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The Heart of Advent

Advent is a season of the church year observed as a time of expectant waiting for Jesus. The Season of Advent begins a new church year and is marked by the four Sundays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Mark Advent on your calendar and in your heart; join us for worship and Bible study for this reverent and joyous time of year.

For me there is a special richness and a beautiful mystery to Advent because it moves with meaning and symbolism at several different levels at the same time. The multiple meanings of Advent is itself an important spiritual exercise for us. Can we see and acknowledge the different levels of meaning at any given moment and in any particular event? So often the mundane and ordinary events of our lives are, at the same time, infused with powerful spiritual meaning.

At one level Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas. In this sense we look forward to the coming of Jesus, born of Mary and laid in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. Advent is about Jesus being born in Bethlehem, and during these days we review again the Bible stories about the birth of Jesus. But there is a deeper, more spiritually powerful meaning to Advent simultaneously. Advent is about Jesus coming into our lives. Advent is about the grace we have received to move into active discipleship, service, praise and worship. This is not about Bethlehem far away and long ago. This meaning of Advent is about our hearts and the ways we live today filled with the presence and power, the love and peace of a new-born Lord and Savior. Advent also soars with yet another level of meaning. Advent is about the future return of our Lord Jesus. Advent is about Jesus coming again. It is about the plan and path which God has already laid out which defines all our future days. Our future path will lead to Jesus, and during Advent we proclaim that great day to come when all things are in Christ. Thus Advent is a checkpoint for us to ask whether we are following the right path toward this glorious future.

Thus the season of Advent is a spiritual lesson for us. Every day is filled with multiple levels of meaning. God breaks into the ordinary. The daily is infused with divine meaning. We need to be attentive. A casual, passing conversation may also be a moment to introduce Jesus. A gentle, afternoon nap time may be the exact moment God speaks through the silence. A difficult illness may be a moment of revelation that God really is in control. A bad day may shake us into seeing the beauty and presence of God all around us.

Blessed Advent!
Mark

Next newsletter deadline is:
Friday, December 20
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Advent Schedule

Advent Bible study with Pastor Mark

Book: *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes: An Advent Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell

Monday, December 2 at 7:00 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 9 at 7:00 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 16 at 7:00 - Fellowship Hall

Advent: Our Hanging of the Greens Celebration — Saturday, December 7

4:30: Advent Craft Time — crafts, fellowship and fun for all ages sponsored by our Spiritual Life Team.

5:45 to 6:30: A full turkey dinner will be served sponsored by our Deacons. If you wish, please sign-up to bring dessert on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

7:00: Hanging of Greens participatory worship service in our sanctuary.

Birthday Party for Jesus — It's almost time for our Birthday Party for Jesus! It will be held

Happy Birthday, Jesus
Party



in the fellowship hall on December 8th following the 11a.m. service. We will again collect non-perishable food items as "gifts" to Baby Jesus. The festivities will include decorating cupcakes and of course eating them, too! The party is open to children of all ages. Grandparents, your grandchildren are welcome, too. I ask that you RSVP "yes" or "no", as well as the number of children. We don't want to run out of cupcakes! *Also, please let me know if there are any food allergies*

Text or email your RSVP: (717)475-3511 Shur1y@hotmail.com

I'm looking forward to celebrating with you!

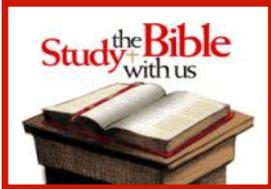
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December Music Sunday — December 22 (all choirs will be singing)

Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24 with two worship services: 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.





Bible Studies & Fellowship

*"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
(1 Corinthians 1:9)*



Wednesday Bible Study — meets every Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in classroom #4. Please come and join the group. Everyone is welcome.

The Women's Bible Study — will take a break during the months of November, December, January and February, and will resume in March 2020.

The Women's Guild — is looking forward to delivering Christmas gifts to our Teen Angels in December which will mark 15 years of doing this; it is a very satisfying endeavor. Of course, our annual Christmas party will take place Tuesday, December 17th at 11:30 am at Hoss's Restaurant. If any of our church women are interested in attending, please let Roz Santay know so we can have an accurate head count. We will be asking the congregation to sign Christmas cards to the Adams County Prison inmates on December 8th. Look for our table in the narthex that Sunday. The Women's Guild will not meet in January or February since weather can be a deterrent. We wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season.

The Men's Breakfast — Saturday, December 14 at 8:00am. Come join us for food and fellowship. This month's speaker is Erin Rodgers. She is the Hanover and Gettysburg Hospital Coordinator with Sweet Grace Ministries/Running On Love, to support those who have miscarriages and stillborn births. All men are welcome!

Room 4 Adult Sunday School Class — During Advent prayerfully consider joining the room 4 Sunday morning adult group as they read and discuss Walter Brueggemann's book, "Names for the Messiah". Isaiah 9:6 has four royal titles - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. This Advent study will ponder each title and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Any questions, ask Doyle Waybright or Susan Nunamaker.

The Seekers' Sunday School Class — meets at 9:45 am every Sunday in the Education Building. We would love it if you would join us!

The Couples' Group — On December 14 at 4:30 PM the Couple's Group will meet at SpiriTrust to sing Christmas carols with the residents. We will then go to HOSS's in Gettysburg for dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts for the exchange should cost \$10/couple. Please let Bev & Jim know if you plan to join us by December 7th.



Prayer Meeting — Please come to be prayed for or to pray for others. The LMC prayer meeting is held every Wednesday at 2:45 pm in classroom #4. All are welcome!

It's that time of the year, again! Can you help? — Are you a propane or oil customer with Aero Energy? If you are, please sign up for the House of Worship Program. For every gallon of propane or oil you purchase, LMC receives 4¢. A sign up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex, or if you prefer, you can call the office at 717-642-5332. What a simple way to make some money for the church. Last year, LMC received \$372.76 from Aero Energy from this program. Thanks to everyone who participates!



Winter Coat Time at Lower Marsh Creek!



Temperatures are dropping and once again, we have the opportunity to provide coats, hats, sweaters, gloves and other cold weather accessories to those of us less fortunate. Please search through your closets, drawers and trunks for clean, usable items and place them in the "coat box" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

Newsletter Due Date Changing! — Starting with next month's issue of Li'l Ripples, the information deadline is changing. The new due dates for each newsletter will now be Fridays! The deadline for the January issue will be Friday, December 20. I will continue to send out reminders to people currently on my list. If you no longer wish to receive reminders, or would like to be added to the list of those who receive reminders, please email me at lilripples@gmail.com. You can also continue to place submissions in my mailbox located near the office in the hallway.



The Interpretation and Stewardship Team would like to thank you, the congregation, for your overwhelming generosity as you discerned God's call to give during our stewardship campaign in October. We had a total of 73 Estimate of Giving Pledges returned which is a 61% response rate! Last year, we had a 53% response rate. Below is a breakdown of the actual pledge numbers and where you asked for them to be allocated:



Church Operating Fund: \$222,583
 Mission Organizations & Missionary Fund: \$66,543
 Building Fund: \$15,522
 Total: \$304,469

These totals provide us essential data to adequately prepare the 2020 Financial Budgets. We truly appreciate your faithfulness and generosity. Session will approve the budgets for next year soon. Keep a lookout for the final budget in the annual report that will be distributed just in time for our next congregational meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the I&S Team.

Advent celebration: Sunday, December 2



4:30 to 5:30 — Advent Craft Workshop
 5:45 to 6:30 — Dinner
 7:00 — Hanging of the Greens worship celebration
 Please join us as we begin the season of Advent!



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISON INMATES

On Sunday, December 8th, the Women's Guild in conjunction with the Adams Christian Prison Ministry invites anyone wishing to join in and sign Christmas cards for the inmates and/or staff. There will be a table set up in the Narthex before, between and after both services for card signing. Christmas cards will be provided and then delivered to the inmates. Guidelines will be posted at the table as to regulations involving distributing Christmas cards to those incarcerated. It is important to let the inmates know that they are not forgotten this time of the year. Let us share Christmas joy and the good news of Jesus' birth. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season!



December Birthdays

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| 1 — Ursula Sanchez | 13 — Joan Paschal |
| 5 — Lenorah Williams | 19 — Donna Lloyd |
| 6 — Sergei Ismailoff | 26 — Linda Lapp |
| 7 — Rachel Williams | 27 — Aimee Metz |
| 9 — Rodger Benner | 28 — Fay Hess |



Best Wishes! Enjoy your special day!

Thanks

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Church,

For more than 25 years, The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen has been providing a friendly environment where adults and children can come daily to meet their needs for both food and fellowship.

We received your donation of \$1,000.00 and I wish to extend our warmest thanks on behalf of our guests. Steady blessings such as yours enable us to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry 365 days each year.

In 2018, the Soup Kitchen served a nutritious mid-day meal to an average of 45 persons daily. In addition to our meals; guests are able to select one or two items daily from our giveaway basket, take unlimited items of baked goods, fresh vegetables and fruits, toiletries, and overstocked canned goods from the pantry shelves conveniently located in our dining area, and participate in our voucher program that enables guests to receive a \$15.00 voucher each month; redeemable for staple food items at a local grocery store.

Thank you so much for your generous donation and for the monthly support your church members provide as monthly meal sponsors.

Thank you again,

Sandy Lutz, Kitchen Supervisor

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Church,

Thank you for the generous Walmart gift card. We were so blessed by your thoughtfulness and care as we transition to being a family of three. We praise God for your prayers and partnership! God bless!

Much thanks,

Kevin, Maria, and Simeon Noyes

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Congregation,

Thank you for all your prayers and cards of encouragement. My cancer is now in remission. What a wonderful caring congregation we are a part of.

Sincerely,

Harry Waters

Christmas Story: Christ Was Love

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations: extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him that I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me that there would be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher sat in their seats. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas", I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment: songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love", I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row - center stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas", a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy", and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W". Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen.

In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear: "CHRISTWAS LOVE". And I believe, He still is.

By Candy Chand

Food Pantry**Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen Updates**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him”.

Romans 15:13

**Food Pantry —**

When you listen to the news and hear about shootings, war and all the horrible things that are going on you just shake your head and ask yourself, what am I, one person able to do? But every single one of us can help those who are hungry or who are homeless. We can support our local food pantries and soup kitchens, we can host the homeless when they come stay in our church to sleep on cold winter nights and when we know someone is hurting, we can show we care. We all need to be those little shining lights in the darkness. Won't you let your light shine by helping those less fortunate than yourself. The Fairfield Food Pantry provides holiday baskets for those in need. At Christmas time they provide all the makings for a ham dinner and a pancake breakfast. Please help make everyone's holiday's a little more cheerful by continuing to generously donate. Suggested items needed are:

Baking supplies (cooking oil, sugar, flour, confectionery, brown sugar)	Canned French fried onions
Canned vegetables (beets, mixed vegetables, carrots, peas)	Little marshmallows
Instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes	Canned yams
Canned fruits & pie filling (pineapple, apple, pumpkin, cherry)	Cranberry sauce
Boxed cakes, cookies, bread & icing	Pancake mix & syrup
Canned soups (cream of celery, mushroom, chicken, etc)	Any other non-perishable items

Soup Kitchen —

A special thanks to all those who continue to help every month whether you prepare a casserole, serve food or help clean up, each act is one of love. I and all the people you serve thank you. On November 1, we served a delicious Chicken Crunch Supreme Casserole which everyone enjoyed. A great big hug to the following people for helping during the month of November: Dawn Heflin, Ellen McMann, Susan Thompson, Arlene Wright, Mike Orleski, Joe Reichl and Lori Jackson.

Our next dates and meals will be:

Dec. 6 — Glazed Meatloaf and Macaroni & Cheese (Need EXTRA CASSEROLES)

Jan. 3 — Tuna Noodle Casserole

Feb. 7 — Tater Tot Vegetable Casserole

Each month a sheet is posted on the bulletin board located by the restrooms in the narthex, telling you the date we will serve, and the type of casserole or meal we are planning to bring. Each casserole should be delivered to the soup kitchen located at 22 West High Street around 10 am. You may bring the casserole uncooked but will need to deliver it by 9:30 am. A recipe is posted with copies that you can take home to prepare your casserole. Please check the recipe, you always need to make it big enough to feed 12 people. Usually a casserole in a 9 x 13 pan will do the trick. I will call or email you during the week we are serving to remind you. Sometimes the soup kitchen has extra meat that you can pick up ahead of time and use for making a casserole. They may have chicken, sausage or beef. It just depends on what is donated. The meat is kept in the freezer, so you would need to thaw it out. The person to contact is the director, Sandy Lutz. Her email is SupSK3445@gmail.com or phone number is 717-334-2773. If you are interested in helping to make a casserole or serving and helping to clean up, please sign your name on the month you would like to help. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me at church or call me at home (717-642-4215). Many thanks for helping with these wonderful ministries. You just might be providing the only hot meal that some of these people will have that day. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Wishing you blessings, love, peace, good health and happiness. — Lori Jackson



From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on November 18, 2019 at 6:56 PM with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Following are highlights from actions taken at that meeting:

- ◆ Welcomed Elders-elect Karen Golden and Ray Wright to the meeting.
- ◆ Membership as of 11/16/2019: Active Members (AM = CA): 198, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 72 and Family Members: 62.
- ◆ The Church Operating Fund (COF) and Mission Organization/Missionary (MOM) Fund, Gifts and Memorials (G&M) Fund and the Members Assistance Fund (MAF) Treasurers' reports can be found on a separate page. If you have any questions about this new reporting format anyone on the Interpretation and Stewardship team will be happy to answer your questions. This report also replaces the financial charts.
- ◆ *Attendance for October:*

Month	Date	Morning Worship	Communion	Comments
October	6	123	109	
	13	123		
	20	141		One Service - Stewardship Sunday
	27	144		
	Total	514		
	Average Year-to-date	133		

- ◆ *Approved the following events and business items:*
 - ◆ Elected Elders Denise Lockwood and Susan Nunamaker as Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Church in Middletown, PA.
 - ◆ Elders Bev Benner and Susan Nunamaker as co-chairs of the 2020 Nominating Committee.
 - ◆ Elected Denise Lockwood as Clerk of Session and Associate Clerks of Session Phyllis Doyle Smith and Gary Bechtel for one year.

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- ◆ Authorized that the Church Operating Fund treasurer pay the Per Capita Apportionment for 2019 of \$5,385.60 (198 members at \$27.20 each).
- ◆ Authorized the Clerk of Session to submit the various reports to the Presbytery and General Assembly by the due date as stated by the Presbytery.
- ◆ Appointed Jean Bentz as Gifts and Memorials Officer for 2020.
- ◆ Scheduled the meeting time and day of Session for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ Scheduled the next Congregational meeting for Sunday, January 26, 2020.
- ◆ Scheduled the Ordination and Installation of Officers for Sunday, January 5, 2020 at both services.
- ◆ Approved the Approved List of Gifts and Memorials for 2020.
- ◆ Approved the Lord's Supper for Sunday, January 5, 2020 and Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Couples Retreat at Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA.
- ◆ Sunday, February 2, 2020: Special collection of soup and/or money for Souper Bowl Sunday
- ◇ *News from the Pastor:*
 - ◆ Discussed the role of Session and the sponsoring church for Lynn Miller as she pursues a call to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.
- ◇ *News from the Home Ministry Team:*
 - ◆ Working with a sub-committee of the Spiritual Life team to plan a project to refurbish the fellowship hall.
 - ◆ Researching programmable thermostats for the fellowship hall.
 - ◆ Beginning work with the Deacons to research stoves for a possible purchase in 2020.
 - ◆ Cemetery Map Books are available at a cost of \$20.00.
- ◇ *News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team:*
 - ◆ The 2020 Church Operating Fund (COF), Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund (MOM) and the Building Fund budgets were approved. COF total is \$318,669.04 with a 0.00% increase; MOM total is \$70,000.00 with a 14.88% increase; and the Building Fund total is \$34,722.00. Thank you for your generosity and love of LMC allowing the team to establish these budgets so that we may continue to do the work of God in our church family, community and the world!

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- ◆ The Budget sub-team will continue into 2020 with a new membership composed of the Chair of the Interpretation and Stewardship team, the Pastor, the Office Manager and a representative from each of the Session teams. The purpose of this team is to oversee the monthly financial reports of the church and to draft the coming year's annual budgets.

◇ *News from the Spiritual Life Team:*

- ◆ The Prayer Shawl ministry reports that they have knitted/crocheted 6 scarves, 1 blanket, 11 pairs of mittens, 1 sweater and 22 hats for distribution.
- ◆ The Winter Banquet will be held at the Lodges in Gettysburg on Saturday, February 15, 2020. The cost for adults is \$24.50 and for children eleven years old and younger is \$15.00.
- ◆ The congregation will be invited to sign Christmas cards for the Adams County Prison inmates on Sunday, December 8, 2019. The cards will be available for signing in the fellowship hall after both services. Please come over and share the beautiful message of Christmas with the inmates.

◇ *News from the Clerk of Session:*

- ◆ Performed the annual review of the church membership rolls.
- ◆ Clerk Lockwood was chosen as an Alternate Commissioner for the Carlisle Presbytery to the General Assembly to be held in Baltimore, MD in June of 2020.

◇ *News from the Personnel Committee:*

- ◆ Elder Mike Orleski distributed new job descriptions for all LMC employees to include: the church office and financial manager, the church custodian, the director of music, the Bells of Faith bell choir director, the nursery coordinator, and the assistant nursery coordinator. The packet also included staff member performance evaluation forms and performance factor definitions. Thank you to the Personnel Committee: Elder Mike Orleski, chair, Elder Phyllis Doyle Smith and Carlos Wampler for a job well done!

◇ *Session team assignments for 2019:*

- ◆ Home Ministry Team: Mark Orleski, chair, Susan Nunamaker and Alicia DeHoff
- ◆ Spiritual Life Team: Dick Belenski, chair, Bev Benner and Cathy Michaliga
- ◆ Interpretation & Stewardship Team: Isaac Bucher, chair, Bob Muchow and Mike Orleski



Pictured are from left, Back Row: Jenny Waybright, Pat Diehl, Christa Williams and Doris Wampler. Front Row: Len Williams, Sue Welsh, Lori Jackson and Janet Hartman. Missing from picture: Nadja Muchow.

Deacons' Notes

Ushers — "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17) Thank you to the many volunteers who have ushered this summer and over the past year. The new sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the fall, there are still lots of openings available. Near the sign-up sheet is a paper outlining the duties of the usher/greeter. Get to know your fellow worshipers by greeting them as they arrive, and assist in the flow of the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Bentz at 717-334-6064 for the 8:30 service or Len Williams at 717-642-0123 for the 11:00 service.



Recording Ministry — The Sunday service is recorded each week. If you'd like to request a copy of the CD, either for yourself or for someone who might be away at college, or home-bound, etc. let us know. We'll be happy to make a copy for you. Contact the church office or any of the Deacons. Each sermon is also posted on the church website: lmcpc.org.



Transportation Ministry — Members and other attendees 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 Nadja Muchow (410-299-4074). If anyone else would be willing to volunteer to help out occasionally, please call the church office to be added to our list.



Volunteer Drivers			
Lee & Jean Bentz	717-334-6064	Susan Thompson	717-334-8029
Clyde DeHoff	717-337-1713	Leo & Nancy Ward	717-642-8890
John Moser	717-334-0913	Roy Weaner	717-334-3376
Susan Nunamaker	717-642-9646	Len Williams	717-642-0123
Sallie Sites	717-334-8712	Ray Wright	717-549-2118



Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Happenings December 2019

Sunday Mornings

8:30 AM Early Worship Service

9:45 – 10:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Late Worship Service

Nursery is available from 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study — will resume in March 2020

Wednesday Bible Study — 1:30 PM (every Wednesday)

Church Happenings

Prayer Meeting — 2:45 PM (every Wednesday)

Mission Opportunity Program (MOP) — Thursdays, 10:00 AM

LMC Stitches — Mondays, 1 - 3 PM (Classroom 1)

Fitness & Fun Program — Thursdays, 9:00 AM

Serving at Gettysburg Soup Kitchen — Friday, December 6

Men's Breakfast — Saturday, December 14, 8:00 AM

The Couples' Group — Saturday, December 14, 4:30 PM (Caroling at SpiriTrust)

The Women's Guild — Tuesday, December 17, 11:30 AM (Christmas Party at Hoss's)

Advent Bible Study with Pastor Mark — Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16 at 7:00 PM

Advent Workshop & Hanging of the Greens Service — Saturday, December 7 (see schedule on page 2or 4)

Christmas Eve Services — Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM



Key to Financial Health Update Report

INCOME:

Offering Income: includes envelope donations and loose cash gifts received

Other Income: includes all other sources of income such as interest on accounts, miscellaneous & per capita offerings

EXPENSES:

Spiritual Life: includes music and supplies, Deacons' activities, fellowship events, worship supplies and retreats

Education & Nurture: includes church school supplies, nursery supplies and the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Interpretation & Stewardship: includes the per capita payment and expenses for stewardship program

Home Ministry: includes cost of all utilities, property & cemetery maintenance, and capital improvements

Church Administration: includes office supplies, all personnel expenses, and accounting expenses

Mission Fund Expenses: includes all the various missions and missionaries supported by the church

Balance on Building Fund Loan: that amount remaining to pay ourselves back of the \$100,000.00 borrowed from our investment fund for the 2015 building project.

Notable Expenses: this will include any expense out of the ordinary for any given month

FINANCIAL HEALTH UPDATE – OCTOBER 2019

Church Operating Fund Income				
Account Description	October – 2019		Year-to-Date 2019	2019 Budget
Offering Income	\$21,756.57		\$219,362.83	\$312,219.04
Other Income	\$842.46		\$15,068.51	\$6,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,599.03		\$234,431.34	\$318,669.04
Church Operating Fund Expenses				
Spiritual Life	\$533.76		\$5,653.48	\$10,450.00
Education & Nurture	\$107.36		\$903.18	\$6,600.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$79.98		\$5,928.13	\$7,539.30
Home Ministry	\$22,866.74		\$80,595.69	\$100,425.00
Church Administration	\$14,840.56		\$150,303.59	\$193,654.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$38,428.40		\$243,384.07	\$318,669.04
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$15,829.37		-\$8,952.73	\$0.00
Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/19: \$32,377.27				
Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income				
Account Description	October – 2019		Year-to-Date 2019	2019 Budget
Offering Income	\$4,084.86		\$54,403.67	\$58,931.00
Other Income	\$63.17		\$3,224.13	\$2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,148.03		\$57,627.80	\$60,931.00
Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$214.00		\$54,314.53	\$60,931.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$3,934.03		\$3,313.27	\$0.00
Missions Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/19: \$4,876.51				
Balance on Building Fund Loan as of 10/31/2019: \$46,360.99				
Notable expenses for October include: \$17,958.92 – New HVAC system in fellowship hall				

December



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Pastor Mark Englund-Krieger

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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

LOWER MARSH CREEK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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