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Join us on World Communion Sunday: Celebrate the Unity We Share

The influential Pew Research Center has documented that ideological and political polarization is greater today than at any point in the past twenty years. This, of course, will not surprise anyone who is paying attention today. What are faithful Christians to think about this?

I suggest that we often start searching for unity, harmony and peace in the wrong places. These are not gifts that we will find in our society, government or political commitments. Unity starts with the Spirit. Peace begins as a spiritual gift. Instead of waiting for our politics and our government leaders to provide us with unity and peace, is it possible that the Christians of the world need to nurture these gifts in our own communities and give them to the world? Is this our responsibility in an era of polarization and discord? We proclaim Jesus as the Prince of Peace, and Jesus calls all his people to the hard work of peacemaking: in our hearts, homes, churches, communities, nation and world.

On Sunday, October 4, and, indeed, on the first Sunday of every month we will gather together again around our Communion Table. How powerful is the peace and unity of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? A little piece of bread and a touch of grape juice and we receive again this gift of peace. In every Church - from the huge cathedrals in every big city to the simple huts and one-room churches in the barrios of every nation - we gather at our Tables. We mean different things, and act in different ways but the unity of Christ is bigger, real, true and forever. Christians have always gathered and will continue to always gather around their Communion Tables and the peace of Christ will be proclaimed.

Oh Christians, where is your peace? Come to the Table and receive this gift. Handle it with care and share it with the world. It is only bread. It is a tiny cup. Do you know the peace? Are you part of the unity? The people of Jesus Christ are here in this place, and in every place, for all time, in every language, in every culture, with eternal power. All are welcome. Know the peace; stand in the unity; may the Christians of the world together say, Amen!

Peace be with you!
Mark





Church Life Announcements



The Wednesday 1:30 PM adult group is still reading and discussing When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado. Join us in person in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom using Meeting # 84945494853, Password: 143356. If you have questions, contact Bev Benner or Susan Nunamaker.

An adult group is meeting in Fellowship Hall reading and discussing the Gospel of Mark. We are using N.T. Wright's book on the Gospel of Mark. Join us.

Children's Sunday School has resumed at 9:45am with masks and social distancing. There are two classes: the "Noah's Ark Class" for Pre-K to 1st grades taught by Kelly Holler and Megan Crumbacker; and the "Sparks Class" for 2nd through 5th grades taught by Doris Wampler and Catherine Orleski. We invite all the children to come join us!

The **Seekers Sunday School** class will be starting a new series on Sunday, September 27th. It is entitled, "Philippians: Jesus our Joy" by Donald Baker. What would it be like to have a sense of joy that continues in times of trouble? Paul experienced that deep joy - even in prison. In his brief letter to the Philippians, he teaches us how to live joyfully in every situation. Please join us at 9:45am as we seek a path to sustaining the joy we all desire. Remember, this class meets in the **youth room** in the church basement!

The Women's Guild met in September and were shown the thank you note for the 10 gift cards we sent to Jeremiah's Place in Pittsburgh to help support the children ages 1-6. We also discussed the bake sale that will be held in the narthex on December 13th to help defray costs of the Christmas gifts for the Teen Angels we have sponsored for the past 16 years. More details will follow in next few months in the bulletin and Li'l Ripples. We also will be having our Christmas Party, as of now, at Hoss's on December 15th. Again, more details will follow as the time gets closer. We also continued working on Chrismons for the sanctuary Christmas tree. The Guild has some mighty talented women! Our next meeting will be October 20th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome, so join us!

The weekly LMC FUN&FITNESS program will continue through this Fall and Winter months. We practice social distancing, wear face coverings and sanitize any equipment we use. We meet each Thursday at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We work to strengthen the whole body (upper and lower, the core with balance and stretching). We will not require or ask you to do anything you are uncomfortable or unable to do. Please join us to get healthy and stay fit. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at daveswims@hotmail.com

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Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. This project collects shoebox gifts filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys. They are then delivered to children in need around the world. Each shoebox is a gospel opportunity. In 2019, over 11 million children in more than 100 countries received a shoebox. Because the pandemic may continue to limit our visits to stores, start to fill your shoebox now with items as you venture out each week to shop. You will then have a shoebox filled for the

November collection dates. For more information, please see the article on page 7 in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Reichl at 717-398-2430.

SHOE DRIVE — Spiritual Life is conducting a shoe drive from October 11th until November 1st. We are collecting gently used or new shoes for Children and adults, all styles. Shoes that would fit kindergarten thru middle school aged children will go to Camp Ladore, Pa, which is a ministry of the Salvation Army, and be given to the campers to take home with them. Shoes for children under 5 and adult shoes will go to various relief efforts. Mary Smith has kindly offered to deliver the donated shoes to the Salvation Army for distribution. *Please place pairs of shoes in a plastic grocery bag, tied shut and place the bag in the large woven basket in the narthex.* The basket will also be the receptacle for Harvest Home food donations. Contact Cathy Michaliga at 703-994-0289 with any questions.



Marriage Retreat fundraiser: The annual Marriage Retreat is scheduled for February 26 to 28, 2021. This is a vital and long-standing ministry of our church intended to support Christian marriages. Please support our Marriage Retreat by buying a sub or sandwich. The order form with the type of sandwiches available is on a separate order form (found on Page 4 - on the back of this page). Please mark your order form and write a check to LMC before Sunday, October 11. Please pick up your order in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 20 between 4:15 and 5:30. Note: This is an extra important fundraiser this year because our traditional fundraiser at the Totem Pole Theater is cancelled due to the pandemic. Please support this important ministry. The proceeds will directly support the couples participating in the Marriage Retreat.

Support for the Fairfield Food Pantry: A mission project for Thanksgiving

Our congregation is providing thirty Thanksgiving dinners including turkeys for distribution at the Fairfield Food Pantry. We are seeking thirty donations of \$20 each. This mission project is being organized by our Deacons in cooperation with Kennie's Market. We are purchasing thirty turkeys and other Thanksgiving food items from Kennies. The frozen turkeys and other supplies will be picked up and delivered to the Food Pantry for their regular distribution on Friday, November 20. Please give generously. Checks should be made payable to Lower Marsh Creek Church and note "Food Pantry Thanksgiving" in the memo line. We hope that all the families served by the Fairfield Food Pantry will have an abundant Thanksgiving dinner!

*Bring the spirit of Thanksgiving
to local families*



Shultz's Delicatessen (Hanover, PA) Fundraising Project for the Benefit of the
Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Marriage Retreat
Thank you for your support



Order and Money Due Date: Sunday, October 11, 2020

Cash or Checks Accepted

Please make checks payable to Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

Write "MR Sub Sale" on the memo line

Contact Kim Donaldson (717-752-7606) or Jenna Waybright (610-656-4813) with questions

Distribution Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Pick-Up at the Lower Marsh Creek Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 PM

CUSTOMER'S NAME	CUSTOMER'S PHONE NUMBER	Ham And Swiss On Pretzel Roll	Turkey And American on Pretzel Roll	8" Turkey Sub	8" Ham Sub	8" Italian Sub	16" Cheese Pizza	**Gift Card \$6.00	Total Money
		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$11.00	\$5.00	\$

****Gift cards redeemable at Shultz's Delicatessen 918 Carlisle St. Hanover (M-F 9am to 7pm, Sat. 9am-4pm)**

Thanks

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

The year 2020 has been most unusual. Many of us are trying to come to terms with our "new normal" - whatever that is. Yet as Presbyterians, we persevere through this global pandemic, not because of what we do, but because of what we believe. In times like these, we trust God's providence and claim by faith the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 3:1-"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Together, by God's grace and mercy, we will get through this. And so, we give thanks for churches like yours. Thank you for your prayers, perseverance and support.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support of our mission personnel. We received \$6,200.00 for Dori Kay Hjalmarson.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission.

Yours in Christ,

Lynne Forman

Mission Engagement Advisor

Dear Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donations. Your continued support enables us to be generous in supporting those with food insecurity in our common community.

Sincerely,

The Fairfield Food Pantry

To LMCPC Family & Friends,

We want to thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls after the passing of our sister, Nancy. Also thanks to Pastor Mark & Pastor Dale for their services, and the special music by Pastor Dale and Linda

Thank you,

Joyce & Gary Adams



October Birthdays

2 — Jane Kessel	10 — Avery Holler	17 — Pastor Mark	19 — Daisy Stuffle
2 — Janice McGraw	11 — Gordon Russell	17 — Lori Jackson	21 — Fern Bodmer
4 — Gary Adams	12 — Lee Bentz	17 — David A. Metz	22 — Susan Wagle
4 — Rex Craven	15 — Clark Ramsburg	17 — Cheryle Waters	24 — Fred Schultz
9 — Susan Thompson	16 — Jim Benner	18 — David Brill	28 — Sara Rohr
10 — Roz Santay	16 — Dave Diehl	18 — Karen Golden	29 — David B. Metz



Happy Anniversary

October 12 — Pastor Mark & Kris



Stewardship Sunday is October 18th!

Our annual Stewardship Sunday service will be October 18th this year. During this service, we ask that you bring along your Estimate of Giving Card that you will receive either in person at church (if you attend September 27th or October 4) or in the mail. This card is very important for the Interpretation and Stewardship Team and Session to be able to accurately prepare the church's financial budget for 2021. The theme of this year's Stewardship service will be, "Thank you for being the Church!" If you are unable to be present in church that day, please mail your card back or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! — The I&S Team

A Prayer of Stewardship

Loving and generous God,

You are the source of all that we are and all that we have, the giver of life and abundant grace, and Father of every generation. We thank you and we praise you.

We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, who brought us your mercy and salvation through his death and resurrection.

We thank you, Lord, for sending us your Spirit to complete the work of Jesus and bring us to the fullness of your grace.

Open our hearts to the gift of your grace. Make us faithful stewards, good receivers and generous givers. Teach us that we serve You as we share the blessing we have received, building bridges of service to people of all ages, especially those in most need of kindness and comfort.

Be with us, Lord, as we witness to your good news in all that we do in our homes, at church, and in the workplace.

This we pray through your Son, our Lord Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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. They ship to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

Volunteers Needed for Operation Christmas Child - "Our Christmas Shoeboxes"

LMCPC is a drop-off location for churches and organizations in Adams County. National Collection Week for 2020 is November 16-23. Volunteers are needed to receive boxes that are dropped off at our Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times. Skills required are a smile and the desire to pray over the boxes. Please contact Elaine Reichl at jereichl@comcast.net or 717-398-2430 if you are able to help. Safety guidelines will be in place.

Monday, Nov. 16 — 3 - 5pm

Tuesday, Nov. 17 — 9 - 11am

Wednesday, Nov. 18 — 11am - 1pm

Thursday, Nov. 19 — 4 - 6pm

Friday, Nov. 20 — 11am - 1pm

Saturday, Nov. 21 — 10am - 12pm

Sunday, Nov. 22 — 12:30 - 2:30pm and 4 - 5pm

NEW for 2020: Build a Shoebox ONLINE:

There is now an opportunity to build a shoebox online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. The cost is \$25.00. You select the items and Operation Christmas Child will pack and send your shoebox gift for you.





From the Clerk's Desk

The Session held their regular meeting on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall with Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger serving as moderator. Following are highlights from actions taken at that meeting:

- ◆ Membership as of 9/21/2020: Active Members (AM = CA): 179, Baptized Members (BM = FP): 66 and Family Members: 57.
- ◆ The Interpretation and Stewardship Team continues to monitor all church finances. Please see the monthly report in this issue. We thank you for your unceasing generosity!
- ◆ Approved the following events and business items:
 - ◆ That LMC provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the WalMart in Gettysburg.
 - ◆ That LMC participate in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox ministry and serve as a drop-off location for the community from November 16 through November 23, 2020.
 - ◆ That the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank sponsor a blood drive using the fellowship hall on October 13, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
 - ◆ Elected Clerk Lockwood as Commissioner to the zoom Presbytery meeting to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
 - ◆ Pizza Bowling Night to be held at the bowling alley in Gettysburg (Edgewood Bowl) on Saturday, October 17, 2020 for anyone interested in attending.
- ◆ News from the Home Ministry Team:
 - ◆ Team Members: Mark Orleski, chair; Susan Nunamaker and Alicia DeHoff
 - ◆ Signed a service contract with Aero Oil for the sanctuary propane boiler.
 - ◆ Will purchase Norton virus protection for office computers.
 - ◆ Hired Pennington Tree Service to cut down dead and/or sick trees on the property and to also do some trimming at an approximate cost of \$3,225.00.

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- ◆ Working with A/V Solutions on the technology upgrade. Waiting for the equipment to come in and a date to begin the work.

◆ News from the Interpretation and Stewardship Team:

- ◆ Team members: Isaac Bucher, chair; Ray Wright and Karen Golden.
- ◆ The final draft of the new Financial Review Policy/Procedure was brought to Session for review. It will be voted on at the October Session meeting.
- ◆ 2021 Budget preparation continues.

◆ News from the Spiritual Life Team:

- ◆ Team members: Bev Benner, chair; Cathy Michaliga and Mike Orleski.
- ◆ Will sponsor a Turkey Drive in conjunction with the Harvest Home Collection in October. We hope to raise money for 30 turkeys for the Fairfield Food Pantry for Thanksgiving.
- ◆ The Men's Breakfast has been postponed until further notice.
- ◆ Heard that Ruth's Harvest in Fairfield is looking for more volunteers to help pack back packs for children's lunches. The packing takes place on Tuesday evenings.
- ◆ The theme for the upcoming Marriage Retreat is Vertical Marriage.
- ◆ Will sponsor a Shoe Drive for the Salvation Army from October 11 through October 31, 2020. Any size and any style shoes for men, women and children will be accepted. More information will be forthcoming.

◆ News from the Clerk of Session:

- ◆ Session approved for recommendation to the congregation revisions to Articles 16 and 17 of the LMC By-laws. The revisions with explanations will be distributed to the congregation in October for review and will be voted on at the Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

◆ News from the Pastor:

- ◆ Pastor will be starting a book study on "The Power of Transforming Prayer" by J. Oswald Sanders. The study will take place in the sanctuary to allow for better social distancing and each session will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for anyone interested to watch. He will begin with scheduling 3 sessions. The dates will be announced once the books arrive.



Pictured are from left, Back Row: Pat Diehl, Doris Wampler, Arlene Wright and Jim Welsh. Front Row: Len Williams, Lori Jackson, Janet Hartman and Sue Welsh. Missing from picture: Christa Williams

Food Pantry



The Fairfield Food Pantry is a community outreach program staffed entirely by volunteers and overseen by the South-Central Community Action Program in Gettysburg. The backing comes from generous community and church donations of both money and food. Due to the Pandemic and spiraling food prices, the need continues to rise. The pantry is located at the Mennonite Church on 201 West Main Street in Fairfield. Their hours are 1-5 pm on the third Friday of each month. The food pantry is gearing up for the holidays. Won't you do your part by picking up one extra item at the supermarket. You can bring your donations to LMC or you can drop off donations at the back door to the Fairfield Mennonite Church. Go through the door where they have boxes and you can leave the supplies on the steps.

Special Supplies needed are:

Stuffing mix	Instant mashed potatoes
Canned yams/ sweet potatoes	Applesauce
Cranberry sauce	Cereal
Baking supplies (cooking oil, sugar, flour)	Canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken)
Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & tissues)	Rice (any kind except brown rice)
Toiletries (shampoo, women's supplies, toothpaste, etc.)	Dishwashing liquid (Dawn, Palmolive, etc.)

SOUP KITCHEN

Great appreciation goes out to Dawn Heflin, Sylvi Taylor, Elaine & Joe Reichl, Sara Rohr, Alicia Dehoff & myself who donated over ten pounds of ground beef, Spaghetti Sauce, Italian bread, bananas, and snack cake desserts to give out to all the guests on September 4th. The soup kitchen has adopted protocols and procedures to protect the health and safety of the guests, volunteers, and staff. They are providing a hot take-out meal to the guests Monday thru Friday, and a cold bagged "double lunch" and additional grocery items on Saturdays and are presently closed on Sundays. The average number of meals being served each day is 40 and, on some days, more than 50. Only paid staff and appointed volunteers with current food safety training certificates are permitted to work at the soup kitchen at this time. All food items are prepared in-house. Meals are packaged and distributed to guests in take-out form and distributed at the door during meal hours (11:30 am – 12:30 pm). A great big hug & kiss to all those wonderful folks who have brought delicious casseroles and over the past few months, and food supplies to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. We have helped at the soup kitchen for many years and have always done it with love for all those we helped serve. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the soup kitchen is trying to minimize the amount of people bringing in food supplies for safety reasons. We will no longer be bringing food supplies to the soup kitchen. Feeding the hungry has always been an especially important mission at LMC and we will continue to support the Gettysburg soup kitchen financially but not by bringing meals or food supplies for a specific day. If you should have any further questions, feel free to talk to me by phone (717-642-4215) or by email, joeandlori@comcast.net.

FINANCIAL HEALTH UPDATE – AUGUST 2020

Church Operating Fund Income

Account Description	August — 2020	Year-to-Date 2020	2020 Budget
Offering Income	\$28,058.80	\$194,650.35	\$312,219.04
Other Income	\$8.10	\$5,573.69	\$6,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,066.90	\$200,224.14	\$318,669.04
Church Operating Fund Expenses			
Spiritual Life	\$53.65	\$2,479.30	\$14,200.00
Education & Nurture	\$242.05	\$1,485.09	\$6,100.00
Interpretation & Stewardship	\$0.00	\$5,385.60	\$6,385.60
Home Ministry	\$8,164.22	\$34,615.75	\$93,725.18
Church Administration	\$14,145.14	\$120,521.40	\$198,258.26
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,605.06	\$164,487.14	\$318,669.04
INCOME minus EXPENSES	\$5,461.84	\$35,737.00	\$0.00

Church Operating Fund Checking Account Balance as of 8/31/2020: \$63,907.97

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Income

Account Description	August — 2020	Year-to-Date 2020	2020 Budget
Offering Income	\$9,880.20	\$56,111.82	\$69,000.00
Other Income	\$14.39	\$1,762.83	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,170.35	\$57,874.65	\$70,000.00

Mission Opportunities/Missionaries Fund Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,314.00	\$56,132.94	\$70,000.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES	-\$419.41	\$1,741.71	\$0.00

Missions Checking Account Balance as of 8/31/2020: \$1,621.45

Balance on Building Fund Loan as of 8/31/2020: \$7,311.18

**Notable expenses for August include: \$1,665.49 — Telecommunications & Computer Services
\$3,127.20 — Taxes**



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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

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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