



The Cornerstone

A newsletter of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

Beloved Children of God,

In recent years we introduced the **WORSHIP⁺¹** program. **WORSHIP+1** encourages MPC members and friends to engage in worship **plus one** more activity or program at MPC. This initiative continues to be successful as ever since its introduction there has been an increase in engagement in our committees and programs.

Find at least one place to inhale the grace of God, and one place to exhale the grace of God.

Modeled after the success of **Worship+1**, on April 7 we will launch: **GIVING +\$5**.

As you know, we entered 2024 with a deficit budget of \$53,899 (okay, you might not have know the exact number). This budget reflects our commitment to an increase in programming and staffing that will help us carry out our mission of being More People Caring, fulfill our Matthew 25 initiative, and seek to make a difference in the world from the corner of Shepherdstown and Simpson.

The good news is, we've done the math! If everyone who gives to MPC, adds just \$5 per week to their offering beginning April 7 (\$195 for the year) we will cover the deficit! We hope you will join us in this **Giving +\$5** challenge! Directions on how to access your online giving are below. We'll keep you posted on progress towards our goal.

\$5 helps to buy snacks for the students at BOW. \$5 purchases craft supplies for Vacation Bible School. \$5 keeps the pianos tuned. \$5 provides Communion. \$5 mows the church grounds. \$5 lights the steeple.

GIVING +\$5—WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Thank you for prayerfully participating in this effort!

Stewardship always means more than money, but it never means less than money.

Peace be with you,

How to access your online giving account:

- 1) Go to mechpresby.org and click "Give" and then "Give Now" in the pull down menu.
- 2) If you already have an account, on the top right hand corner, click "Sign In".
- 3) Use your email address and password to sign in. Please note, the MPC office does not have this information.
- 4) Once logged in, click on "Giving" on the left hand side of the screen.
- 5) Your current pledge should show up on the screen. To increase your amount, click on the 3 dots on the right hand side (...) and then choose "Edit."
- 6) This will give you access to your current pledge donation so that you can easily add \$5 more per week.
- 7) If you do not have an account with Realm (or ACS Technologies) please contact Angie in the office and she will send you a link so that you can set one up.
- 8) THANK YOU!!!

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A Spiritual Spring

"I am not saying there is an easy solution to our ambivalent relationship with God. Solitude is not a solution. It is a direction. The direction is pointed to by the prophet Elijah, who did not find [God] in the mighty wind, the earthquake, the fire, but in the still, small voice; this direction, too, is indicated by Jesus, who chose solitude as the place to be with his Father. Every time we enter into solitude we withdraw from our windy, earthquaking, fiery lives and open ourselves to the great encounter.

The first thing we often discover in solitude is our own restlessness, our drivenness, and compulsiveness, our urge to act quickly, to make an impact, and to have influence; and often we find it very hard to withstand the temptation to return as quickly as possible to the world of 'relevance.' But when we persevere with the help of a gentle discipline, we slowly come to hear the still, small voice and to feel the gentle breeze, and so come to know the Lord of our heart, soul, and mind, the Lord who makes us see who we really are." ~ Henri J.M. Nouwen, from "Clowning in Rome."

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) was a Catholic priest from the Netherlands. He was especially passionate about social justice work and spirituality, and he saw the two as interrelated. Spirituality (our personal connection with God) inspires our social justice work (our connection with God's people). In Nouwen's reflection above, he makes some key points about spirituality.

- 1: Spirituality isn't easy. We live in a world full of distractions. We are often restless and unfamiliar with practicing spirituality and contemplation.
- 2: But, spirituality is important. Our relationship with God can often feel ambivalent or complicated. Sometimes, we do not feel God's presence or understand God's ways. Spiritual practices can help direct us to God's still small voice.

There are many, many different types of spiritual practices, including meditation, daily devotions, fasting, breath prayer, yoga, journaling prayer, connecting with nature, etc. My journey with spirituality and spiritual practices has been a long one. I often become frustrated when I feel like a spiritual practice does not "work" for me. My advice is to keep seeking, keep trying new practices until one feels right for you.

MPC has many ongoing and upcoming opportunities to explore spiritual practices! Every Sunday during worship we observe a *selah* moment, which is an opportunity for personal meditation. There is the Pastors' Bible Study that meets every Thursday at noon. And, on April 27th, you are invited to join us for a day-long Spiritual Retreat (see below). - Pastor Emily

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



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

Join us on April 21st 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.

St. Paul's UCC will host our fourth conversation on the topic of Christian Nationalism. Light refreshments will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend and join us for this important conversation. St. Paul's is located at: 626 Williams Grove Road, Mechanicsburg.



From the Christian Education Director

Spring is here! April showers will bring May flowers—and before we know it, summer will be here. And, that can only mean one thing: VBS is right around the corner!

The Whirl Kids are back this year and each morning from Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9 will help us learn how to be servants for the Lord. We'll learn how we are blessed because we are loved by God, to joyfully share our talents with others, and to practice so we are prepared to live like Jesus at home, at school, in our community—every day, everywhere as we go out into the world to serve.

Each day we will hear a story in Tot's Tales, sing Music with Monty, Create with Clara, play some of Gabe's Games, grab some takeout from Ruby's Restaurant, and join Mimi on a Mission.

And, as always, we need the help of our MPC family! Stay tuned for items we may need. 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 me know!

Cathay

S.O.S: Sending Out Servants



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

MPC Merch has arrived!

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

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@mechpresby.org
(\$50 deposit due by 4/3/2024)

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

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 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.

From the Director of Music

This is some of The Joyful Noise, our youth choir at MPC, and one of the most talented groups of kids I've met in my career. We recently led Evening Prayer. They soak up words like a sponge and sing with enthusiasm reflecting the smiles you see here. There is nothing in this world like the sound of a child singing. Praise God for the gift of music.

~Mark~



At our March meeting we opened with a look at how worship is described in the *Book of Order*. We then moved into a conversation about expectations for Pastor Kathryn's sabbatical and approved a FAQs document that will be distributed to the congregation beginning April 7.



Our next conversation was around the challenge of closing the deficit in the budget. We are going to launch a Giving + \$5 campaign to encourage MPC members and friends to give \$5 more per week (see front page of this newsletter).

We heard from Ruling Elder members of the Mission Committee, about their initiative to get people more involved in hands mission. There will be opportunities to serve at food banks as well as participating in our prison ministry breakfast and other opportunities.

Safety Committee will bring back usher teams and captains. We also had a good conversation about bringing back Communion in the pews and taking the offering. At this time, we decided to keep things as they are.

Preschool Place: Fresh Air and Family Fun!

As flowers and trees begin to bloom, it is time for our traditional "Photo on the Rock" at preschool. This school photo is a keepsake for families to be reminded of a simpler time. As the children move on to Elementary School and beyond, life gets busier and faster paced. We should remember to follow the lead of our youngest and stop to smell the roses (or dandelions) on a regular basis. Or just sit in the grass watching a butterfly in the sunlight. Try it. It's fun.

Family fun times are a great way to shape special memories. Here is a picture from our St. Paddy's with Daddy event this year. Mr. Music got everyone singing, moving, and dancing with his upbeat songs. The children (and Dads too) were expert at following directions by listening to the music.



April is also Music Month for our students, who are ready to dance and sing every day in class. Our own Mark McKeever will demonstrate how the organ makes such different sounds and what happens to the strings of the harpsichord when struck. Some of our talented teachers share their musical gifts in class by demonstrating a violin, a guitar and a French horn. Who knows if a toilet paper kazoo, shoebox/rubber band guitar, or paper plate tambourine will spark an interest or career in music. We hope so.



We collected over 273 books during our book drive in March. We received several donations from the congregation too. Thank you for your continued support of our program.

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



DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 26, 2024

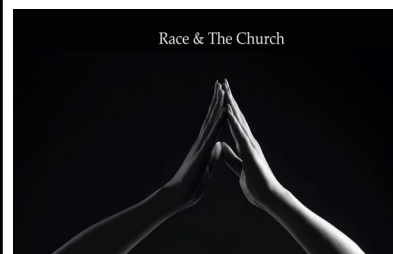
5:30 p.m. (Movie begins @ 6)

Come join the Christian Education and Social Justice Committee's Dinner & A Movie Night in UFH on Friday, April 26. 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 is *Hidden Figures*, rated PG. "Before a computer became an inanimate object and before Sputnik changed the course of history, before the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* established that separate was in fact not equal, and before the poetry of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech rang out over the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, a group of black women working at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton, Virginia were helping America dominate aeronautics, space research, and computer technology, carving out a place for themselves as female mathematicians who were also black, black mathematicians who were also female. *Hidden Figures* is their story."

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



Race & the Church

April 9

6:30 PM

PW Conference Room

What does Justice work look like to you?

We will be discussing Chapters 6-7 (Reconstructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era & Remembering the Complicity in the North), 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. We will also be doing research, so if you have a laptop or tablet, please bring it with you.

This class meets on the second Tuesday of the month. (**We're moving our start time to 6:30 pm.**) If you would like a copy of Tisby's book, are 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 April 2 & 16!

Special Tuesday Night @ MPC Event: On Tuesday, April 16, the Harrisburg Senators are home so Tuesday Nights @ MPC will be away (since it's PW's Rummage Sale week). That's right, we have tickets to the Harrisburg Senators game against the Richmond Flying Squirrels. It's also Walking Taco Tuesday! And, the Kids Zone is free that night! So, if you are interested in joining us, see Cathay about tickets.

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

All are Welcome!

Prison Ministry Community Connections Breakfast at MPC on April 13th

Over the past few years, MPC has been embarking on a mission to live out the words of Matthew 25. In the spirit of that commitment, we will be hosting a Community Connections breakfast in partnership with the Prison Action Committee on Saturday, April 13th, from 9-10:30 am. This event aims to support incarcerated individuals getting ready to transition back into the community. The breakfast will include not only a delicious meal, but also devotional music and an inspirational guest speaker.

To make this event a success, we need your help. We are looking for drivers to help us transport our guests from their transitional housing to the church. We could especially use drivers with large vehicles. We also need food donations. And of course, "many hands make light work," so we are looking for volunteers to help with food prep, serving breakfast and cleanup after the event, as well as make bookmarks for our guests to take home with them. There are signup sheets for each of these areas in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Thomson or Cindy Gorski.



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

This month's selection is an action-packed thriller by Deanna Raybourn, *Killers of a Certain Age*.

From Goodreads: *Older women often feel invisible, but sometimes that's their secret weapon. Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have worked for the Museum, an elite network of assassins, for forty years. Now their talents are considered old-school and no one appreciates what they have to offer in an age that relies more on technology than people skills. When the foursome is sent on an all-expenses paid vacation to mark their retirement, they are targeted by one of their own. Only the Board, the top-level members of the Museum, can order the termination of field agents, and the women realize they've been marked for death. Now to get out alive they have to turn against their own organization, relying on experience and each other to get the job done, knowing that working together is the secret to their survival. They're about to teach the Board what it really means to be a woman--and a killer--of a certain age.*

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: April 28

6-7:30 PM

Mission & Youth Center

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

Special 4th @ 304—Youth Fundraiser:

**Sunday, April 7—Annual Baked Potato Brunch—
Meet in the church kitchen @ 9:30 AM**

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

Word & Wine

Thursday, April 18 @ 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

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)**



**Thursday, April 25
7 PM**

Mellow Mink

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 wonderful way to connect!

Mellow Mink Brewing is located at 4830 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg (located on the left hand side of The Hampden Center).

Questions?

Contact Cathay Snyder, csnyder@mechpresby.org

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!!

2024 Calendar Collection Update

Thanks to everyone for your donations of calendars to support our prison ministry program. Including the calendars that were part of the Christmas gift bags, MPC donated 915 calendars to the Dauphin County Work Release Center in Harrisburg for 2024.



As always, you demonstrate our **More People Caring** theme with a new twist... "Meaningful Prison Calendars."

Kaps for Krislund Sorting Party & Tour

The Kaps for Krislund program ends Saturday April 6th. This is the last day they will accept caps. Please have your caps to MPC by close of business Thursday April 4th so we can take them with us on April 6th. For those who wish to go, the schedule at the camp is 9:00 am to 3 pm for sorting, touring the camp, and lunch. Volunteers can come and stay as long or as little as they please.

You are invited to go either by carpooling, traveling up on your own, or in the church van. The church van will leave the MPC Parking Lot at 8:30 AM and travel to Krislund Camp where we can assist in sorting caps, having lunch, taking a tour of camp and returning. We have around 300lbs of caps to take up so space will be limited in the church van.

If you are interested in going please let Angie know. They need a headcount for lunch.

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.



Happy Birthday to Phyllis Weber as she celebrates 100 years on April 26.

2024 Communion Dates

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

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



Communion

Election Day Soup Sale

April 23, 2024

The Women of MPC will be making chicken corn and hamburger vegetable soups for sale on Election Day.

Sandwiches and desserts will also be available for purchase.



Quarts: \$8.50

Bowls: \$3.00



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



**Mulch Madness!
It's Spring Clean-up Time**

Sunday afternoon April 21, starting at 1:00 PM after the late church service, is the time for our Spring clean-up of the MPC gardens also known as "Mulch Madness." Please plan to come out for fresh air and fellowship as we prepare for the growing season. We plan to be done by 3:00 PM.

In case of bad weather on the 21st, the rain date is Sunday April 28. Please bring gloves.



Power-wash Palooza

Do you have a power washer and like to blast away years of grime? Well if you do, the MPC property committee needs your help on Sunday afternoon April 14 from 1:00- 2:30 pm to remove algae and dirt from brick walls, fencing, and siding at the mission center and the manse. Many hands make light work. If you can help, please contact Kevin Breen or Rick Whitcomb.



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MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT- FEBRUARY 2024




	ACTUAL		
	FEBRUARY	YTD	BUDGET YTD
INCOME			
Pledges	\$ 44,596.69	\$ 86,398.68	\$ 80,545.32
Sanctuary Offering	\$ 990.00	\$ 2,503.00	\$ 1,216.68
Other Income	\$ 536.26	\$ 2,126.04	\$ 6,750.00
Playful Beginnings Income	\$ 22,666.00	\$ 41,325.00	\$ 29,166.66
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 68,788.95	\$ 132,352.72	\$ 117,678.66
EXPENSES			
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 34,698.94	\$ 68,356.93	\$ 67,302.54
PROGRAM EXPENSE			
Worship & Music	\$ 114.24	\$ 484.73	\$ 875.00
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	\$ 145.05	\$ 550.67	\$ 550.00
Christian Education	\$ 1,221.18	\$ 1,624.96	\$ 1,799.96
Church Office	\$ 3,209.85	\$ 8,699.76	\$ 6,908.36
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 10,818.68	\$ 20,346.20	\$ 18,550.02
Committees	\$ -	\$ 9.38	\$ 637.50
Mission (see detail below)(3 Accounts Total)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,408.34
Playful Beginnings Expense	\$ 15,386.37	\$ 30,424.20	\$ 26,300.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 30,995.37	\$ 62,239.90	\$ 61,029.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 65,694.31	\$ 130,596.83	\$ 128,331.72
NET	\$ 3,094.64	\$ 1,755.89	\$ (10,653.06)

MISSION COMMITTEE (General Mission Account Only)	FEBRUARY	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	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$32,450.00

MORE PEOPLE CARING	2024
Presbyterian Disaster	84 Bags
Margie's Love Sunday	810 Items
Meals On Wheels	22 Desserts

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed No Playful Beginnings 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	2 9:30/7—PW Circles, PWCR 5:30 PM—Tues. Nights @ MPC	3 Middle School Trip Deposit Due 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center	4 10 AM—PW Coord. Team, CR 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	5 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	6 8:30 AM—Camp Krislund Cap Sorting 4 PM—Eagle Scout Ceremony, UFH
7 9:30 AM—Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship/ Communion 11:30 AM—Youth Baked Potato Brunch, UFH 11:30 AM—New Member	8 7 PM—Session Committees 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	9 6 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH 7 PM—Race & the Church, PWCR	10 1:45 PM—PB Staff Mtg., PWCR 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir 7:00 PM—Security Com., Zoom	11 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH	12 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	13 9:00 AM—Prison Ministry Breakfast, UFH
14 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 1:8 PM—Rummage Sale Collection 1:00 PM—Power-wash	15 9 AM to 8 PM—Rummage Sale Collection, UFH 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	16 Meals on Wheels 9 AM to Noon—Rummage Sale Final Pricing, UFH 6:00 PM—Tues. Nights @ MPC at Harrisburg Senators	17 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	18 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 6 PM—Congregational Only Rummage Sales, UFH 7 PM—Word & Wine, Zoom	19 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 9 AM—Rummage & Bake Sale, UFH	20 9 AM—Rummage Sale
21 Cornerstone Deadline 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 12:30 PM—Spring Clean-up 2:30 PM—1st Fridays Grp., LTM 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	22 6:30 PM—Session w/Confirm. Class, UFH 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	23 Election Day Playful Beginnings Closed 7 AM—Election Polls, UFH 6 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH 7 PM—Book Club, PWCR	24 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	25 10 AM—Cornerstone Mailing 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 PM—Mah Jongg, UFH 7 PM—Untapped Conversations, Mellow Mink	26 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 5:30 PM—CESJ Movie Night, UFH	27 10 AM—Spiritual Retreat, Monaghan
28 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 12:30 PM—Spring Clean-up, Rain Date 6:30 PM—4th @ 304, M&S	29 8:30 PM - Alcoholics Anon	30 Meals on Wheels MATE Trip Forms Due				



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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

