.
 - ✦ November 15-22, 2021: Operation Christmas Child with LMC serving as a drop-off location for the Gettysburg area.
 - ✦ Special Collection for September Themed Food Bags for the Fairfield Food Pantry through the Neighbors Helping Neighbors group.
 - ✦ Approved that \$3,765.00 being taken from the Gifts & Memorials Fund to create a sitting area at the Cemetery.
 - ✦ Agreed that the decision to wear or not wear a mask for worship would be left to the discretion of each member and friend attending.

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★ *News from the Pastor:*

- ✦ He will be starting a new study called: "Learning How to Speak Presbyterian" on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 which will continue through the month of September from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The study will concentrate on the Protestant Reformation and the Presbyterian Tradition with a focus on the Scot's Confession.

★ *News from the Home Ministry Team:*

- ✦ Team Members: Alicia DeHoff, chair; Susan Nunamaker and Jim Richardson
- ✦ A new sitting area will be installed in the Cemetery in the fall. This will consist of an area 14 ft. X 14 ft. defined by pavers, two benches and some greenery.
- ✦ The new HVAC for the office/classroom portion of the education building was installed by Decso Services of Hanover on August 5 and 6, 2021.
- ✦ The parking lot was repaired and sealed on August 24, 2021.

★ *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team:*

- ✦ Team members: Karen Golden, chair; Ray Wright and Lynn Miller.
- ✦ The team continues to plan for the Congregational Conversation on Stewardship to be held between services on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Please see the article on this special meeting on page 4 in this issue.
- ✦ Monthly Minute for Missions has begun again with a presentation on Young Life in August.
- ✦ The action items recommended by the Financial Review Team as reported in the 2020 Financial Review Report were discussed and new actions and procedures to address these were approved by Session.
- ✦ The team distributed a draft of the 2022 Church Operating Fund and Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Budget to Session for review.

★ *News from the Spiritual Life Team:*

- ✦ Team members: Bev Benner, chair; Cathy Michaliga and Dirk Grove.
- ✦ Children's Sermons will begin again in September.
- ✦ Children's Sunday School will begin on September 12, 2021.
- ✦ Plans are underway for Advent and Christmas Eve.



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

Thank you for your continued support. I had a chance to talk with Dottie Warrenfeltz when I was taking our donations to the food pantry. Dottie does a wonderful job managing the food pantry. She shared that they continue to add new families who are in need. Our donations along with other church's allow her to put a little extra in the monthly boxes families receive. Please keep in mind that personal items and cleaning supplies are always appreciated. If you are unable to drop off donations, you may send a check to LMPC and designate Fairfield Food Pantry in the memo line. Be sure to check expiration dates on items.— Arlene Wright

Deacons

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12, at which time LMPCPC will return to two services each Sunday. This day is also when coffee hours will begin again.

During the summer months, kitchen cleanup and reorganization has been underway. New storage shelves have been set up in the Fellowship Hall closet providing much needed additional space. The cleanup and relocation process will make inventory of supplies much easier and eliminate clutter and crowding in the kitchen pantry.

Collection of food items and monetary donations for Ruth's Harvest has resumed. Food items are distributed in backpacks during the school year to Fairfield Area School District students who are food insecure. Our Ruth's Harvest food collection bin has been placed in the library area of the Fellowship Hall for donations of individual serving items. At this time, Ruth Harvest's inventory is especially in need of individual-sized cups of macaroni and cheese, Chef Boyardee cups and snack-sized packs of potato chips, pretzels or popcorn. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to LMPCPC, write Ruth's Harvest on the memo line and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your kindness in contributing to children in need. — 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 – JUNE 2021

Church Operating Fund Income

Account Description	June - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$24,218.00	\$164,019.60	\$280,000.00
Other Income	\$9.69	\$13,957.62	\$15,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,227.69	\$177,977.22	\$295,450.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$789.44	\$3,135.11	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$25.43	\$262.72	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$0.00	\$4,955.86	\$5,951.00
Home Ministry	\$6,002.12	\$26,193.55	\$70,382.00
Church Administration	\$15,277.44	\$89,064.97	\$198,817.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,094.43	\$123,612.21	\$298,450.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$2,133.26	\$54,365.01	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 6/30/2021: \$91,052.91

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	June - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$5,925.00	\$50,494.85	\$71,750.00
Other Income	\$4.16	\$2,775.97	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,929.16	\$53,270.82	\$72,750.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,614.00	\$52,523.40	\$72,750.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$315.16	\$747.42	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 6/30/2021: \$1,355.21

Notable expenses for June include: None

FINANCIAL HEALTH UPDATE – JULY 2021

Church Operating Fund Income (COF)

Account Description	July - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$16,889.00	\$180,908.60	\$280,000.00
Other Income	\$1,175.86	\$15,133.48	\$15,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,064.86	\$196,042.08	\$295,450.00
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$682.60	\$3,817.71	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$10.20	\$272.92	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$24.99	\$4,980.85	\$5,951.00
Home Ministry	\$1,777.49	\$27,971.04	\$70,382.00
Church Administration	\$14,047.42	\$103,112.39	\$198,817.00
Uncategorized Expenses	\$110.00	\$110.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,094.43	\$123,612.21	\$298,450.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$1,412.16	\$55,777.17	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/2021: \$24,675.80*

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	July - 2021	Year-to-Date 2021	2021 Budget
Offering Income	\$3,730.00	\$54,224.85	\$71,750.00
Other Income	\$2.15	\$2,778.12	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,732.15	\$57,002.97	\$72,750.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,114.00	\$56,637.40	\$72,750.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$381.85	\$365.57	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/2021: \$840.86

*A transfer of \$10,000 was made from the COF checking account to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and \$30,000 to the Building Investment Fund.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT — 2021**INVESTMENTS**

Account Description	Opening Balance 4/1/2021	Deposits	Expenses	Gains/ Losses	Closing Balance 6/30/2021
Building Fund	\$146,200.24	\$3,900.00	\$0.00	\$9,199.84	\$159,300.08
Cemetery Fund	\$4,705.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179.28	\$4,885.11
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$127,043.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,395.78	\$134,439.52
Mission Endowment Fund	\$148,162.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,652.09	\$154,814.74
Woods Scholarship Fund	\$102,361.45	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,750.61	\$104,112.06
David Scott Youth Fund	\$93,079.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,947.90	\$96,027.24
				Total Investments:	\$653,587.64

DESIGNATED/RESTRICTED FUNDS

Account Description	Opening Balance 4/1/2021	Deposits	Expenses	Closing Balance 6/30/2021
Congregational Retreat	\$1,086.93	\$255.00	\$881.97	\$459.96
Sound Booth/System Upgrade	\$1,986.26	\$0.00	\$1,372.15	\$614.11
Marriage Retreat	\$1,210.02	\$508.00	\$105.00	\$1,613.02
Cemetery Benches	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
Sanctuary Flowers	\$1,304.79	\$633.00	\$877.51	\$1,060.28
Men's Breakfast	\$214.76	\$0.00	\$126.00	\$88.76
AED Fund	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,394.00	\$106.00
Bulletins	\$562.53	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$556.53
Pastor's Study Leave	\$1,916.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,916.25
Fellowship Hall Remodel Fund	\$284.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$284.45
David Scott Youth Fund	\$2,417.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,417.96
Preschool Fund	\$2,640.00	\$4,285.91	\$0.00	\$6,925.91

SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Account Description	Opening Balance 4/1/2021	Deposits	Expenses	Closing Balance 6/30/2021
Membership Assistance Fund	\$3,296.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,296.85
Cemetery Fund	\$189.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.27
Gifts & Memorials Fund	\$10,923.34	\$700.00	\$1,080.00	\$10,543.34


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Nursery 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
11:00 AM Late Worship

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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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