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## THE PANORAMA

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### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month we will be reminded once again that gratitude is one of the most valuable principles for peace and contentment in life. The Apostle Paul wrote (Phil. 4:4-8):

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

It is easy to focus on what seems to be wrong in the world and on the circumstances that are not what we would wish them to be. But we who know and trust God know that God is good and that God works good through all of our circumstances (Rom 8:28). Believing in the love and sovereignty of God, we know that God is in control. Even when we do not get our way, we can trust that God is at work for our good.



Paul wrote to Timothy that *"Godliness with contentment is great gain"* (1 Tim 6:6). We do not need most of what we think we need. When we trust in God, we find that all that we truly need is provided for us.

If we are in Christ, we have the wealth of the Kingdom of God waiting for us — and God's loving and guiding presence now. We have a lot for which we can and should be thankful!

The old song "Count Your Blessings" by Johnson Oatman is a great reminder:

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Refrain:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God has done!*  
When you look at others with their lands & gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;

Count your many blessings—wealth can never buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

God is good! Let us focus our minds and hearts on God's goodness and grace — and on his magnificent promises to those who trust in Him. Then we will discover the peace that surpasses all understanding which will guard us against discontent, fear and worry.

# PASTOR'S PAGE

From Pastor James Thomas

I recently came across a review of the book How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds by Baylor University professor, Alan Jacobs. The title of the review caught my eye: "Hating Your Neighbor Will Make you Dumb."\* The premise of the book and the review was that "tribalism and culture-warring have ravaged our ability to think."

I have noticed this problem in current public discourse. People tend to listen to news sources and friends who agree with them, to the exclusion of hearing other ideas. Our circles of thought and of fellowship have gotten smaller, by our own choice. For example, I am amazed at how readily people will "unfriend" someone on Facebook or other social media because that person holds different views than they do.

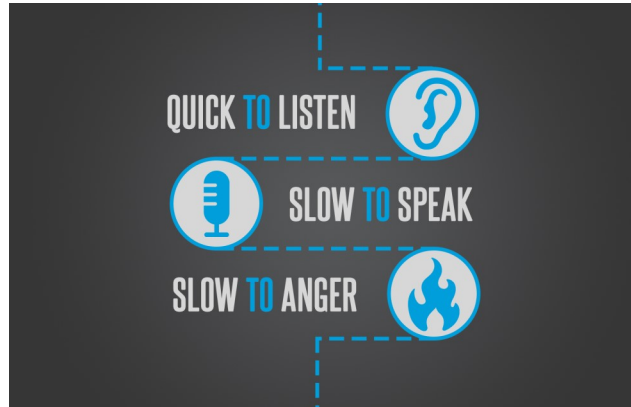
Culturally, we are all too eager to categorize others into those with whom we agree (and therefore value) and those with whom we disagree (and therefore de-value). The reviewer writes, "An important category for Jacobs is the Repugnant Cultural Other (RCO). 'Everyone today seems to have an RCO....' We are naturally drawn to the in-group, and we feel disgust at those in the out-group."

Some have likened the current tendency to listen only to voices with which we agree to living in an echo chamber: we prefer to have our own voice and thoughts echoed back to us and refuse to consider any information with which we do not already agree. This type of thinking frees us from the burden of listening to others and allows us to hold our views without being challenged. But it is not healthy! The Pharisees in Jesus's day adopted this mind-set and it prevented them from recognizing and receiving their Messiah!

The reviewer of How to Think writes:

People with different ideas are not repugnant monsters. They are persons who, given a slight tweak in circumstances, could be you. Not incidentally, they are also your neighbors; if you are a Christian, you are commanded to love them as yourself. This thinking involves self-awareness and empathy.

The Bible is full of counsel about how to treat others. Jesus said that loving our neighbors as ourselves is the second most important command, second only to loving God with our whole being. John wrote about the impossibility of following the first commandment without



following the second: "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 John 1:20).

Paul tell us to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value

others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

James counsels believers: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry; human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." (James 1:19-20)

A few years after I came back to Lewistown, my previous church went through a split. I observed from a distance the heartbreak that occurred through that time. It was particularly discouraging to see believers using unhealthy cultural methods and mindsets to "win their war." The ugliness of their methodology made their declared orthodoxy a mute point in the eyes of many observers. We cannot be right about doctrine and wrong about how we treat others without causing significant damage to the body of Christ.

Let us recommit ourselves to heed the counsel of Scripture and treat others with love and respect. Let us be willing to listen and learn, rather than adopting the lazy and mind-numbing practice of demonizing those with whom we disagree.

Don't misunderstand: This does not mean that there is no right and wrong way of thinking and believing. Orthodoxy is important! But it does mean that there are also right and wrong ways to treat others. God calls us to honor others by loving them and listening to them. And it just may be that in listening to others we discover that our sense of right and wrong was wrong! We must be humble enough to be open to the possibility of being wrong. Remember, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (Proverbs 3:24, Matthew 23:12, 1 Peter 5:5, James 4:6)

\*Stephen Backhouse "Hating Your Neighbor will Make You Dumb" Christianity Today, September 20, 2017

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# THANK YOU!

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Rev. Robert Zorn

I think that I shall never find words to adequately express my gratitude for all the things that have been done to and for me during the past months of my incapacity and recovery.

First, of course, I would thank God for giving the talent and skills to the doctors who performed the surgical procedures; also for the nurses and therapists who, with compassion, assisted in my recovery.

A very special thank you is to be expressed to Pastor Jim and Devon whose visits and prayers were most appreciated. Then, also, for my loving wife, Carol, who forgave me for allowing us to have a most unspectacular sixty-fourth wedding "non celebration," and who tirelessly performed the extra household duties which came with the care of an invalid husband.

We are grateful for our wonderful children; Bob and Paul who rearranged their work schedules to provide for visits and transportation

and our daughter, Laurel, who traveled from Missouri to assist in my care and to provide support for her mother.



Every day our Amish neighbors came by and inquired of my progress and to share garden produce in abundance for our meals. A special "thank you" should mention David and Jane Esh who checked daily about our well being and to bring us food (and even frozen yogurt). The first Sunday we were home, Gerri and Harold appeared after church with canned food and home made bread. Nor can be forgotten your many offers for what ever we

may need.

So many of you came and visited me while I recuperated at Valley View. Your well wishing and prayers demonstrated how good it is to be a part of our church family.

All of your help and attention reminds me of how blessed I am to be a member of this congregation.

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## BACKYARD MINISTRIES

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**Our Featured BYC Kid this month** are two brothers from Mount Union named Anthony and Adam. We first met these terrific boys in Lewistown where they attended our club program regularly. They moved and we lost track of them for a while until they turned up in one of our Mount Union neighborhoods. The boys and their parents were so happy to see us and, of course, they are faithful attenders of our MU club. It is such a blessing to have the opportunity to disciple these boys in the Gospel.

**Stories from the Backyard:** Behind every door there is a story. Our ministry has a very simple method – we use small amounts of food at the doors to get to know people, build relationships, and share the Gospel. The first time I knocked on Bart's door he would not interact with me. A few weeks later when I knocked on Bart's neighbor's door, Bart opened his door and asked why I hadn't knocked on his door. I explained that I thought he did not want bothered. Bart apologized and told me he experienced a serious head injury from a car accident which causes him to have mood swings. Bart feels no one cares about him. I told Bart that I care and that God cares. This had a great effect on Bart. He let me pray for him and agreed to join our home Bible study. Please pray that Bart would experience the love of Jesus. *"Those in need will not always be forgotten." Psalm 9:18*

**BYM Support:** You can sponsor a BYC kid for \$20.00 a month (or \$240.00 a year). Pledges are due the fifteenth of each month. To get started simply send a check made payable to Backyard Ministries to the address below. Lewistown Presbyterian Church partners with Backyard Ministries.

*\*To get involved or for more info like us on Facebook or contact us at Backyard Ministries, 418 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 or kdellape@gmail.com or (814) 502-8008.*

# PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

From Ginny Westover, Assistant Teacher

The first two weeks of October may have felt more like summer than fall, but there was plenty of autumn activity happening in both the nursery school and preschool classrooms. With the air conditioning on and all the fall decorations around, it felt quite like a seasonable beginning to the second month of school.

Preschool classes started October with apples. Big apples, small apples, red, green, and yellow apples. Some were sweet. Some were not. We learned how and where apples grow and had fun naming all the yummy things people make with them. Eyes grew wide when Mrs. Powell made a horizontal slice through the middle of a big, red apple and held the two halves up for us to see. Who would have guessed that there was a star in the center? And who but God could put a whole apple tree into an itty bitty seed? God is awesome! Just in case you are thinking of starting your own apple orchard, here is a tip from one of our preschoolers: "If you plant the seed in the ground and wait 'til next Saturday you can go out and look and it will grow."

If the saying is true that, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," we should be pretty healthy. Two apples per child for each class (and a few tossed in from the teachers) totaled about three dozen apples per class on our applesauce making day. What a fun time we had washing, chopping, cooking and squeezing the apples into sauce! The best part, though, was eating warm applesauce at snack time! (especially with cimma - cimna-cimnamim...oh, you know what I mean!) Thanks to our amazing moms, Emily, Megan, Maggie and Bobbi for all of your help!

The next day, nursery school students got to sample the succulent sauce for their snack. Even children who didn't think they'd like the applesauce gave it a try. The consensus was, "This is the bestest applesauce ever!" — proven true by one nursery school boy turning his bowl up to his face and licking the inside clean!

We have our very own apple "tree" filled with puffy paint apples made by our nursery school students. Who would have thought a whole colony of bats would discover the "fruit" and would take up residence on our bulletin board (black paper bats, that is)? No real bat visitors this year. We did get to spend some time looking up close at a "wooly bear" caterpillar and an extra large cricket. In fact, Craig the cricket almost caught himself on fire during Fire Prevention Week, but more on that later.

Preschool and nursery school children were quick to spot some new toys on the shelf when they came into school the second week in October. In observation of Nat'l Fire Prevention Week, there were firetrucks, firefighter's gear, hoses and "flames" with which to pretend. Fire fighters were kept busy during playtime dousing flames on the calendar and keeping Craig the Cricket from becoming a crispy critter (too much friction rubbing those wings together, Craig!).



The drear and drizzle didn't dampen anyone's spirits on the day City Hook and Ladder came to visit the preschool classes. The children learned many important fire safety rules like "stop, drop, and roll." They also learned the importance of smoke detectors. One preschooler knew for certain that her family's smoke alarm worked. "One time when Daddy burned the toast ours

made this really LOUD noise!" (hands held over ears). The children enjoyed trying on a firefighter's coat and passing around a (surprisingly heavy) helmet. The greatest fun, though, came when they got to climb into the firetruck and look around. Now every time we hear the fire siren we wonder if it's our friends at City. We know just what to do if there was ever a fire at school! All classes have successfully completed their first fire drill!

The next time the preschoolers walked outside as a class was for a scavenger hunt. It was great fun to look for the objects pictured on our bags! Some things like sticks and leaves were easy to find. Flowers and acorns were not. We discovered that the tree at the top of the hill doesn't have any acorns, but it does have a door; and the door belongs to the Wood Fairy's house! We knocked, but she wasn't home. She left us a note (and a bag of treats!) though. It said Wood Fairy was helping Gray Squirrel gather acorns for winter. Maybe that's why we couldn't find many of those nuts!

We didn't have to look far to find plenty more fun learning experiences! Pumpkin making and pumpkin painting (thank you, Josi's mom, for the very fun morning in preschool!), pumpkin songs and pumpkin guessing games kept our heads and hands busy. Chapel time and story time with Pastor Jim were great fun as usual! Gym day gave us a chance to burn off some energy and build stronger muscles. As one preschooler said, "This is helping me grow a bump!" (aka, biceps). There are still projects with Indian corn and popcorn, and parties for all before October slides into November. Watch for Facebook posts of pictures!

## PRESCHOOL PICTURES



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMUNIQUE

From CE Director, Ginny Westover

The meal was incredible! Not the most lavish fare or the richest cuisine; the food was simple, as was its presentation, but there had never been an "all you can eat" supper like it. Everyone ate. And ate. Until all were full. That in itself was no small feat considering the number in attendance. No one seemed to know where all the food came from either. After Jesus lifted a couple of fish and a few loaves of bread to heaven in thanks to God, He started filling baskets and handing them to His disciples. Fill, pass, repeat. The food just kept coming. It was really quite extraordinary.

It is soon after this miraculous experience of feeding the huge crowd with just a few loaves and fishes, that Jesus wants to know what others, and those closest to Him, really think of Him. So He poses two simple but profound questions to His disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" The Twelve offer several answers to this first query: "Well, some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say You are one of the other prophets." Without comment and without missing a beat, Jesus asks a second, more pointed and penetrating question: "But who do **you** say I am?"

These seven words are the current focus of Youth meetings here at LPC. Each week we take a look at the Jesus of scripture and compare what we see there with our ideas of who we think/have thought Jesus is. Sometimes the discrepancy between the two is startling.

One of the tools we have used in the pursuit of answering Jesus' question is a film project called the Jesus Parody videos, put together by Vintage Church in North Carolina. There are four segments in this series, each made by taking a scene from a really old Jesus movie and dubbing a new soundtrack onto the characters. The videos are both funny and sobering, revealing how we have replaced scripture's revelation of Jesus with our own ideas. The effects of living out these beliefs are profound.

Consider, for example, the common view of Jesus as a "divine butler" or "cosmic therapist." Jesus' job, according to this line of thinking, is to be totally absorbed with meeting our needs and solving our problems without making any demands on our time, talents or passions. He exists to ensure our happiness and ease. How does this compare with Jesus' words, "in this world you will have trouble" or "if anyone wants to be my disciple they must deny themselves?"

Another common misconception is that Jesus was just a really nice guy. In fact, this was

the most frequent response to random, "on the street" interviews that asked the question, "Who do you say Jesus is?" When we look at the real Jesus of scripture, we just have to ask, "Was there anything nice about Jesus calling a Gentile woman "dog" or flipping over tables of merchandise in the temple, or calling one of His own followers a cohort of Satan?" Jesus didn't have any nice things to say about the religious leaders of his day either. "Snakes" and "white-washed tombs" were not received as compliments.

Peter was the disciple who was quick to jump in with an answer to Jesus' query. "Who do I say you are, Jesus?" - "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Great answer! The right answer! The answer, Jesus said, that God the Father had revealed to Peter. It was also an answer that Peter did not understand completely. A very short time later, maybe even minutes later, when Jesus began explaining how He would suffer, be killed and then raised up, Peter gave vehement protest. "Impossible! That can never be!" Jesus responds with equal passion, rebuking both Satan and Peter, telling Peter he doesn't have "a clue how God works." A stark reminder that Jesus is not a puzzle to figure out, but a master to obey.

I have been challenged to listen as Jesus asks me the same question He asked the Twelve: "Who do you say I am?" I believe Jesus poses the same question to each of us. It's easy to answer with the right words, but the answer I believe Jesus is inviting us to give deals as much with our will as our intellect; maybe more. Within Jesus' question is His invitation to relationship. Who do I say Jesus is when I am in a fearful situation? Is He my source of peace? Will I trust Him? Who do I say Jesus is when I've blown it? Is He my savior? Do I believe He has forgiven my sin? Who do I say Jesus is when I've succeeded? Is He the true Vine and I, a branch? Will I give Him glory? Who do I say Jesus is when I am trying to navigate a difficult relationship? When my prayers seem to reach only as far as the ceiling? When I see someone being treated unfairly? When the results from the lab are not good? When I am at the end of my resources? When...

In whatever circumstance we find ourselves, when we sense Jesus asking us, "Who do you say that I am?" may we be sure to base our response on the Jesus of the Bible and a willingness to submit ourselves to His lordship.

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## LOOK WHAT WE CREATED AT MAKERFEST!



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## SESSION NOTES

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Your session met on Thursday, October 12 and:

- Read and reflected on Luke 16:1-15
- Presented and prayed for joys and concerns
- Noted, with sadness, the death of Burney Runkle on September 15
- Received a thank you note from Burney's family for the luncheon which was prepared by the Fellowship Committee.
- Approved New Members Classes to be held on Sundays November 12 – December 3
- Approved Confirmation Classes be held from January 5 through May 6 with confirmands received in worship on May 13
- Sue Garner reported on the September 26 meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery, noting a moving report from pastor Kathy Colebank on her work with hospice, reports from churches about their creative outreach ideas, and an inspiring examination and approval of seminarian
- Noted with gratitude to our clerk, Susan Ferguson, that our session minutes were approved without exception
- Elected Bill Sisson to be our commissioner to the November 7 meeting of the presbytery which will take place at Camp Krislund
- Heard a report of the Church Health Team regarding their ongoing work, including a planned testimony from Brad and Elaine Siddons to be shared in the worship service on

October 15 and an all-church focus on growth in passionate spirituality during Lent

- Approved a proposal to upgrade our security system
- Designated the local portion of the Peace and Global Witness offering of up to \$50 to our community luncheon and any amount over \$50 to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- It was reported that the Mission Committee is investigating options for a hurricane relief mission trip in 2018
- Celebrated with the Christian Education Committee the success of their MakerFest program, which was held on October 7 and led by Elaine Siddons, Miranda Shoop and Ginny Westover. A similar event titled A Keepsake Christmas will be held on December 2
- Noted that the Children's Church program has moved to the preschool room so that volunteer help can be shared between children's church and the nursery
- Approved Sunday, November 12 for pledge dedication
- Received the following dates from the Worship and Music Committee
- The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on November 5 under the leadership of the Rev. Joy Kaufmann

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## VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

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### Children's Chat

- 5 Joan Loewen
- 12 Miranda Shoop
- 19 Elaine Siddons
- 26 Annalise Haines

### Liturgists

- 5 Doug Garner
- 12 Ruth Fisher
- 19 Gerri Aitkin
- 26 Cole Cullen

### Counters

- 5 Bill Sisson & Ginny Westover
- 12 Lonnie Griffith & Ed Curry
- 19 Maryann Haines & Bill Sisson
- 26 Lisa Snyder & Maryann Haines

### Deacon for the Month

Lisa Snyder

### Children's Church

- 5 Communion—no Jr. church
- 12 Leah Riden
- 19 Leah Riden
- 26 Leah Riden

### Infants/Toddlers/Preschool

- 5 Betsy Harper & Alex Garner
- 12 Leah Noerr & Riley Cullen
- 19 Cathy McClenahan & Olivia Smith
- 26 Venus Shade & Jimmy Zagurskie

### Ushers

Donis Zagurskie (lead usher)  
Jimmy Zagurskie  
Cole, Kari, Riley, Reece Cullen

### Acolyte

Noerr Family

## NOVEMBER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK

*To get to know each other better, we asked our families of the week to tell us about themselves:*

**Don Hirakis** Don likes to travel. His favorite places to visit have been North Myrtle Beach, New York City, Williamsburg, and Cape Cod. He has three children, Chris Harklerode, Donis Zagurskie, and Kim Shoop, all of who are members of our church. Don joined our church in 1968. He was married to Marcia Fleming, and her family had been long-time members of the church. Marcia's parents Gertrude and James Fleming were married in the church parlor in 1917. Don likes the preaching in our church, including the sermons of Rev. Jim Thomas who he says has a passion for scripture. Don also appreciates the rich Christian and Presbyterian heritage in our church.

**Doris Hoverter** Doris recently moved to Locust Grove Retirement Village in Mifflin. She likes to go to the senior center in Mifflintown and to local restaurants with friends. She appreciates friendships she has made in our church, and the friendliness of people in our church. Doris used to live in the Harrisburg area, where she worked for Hershey Estates Laundry and as a file clerk for state government.

**Nancy Machmer** Nancy was a music teacher for 25 years and a web coordinator for 5 years in the Mifflin County School District. She performs with the Lewistown Community Band and Saint

John's Lutheran Church brass quartet. She likes to fly fish, work outside, and help her neighbors. Nancy appreciates the friendliness of people in our church. A long-time member, she says that the church's personality has stayed much the same over the years. She remembers coming to our church in 1974 when she sang here as a member of the Concert Choir of Mansfield University.

**Mary Lou Ingram** Mary Lou worked at Scotty's before she retired. She likes to latch hook, and latch hooked pillows with her mother. She also likes being with other people. Mary Lou remembers fondly at our church Rev. Bruce Hinderliter and his wife Phyllis Hinderliter, who helped her and took her out to eat.

**Bill and Donna Lake** Bill and Donna have owned Lake Dealerships since 1981. Their son Luke is the general manager of Lake Dealerships. Their daughter Tiffany is chief resident at the Abington Hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania. Donna and Bill both like gardening, and Donna enjoys walking and reading. Bill likes to hunt, fish, and sail. They remember well Rev. Larry Chottiner from our church, who visited them when they first moved to Lewistown. Their children also attended our church's nursery school and preschool, and received an excellent education there. They feel that they have a very blessed and happy family.

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Mark **December 3** on your calendar and plan to spend part of your morning making memories by the manger at Keepsake Christmas. Friends and families will experience an engaging, dramatic retelling of the Christmas story, and create their very own Keepsake nativity scenes to cherish for years to come.

Friends and families will:

- \* *meet Mary and hear about the journey to Bethlehem; then reminisce about their own family trips*
- \* *meet Joseph and envision Jesus' birth in a stable; then remember how their family prepared for and celebrated new arrivals*
- \* *discover what Jesus' name means; then share stories about their names*
- \* *meet the Angel that shared the good news of Jesus' birth with the shepherds; then recall times their family received good news*
- \* *realize that Jesus is a keepsake to treasure, not just at Christmas but every day!*

Snacks and Christmas carols, too!



Saturday, December 3

10:00—11:30 AM

# FINANCIAL REPORT

From Church Treasurer, Susan L. Ferguson

|                      | Jan - Sep 2017    | YEARLY BUDGET  | % of Budget |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Income</b>        |                   |  |             |
| Giving               | 158,295.75        | 214,200.00   | 74%         |
| Investments          | 103,057.37        | 136,375.00   | 76%         |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>261,353.12</b> | <b>350,575.00</b>  | <b>75%</b>  |
| <b>Expense</b>       |                   |  |             |
| Benevolence          | 22,128.34         | 30,000.00  | 74%         |
| Ministry of the Word | 76,023.54         | 107,309.84   | 71%         |
| Christian Education  | 3,361.79          | 5,600.00   | 60%         |
| Music and Worship    | 997.47            | 2,350.00   | 42%         |
| Property             | 46,651.34         | 43,803.00  | 107%        |
| Administration       | 21,987.15         | 28,907.25  | 76%         |
| Personnel            | 65,200.19         | 90,947.89  | 72%         |
| Fellowship           | 1,452.80          | 1,500.00   | 97%         |
| Women's Fellowship   | -                 | 550.00   | 0%          |
| Preschool            | 22,363.50         | 34,607.02  | 65%         |
| Capital Reserve      | 3,750.66          | 5,000.00   | 75%         |
| <b>Total Expense</b> | <b>263,916.78</b> | <b>350,575.00</b>  | <b>75%</b>  |
| <b>NET</b>           | <b>(2,563.66)</b> | <b>Note: September 30 marks 75% of the year to date)</b> |             |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

- Names will be available in the narthex Sunday, **November 12**. We will be purchasing Christmas gifts for children of Mifflin County who may not have a Merry Christmas. If you would like to purchase gifts for a child, please pick up a name in the narthex Sunday, November 12.
- Gifts must be returned to the church (unwrapped) by Sunday, November 26.** Please attach the name tag to the gift. If you would prefer to make a donation, we will be glad to purchase gifts for you. There will also be a box by the Christmas tree for mittens, hats and socks. Thank you in advance for making a child's Christmas wish come true! The gifts will be wrapped Monday, December 4. You are welcome to join the wrapping party! Bring your own scissors. For more information, please contact Margie Smith, Amy Smith or Pat Brown.
- Clothing Boxes and Wrapping Paper are Needed** for the Community Christmas Project this year. There will be many items to wrap. We are very much in need of boxes and wrapping paper. Please bring these into the church before October 15 so we can prepare. Thank you.






**VETERANS:** We would like to honor our veterans on Sunday, November 12. If you know of any veterans who are affiliated with Lewistown Presbyterian and who are not already on our list from last year, please send us their name, branch of the military and years of service. You can call the church 717 248-4561 or email the church at [lewispres@comcast.net](mailto:lewispres@comcast.net).

**BLANKET COLLECTION:** As the weather starts to turn cold, we are reminded there are children in our county that do not have a warm house to sleep in at night. Help us to collect fleece throw blankets (size 50in x 60in) in neutral colors that we can give to children in Mifflin County. Distribution will be coordinated through the LUMINA Center. There will be boxes in the back of the Sanctuary labeled for you to drop off donations. If you would rather just give money, you can give it to Devon Thomas and she will make the purchases for you. Please have all money and blankets in by December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

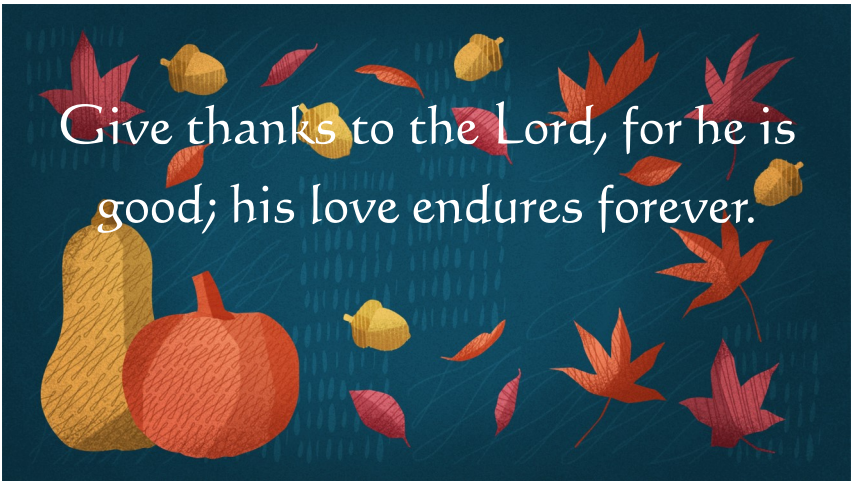
**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in joining Lewistown Presbyterian Church or in learning more about us, join us for New Members Classes, which will be held at the church manse (108 N. Brown St. – the yellow brick house next to the church on Brown St.) at 9 AM Sundays, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3. Those who wish to join the church will be welcomed during worship on December 10.

# November 2017

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                 | Saturday   |
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|  <p><b>LEWISTOWN CHURCH</b><br/><b>Presbyterian</b><br/><small>Sharing the light of the Gospel into the heart of Lewistown since 1785</small></p>  |   |   | <p>1 <b>11:30 am</b> Sr. Ladies @ Honey Creek Inn<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>2 <b>6:00 pm</b> Deacons<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Committee Night</p>                            | 3                      | <p>4 <b>10:00-11:00 am</b> Pen Pal Party</p>  |
| <p>5 Communion<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Teen Study Group<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Study Group<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Children's Choir<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br/><b>11:30 am</b> Adult Study Group<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Study Group @ the manse</p>  | <p>6 <b>11:30 am</b> Prayer<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Joy Seekers<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts</p>                                | <p>7 <b>6:00</b> Small Group @ Hill home</p>  | <p>8 <b>6:30 am</b> Group Study @ the Manse<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>   | <p>9 <b>7:00 pm</b> Session</p>   | 10<br><i>No School</i> | 11   |
| <p>12 <i>Christmas Tree Project</i><br/><b>9:00 am</b> New Member's Class<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Teen Study Group<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Study Group<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Children's Choir<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Study Group @ the manse</p>  | <p>13 <b>11:30 am</b> Prayer<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Joy Seekers<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts</p>                               | <p>14 <b>6:00</b> Small Group @ Hill home</p>   | <p>15 <b>6:30 am</b> Group Study @ the Manse<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>      | <p>16 <b>PANORAMA DEADLINE</b> (December &amp; January combined)</p>                          | 17                     | 18   |
| <p>19 Deacons' Offering<br/><b>9:00 am</b> New Member's Class<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Teen Study Group<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Study Group<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Children's Choir<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group @ McVeytown Presbyterian<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Study Group @ the manse</p>                                       | <p>20 <b>11:30 am</b> Prayer<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Joy Seekers<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts<br/><b>Pumpkin Pie Baking</b></p> | <p>21 <b>6:00</b> Small Group @ Hill home</p>   | <p>22 <b>6:30 am</b> Group Study @ the Manse<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p>23</p>  | 24<br><i>No School</i> | 25   |
| <p>26 <i>Christmas Tree Project gifts returned</i><br/><b>9:00 am</b> New Member's Class<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Teen Bible Study<br/><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Study Group<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Children's Choir<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br/><b>11:30 am</b> Community Lunch<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Youth Group<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Adult Study Group @ the manse</p> | <p>27 <i>No School</i><br/><b>11:30 am</b> Prayer<br/><b>6:00 pm</b> Joy Seekers<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts</p>          | <p>28 <b>9:00 am</b> Backyard Ministry food prep<br/><b>6:00</b> Small Group @ Hill home Mt.<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Rock Cemetery Board Meeting</p> | <p>29 <b>6:30 am</b> Group Study @ the Manse<br/><b>7:00 pm</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>  | 30  |                        |  |

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