



The Cornerstone

A newsletter of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

Beloved Children of God,

Believe it or not, on March 1 I celebrated my 15th anniversary as the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of MPC! In some ways it feels like it all just started. But we all know that time marches on, and there is no more sure proof of that than our inability to be able to open bulletins and newsletters from when I first arrived because the technology is now defunct!

I was, however, able to pull out a dusty journal from those days and here is part of my entry from November of 2008: *And so we are possibly on the cusp of something amazing... tomorrow night the PNC from Mechanicsburg calls and either extends the Call... or ends the conversation.*



15+ years later, I am beyond grateful that we decided to continue the conversation! There is no way any of us could know the journey we would go on together. On February 25th I was surprised in worship with gifts from Presbyterian Women and the congregation and the staff. There was also a video where we watched my hair transform over 15 years, and Will go from a 4 year old in our own Playful Beginnings Pre-K to a high school graduate. The video included cameos from Mark Allio, Ellen Crawford True, and Jessica Tate as well as our young adult children and their significant others (and our grandchildren!) offering their best wishes (the video can be seen on Facebook and as part of the worship services on our website).

We also welcomed Stephen Choi (and Henry) back to worship with us, as well as Kathy Wells and Connie Sutton. It was a tremendous celebration! I am so thankful for the cards and the gifts and to everyone who put in so much effort to pull off the surprises AND coffee fellowship with crème puffs (my fave!) and root beer floats!



Circa 2009

Honestly, the best thing about celebrating 15 years with all of you is knowing how much goodness is still yet to come. Since 2018 we've been asking ourselves, "if MPC was no longer on the corner of Shepherdstown & Simpson, would we be missed?" Friends, I can tell you that the answer is a resounding, "YES!"

God is doing great things for and with MPC in this community and beyond and Martha and I are so excited to be a part of it. As I said in my sermon on Sunday, we continue to feel called here at MPC. There is still so much to do and so many wonderful people to do it with.

So thank you, PNC of 2008, for not ending the conversation. And thank you, MPC, for giving me a chance to be your Senior Pastor. It has been the most wonderful 15 years of my life!

Peace be with you,

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Women in Scripture

March 1st marks the first day of Women's History Month, a month dedicated to celebrating women's contributions to history. We celebrate women including, Ella Baker (American civil rights leader), Sally Ride (first American woman in space), Ruth Bader Ginsberg (first Jewish woman to serve on the Supreme Court and the second woman to ever serve), Kamala Harris (current vice President), and all the influential women in our lives. We also celebrate spiritual ancestors, women who played pivotal roles in the history of the Hebrew people, Jesus' ministry, and the establishment of the early church. In the Bible, there are approximately 200 named women and more than 600 unnamed women. We uplift some of their stories:

Old Testament

Deborah: the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. She is also called a prophetess and a military leader of Israel. Deborah was faithful to God and her leadership ushered in 40 years of peace in Israel. (Judges 4-5)

Daughters of Zelophehad: advocated for women's right to inherit land. After Zelophehad's death, his five daughters went to Moses and declared that they should be permitted to inherit their father's property. When Moses brought their case to God, God declared, "The daughters of Zelophehad are right." (Numbers 27:1-11)

Esther: became queen of Persia and used her influence to save her people from death. She was a Jewish woman who, after learning of the court official, Haman's, plan to kill all the Jewish people, risked her own life by approaching the king and exposing the plot. Her intelligence and bravery saved her people. (Book of Esther)

Huldah: a prophetess whose confirmation of a religious text's holiness sparked religious reform. When King Josiah ordered the Jewish temple to be renovated, a priest found the Book of the Law (Moses' laws) in the old temple. The priest brought the book to Huldah who confirmed that the text was holy and warned Josiah to pay attention to the book's words prompting Josiah to institute religious reform throughout the kingdom. (2 Kings 22-3)

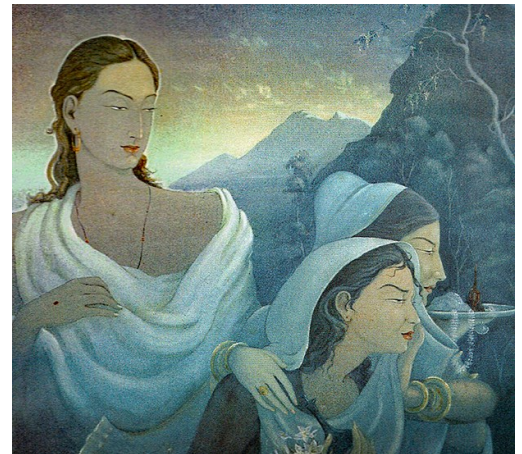
New Testament

Lydia: a successful businesswoman and the first recorded convert to Christianity in Phillippi. After her conversion, she provided hospitality and generosity to Paul and his companions. (Acts 16:11-15)

Samaritan Woman at the Well: defied cultural and religious norms by talking with Jesus (a man from a different religious community). She shared the news of Jesus as the promised Messiah to her community. (John 4)

Susanna: a woman who accompanied Jesus after being healed by him. She provided financial support for Jesus' ministry out of her own resources. (Luke 8:1-3)

Tabitha (also called Dorcas): described as a disciple of Christ who was devoted to good works and acts of charity. The impact of her death on her community was so great that the people called for Peter to come without delay to revive her. (Acts 9:36-42).



"Easter Morning" by Frank Wesley, from *Art in the Christian Tradition* a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

Pastor Emily

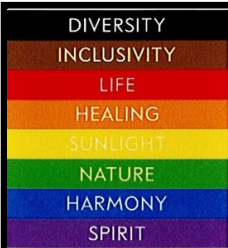


"Lenten Labyrinth" by Mike Moyers, from *Art in the Christian Tradition* a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Mark your calendars to join us for a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 4 pm @ Monaghan Presbyterian Church.

Open to all ages & free to attend. Limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to let her know you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Emily, esutphin@mechpresby.org



INCLUSION CORNER



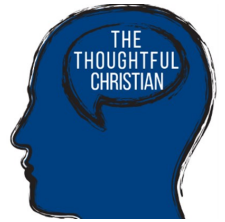
We want to share the following note that was recently received in the Mission & Student Center's mailbox. It was mailed from the Lehigh Valley and included a small donation:

"Thank you for your support of the LGBT+ community. It is greatly appreciated that you proudly display the LGBT+ flag in front of your home for all to see, especially on a well trafficked road. During these troubling times where much hate is being promoted by right wing organizations, it's a heart warming, comforting and a much welcomed site to view support openly in this way. In recognition for your humanitarian actions, and general support, please accept this small token of thanks. It's not much, but it's a little something that shows that kindness, love, acceptance, and respect comes with many types of rewards.

Thank you again from the LGBT+ community."

The Thoughtful Christian Class (TTC), meets in Upper Fellowship Hall, Sundays @ 9:35 AM

The Thoughtful Christian class continues its study and reflection on the Belhar Confession, using *Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar* as we explore the three key issues of this confession: unity, reconciliation, and justice.



S.O.S: Sending Our Servants



VBS @ MPC
August 5-9, 2024
9:00 to Noon
Save the Date!
More information coming soon!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

- 3/24 | Palm Sunday | 8:15 & 11:00am
- 3/28 | Maundy Thursday | 5:30pm Dinner, & 6:30 Worship
- 3/29 | Good Friday | 7:30pm
- 3/31 | Easter | 9:30 & 11:00am
- 4/7 | 10:30am Worship & Baked Potato Brunch

Preschool Place: Spring is around the corner, hopefully!?

Our preschoolers are excited to get outside regularly and be in the fresh air, the sunshine, and run around like crazy. Spring at preschool means special activities for reading month, getting in the dirt planting flowers or beans, and parent-teacher conferences for our Big Learners (3s, 4s, 5s). A huge amount of growth happens at preschool, and we love to share what we see with parents.

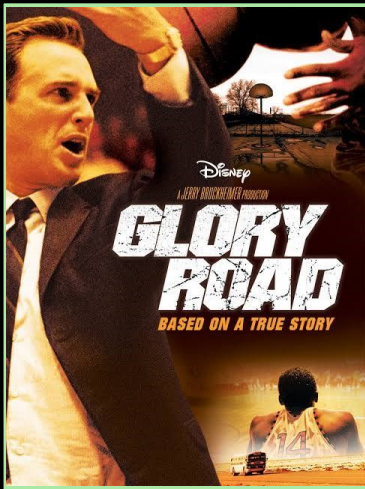
We have been holding our annual St Paddy with Daddy* event for more than 25 years (apart from 2 years during COVID). This year we are doing it again on March 14th. Children bring their Dads* (*or other fatherly figures like uncles, grandpas, brothers...) to an evening of music and fun. By fun we mean dancing to the tunes of Mr. Music himself, Lenny Tepsic. Mr. Music plays his guitar and sings a variety of songs where participation is a must. He encourages the children to sing along and gets the grownups singing and dancing too. We document the dancing with tons of photos! A selfie photo station and sweet treat bring the evening to a close with big smiles all around.

We celebrate National Reading Month by setting goals to read more each day and holding our annual book drive during the week of March 4th. Feel free to drop off a new or gently used children's book in my office. We will include them in our donation to those in need. Our ongoing focus is to motivate children to read (or be read to) every day of the year, even our littlest ones. Research findings from the National Early Literacy Panel highlight the fact that literacy skills begin to develop at birth. That's cool!

With warmer days and plenty of sunshine we talk about the rebirth that occurs in nature. We watch flowers and grass begin to sprout and bloom. Waiting to see those blooms takes patience. Patience and waiting are difficult for everyone, especially during the thoughtful Easter season.

Grace and Peace, Mrs. Taylor





DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 22, 2024

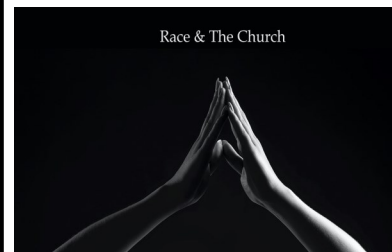
5:30 p.m. (Movie begins @ 6)

Come join the Christian Education and Social Justice Committee's Dinner & A Movie Night in UFH on Friday, March 22. Dinner will be ready at 5:30, movie will begin at 6.

Our movie series this year will center around our Matthew 25 focus, dismantling structural racism.

Our movie this month once again comes from Disney (Rated PG—for a little violence and language), *Glory Road*. Just in time for March Madness—*Glory Road* is based on the true story of the events leading up to the 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship when the head coach of what is now the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Don Haskins, coached a team with an all-black starting line-up, a first in NCAA history.

Questions? Contact Cathay, C.E. Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org



Race & the Church

March 12

7 PM

PW Conference Room

What does Justice work look like to you?

We will be discussing Chapters 4-5 (Slavery & the Civil War: Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Years & Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War), since we did not meet last month, of Jemar Tisby's work, *The Color of Compromise*.

As we are researching the history of our area as we work towards understanding our place in the historical and contemporary story of race in this region, we'll have an update on some of this research so far.

This class meets on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like a copy of Tisby's book or are interested in joining the class, 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 March 5 & 19!

The program for March 19 will be an intergenerational Evening Prayer service led by our Joyful Noise Choir. If you can't make it for dinner, Evening Prayer will begin around 6:15 pm.

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

All are Welcome!

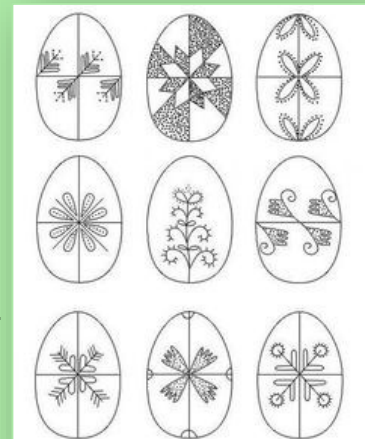
Intro to Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Your Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter craft event, making Ukrainian Easter Eggs.

This is a very basic beginners class on the decorative eggs. In other words, yes, you can do this. The eggs are created using a batik process of layering colored dyes over the raw eggshell using beeswax and a kiska tool.

We will be meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 12 or Wednesday, March 13 from 6-8pm.

A sign-up sheet and information will be available in the Gathering Area on Sunday, March 3. The class size is limited to 25 participants each evening.



No art degree needed!



MPC's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **March 26, 2024 @ 7 pm** in the PW Conference Room.

This month's selection is perfect for March as we have chosen Geraldine Brooks' historical novel and love story, *March*, set

during the years of the US Civil War and bringing to life the absent father of the March family from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

From Goodreads: *An idealistic abolitionist, March has gone as chaplain to serve the Union cause. But the war tests his faith not only in the Union—which is also capable of barbarism and racism—but in himself. As he recovers from a near-fatal illness, March must reassemble and re-connect with his family, who have no idea of what he has endured. A love story set in a time of catastrophe, March explores the passions between a man and a woman, the tenderness of parent and child, and the life-changing power of an ardently held belief.*

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!!!



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
More People Caring

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

Call 717.697.0351 for more info!

NEXT 4TH @ 304: March 24th

Special Time: Noon to 3:30 PM

Mission & Youth Center

Come join in the fun as we prepare and hide Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt @ 3 PM! We'll have lunch too! And, bring a friend!

(March 10 trip to Escape Room postponed.)

Upcoming Youth Fundraisers:

Sunday, April 7—Annual Baked Potato Brunch

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

Word & Wine

Thursday, March 21 @ 7 PM
via Zoom.

The group is studying Philippians utilizing Cynthia Campell'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

March 1: Lunch at church in the PWCR. Bring bagged lunch and dessert will be provided.

April 21: Attending the matinee (2:30) performance of "Forever Plaid" at the Mechanicsburg Little Theater (MLT).

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

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



No UnTapped Conversations this month due to the 4th Thursday being Maundy Thursday.

Plan to join us Thursday, April 25 @ Mellow Mink.

Questions?

Contact Cathay Snyder, csnyder@mechpresby.org

Mission at the Eastward (M.A.T.E.) Service & Learning Trip with Camp Hill Presbyterian

MATE is a ministry in western Maine whose mission is to: "love our neighbors" through volunteer home repairs, transitional housing, and youth outreach to create lives of hope, security and dignity in central western Maine.

July 20-27, 2024 will be our week to send the CHPC/MPC Work Team to MATE. Our team will volunteer our time doing home repairs for families in western Maine. **We encourage anyone age 14 or older to join with us on this intergenerational mission trip.** Whatever your skill level, there is something you can do to serve Christ by helping those in need during this very special week.

MATE is a great way to try out a service trip. We'll stay in a dorm at the University of Maine at Farmington. Meals are bountiful and delicious. The work can be challenging, but we have great leaders to guide you through. And the setting in the mountains of Maine couldn't be more beautiful. It is an awesome week of faith, service, learning, making friends, and fun.

MATE Trip brochures and the registration form can be found in the back of the Sanctuary, on MPC's website, as well as on the CHPC website (camphillpres.org). Questions? Contact Pastor Emily, esutphin@mechpresby.org

Please register by April 30, 2024.



- We opened our time together with a reading from Galatians, prayer, and a conversation about expectations for officers of the church and for pastors.
- At our first meeting of the year, we went around the room and named what we'd like to make sure we talk about this year. Pastor Kathryn then bundled them into topics of conversation for us to discuss over the course of the year. At this meeting we talked about *The State of the Church*. Pastor Kathryn went over current trends in the church, Cathay shared what we're seeing at MPC and Pastor Emily presented thoughts and ideas for moving forward. It was a great discussion!
- We approved commissioners to Presbytery and were reminded that MPC is hosting the Presbytery of Carlisle on Wednesday, November 6.
- Property & Maintenance: the kitchen was closed for so long because we found a leak in the piping that is part of the boiler system that runs underneath the church. The leak was causing steam to rise, creating condensation, that then dripped onto the ceiling tiles. We think this has been fixed, but there continue to be leaks in the building.
- We are getting the tower doors that lead in and out of the Sanctuary replaced. This will cost \$24,000—donations are welcome!
- The Valentine's Square Dance had over 80 people in attendance and was a huge success. We are already working with the caller to set up the next one!
- We closed our time together with the sharing of joys and concerns, prayer, and the singing of the *Gloria Patri*.

Join us on March 17th 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.

Courageous Conversations Series



For more info, please
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Camp Hill Presbyterian will host our third conversation on the topic of Justice in Gender & Sexuality. Light refreshments will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend and join us for this important conversation. Camp Hill Presbyterian is located at: 101 N. 23rd St. in C.H.

Middle School Conference @ Massanetta Springs

June 25-28, 2024

(Rising 6th-Rising 8th Graders)

Come join us as we travel to Harrisonburg, VA to experience four days of worship, speakers, workshops, and recreation!

For more information, check out the event at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/msc>

**or touch base with Pastor Emily,
[esutphin\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:esutphin(at)mechpresby(dot)org)
(\$50 deposit due by 4/3/2024)**

**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.

Come join us for inspiration, fellowship and fun!



2024 MPW SPRING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE APRIL 19th and 20th

ALL RUMMAGE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO UPPER FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday, April 14th 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday, April 15th 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM



*****WE NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS!*****

SET UP: Sunday, April 14th 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

COLLECTION: 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COLLECTION: Monday, April 15th 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

FINAL PRICING: Tuesday, April 16th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CONGREGATION ONLY SALE Thurs. April 18th 6:00-7:30PM

SALE DAYS: Friday, April 19th 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 20th 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CLEAN-UP: Saturday, April 22nd 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Please sign up to help on the clipboards (Early April) in the Gathering Area or call Jessica Antenucci 717-602-6198 or Paula Logan 717-697-3798.

ALL PROCEEDS FUND MPC AND PW MISSION PROJECTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



News from your Safety Committee

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.

The next time you are in worship, take notice of the card in the pews titled, Sanctuary Evacuation Plan. Anytime you are in the sanctuary, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with where you are seated and the nearest exit(s) including those that are wheelchair accessible. You should also review the instructions and guidance for evacuating the sanctuary including our reunification area at the Student & Mission Center.

Each time we conduct an evacuation drill of the sanctuary, the Safety Committee incorporates what we learn into the church's overall emergency plan. This drill is an annual exercise during the summer.

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.

MPC Volunteers with HERCO Continue to Raise Money for Mission in 2024

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church (MPC) has been approved for the fifth consecutive year with the Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company (HERCO) Volunteer Program. Last year, volunteers raised \$2024, which was donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Agency. Volunteers earn \$8 per hour for MPC mission and park admission ticket vouchers for themselves as in years past. Monies earned in 2024 have not been earmarked for a specific need or agency, but will be used for mission work as determined throughout the year by the MPC's Mission Committee.

There are opportunities to volunteer in many different departments at the Giant Center, Hersheypark, and Hersheypark Stadium doing a variety of jobs including serving food and beverages, handing out giveaway promotional items, operating rides, taking tickets, ushering people to their seats, working retail, and helping with the Tram operations.

If you are interested in learning more about the volunteer program or would like to sign up to participate in it, please contact Dan Alex or Renee Breen.

~~~SPONSOR EASTER PLANTS~~~



Easter flowers will include tulips and daffodils. The cost is \$11.00 per plant.

Flowers may be reclaimed after the 11 AM service on Easter.

Complete the slip below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office along with payment, by Friday March 22, 2024. Please make check payable to MPC.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Number of plants _____ at \$11.00 per pot

In honor _____ and/or In memory of _____

Name(s) as it should appear in the bulletin

By _____

Name(s) as it should appear in the bulletin



We as a congregation are fortunate to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Pastor Kathryn Johnson joining us as senior pastor/ head of staff. Her leadership is outstanding and we are truly blessed to have her to guide us and help us grow as a congregation. Please take time to personally thank her for her hard work over the years and help in celebrating this milestone of our journey together. We look forward to many more years of being a Matthew 25 church with her support and guidance.

The Church Staff Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported our family during my mom's illness and passing. The thoughts, prayers, cards, and messages gave us strength and comfort during this difficult time. We are so appreciative of our church family as we continue to grieve.

The Chizar Family



An opportunity to Nurture your Soul.

Wednesday, March 6

2:00 PM

MPC Library

2024 Communion Dates

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

3/3, 3/28 (Maundy Thursday),
4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6,
11/3, 12/1, 12/25



Communion

Update on the Nayazes family

We are doing great, I'm busy with Amazon. Najiba is happy she got her permit, now she is practicing driving and she find some friends very happy with them. Farahnaz goes school every day. Farahnaz likes her school. Yesterday she had appointment, she spoke English with doctor.



I surprise it's unbelievable.



Attention

High School Seniors & College students!

Money for your college education is available through the **Snyder Scholarship Fund** of MPC. Ms. Anne M. Snyder, teacher and a member of MPC, left an endowment for both mission and for education. Each year, the C.E. & S.J. Committee awards scholarships to new and returning college students to help with the costs of their education. Forms to apply for this scholarship will be available from the Christian Education Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org, or you may download them from MPC's website. This year, the deadline to apply for a 2024-2025 scholarship is **May 5**.

Questions? Contact Cathay Snyder, CE Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org



Love Quilters & Joy Stitchers are quilting and stitching from home this month.

You may contact Gail McVitty at gmcvitty@verizon.net with any questions.

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MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT- JANUARY 2024









	ACTUAL			BUDGET YTD
	JANUARY	YTD		
INCOME				
Pledges	\$ 41,801.99	\$ 41,801.99	\$ 40,272.66	
Sanctuary Offering	\$ 1,513.00	\$ 1,513.00	\$ 608.34	
Other Income	\$ 1,589.78	\$ 1,589.78	\$ 3,375.00	
Playful Beginnings Income	\$ 18,659.00	\$ 18,659.00	\$ 14,583.33	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 63,563.77	\$ 63,563.77	\$ 58,839.33	
EXPENSES				
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 33,657.99	\$ 33,657.99	\$ 33,651.27	
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
Worship & Music	\$ 370.49	\$ 370.49	\$ 437.50	
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	\$ 405.62	\$ 405.62	\$ 275.00	
Christian Education	\$ 403.78	\$ 403.78	\$ 899.98	
Church Office	\$ 5,489.91	\$ 5,489.91	\$ 3,454.18	
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 9,527.52	\$ 9,527.52	\$ 9,275.01	
Committees	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.38	\$ 318.75	
Mission (see detail below)(3 Accounts Total)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,704.17	
Playful Beginnings Expense	\$ 15,037.83	\$ 15,037.83	\$ 13,150.00	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 31,244.53	\$ 31,244.53	\$ 30,514.59	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,902.52	\$ 64,902.52	\$ 64,165.86	
NET	\$ (1,338.75)	\$ (1,338.75)	\$ (5,326.53)	

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

MORE PEOPLE CARING	2024

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 11:30 AM—First Friday Singles Group, PWCR	2
3 8:15/11 AM—Worship/ Communion 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:00 PM—Game Night, UFH	4 7 PM—Deacons, PWCR 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	5 9:30/7 PM—PW Circles, PWCR 2:00 PM—Staff Meeting 5:30 PM—Tuesday Nights @ MPC, UFH 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	6 2:00 PM—Soul Journey, Library 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	7 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study	8 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	9
10  8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 2 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	11 7 PM—Session Committees 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	12 2:00 PM—Staff Meeting 6:00 PM—Ukrainian Egg Fellowship Event, UFH 7:00 PM—Race & the Church, PWCR	13 1:45 PM—PB Staff Mtg., PWCR 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 6:00 PM—Ukrainian Egg Fellowship Event, UFH 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir 7:00 PM—Safety Com., Zoom	14	15 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	16
17 <i>Cornerstone Deadline</i> 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 6:30 PM—Courageous Conversations @ Camp Hill	18 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	19 <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 5:30 PM—Tuesday Nights @ MPC, UFH 6:15 PM—Intergenerational Evening Prayer, Sanc. 6:30 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	20 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	21 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 7 PM—Word and Wine, Zoom	22 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 5:30 PM—CESJ Movie Night, UFH	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 12:00 PM—4th @ 304 3:00 PM—Easter Egg Hunt 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	25 7 PM—Session 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	26 7 PM—Book Club	27 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	28 <i>Cornerstone Mailing</i> 12 PM—Pastors' Bible Study 5:30 PM—Maundy Thursday, Dinner 6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service	29 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 7:30 PM—Good Friday Service	30
31 <i>Easter</i> 9:30/11 AM—Worship						



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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

