



The Cornerstone

A newsletter of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE SIGNS?!?!



That's right! MPC's parking lot is going to be hosting Mechanicsburg's ONLY Farmer's Market on Fridays beginning **Friday, May 3 at 4pm!!!**

How did we get here?

As culture continues to shift and the world adjusts to life after 2020, researchers have begun to notice the rise in popularity of "third spaces." A third space is a place that people gather other than their homes and work (think about how popular local breweries have become).

Sunday mornings are an example of a time when MPC provides a third space. We love how our communal activities of worship, fellowship, and education bring us together. We also know that most folks in our surrounding communities are not going to just walk through our doors on a Sunday morning. So what if we found another day, time, and reason to provide a third space for people to gather together?

One way to provide this third space is by hosting a Farmer's Market in our parking lot. We tasked our contracted social media specialist, Mike Herald, to make connections and look into the feasibility of making this happen. To our surprise and delight we have 5-10 vendors who are willing to give this a try with us.

A new "outside-the-box" idea can have some anxieties that come with it, so here are a few things to know:

- There will be no access to MPC's facilities.
- Initially the vendors will be set up on the Sanctuary side and parking will be available on the other side.
- Mike Herald will be present at all times (staff members will often be present too).
- Vendors will be providing everything—tents, trash management, etc...
- All vendors are responsible for their required license(s), permit(s), and insurance.
- All activities will be monitored and reviewed with adjustments made as needed; MPC reserves the right to cancel the event.

My hope is to eventually build off of this gathering in our parking lot and introduce a Friday evening open mic or coffeehouse or worship option, inviting folks into our indoor third space and introducing the broader community to our wonderful community of faith.

It's all new and exciting. We hope you come and check it out!

Peace be with you,

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A Thriving Together Update

Cathay Snyder, Jenn Thomson, and I have been participating in Messiah University's "Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice" program. In this program, we have learned a lot about racial justice, we have begun to explore our own church's historical narrative, and we have started building relationships with members from other congregations also dedicated to antiracism work.

The Thriving Together program has introduced us to many, many resources to learn more about antiracism and justice work. Here are a few you might add to your summer reading list:

Thriving Together Resources:

Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality by Regina S. Stoltzfus and Tobin M. Shearer

Provides insight into how to sustain long-lasting antiracism efforts – an antiracist spirituality.

The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby

An introduction to the relationship between the church and racism from colonialism to today.

The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

A look into the history of American housing policy and segregation.

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10 for the Life of the Church by Emerson B. Powery

A collection of interpretations of the Good Samaritan from a variety of diverse perspectives.

The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future by Robert Jones.

Explores the origins of white supremacy in America and proposes models for racial healing.

My Personal Recommendations:

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

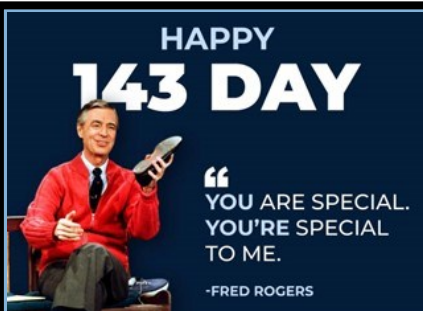
An introduction to Black liberation theology that looks into the history of lynching in the United States. Cone draws a connection between lynching and the crucifixion of Jesus.

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

A memoir by attorney Bryan Stevenson that shares his story fighting for justice on behalf of death row inmates.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

A young adult novel that addresses topics including microaggressions and police brutality.



143 Day

1-4-3 is code for "I Love You" used by Fred Rogers. In celebration of 143 Day, MPC will host a table at the Mechanicsburg Farmer's Market on May 24th

from 4:00-7:00pm. We will greet our neighbors, hand out flyers for upcoming MPC events, and distribute free goodies to show our love for our community.

Any questions, contact Pastor Emily!

Join us on May 19th from 6:30-8:00pm as we continue our new, inter-congregational education series where we will explore topics related to our Christian faith, especially our commitment to Matthew 25. These monthly conversations are hosted by different congregations in our area.

Monaghan Presbyterian will host our fifth conversation on the topic of grief. Light refreshments will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend and join us for this important conversation. Monaghan Presbyterian is located at 1185 Gettysburg Pike, Dillsburg.





S.O.S: Sending Out Servants

VBS @ MPC
August 5-9, 2024
9:00 to Noon

Registration is now open for VBS @ MPC
Go to the "Ministries" tab and then "children" or:

<https://forms.gle/dFbVkASJhgFpUKQi7>

Some of the items needed for VBS this year:

- Masking Tape
- Cotton Balls
- Washable Markers
- Fall Flower Seeds
- Chapstick
- Socks
- Travel size: soap, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, sunscreen, tissues, shampoo
- White Crayons
- Highlighters
- Pool Noodles
- Fabric crayons/markers
- Handwarmers
- Washcloths

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help "shepherd" the classes each day or work with simple crafts, games, snacks, and easy mission projects.

If interested, let Cathay know!!!

Have you ordered your MPC Merch yet?

Featuring the MPC logo on a deep navy blue background, you can purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts that are screen printed and embroidered golf shirts, button-down shirts, 1/4 zip pullovers, and hats.



Prices and samples can be seen in the Gathering Area hallway. These are priced to sell, but any proceeds will go towards the operating budget of MPC.

Get an order in today for your MPC swag!

All money due at pick up

Merchandise can be paid by
Cash, Check or Online



If you'd like to place an order via email: aweir@mechpresby.org



Pentecost Celebration

May 19th

9:35 AM

**WHAT: Celebration of the life of our church!
Choir members, teachers, the Confirmation Class—ALLY'ALL!!!**

**WHO: YOU! EVERYONE!
IT'S A PARTY**

WHERE: Upper Fellowship Hall

Community Connections Reentry Breakfast

On April 13th, the Upper Fellowship Hall was filled with meaningful conversation and lots of good food as we hosted our first breakfast for incarcerated individuals getting ready to leave the prison system. We served eight men and seven women from the Dauphin County Work Release Center, two men from the Keystone Correctional Center, and three staff of Christian Churches United. Pastor Kathryn welcomed our guests with prayer and scripture, and MPC members broke bread together with our guests. Marsha Curry-Nixon of Amiracl4Sure was our featured speaker and her message was inspirational and encouraging.

A huge thanks to everyone in the congregation for your help with all aspects of the breakfast. You truly are More People Caring and put into action our commitment to be a Matthew 25 congregation.

From the Director of Music



HANDBELL CHOIR

Bell Choir season came to an end on Sunday, April 14th with a wonderful Sunday of ringing! Throughout the year we dealt with rescheduled surgeries, severe covid infections, and even a broken wrist at the end! We had an extraordinarily successful year regardless of all that thanks to the following members for their endless dedication, talent, and service to MPC's stellar Bells of Celebration team! Praise God for these good people...

Sharon Chizar, Terry Cornish, Mike Daft, Jane Frymark, Lara Frymark, Jan Holt, Becky Kephart, Larry Lichty, Kellen Lichty, Logan Lichty, Margaret Mielke, Cathy Petko, Eileen House, Pastor Emily Sutphin, and Cindy Walters.

Special thanksgiving for Margaret who after many years of service to our Bell choir decided to retire from ringing this year. We'll miss you ringing and we're thankful to God for you!

*Peace,
Mark*

Preschool Place – Our year is coming to an end, or is it just a beginning?



The last month of preschool is always bittersweet. The children are comfortable with the expectations that we have set for them. Children rise to the occasion if given the chance to do so. They have become more independent, more thoughtful, and more curious about the world around them. They engage in activities for greater periods of time, follow multi-step directions, and more readily problem solve on their own. This is what preschool is all about, the social, emotional, spiritual, and independent growth of our youngest learners. Well done!

A picture is worth a thousand words. Here is a photo of some of our youngest students helping a friend who was scared to go to the vision screening. This makes my heart melt and is the reason preschool makes a difference in a child's life. If I had to put it into one word, it would be compassion.

Though it is sad to say goodbye, our teachers make a great effort to celebrate the end of the year in memorable ways for the children with picnics and special themed days. As we watched the children grow throughout the year, they wiggled their way into our hearts. We are proud of their accomplishments and know this is only the beginning. It is a blessing to work with children and to be a part of their growth. But most importantly for the children, the coming of summer means that they will play outside, count bugs, watch clouds float by, run around in a sprinkler, get dirty, be with friends and family, and so much more...

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Taylor
Be Safe, Kind & Happy





Race & the Church
May 14
6:30 PM
PW Conference Room

What does Justice work look like to you?

We will be discussing the rest of Jemar Tisby's work, *The Color of Compromise*, (Chapters 8-11) examining racism during the Civil Rights Movement, the organization of the Religious Right, and racial reconciliation in the age of Black Lives Matter.

We'll also have an update on some of the research completed so far as we work on our (MPC's) narrative. (Bring your tablets and laptops.)

This will be our last class until September, although our research will continue over the summer. Interested in joining the class, or would like to learn more about the research we are conducting, contact Cathay, C.E. Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org.



1st & 3rd Tuesdays
5:30 PM—Dinner
6ish-7 PM Program for Youth/Adults
6ish-7 PM The Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

Join us on May 7th!

It's our last Tuesday Nights @ MPC...at least until October. So, plan on joining us for some food, fun, and fellowship.

***Tuesday Nights @ MPC*—a time for MPC members and friends of all ages to break bread, learn, and fellowship together!**

All are Welcome!



- We opened our April Session meeting with prayer and dinner!
- After examination, we welcomed the 2024 Confirmation Class: Kylee Bell, Logan Lichty, Libby McCurdy, Elyse Moll, and Chloe Querry. They will be officially welcomed during the 11am worship service on May 19.
- We voted that all pastors, Ruling Elders, and Deacons—past and present— may represent the Church at communion for the homebound.
- We approved work on the manse kitchen not to exceed \$40,000. Some details:
 - This work was originally scheduled for 2020, but was postponed due to COVID.
 - Although not currently being sold, the property would need this work down before it could be put on the market.
 - The money is not coming out of the operating budget and is NOT part of the +\$5 giving campaign that is focused on eliminating the deficit.
 - Repairs include: replacing "office sized" appliances, floors (cracked from being placed over an elevator—yes you read that right), paint, replacing laminate counters that are cracked, etc...
 - The elevator has already been removed—THANK YOU ROD AND KEVIN!!!
- We approved the Farmer's Market to be run in the MPC parking lot from May 3, 2024 thru November 1, 2024 (see front page of the newsletter).
- We closed our meeting by sharing our prayers and concerns, singing the *Gloria Patri*, and celebrating Pastor Emily moderating her first Session meeting!



MPC's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **May 28, 2024 @ 7 pm** in the PW Conference Room.

This month's selection is *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry, a 2023 nominee for Best Historical Fiction.

From Goodreads: *When a woman discovers a rare book that has connections to her past, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed. In the war-torn London of 1939, fourteen-year-old Hazel and five-year-old Flora are evacuated to a rural village to escape the horrors of the war. Hazel fills their days with walks and games to distract her young sister, including one that she creates for her sister and her sister alone—a fairy tale about a magical land, a secret place they can escape to that is all their own. Then the unthinkable happens when young Flora suddenly vanishes while playing near the banks of the river. Shattered, Hazel blames herself for her sister's disappearance. Twenty years later, Hazel is in London, when her tidy life is turned upside down as she unwraps a package containing an illustrated book called Whisperwood and the River of Stars. Hazel never told a soul about the imaginary world she created just for Flora. Could this book hold the secrets to Flora's disappearance? Could it be a sign that her beloved sister is still alive after all these years?*

If interested, contact Terry Cornish, [tjhc\(at\)aol\(dot\)com](mailto:tjhc(at)aol(dot)com)

4th @ 304

Games * Fellowship * Pizza
For Students Grades 6 - 12!!!

Join us the 4th Sunday of each month, 6p-7:30p, @ the Mission and Student Center!!

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More People Caring

Call 717.697.0351 for more info!

NEXT 4TH @ 304: May 19th, Time TBD

Escape Room!

Let either Cathay or Pastor Emily know ASAP if you are interested.

A great big THANK-YOU from MPC's Youth to everyone who came out to support the Baked Potato Brunch last month. They raised \$664.00!

Questions? Contact Cathay Snyder, CE Director, [csnyder\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:csnyder(at)mechpresby(dot)org)



Thursday, May 16 @ 7 PM via Zoom.

The group is studying Philippians utilizing Cynthia Campbell's work, *Six Themes in Philippians Everyone Should Know*.

For more information, contact Mary Speedy, [mspeedy\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:mspeedy(at)comcast(dot)net)



First Fridays @ 11:30 AM

May 3: Visiting the Seminary Ridge Museum in Gettysburg-- 61 Seminary Ridge. The time we are meeting will be decided later.

Also the group will be attending the **May 5th** performance at the Mechanicsburg Little Theater "Forever Plaid," at 2:30.

Questions? Contact Joyce Lackey, [joyce.a.lackey\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:joyce.a.lackey(at)gmail(dot)com)



Thursday, May 23 @ 6:30 PM
Wolf Brewing Co. (Legacy Park)

Come join us for some lively conversations, libations, and lots of laughter! And, some trivia, too! It's always a great time of fellowship with MPC members and friends! And a great way to connect!

Questions?

Contact Cathay Snyder, csnyder@mechpresby.org

MPC's Mission Committee is planning a tour of Community CARES in Carlisle on Sunday May 5th at 1 PM. The organization is located at 50 West Penn Street in Carlisle.

If you would like to join us please inform Cindy Gorski by email: cagorski59@gmail.com

Community CARES provides reassurance, rest and resources to those experiencing housing insecurity in Cumberland County, PA. They are the Walk-in access site for Coordinated Entry in Cumberland County. Community CARES has three separate locations sheltering approximately 120 men, women, and children a night in Cumberland County. In order to provide the maximum benefit to the community, CARES works hard to avoid duplication of resources that are currently being offered in the community and makes every effort to collaborate with other organizations. Generous volunteers, businesses, churches, individuals, organizations, and foundations partner and support CARES to ensure that, if there is a vital need in the community, it remains in existence.

News from your Safety Committee - The power of "HELLO"



The Safety Committee's mission is to promote a safer environment when we are gathered for worship. Everyone at MPC plays a role in our overall safety efforts.

We are MPC... More People Caring. We welcome ALL. But what do you do when you see someone whose behavior seems suspicious or makes you "uncomfortable". In other safety articles, we've suggested that if you see something, say something and to trust your instincts. We've also suggested that it's important to keep in mind that factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, and/or religious affiliation are NOT indicators of suspicious behavior.

Simply saying "Hello" can prompt a casual conversation with unknown individuals. Through this simple interaction, you can observe and evaluate potential suspicious behaviors to determine if you should report to staff or to law enforcement through 9-1-1.

If the person is a guest looking for a new church home, your warm "Hello" will be a welcome and friendly outreach. If the person has intent to cause harm, your warm "Hello" will let them know that you and others are aware of their presence. Acknowledging a risk can significantly deter a threat.

Once you greet with "Hello", the next step is to actively listen for an appropriate response. Smile, make eye contact, and introduce yourself.

- "Hello, how are you?"
- "Welcome, is this your first time here?"
- "Are you visiting us today, or are you a member I've not yet had the pleasure of meeting?"
 - "Is there any way I can assist you?"
 - "Are you looking for something or someone in particular?"
 - "I will be here in case you need assistance."

After a warm welcome and a greeting of "Hello", you should pay particular attention to any facts to support a rational conclusion that the person's behavior is suspicious. If saying "Hello" isn't your thing or if the situation makes you uncomfortable, find someone on staff or someone you know and ask if they would make the greeting.

If you have interest in learning more about what our Safety Committee is doing, would like to offer some advice, or have a desire to join our safety efforts, please contact Tim Wonder at [timothy.wonder\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:timothy.wonder(at)gmail(dot)com).

Cleanup of MPC Campus



The cool temperatures on Sunday afternoon kept everyone, including a big group of Scouts from Troop 80, moving to spread wood chips and mulch. The gardens around the MPC campus are looking great!

The Property Team at MPC thanks everyone who came out to help.

Power Wash Results Are Easy to See

On a sunny and breezy April 14th afternoon, a dedicated grime squad took care of much needed business at the mission center and manse. Special thanks to Lesley and Scott Rogers along with members of the Property & Maintenance Committee for bringing their energy and the right equipment. Progress was clearly evident as this "Before" and "After" image illustrates. MPC = More People Caring and sometimes 'more people cleaning!'



ACCIDENTS HAPPEN



Accidents and spills are a daily part of kindergarten life for the 300 full day students at the Mechanicsburg's Kindergarten Academy.

Parents are requested to keep a change of clothing in their child's backpack, but that request is not always followed.



The school nurse tries to maintain an inventory of underwear, socks, sweatpants, and shorts for when the child does not have a change of clothing, but she does not have a budget for these items.

How can you help? You can support this Deacon ministry by donating new underwear, socks, and sweatpants, shorts and shirts. You may also contribute gently used sweatpants/shorts. Sweatpants are preferred. All clothing should be sizes 4 through 7.

Donations may be made before or after worship on May 5 or 12 in the box in the Gathering Area, or outside the church office during business hours.

If you have questions, contact Marybeth Hummel at (717) 732-6846. Thank you for your support of Mechanicsburg's youngest students.

Wanna Be a Presby Peeler???

How would you like to hang out in a kitchen with a fun group while prepping some delicious foods to help a local group home for adults with intellectual disabilities?

Then we welcome you to Presby Peelers! This wonderful group of volunteers began in 2012 with members and friends of MPC. The program has grown over the years and evolved into a weekly event that runs from July through mid-Nov. Here's the low-down.

Each Wednesday, a group of 6-7 volunteers meet at Cumberland Vista House (a part of the CROSS program), which is a house between Mechanicsburg and Dillsburg, from 9-11am. A "team leader" decides on recipes to prep each time. We prepare donated produce from Oak Grove Farms and Spiral Path, along with meats, poultry or fish, into casseroles, salads, sides, or desserts for the residents to eat that week or freeze for future meals.

Our work is very much appreciated by the staff at Cumberland Vista and the residents. It truly is a joy to serve. We have prep jobs for all cooking abilities and physical limitations, so, yes, you can do this!!! No, you don't need tons of experience, just a willingness to help others by making them something to eat. You can volunteer as little or as much as you wish and fits your schedule. Any age, any gender, any ability = YOU

Interested? Of course you are. Please contact our Presby Peeler coordinator, Amy Settle, by email: emmaoday@comcast.net or cell phone/text: 717-421-4640. It's fun. I promise you will like it.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **David Walter** who joined the Church Triumphant on April 2, 2024. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

Please note, this is not the son of former pastor, Jay Walters.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Roberta Mowery** who joined the Church Triumphant on April 6, 2024. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Patricia Schmidt** who joined the Church Triumphant on April 16, 2024. Pat was a 45 year member of MPC. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

Mark McKeever, Director of Music, celebrates seven years of service on May 1. It's also his birthday! Please join the Church Staff Committee in congratulating him and extending our thanks and appreciation for his service to MPC. His artistry enhances and enriches our worship.

Group Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission Committee is planning a group volunteer opportunity at the Midwest Food Bank in Middletown **May 21st from 5-7pm**. We will be meeting in the church parking lot before 4:15 pm for anyone interested in carpooling. There is a sign-up sheet for this opportunity in the Gathering Area.

We will be helping as a group to assist Midwest Food Bank in their current needs, possibly repackaging food or gathering and loading items into containers for partners to distribute.

Please see Michael Heindel or Susan Van Zile for more information.



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2024 Communion Dates

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion on the first Sunday of every month and Christmas Day:

5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 12/25



Communion

Presbyterian Women Is Hosting A Special Spiritual Gathering

~~Mothers and Others~~

Did you know...

Mother's Day is celebrated all around the world. Mother's Day became an official USA holiday on May 9, 1914 and is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, every year. Mother's Day is normally the busiest day of the year for restaurants. More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. Mother's Day is one of the most popular days of the year for families to attend church together.

Everyone is invited to join MPC-PW in a special spiritual gathering to celebrate spring and all of those strong, influential women in our lives. We have invited Pam Clayborne, Spiritual Director and Artist, First Presbyterian Church, York to lead our group in a session called *Prayer through Watercolor*. Pam will guide us in ways that allow our hearts and imaginations to see what God may have to say to us.

No experience, artistic talent or flair is required! School aged children are invited to attend along with their families.

Saturday, May 11 from 9:30-11:30.

Upper Fellowship Hall

\$10.00 for individuals. No cost for children age 12 and under.

Reservations will begin in the Gathering Area after each service on April 21, April 28 and May 5.

All drawing and painting materials will be provided.

Light refreshments will be served.





MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT- MARCH 2024




	ACTUAL			BUDGET YTD
	MARCH	YTD		
INCOME				
Pledges	\$ 52,707.39	\$ 139,106.07	\$	120,817.98
Sanctuary Offering	\$ 577.24	\$ 3,080.24	\$	1,825.02
Other Income	\$ 2,390.42	\$ 4,516.46	\$	10,125.00
Playful Beginnings Income	\$ 14,787.00	\$ 56,112.00	\$	43,749.99
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 70,462.05	\$ 202,814.77	\$	176,517.99
EXPENSES				
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 32,312.46	\$ 100,669.39	\$	100,953.81
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
Worship & Music	\$ 1,650.86	\$ 2,135.59	\$	1,312.50
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	\$ 245.61	\$ 796.28	\$	825.00
Christian Education	\$ 1,061.49	\$ 2,686.45	\$	2,699.94
Church Office	\$ 3,486.07	\$ 12,185.83	\$	10,362.54
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 16,465.49	\$ 36,811.69	\$	27,825.03
Committees	\$ 127.47	\$ 136.85	\$	956.25
Mission (see detail below)(3 Accounts Total)	\$ 21,765.89	\$ 21,865.89	\$	8,112.51
Playful Beginnings Expense	\$ 15,860.70	\$ 46,284.90	\$	39,450.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 60,663.58	\$ 122,903.48	\$	91,543.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 92,976.04	\$ 223,572.87	\$	192,497.58
NET	\$ (22,513.99)	\$ (20,758.10)	\$	(15,979.59)

MISSION COMMITTEE (General Mission Account Only)	MARCH	YTD	2024 BUDGET
Alder Health	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Camp Krislund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Christ Lutheran Church - Health Ministries	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Christian Churches United	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Life Cycle - New Life Community Church	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
New Hope Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Presbyterian Historical Society	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Project Share - Carlisle	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fruitbelt Farmworkers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Carlisle Community Cares	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Meals on Wheels	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
CROSS, Inc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Safe Harbour	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Stop the Violence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Misc. Fund	\$15.89	\$115.89	\$700.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	\$21,765.89	\$21,865.89	\$32,450.00

MORE PEOPLE CARING	2024
Presbyterian Disaster	84 Bags
Margie's Love Sunday	810 Items
LOOP	Easter Donations
Meals On Wheels	33 Desserts

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5 8:15/11AM—Worship/Com. 9 :20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 2 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	6 9 AM—Men's Breakfast, Brothers Rest., Mech. 7 PM—Board of Deacons 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	7 9:30/7—PW Circles, PWCR 2 PM—Staff Mtg, PWCR 5:30 PM—Tues. Nights @ MPC 6 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	8 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	9 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	10 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 4 PM—Farmer's Market, MPC Parking Lot	11 9:30 AM—Mothers & Others, UFH/PWCR 7 PM—Spring Fling Dance, UFH
12 8:15/11AM—Worship 9 :20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 2 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	13 7 PM—Session Committees 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	14 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 6:30 PM—Race & the Church, PWCR	15 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	16 Last Day of School for Playful Beginnings 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH 7 PM—Word & Wine, Zoom	17 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 4 PM—Farmer's Market, MPC Parking Lot	18
19 <i>Cornerstone Deadline</i> 8:15/11 AM—Music Sunday/Confirmation 9:35 AM—Pentecost Celebration Noon—4th @ 304 3 PM—Ecumenical Choral Festival, St. Joseph's 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH 6:30 PM—Courageous Conv.	20 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	21 Program Staff Planning Retreat, 9AM-5PM 5 PM—Midwest Food Bank 6 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	22 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center	23 Church Office Closing at 1:30 pm for Staff Outing 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH 7:00 PM—Untapped Conversations, Wolf's	24 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 4 PM—Farmer's Market, MPC Parking Lot	25
26 9:30 AM—Summer Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	28 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 7 PM—Session, UFH 7 PM—Book Club, PWCR	29 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center	30 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	31 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 4 PM—Farmer's Market, MPC Parking Lot	



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MPC Mission Statement

The Mission of the **M**echanicsburg **P**resbyterian **C**hurch is to glorify and serve God as a community of believers, and to bring people into the transforming presence and power of Jesus Christ through:

- **Worship** – Worship expresses our love for God through praise, prayer and proclamation.
- **Christian Education** – Christian Education invites us to risk opening our minds to transforming possibilities.
- **Christian Nurture** – Christian nurture puts a human face on God’s Love.
- **Mission Calling** – Our ministry to others sets our feet in Christ’s footprints.
- **Welcoming the Stranger** – Welcoming everyone into a relationship with God, not just into our building.

In order to be faithful to this Mission, we will be:

- A welcoming, diverse and hospitable community of faith,
- Committed to open communication within the community of faith, and
- Willing to risk our time, talent and financial resources trusting in God’s faithfulness

