



The Cornerstone

A newsletter of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

Beloved Children of God,

Currently my heart is full with the images and descriptions of all of the ministry and mission that MPC undertook in 2023. Our Annual Meeting comes up quickly in February (2/4), but the Annual Report is available in the Sanctuary and online. →

I encourage you to take a look through it when you get a chance. We celebrated so much including Pastor Emily's arrival and ordination, the commitment to becoming a Matthew 25 congregation, continued study about *Race & the Church*, Family Movie Nights, Vacation Bible School, our fabulous music ministry, and outreach to so many community organizations both with donations and with collections and deeds.

Personally, I had a blast in 2023. Our family welcomed another little one (Simon) and we have another grandchild due at the end of March. We also celebrated Will's graduation from high school and so far his college launch has been successful too. We did have a health scare, and are deeply grateful to have come out of that experience with the ability to say it was just that—a scare.

As for my MPC activities, I enjoyed being more involved with our students on the 4th Sundays of the month than I have been in the past. Having another team member with Pastor Emily now on board has been great too. Having a full team has enabled us to dream bigger and better, and I'm really excited about the near future as we hit our stride.

Now that we are in 2024, we are also very quickly going to be in Lent! This year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. That means that Easter is on March 31 (almost as early as it can get!). This year we will have two Ash Wednesday services—one at 3pm and 1 at 7:30pm.

Maundy Thursday is March 28 and all ages are welcome as we begin with a Supper in Upper Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm that will eventually lead us into the Garden of Gethsemane (the Sanctuary) to continue our Dinner Church experience. Good Friday service will be at 7:30 and will be our traditional Tenebrae service. Easter morning services will be at 9:30 and 11am.

Here are some more upcoming MPC Moments for your 2024 calendar:

- 2/4, 10:30am—Annual Meeting
- 2/6, 5:30pm—Tuesday Night @ MPC (see details on p. 4)
- 2/9, 5:00pm—Learn! Craft! Eat! (see details on p. 8)
- 2/10, 7:00pm—Square Dance (see details on p. 8)
- 2/11, 8:15 & 11am—Wear your favorite team jersey to church!
- 2/20, 5:30pm—Tuesday Night @ MPC (see details on p. 4)
- 2/23, 5:30pm—Family Movie Night (see details on p. 4)
- 2/25, 6:30pm—Courageous Conversations (see details on p. 3)
- 3/3, 3pm—Game Night! Arrive at 2pm to learn how to play Mah Jongg.

Peace be with you,

Pastor 1/6



Aim your cellphone camera at this image for a link to the MPC Annual Report.

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Reflections on S.A.L.T. in Washington D.C.



Thank you to everyone who generously supported, prayed for, and attended our 2024 Serving and Learning Trip (S.A.L.T.) in Washington, D.C.! We had a great time packing grocery bags with ALIVE! to be distributed to families in need, seeing the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and fellowshiping with one another. Reflecting on S.A.L.T. in D.C., I would describe it as educational, inspiring, and motivating.

Traveling to D.C. is an educational experience. I tend to think of DC as a hub of wealth and political power, a place of beautiful architecture and multimillion-dollar houses. However, D.C. is also marked by food insecurity and housing instability. Outside some of DC's best upscale restaurants are people who are hungry but unable to afford food. People without houses live in tents beside beautiful luxury apartment buildings. Our S.A.L.T. experience not only educated us about these disparities but also made us question whether this is the way the world has to be – or should be – and what we can do about it.

Our experience was equally inspiring. With ALIVE!, we packed 450 grocery bags to be delivered to families of four, benefiting a total of 1,800 people. By working together, we were able to pack the bags, reorganize the pallets, and clean our work areas in under two hours. We were able to do all of that with 16 people! Imagine the amount of work we could accomplish with 30 people, or 160, or even 1,600! When we work together, we have the ability to enact major positive change in our communities. It is inspiring to see how much we can accomplish when we work together.



Our trip also motivated us to ask important questions like: What can we do to assist those in our area experiencing food insecurity or housing instability? How can we contribute to helping those in need? How can we work toward a future where no person is hungry or lacks adequate shelter? In what ways can we make lasting and meaningful change and build up God's beloved community? MPC is already actively engaged in fostering positive change through initiatives like our B.O.W. program, the upcoming work trip to Mission at The Eastward in July, and our Courageous Conversations series where we explore additional opportunities to support the local community. Our desire to pursue these questions is also reflected in our commitment to being a Matthew 25 congregation. Matthew 25 calls us to serve one another and advocate for justice. Serving alongside food banks like ALIVE! is important, but does not address the underlying, systemic issues that create situations where people are hungry. When we advocate for justice, we draw attention to the injustices in our societies and ask for change, advocating for a world when no person is hungry. Our Matthew 25 challenge is to dedicate ourselves equally to justice and service, acknowledging the necessity of both.

After S.A.L.T. in Washington D.C., I am motivated to further explore how MPC can be engaged in activism and advocacy, working toward the realization of “justice rolling down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24).

Pastor Emily



From the Christian Education Director

As the new year dawned, January was as busy as the last few months of the old year, filled with justice, service, and ways in which to live out our Matthew 25 call and commitment. Participating in the DC S.A.L.T. trip, attending the PCUSA's inaugural Matthew 25 Summit in Atlanta, and discussing injustices during anti-racism training with our *Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice* cohort at Messiah University has energized me (and at the same time exhausted me) for our work here at MPC. Consider joining us for *Tuesday Nights @ MPC* this month as we unpack and share our experiences (see page 4 for more information). I'm looking forward to 2024 as we continue on this journey together.

As February dawns, we look towards a period of prayer and reflection as Lent begins on the 14th. You will find a variety of ways in which to observe Lent this year through daily/weekly devotionals, prayer, and study. Rebecca Langer will lead a discussion on *A Different Kind of Fast*, at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings (see article next to this one). You do not need to be a member of The Joyful Hearts class to participate, everyone is welcome. Also, during the Sunday School hour, The Thoughtful Christian class will study and reflect upon the Belhar Confession, using *Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar* (see page 4). And, available by February 11, a weekly devotional by Illustrated Ministry, *God is Still With Us* for personal prayer and reflection. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing one of the books to one of these studies, let me know.

Peace, Hope, & Love,
Cathay



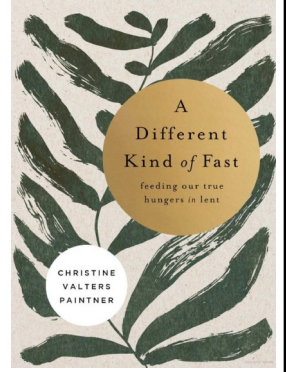
Sundays During Lent

9:30 AM

PW Conference Room

Fasting isn't a spiritual practice we like to think about. Fasting is more than just about giving up chocolate or even necessarily about food. What about fasting from negative thoughts? Or fasting from too much technology? Join Rebecca Langer for a discussion on Sunday mornings during Lent. They will be using a book by a former student of Rebecca's, Christine Valtner Paintner's *A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers in Lent* and will begin reading the book the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday) and then the Sundays leading up to Easter. You are invited to get the book and read beginning Ash Wednesday and then join with the Joyful Hearts class in the PW Conference Room on the following Sundays at 9:30 for discussion: Sunday Feb. 18, 25 and March 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Sign up with Cathay and let her know if you would like a copy of the book (\$10). If you have questions about the study e-mail Rebecca at [langersunflower\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:langersunflower(at)gmail(dot)com)



FEBRUARY 14 IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Services in the Sanctuary

3pm & 7:30pm

Join us on February 25th from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm 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 a different congregation in our area.

Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ will host our second conversation on the topic of local human trafficking. Light refreshments will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend and join us for this important conversation. McBic is located at 1050 S. York St., Mechanicsburg.

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
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DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 23, 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, February 23. 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 comes from Disney and is for the whole family, *Ruby Bridges*. When six-year-old Ruby is chosen to be the first African-American student to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the very first time. But guided by the love of her mother and father, Ruby's heroic struggle for a better education becomes a lesson for us all. *Questions? Contact Cathay, C.E. Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org*



Race & the Church
February 13
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) of Jemar Tisby's work, *The Color of Compromise*. 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.

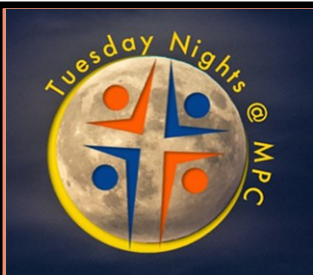
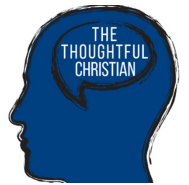
This class meets on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like a copy of Tisby's book or are interested in joining the class, contact Cathay, C.E. Director, csnyder@mechpresby.org.

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

February 4: No Class

February 11: PDA's Gifts of the Heart—Pastor Emily will guide us in assembling hygiene kits for this Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Please consider donating the following items for the kits: hand towels (16"x 28"), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, and band-aids. Or perhaps consider donating \$2 towards the processing fee for each kit. Donations can be dropped off to Pastor Emily throughout the week or brought to this Thoughtful Christian class.

Plan to join us in **The Thoughtful Christian** during Lent beginning Sunday, February 18 for *Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar*. Edited by Kerri Allen and Donald McKim, these devotions will take us daily through Lent as well as allow us to study and discuss how we are called to act through this Confession on Sunday mornings. Contact Cathay if interested in purchasing this book (\$10).



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

February 6: 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.

February 20: Cathay will share an overview of the inaugural Matthew 25 Summit she recently attended in Atlanta, GA. 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!



Interested in
Joining a Music
Program @ MPC?

Sanctuary Choir:
Rehearsals are on
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm

Bells of Celebration:
Rehearsals are on
Wednesdays and will start
up again on February
21st, 5:30pm

The Joyful Noise:
Rehearsals after dinner
on Tuesday Nights at
MPC and in the Choir
Room on Sundays at
9:20am.

From the Director of Music



The Future!

At my previous post, back in 2010, at least according to “Facebook dating” if there is such a thing, we’d moved the choir room out of a basement and into a bright and shiny classroom in the school across the street that we’d recently refurbished. Seated over a cup of coffee our business manager and I were taking a moment after having moved the choir ‘cubbies’ - think of a very large office mailbox system taller than myself. We had to get these large metal cubbies up a very difficult flight of steps and across the street. I’ll never forget our conversation that followed. What would it take to just hit click and send? Every choir member would need a tablet and know how to use it, I still laugh at that. The cost was prohibitive back then and the cost to provide each member of the choir a tablet is still prohibitive. Scanners were getting quicker, but it still wasn’t

an easy process. I still had one choir member with no email address who required a mailing. I couldn’t have imagined asking her to use a tablet!

Change has happened - I no longer need to send music department mailings. Everyone who participates in music here has an email address! I don’t even talk on the phone that often; text messaging and email have worked perfectly well. Our choir is still using paper music, octavos, as they are called, but Santa Claus brought me a tablet this year and I’ve finally launched into the future. Using music this way has revolutionized everything I do, from how I read, think, plan, practice, and rehearse, to how I organize my to-dos, and calendars, and all I have to do to turn a page, is just wink! Thanks, Santa.

When we can walk into the store someday and get a tablet for just under a hundred bucks perhaps, I’ll have achieved what I’ve always dreamed of doing for all choir members. Scan, click and send. Until then, I’m happy to have a work bag that weighs almost nothing, yet has more music loaded in it than I’ve ever been able to carry around. Braelyn and Jess don’t have to wait for me to put my music away after worship anymore either, I just put my tablet in my bag! I’m happy to have taken the plunge and be one step closer to paper-free. Perhaps someday I’ll see paper-free for all.

Peace,

Mark

Preschool Place: Love is in the air...

February is a month dedicated to LOVE. The children learn about the importance of friendship and what it means to be a friend. They explore how to be kind and love one another, and to love one’s self. Building relationships is a big part of preschool and a lifelong skill we all need. It is a joy to know that some friendships begin right here at preschool, not just for the children, but for parents and families too.

In addition to fun treats and sparkly crafts, we talk to the children about community helpers, like mail carriers. They learn how their cool Valentines get from one friend to another through the postal system. After enjoying all those sweet Valentine treats, the children also learned about dental health and welcomed a visit from the Tooth Fairy.

How many teeth do they have? What’s the difference between grow food and fun food? All answers will be revealed by the Tooth Fairy and her faithful puppet companion, Flossy. Watch out! He spits...

We will offer our students Vision Screenings through Vision Resources of Central PA this month. Early identification of vision problems can be the key to the start of a positive educational experience. We used our beautiful eyes to watch a movie during Pajamas with Mamas Night last month on the 25th. It was a fun time where Mama’s (and other motherly figures) and their kiddos enjoyed a special night together watching the big screen. Popcorn was a huge hit.



REGISTRATION for 2024-2025 is OPEN.

Forms are located in the literature racks.

Tell a friend!

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Taylor

Be Safe, Kind & Happy



MPC's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **February 27, 2024 @ 7 pm** in the PW Conference Room.

This month's selection is Vanessa Greene's *The Seafront Tea Room*. ***The first rule of afternoon tea: never rush. Take time to savor it. Just like friendship...***

From Goodreads: *The Seafront Tearoom is an insider secret in small-town Scarborough – a beach-front haven with the best tea and cakes in town – and journalist Charlie Harrison would love to put it on the map with a feature in her magazine. But single mom Kat Murray doesn't want to see her favorite sanctuary overrun by tourists, and begs Charlie to seek out other options. Together the two women, along with French au pair Séraphine Moreau, will scour the countryside for quaint hideaways and hidden gems, sharing along the way their secrets, disappointments, and dreams – and discovering that friendship, like tea, takes time to steep. But learning too that once you open your heart, the possibilities are endless.*

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

4th @ 304
Games * Fellowship * Pizza
For Students Grades 6 - 12!!!
 Join us the 4th Sunday of each month, 6p-7:30p, @ the Mission and Student Center!!
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 Call 717.697.0351 for more info!

**NEXT 4TH @ 304: February 25th
 6-7:30 PM**

Mission & Youth Center

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

Upcoming Youth Fundraisers:

- Sunday, February 4—(POSTPONED, DATE TBD)
 Annual Baked Potato Brunch
- Friday, February 9—Learn! Eat! Craft!

Save the Date: Escape Room, March 10

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



Thursday, February 15 @ 7 PM via Zoom.

The group will begin a study on 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), or for Zoom information or copy of the book (\$10), contact Cathay Snyder, [csnyder\(at\)mechpresby\(dot\)org](mailto:csnyder(at)mechpresby(dot)org).



**Thursday, February 22 @ 7 PM
 Appalachian Brewing Company (ABC)**

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

We'll be at ABC's Mechanicsburg location,
 6462 Carlisle Pike.

Questions?

Contact Cathay Snyder, csnyder@mechpresby.org



First Fridays @ 11:30 AM

- Feb. 2:** Lunch at Momma Spriggs in Carlisle at 11:30.
- 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)**

MPC to join Camp Hill Presbyterian for Summer Mission Trip

You are invited! This year MPC will be joining with Camp Hill Presbyterian Church (CHPC) for a summer mission trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE). 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.* If you are age 14 or older, please consider joining us for a week of faith, service, friends and fun.



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 (or lack thereof), there is something you can do to serve Christ by helping those in need during this very special week.

Registration opens March 1, 2024! MATE is a great way to try out a mission trip. The accommodations are luxurious (by mission trip standards) as 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, making friends, and fun.

Christ calls us to serve. The need is great. Can you answer the call? ***As of March 1, MATE Trip brochures with full information and the registration form will be available at the church, on the CHPC website (camphillpres.org), or request one by emailing Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com.***

Please register by April 30, 2024.



Please join us for MATE 2024!



In January we have already had THREE Session meetings. The first one was a joint meeting with our Board of Deacons. We had to cut it short due to the incoming snow storm, but we still had time to thank Scott Rogers for all of his time and commitment to the Finance Committee of MPC. In a related note, we passed the budget for 2024.

We met next for our stated January meeting on the 4th Monday of the month. Here we opened by welcoming newest members: Nils Hagen-Frederiksen, Ran Singiser, and Tim

Wonder. Everyone had a chance to name something they wanted to make sure we talk about this year (look for those topics in future newsletters), and then we got down to business hearing from our Clerk of Session (Katie Chase), our Treasurer's report (Scott Rogers), the chair of Property & Maintenance (Rick Whitcomb), and more about the upcoming Valentine's Dance which is combining the efforts of the Mission, Fellowship, and Welcoming Committees.

We talked about our committees moving forward and are looking forward to our collective Call to lead MPC into the future. As always we closed our meeting together with the sharing of joys and concerns with one another and committing to pray for one another through the month.

Our final meeting of the month was after worship on January 28. A few Ruling Elders, Deacons, and members of the Welcoming Committee welcomed new members: Steve Fish, Michael Heindel, and Linda Whitesitt. They will be formally introduced at the Annual Meeting.

Tour of Health Ministries Clinics

Sunday, February 25th

MPC has been a mission partner with the Health Ministry Program at Christ Lutheran Church since 2017. Please join us for a tour of the clinics in Harrisburg on Sunday, February 25th to better understand some of the work they do and meet the new pastor, the Rev. Matthew Best. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm to carpool for a 1 pm tour and should be back at MPC by mid-afternoon.

If you would like to join us or have questions about the tour, please contact Renee Breen or Cindy Gorski.

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'S VALENTINES DANCE

SATURDAY FEB. 10TH 7P-8:30P

ALL ARE WELCOME; SINGLES, COUPLES AND FAMILIES.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

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FREE ADMISSION! #WEAREMPC #MOREPEOPLECARING

This year Barry and Margie Fealtman will sponsor "Margie's Love Sunday" in Honor of Margie's mother Margie F. Wolfe.

This is a special opportunity for MPC members to provide
food donations to Stop The Violence Food Pantry.

Suggested food items: mashed potatoes, pancake mix,
pancake syrup, oatmeal, Spam, canned fruit, canned soup,
jelly, Jiffy corn muffin mix, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper,
coffee, and other non-perishable food items.

The Sunday drop-off date will be February 11th prior to 8:15 service and from 12pm to 2pm.
Look for us in Upper Fellowship Hall. If you can't make this date, please use the food box in the
Upper Fellowship Hall. Please include a grand total of food items with your donation.

If items are in a multi-pack, count each item within the pack.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity over the years!

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.



SOUL JOURNEY.

*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.

Each session lasts 45 – 60 minutes and will include approaches to enhance our individual journeys such as prayer, various styles of quieting our minds, and a time of sharing.

As each session will build upon the previous one, the more you attend the better.

Our journey began on Wednesday Jan. 17th and continues at 2PM on Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st and Mar. 6th in the church library.

To register send name and contact information to Pastor Emily, esutphin@mechpresby.org

2024 Communion Dates

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

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 fund-raising 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.

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or
Mechpresby Members and Friends



Love Quilters & Joy Stitchers are quilting and stitching from home this month. (Disregard the date and times on the February calendar.)

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



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT- DECEMBER 2023



	ACTUAL			BUDGET YTD
	DECEMBER	YTD		
INCOME				
Pledges	\$ 53,246.91	\$ 523,559.47	\$	481,300.00
Sanctuary Offering	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 7,983.37	\$	6,575.00
Other Income	\$ 3,575.88	\$ 22,738.61	\$	11,000.00
Playful Beginnings Income	\$ 17,504.00	\$ 169,332.64	\$	182,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 75,479.79	\$ 723,614.09	\$	680,875.00
EXPENSES				
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 32,117.11	\$ 349,935.84	\$	349,056.00
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
Worship & Music	\$ 200.00	\$ 8,182.47	\$	5,500.00
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	\$ 170.15	\$ 3,300.00	\$	3,300.00
Christian Education	\$ 350.08	\$ 9,919.15	\$	9,925.00
Church Office	\$ 3,552.18	\$ 44,089.51	\$	34,078.00
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 13,427.76	\$ 142,979.64	\$	111,280.00
Committees	\$ 45.57	\$ 2,064.35	\$	1,575.00
Mission (see detail below)(3 Accounts Total)	\$ 1,087.63	\$ 32,492.16	\$	36,950.00
Playful Beginnings Expense	\$ 15,745.21	\$ 150,731.13	\$	150,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 34,578.58	\$ 393,758.41	\$	352,608.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 66,695.69	\$ 743,694.25	\$	701,664.00
NET	\$ 8,784.10	\$ (20,080.16)	\$	(20,789.00)

MISSION COMMITTEE (General Mission Account Only)	DECEMBER	YTD	2023 BUDGET
Alder Health	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Camp Krislund	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Christ Lutheran Church - Health Ministries	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Project Share - Carlisle	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fruitbelt Farmworkers	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Carlisle Community Cares	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Meals on Wheels	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,200.00
CROSS, Inc.	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Safe Harbour	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Stop the Violence	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
Misc. Fund	\$1,087.63	\$1,542.16	\$5,500.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	\$1,087.63	\$32,492.16	\$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

FEBRUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study	2 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 11:30 AM—First Friday Singles Group, Momma Springs, Carlisle	3
4 9:30 AM—Sunday School 10:30 AM—Worship/Annual Meeting/Communion 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	5 9 AM—Men's Breakfast, Brother's Restaurant, Mech. 7 PM—Board of Deacons, CR 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Anon	6 9:30/7—PW Circles, PWCR 5:30 PM—Tuesday Nights @ MPC 6:00 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	7 1:45 PM—PB Staff Mtg., PWCR 2:00 PM—Soul Journey, Library 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	8 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study	9 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 5:00 PM—Learn, Craft, Eat, UFH	10 7:00 PM—Valentine's Dance, UFH
11 Margie's Love Sunday/Scout Sunday 8:15/11 AM—Worship/ Sport's Jersey Day 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School/PDA Gifts of the Heart	12 7 PM—Session Committees 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Anon	13 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 7:00 PM—Race & the Church, PWCR	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 3 & 7:30 PM—Ash Wed. Services 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center	15 Playful Beginnings Closed 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 7 PM—Word & Wine, Zoom	16 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR	17
18 Cornerstone Deadline 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 3:45 PM—Boy Scouts, LFH	19 Church Office & Playful Beginnings Closed 9 AM/7 PM—Joy Stitchers 7 PM—Session 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Anon	20 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 5:30 PM—Tuesday Nights @ MPC 6:00 PM—Girl Scouts, LFH	21 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	22 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study 7 PM—UnTapped Conversations, ABC, Mech.	23 6:15 AM—Men's Bible Fellowship, PWCR 5:30 PM—CESJ Dinner & a Movie, UFH	24
25 8:15/11 AM—Worship 9:20 AM—Joyful Noise Choir 9:35 AM—Sunday School 6 PM—4th @ 304, M&S 6:30 PM—Courageous Conversations, MeBic	26 7 PM—Session 8:30 PM—Alcoholics Anon	27 10:30 AM—Staff Meeting 7 PM—Book Club, PWCR	28 3:30 PM—B.O.W., M&S Center 5:30 PM—Bells of Celebration 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir	29 12 PM—Pastor's Bible Study		



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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

