



The Cornerstone

A newsletter of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

Beloved Children of God,

I can't help but be excited as we head into 2024!

This will be our first full year with Pastor Emily on board. She has already made an impact with service trips, programming, and worship. She has also provided connection opportunities locally including a Game Night that is coming up in March and *Courageous Conversations*, an enterprising invitation to talk with other area congregations and denominations about some of the topics that can divide us.

Something to get on your calendar is how QUICKLY Lent and Easter will arrive this year. Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Easter is almost as early as it can get on March 31 (also my Mom's birthday, fyi).

Of course, I'm excited about this year because this is the year of SABBATICAL! We will be providing more details as we get closer, but thanks to a sabbatical grant, my sabbatical begins with a catered kick-off brunch after worship on Sunday, June 2. I will return to the office on Tuesday, September 3. There will be another catered meal at MPC after worship on Sunday, September 8 to celebrate the conclusion of the sabbatical. On September 15, I will return to the pulpit.

Although Pastor Emily and Cathay will do a lot of the worship leadership, we will have guest pastors come and join us as well. We are also going to invite the retired pastors in our midst to share their good word with us.

The sabbatical revolves around the theme of sabbath and MPC will be able to participate in experiencing sabbath as well. There will be more information about what that entails as we move through the year.

As for me, there are three major components to the sabbatical. I will be going on a week-long silent retreat, where I will work with a spiritual director who will then continue with me for the next two years. The second component is Martha and I have rented a house in Maine where we will spend a month, and be with all of our family together for at least 1 of those weeks.

The third component is the one I am most intrigued about. Martha and I will take a trip out to Boise, Idaho where a colleague of ours serves a church that takes sabbath once a month. On the second Saturday of every month, they worship and then on Sunday, they sabbath. There is no worship. There are no meetings. The congregation is invited to take that Sunday as a sabbath. I'm looking forward to finding out more about that and maybe bringing it home to MPC.

I love the turn into a new year, and all of the promise it brings. How about you? Let me know. I'm looking forward to hearing about your dreams and plans for 2024.

Peace be with you,

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The Cornerstone Quiz

Pastor Emily recently asked MPC's Staff about a few of our favorite things as we celebrate the new year. And, here are our responses:

What is the best part of winter?



Kathryn: The first good snow, but only if it's NOT on a Sunday.

Emily: Christmas dinner at my Nana and Poppy's house with all the aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cathay: Freshly fallen snow.

Mark: Definitely the holidays, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas. I love our trips, as well, to Lancaster with friends and visiting family back home.

Karen: Snow and wearing cozy sweaters.

Angie: The Snow! I love snow!!!

What is your favorite New Year's Eve memory?

Kathryn: A party 11 years ago overlooking a winter beach scene in Massachusetts.

Emily: The first time I was actually allowed to stay up until midnight and not just watch the ball drop the next day.

Cathay: Oh, too many great memories of spending New Year's eve with friends and family to pick just one as a favorite. (Dick Clark & his rockin' New Year's Eve was always part of the celebration.)

Mark: Playing pinochle with good friends while the ball drop was going on the TV behind us then well into the new year and my first New Year with Jess and Braelyn at her Uncle Lonnie's house.

Karen: Turning the clocks back 3 hours and tricking my children into ringing in the New Year early and going to bed.

Angie: Spending time with my family.

Will you be staying up late to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve?

Kathryn: Yes, but not much longer.

Emily: This New Year's Eve, I will not be staying up to watch the ball drop, but I will be in the pulpit preaching that morning!

Cathay: Yes!

Mark: Depends on whether or not I'm playing the organ the next day—so this year is a resounding YES!

Karen: I will be sitting up with the intention of seeing the ball drop but will fall asleep on the sofa instead. I will be drinking Martinelli's Sparkling Cider because champagne is gross.

Angie: Yes



Will the dragons stay up to see the ball drop on New Year's Eve?

Do you have any New Year traditions?

Kathryn: Watching *When Harry Met Sally* and starting it so that when the ball is dropping in real time, the ball is also dropping in the movie.

Emily: Making chocolate chip cookies, watching the NYC ball drop on TV, and drinking sparkling apple juice at exactly midnight.

Cathay: Always have to eat pork and sauerkraut and watch college football!

Mark: Not really, we celebrate in different ways every year.

Karen: Pork and sauerkraut on NYD.

Angie: No matter where we are we always come together as a family on New Years!

When is it time to take down the Christmas decorations?



Kathryn: January 7 (Epiphany) but admittedly outdoor decorations come down when they are relatively dry (dragons).

Emily: A week into January—then it's baptism of the Lord time!

Cathay: January 7 (Epiphany)

Mark: Ugh—never, but usually by the first or second week of January.

Karen: The weekend after New Year's.

Angie: Right after New Years Day



DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 19, 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, January 19, at 5:30 PM (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. The first film is Spike Lee's 1989 comedy-drama, *Do the Right Thing*. The story explores a Brooklyn neighborhood's simmering racial tension between its African-American residents and the Italian-American owners of a local pizzeria, culminating in tragedy and violence on a hot summer's day. In *Do the Right Thing*, the subject is not simply a race riot, but the tragic dynamic of racism, racial tension, and miscommunication. The film's subject is as relevant today as it was in 1989. Please join us as we view and discuss this film.



Race & the Church

January 9

7 PM

PW Conference Room

We are studying Jemar Tisby's work, *The Color of Compromise*, and will be discussing Chapters 2-3 (The Colonial Era and the American Revolution). We also will be conducting research of our area as we work towards understanding our place in the historical and contemporary story of race in this region.

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\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:csnyder(at)mechpresby(dot)org).

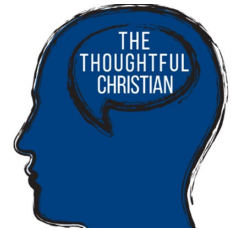
The Thoughtful Christian Class (TTC), meets in Upper Fellowship Hall, Sundays @ 9:35 AM

January 7: *How Does a Weary World Rejoice?* We began our series by acknowledging our weariness and we conclude with trusting our belovedness.

January 14: With the New Year comes New Year's resolutions, often around family finance. Come join Pastor Kathryn in a conversation about how to be faithful stewards of all God has first given us.

January 21: Malpezzi Funeral Home will be our guest. They will walk us through the how-to's of pre-planning a funeral. By making arrangements ahead of time, you can make sure you are covering all of the important details so that your family can focus on healing and remembrance.

January 28: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, our Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation, will "Continue Our Story," a workshop discussing how to discern your legacy, share that message with our church and those you love, and make a planned gift to continue your ministry here.



1st & 3rd Tuesdays

5:30 PM—Dinner

6ish-7 PM Program for Youth/Adults

6ish-7 PM The Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal

JOIN IN THE FUN!

January 2, 2024: No Tuesday Night—Happy New Year!

January 16, 2024: Come enjoy a meal together and hear all about the **Mission At The Eastward**. Our guest for the evening will be Nancy Flint, member of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and organizer of the M.A.T.E. trip taken each year by members of their congregation. Whether you might be interested in joining the trip in July or just interested in learning about the work being done there, it will be an opportunity to see what this mission is all about. The Joyful Noise Choir will practice.

February 7: Pastor Emily, Cathay, and Service & Learning Trip participants will share their experiences from the recent DC trip over MLK weekend. The Joyful Noise Choir will practice.

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

All are Welcome!

Join us on January 21st from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm for our new, inter-congregational education series where we will explore topics related to our Christian faith, especially our commitment to Matthew 25. These conversations will happen monthly and will be hosted by a different congregation in our area.

MPC will host the first conversation on the topic of food insecurity in Central PA. Light refreshments will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Central Pennsylvania food bank (no glass or home-canned items), and a friend!

Food Insecurity - January 21
6:30p-8p **Mechanicsburg Presbyterian**

Local Human Trafficking - February 25
6:30p-8p **Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ**

Justice in Gender & Sexuality - March 17
6:30p-8p **Camp Hill Presbyterian**

White Christian Nationalism - April 21
6:30p-8p **St Paul's United Church of Christ**

Grief - May 19
6:30p-8p **Monaghan Presbyterian**

Environmental Justice - June 9
3p-4:30p **Silver Spring Presbyterian**

Courageous

Conversations Series



For more info, please contact Pastor Emily

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Preschool Place: Bears hibernate in winter, but children don't even slow down.

January is that time of year when we have the temptation to cozy up with a blanket, slow down, and 'hibernate.' The children at preschool do-not-slow-down, but they are learning about hibernation by reading stories about bears and 'going on a bear hunt!' They are looking at the weather and hoping to see snowflakes to catch on their tongues. They might even be singing, "If all the snowflakes were chocolate covered cupcakes, oh what a wonderful world this would be." I completely agree.

Hands-on experiences are a great way for children to learn. They will be touching and watching ice balls float, melt and reveal the surprises they have frozen inside. The PA Farm Show is one way we incorporate farm animal themes, activities, and crafts into our year. We encourage families to visit the Farm Show. It is a fun outing for all ages with so much to see and touch, and smell;))

Planning for the future begins now! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year starts this month. **Enrollment opens for MPC members and current Playful Beginnings Preschool students on January 17th and will open to the public on January 31st.**

Playful Beginnings is sponsored by the CESJ Committee as a Christian outreach program for families in the community. We provide a loving environment for children to learn, grow and know that they are special because God made them. Please tell a friend and share information about the wonderful opportunity that MPC has to offer young children in the area.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Taylor

Be Safe, Kind, & Happy New Year!



MPC's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **January 23, 2024 @ 7 pm** in the PW Conference Room.

Our first selection for 2024 is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. A novel about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we

choose to leave behind. The perfect selection as we begin a new year!

From Goodreads: *Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.*

Consider joining us in 2024! We have another great list of books to read!

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: January 23rd

6-7:30 PM

Mission & Youth Center

Come join us for some fellowship, food (pizza) and fun! And, bring a friend!

Thursday, January 18 at 7 PM via Zoom.



We are finishing our study of the Psalms.

For more information, contact

Mary Speedy, [mspeedy\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:mspeedy(at)comcast(dot)net), or for Zoom information, contact Cathay Snyder, [csnyder\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:csnyder(at)mechpresby(dot)org).

Upcoming Youth Fundraisers:

Sunday, February 4—Annual Baked Potato Brunch

Friday, February 9—Learn Eat Craft

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



Thursday, January 25

7 PM

Grand Illusion

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

Grand Illusion is located at 26 W. High Street, Carlisle.

Questions about UnTapped Conversations?

Let Cathay, [csnyder\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:csnyder(at)mechpresby(dot)org) know.



First Fridays @ 11:30 AM

January 5

Join us for conversation and a movie! We will be meeting at the church in the PW Conference room on January 5 at 11:30 am. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert is provided.

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



An opportunity to
Nurture your Soul.

Start the new year with us as we meet to examine and expand our understanding of the spiritual paths we follow.

We will explore ways to find stillness of mind, peace, and contentment in the presence of God.

There will be 5 sessions, each lasting 45 – 60 minutes.

Each session will include approaches to enhance our individual journeys such as prayer, various styles of quieting our minds, and a time of sharing.

Each session will build upon the previous one, so the more you attend the better.

Our journey begins on Wednesday Jan. 17th at 2PM in the MPC library.

The following sessions will take place at 2PM on Jan. 31st, Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st and Mar. 6th.

To register send name and contact information to Pastor Emily, [esutphin\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:esutphin@mechpresby.org)

For Quilters or Stitchers, bring along a favorite pattern if you wish. Yarn is still available. Both groups work at the McVitty residence.

Love Quilters are not meeting this month.

Joy Stitchers will meet Monday, January 15, from 9:30am - 11am.

You may contact Gail McVitty at gmcvitty@verizon.net. All ability and interest levels are welcome.



Thank you (again) MPC!! This year's giving tree was a huge success thanks to all of you. Over 150 gifts and gift cards were delivered to our friends at Allison Hill After School Program, CROSS, Delta and Stop the Violence.

We appreciate your generosity.

MPC Board of Deacons



The Board of Deacons would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Tree of Warmth. Thank you to the Joyful Stitchers for providing wonderful hand-made items. 254 items were collected and distributed to Allison



Hill Church and Loop Boyz and Girlz.

Thanks to all of you their winter will be a little warmer!

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the MPC Christmas gift bags. Your donations of personal care items, calendars, stamps, and money throughout the year and your hands-on help in December to put the bags together enabled us to make 140 gift bags for the Dauphin County Work Release Center and 48 bags for the Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven shelter in Harrisburg. The bags were delivered on December 18th and were scheduled to be handed out on Christmas morning.

Your continued support and corporate donations from Bombas Socks, Giant Foods, The Hershey Company, Walmart, and Wegmans allowed us to grow the program substantially in 2023.

The Mission Committee is especially grateful to Church Administrator Angie Weir for her help in obtaining donations.



LEARN! CRAFT! EAT!

**February 9th, 2024
5pm-8pm**



**Suggested donation is \$5 a child
or \$10 per family.
Ages 3-8. Bring a friend!**

**Proceeds support upcoming
serving and learning together
trips.**



Contact Pastor Emily
for more information



MPC Valentine's Dance with lessons:

**Saturday February 10, 2023,
7:00 - 8:30 PM in Upper Fellowship Hall.
No charge to attend; a free will offering will be
taken.**

**Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$10 per
family.**

No Experience Necessary! Easy Square, Line, and Choreographed Ballroom(Round) Dancing lessons will be given.

All are welcome; singles, couples and families of all ages.
Hosted by the Fellowship, Mission, and
Welcoming committees.

Refreshments provided!



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.

Emergencies happen. Houses of worship have always been prone to emergencies such as medical situations, fire, power outage etc. However, the times in which we live today seem to have brought the world, with its crime and uncertainty, right into the place we deem most sacred.

An emergency can be defined as any situation that poses an immediate risk to safety, health, life, and property. It is any unexpected, serious, or dangerous situation requiring immediate action. We cannot predict when an emergency situation will occur which makes it difficult to plan for every potential circumstance.

In any emergency, no matter what kind, these steps should always be followed:

- Stay calm
- Trust your instincts (If you see something, say something)
- Call 9-1-1
- Get yourself and others to safety

Protecting the health and safety of everyone at MPC should be our first priority.

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).



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Marcia Conner**, who joined the Church Triumphant on December 12, 2023. Marcia joined MPC in 1961.

Blessed are those that meet the Lord face to face.

A sincere thank you to all who remembered us with Christmas cards, gifts and treats! *The Church Staff*

Inclement
Weather



Service Cancellation or Moved Online

In the event of inclement weather, we urge members to decide on the side of caution before venturing out, and to tune to ABC Channel 27 WHTM-TV or check the church's website, www.mechpresby.org for the status of worship and Sunday School.



One of the attributes of the Presbyterian denomination is that we are a connectional church. Our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly connections provide us resources and support as well as avenues to help others in times of need. Every member is assessed a per capita that goes towards these areas of ministry and mission. **Per Capita for 2024 has been set at \$33.00 per member.** We appreciate it when our members contribute toward their per capita so that it doesn't come out of the operating budget.

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!

As the cost of the event (travel, meals, housing, conference fee) is around \$500 per person, we have lots of fundraising opportunities and help planned!

For more information, check out the event at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/msc> or touch base with Pastor Emily, esutphin@mechpresby.org (\$100 deposit due by 4/3/2024)

High Schoolers (10th-12th) can apply to serve and lead. Application due early January. Let Emily know if interested.

Do You Enjoy Coffee & Snacks After Worship?

Please sign up for Coffee Hour hosting on the poster near the kitchen. Sunday mornings with no host means no coffee hour. It's an easy mission to provide a snack, chat a lot, and clean up. If you haven't tried this before, contact any member of the Fellowship Committee or jaciscott@yahoo.com for more info.

See you in the Gathering Area!

2024 Communion Dates

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion on the first Sunday of every month, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Day: 1/7, 2/4, 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

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Church Correspondence & Envelopes

If you have been receiving a MPC newsletter by mail and would only like them by email, please let Angie Weir know so your information can be updated! Also, if you would no longer like to receive offering envelopes, or would like to, please let Angie Weir know at 717-697-0351 or by email at aweir@mechpresby.org



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT- NOVEMBER 2023




	ACTUAL			BUDGET YTD
	NOVEMBER	YTD		
INCOME				
Pledges	\$ 46,651.58	\$ 470,312.56	\$	441,191.74
Sanctuary Offering	\$ 670.00	\$ 6,830.37	\$	6,027.12
Other Income	\$ 1,485.27	\$ 19,162.73	\$	10,083.26
Playful Beginnings Income	\$ 16,985.00	\$ 151,828.64	\$	166,833.37
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,791.85	\$ 648,134.30	\$	624,135.49
EXPENSES				
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 32,347.74	\$ 317,818.73	\$	316,483.84
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
Worship & Music	\$ 400.00	\$ 7,982.47	\$	5,041.63
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	\$ 603.39	\$ 3,129.85	\$	3,025.00
Christian Education	\$ 434.78	\$ 9,569.07	\$	9,097.88
Church Office	\$ 3,391.07	\$ 40,537.33	\$	31,238.24
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 8,004.79	\$ 126,351.88	\$	102,006.74
Committees	\$ 214.29	\$ 2,018.78	\$	1,443.75
Mission (see detail below)(3 Accounts Total)	\$ 4,042.48	\$ 31,404.53	\$	33,870.76
Playful Beginnings Expense	\$ 15,126.50	\$ 134,985.92	\$	137,499.89
TOTAL PROGAM EXPENSE	\$ 32,217.30	\$ 355,979.83	\$	323,223.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,565.04	\$ 673,798.56	\$	639,707.73
NET	\$ 1,226.81	\$ (25,664.26)	\$	(15,572.24)

MISSION COMMITTEE (General Mission Account Only)	NOVEMBER	YTD	2023 BUDGET
Alder Health	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Camp Krislund	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Christ Lutheran Church - Health Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Life Cycle - New Life Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
New Hope Ministries	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Presbyterian Historical Society	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Carlisle Community Cares	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Meals on Wheels	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
CROSS, Inc.	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Safe Harbour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Stop the Violence	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Misc. Fund	\$42.48	\$3,412.05	\$5,500.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	\$4,042.48	\$21,862.05	\$32,450.00

MORE PEOPLE CARING	2023
Meals on Wheels	110 Desserts
Margie's Love Sunday (Stop the Violence)	493 Items
Mission Committee (Adult Wipes)	180 Cases
Stop the Violence (Back to School backpacks)	31 Backpacks & Supplies
Allison Hill (Back to School backpacks)	20 Backpacks & Supplies
CROSS Paper Drive	Over \$1,300.00 in Paper Products, Sandwich Bags & Lysol Wipes
Tree of Warmth	254 Items
Giving Tree (Allison Hill, CROSS, Delta & Stop the Violence)	150 Gifts & Gift Cards

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Church Office Closed 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Aron	2 Playful Beginnings Closed 9:30/7—PW Circles, CR 1:30 PM—Staff Meeting	3 9:30 AM—Playful Beginnings 3:30 PM—B.O.W. 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	4 10:00 AM—P.W. Coordinating	5 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 11:30 AM—First Friday Singles Group, PWCR	6 9:00 AM—Church Officers' Retreat Noon—New Officers' Training
7 8:15/11 AM—Worship/ Communion 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	8 7 PM—Session Committees 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Aron	9 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 6:00 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH 7 PM—Race & Church, PWCR	10 3:30 PM—B.O.W. 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	11 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study	12 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 6:30 PM—DC Service & Learning Trip leaves	13 Service & Learning Trip, DC
14 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:30 PM—DC Service & Learning Trip returns	15 Church Office Closed Playful Beginnings Closed 9:30 AM—Joy Stitches, McVitty's 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Aron	16 5:30 PM—Tuesday Nights @ MPC	17 1:45 PM—PB Staff Mtg, PWCR 2:00 PM—Soul Journey, Library 3:30 PM—B.O.W. 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	18 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 7 PM—Word & Wine, Zoom	19 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 5:30 PM—CESJ Dinner & Movie Night, LFH	20
21 Cornerstone Deadline 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH 6:30 PM—Courageous	22 7 PM—Session 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Aron	23 1:30 PM—Staff Meeting 6:00 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH 7 PM—Book Club	24 3:30 PM—B.O.W. 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	25 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 7 PM—Untapped Conversations, Grand Illusion, Caristle	26 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	27 6 PM—Square Dancing, UFH
28 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH 6 PM—4th @ 304, M&S	29 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Aron	30 11:30 AM—P.W. & Staff Luncheon, PWCR 2:00 PM—Staff Meeting	31 2:00 PM—Soul Journey, Library 3:30 PM—B.O.W. 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir			



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January 2024

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

