



THE PANORAMA

The Newsletter of
The Lewistown
Presbyterian
Church

JUNE/JULY 2018

Lewistown Community

ALL CHILDREN (Age 3—Grade 5) are welcome!

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday-Thursday, June 24-28; 6:00-8:30 PM
5:30 PM Supper

Friday, June 29, **Family Pool Party** @ Rec Park

With everything that is wrong in the world, today's children need to know that they can turn to Jesus to rescue them. That's the focus of this summer's Lewistown Community Bible School. "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" is the theme 6-8:30 PM, Sunday-Thursday, June 24-28.

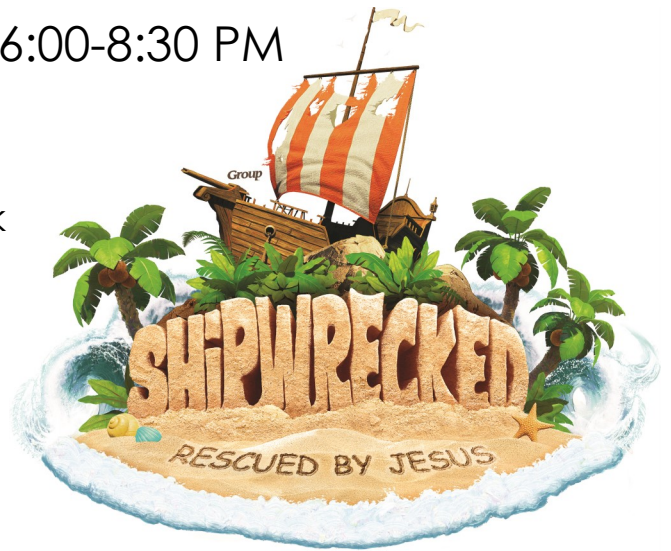
We have the privilege and responsibility of hosting Shipwrecked here at Lewistown Presbyterian, with participation by First United Methodist, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic, St. John's Lutheran and First Baptist churches.

Jesus will be shared repeatedly as children travel from station to station: Bible Discovery, God Sightings, Castaway Sing and Play, Imagination Station, Tropical Treats, Shipwreck Games and Kid Vid/Verse.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help. We are responsible for the suppers and Sunday's snack, the Bible stories, God sightings and video/verse. Also, for the safety of the children, we need adults who are willing to supervise small groups of children as they travel from station to station. Please contact Ginny Westover or a member of the Christian Education Committee for more information.

To help working parents, participating families are welcome to a hot dog supper at 5:30 PM. Also, a family pool party will conclude Bible School on Friday, June 29, at Lewistown Rec Park.

A registration form is available on page 6 of this Panorama!



PASTOR'S PAGE

From Pastor James Thomas



By the time you are reading this, you are probably already aware of my recent announcement that I have taken a call to be the next pastor of the Ridley Park Presbyterian Church in Ridley Park, PA.

This new call will begin on August 1, so Devon and I will be moving in late July. That means, of course, that changes are coming to the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, too. Your session will keep you informed of next steps as you enter into a time of transition. The obvious goal of this transitional time is to find a new pastor to serve the Lewistown Presbyterian Church in the next phase of your ministry. But there are many other goals during the time of transition as well. The most important goal is to continue to worship and minister faithfully in Christ's name. I strongly encourage you to continue to support the life and ministry of the church with your time and energy, wisdom and effort, and with your tithes and offerings. During times of pastoral transition, there are gaps to be filled. Find out what you can do to help the church be the Church in this time. Also, do not forget to pray! There is a lot of discernment necessary at a time like this. God has good plans for Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Covenant together to prayerfully discern what those plans might be.

Huntingdon Presbytery will be available to assist you in this transition. General Presbyter, Joy Kaufmann, will preach here on August 5 to visibly represent the presbytery's support and help to outline the next steps. The Committee on Ministry will assign another local pastor the task of moderating your session until an interim pastor can be found. When the Pastor Nominating Committee is formed, the Committee on Ministry will provide a liaison between that committee and the Committee on Ministry to help to guide the discernment process and assure that everything is done "decently and in order."

Please believe me when I tell you that leaving this church and community is very difficult for

Devon and me. We have a great life here! We have wonderful friends and family here! We serve an amazing church here!

But we believe that God is calling us to a new phase of our life together. I believe that ten years is a healthy tenure for a pastor. After that amount of time, ministry can get stale and energies wane. I do not want that for LPC! I think we've done great things together and I am grateful for what we have accomplished for the Kingdom of God. But it is time for something new for you as well as for us. Lewistown Presbyterian is a healthy, vibrant and active church made up of some of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Your future is bright!

Devon and I look forward to relishing these last few weeks with you. There is still ministry to be done, worship to be lifted to God, and friendship to be celebrated. I will also be working with the session to discern the next steps for the church. After I leave, however, it is important that any professional role I have had in the church be discontinued. I will not be permitted to discuss church business or pastoral concerns. But I hope that our personal friendships will continue.

In case you are wondering, Ridley Park is five miles from the Philadelphia airport and about fifteen miles from center city Philadelphia. Even with its proximity to the city, it has some small town elements that remind us of Lewistown. The position I've taken is that of co-pastor for a month or two so that I can work with the current pastor until he retires. The Presbytery of Philadelphia is using Ridley Park as an experiment to see if this model works. The goal of this model is to provide a smooth pastoral transition. Of course it only works when the outgoing pastor is retiring or otherwise leaving the ministry. In October, I will transition from co-pastor to pastor. If you'd like to see more about Ridley Park Presbyterian Church, you can check out their web site at: www.rppcusa.org.

HELLO SPRING

Rev. Robert Zorn

Now that spring has reluctantly arrived out here in Treaster Valley, we are joyfully welcoming several species of birds and other wildlife to our abode. A few wary chipmunks, that, so far, have avoided the claws and jaws of our three cats, play gleefully among the rocks and bushes. Our log house is awakened every morning with their songs and noise. It reminds us of the hymn: This is my Father's world—The birds their carols raise."



it this way: "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors. God made their tiny wings." (Cecil Frances Alexander—1848). So we see and enjoy all of God's creation.

In addition to the obvious benefits and blessings that we gain from the near proximity of our little feathered friends, there are life lessons of faith and providence which help us in our daily living. We observe how the environment for their homes is chosen and constructed to be safe and comfortable. We notice a rapid growth toward maturity and independence. Finally, each one grows into a life of personal responsibility.

Our rustic home provides many nesting places for our feathered guests. A robin family has returned to one of the beams of our front porch rafters. Just above our back door is a nest of a tufted titmouse. Two families of house wrens, which have built in hollowed out gourds, hang from tree branches. A mother Carolina wren has established her rather expansive nest in our shop/storage building where she continuously scolds any person or car which comes near. Within a short period of time, some soft 'tweeting' indicates that new baby birds have hatched. A peek into the nests reveal the gaping mouths of four hungry babies, which their mother and father hasten to satisfy with a diet of bugs.

Another timeless lesson is mentioned in the Bible: Matthew 6:25,26, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." God care for them and also us!

Baby birds are most unattractive with huge eyes and distended bellies and wings no bigger than matchsticks. They are a far cry from the graceful adult birds that we will be seeing and hearing throughout the summer. Our hymn states

The author, Victor Hugo has written this: "Be like the bird that, pausing in her flight a while on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her yet sings, know that she hath wings."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMUNIQUE

From CE Director, Ginny Westover

At last, the days of winter are behind us! The time spent huddled under a fleece dreaming of all places warm and wonderful will soon come to fruition as our calendars fill with summer plans. As we block off days and weeks for vacations and gatherings I want to encourage and challenge us to also plan time to read the Bible. Most all followers of Jesus would agree that Bible reading is essential to growing deeper in our relationship with Him, but struggle to maintain the habit when schedules get busy or our time with God feels forced and dry. Like any worthwhile activity, it takes planning, practice and some personal push to get into a steady and sustainable rhythm. Summer is the perfect time to set some new goals in this area! Maybe your goal is for your own spiritual growth. Maybe you will want to determine to read the Bible as a family. Maybe both! Whatever the case, here

are three suggested areas to help in your planning. (because we all know that without a plan there will be no progress).

WHEN: When is the best time of day for you to spend a few minutes with God? There is no "right time." First thing in the morning works best for me, but I have a friend who reads her Bible during her lunch break, and another who spends time with God before going to bed at night. The important thing is to choose a time and then stick to it as much as you are able. Part of "when" is "for how long?" Again, no right or wrong. Be realistic. Start small with 5 or 10 minutes. Then push for a few more. The most important thing is **start**.

WHERE: Place is another important consideration. You'll want someplace quiet and

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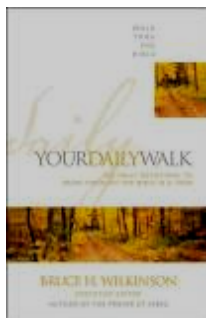
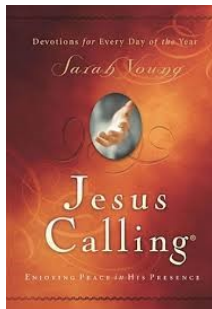
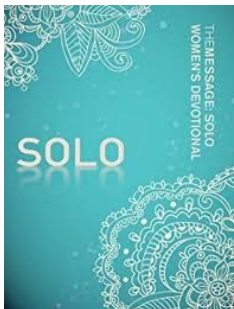
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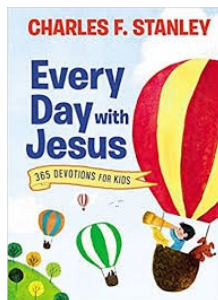
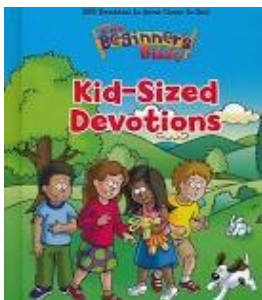
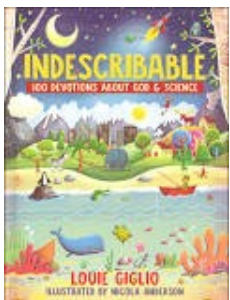
free from distractions. That can be challenging with children up and around. I remember well the days of early morning tip-toeing downstairs, carefully avoiding the steps that creaked, to enjoy a few moments with Jesus (and a cup of coffee). Susanna Wesley (of Methodist renown) is said to have thrown her apron over her head to create her own private prayer “closet.” Whatever your circumstance, press through and on! The benefits are beyond worth it!

WHAT: With 66 books to choose from in the Bible and more devotional options than anyone wants to count, the “what” of Bible reading can seem quite overwhelming. So, if you’re in need of a “what” start small. If you want to read a book of the Bible, most people find the New Testament an easier read than the Old. The gospels are a good place to begin, as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each focus on the life of Jesus. Read what you can in the time you allotted. Save a minute or two to quietly ponder what you read. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand. That’s His job and He loves to open our minds and hearts to the truth that transforms us! Before I hit “send” I will leave you with a few devotional guide suggestions, both book and digital. Most books can be found at Friendship Bookstore or ordered online.

Adult/Teen



Family Devotions/Ages 7-12



JellyTelly is an online, scripture-based app that specializes in Christian programming for children. On it you will find shows, movies and five minute family devotionals that inspire kids and help them grow in their faith. It is a safe place for kids to experience fun and engaging entertainment while learning about God, the Bible and faith. Creator Phil Vischer is the maker of Veggie Tales and the What's in the Bible? series that we are currently using as part of Jr. Church. The subscription costs \$5.00 a month. With it comes unlimited access to all programs and also a parent blog. Why not include some faith-building fun in the screen time you allow your kids to have this summer?! You can try it free for one week.



This icon represents You Version's Bible App for Kids. It is a free interactive Bible experience designed specifically to engage children with stories from the Bible. Easy to navigate through, kids will love the touch-activated animations, colorful illustrations and special activities and challenges that go along with each Bible story. Find it at your device's app store.



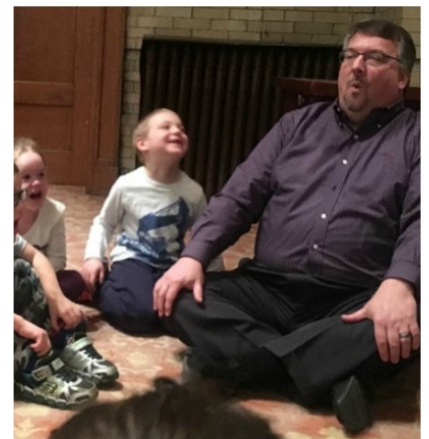
YouVersion

Here's the adult/teen app. Also free, this is a treasure trove of Bible study and devotional materials. You can choose from a plethora of plans that are designed to help you explore a book of the Bible or a biblically based topic to study. Plans vary in length, ranging from three days to an entire year and everything in between. There are also related videos to watch. You can choose to participate in a plan by yourself or with a friend. I have used this app ever since Susan made me aware of it several months ago and love it! I have found it easy to use with very meaningful content.

The most important part of planning where, when and what to read is, of course, **doing** the plan. All it takes is that intentional, deliberate first step! Know that when you take it, God is right there, longing to spend time with you and fill you with the spiritual nourishment you need for the day.

PRESCHOOL 2017-2018

From Ginny Westover, Assistant Teacher



Lewistown Community

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BIBLE SCHOOL

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunday-Thursdays

June 24-28

@ Lewistown
Presbyterian Church
with First United Methodist,
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic
St. John's Lutheran, and
First Baptist churches!

5:30 p.m. **Supper**
(free hot dogs)

Friday, June 29

**Family
Pool Party**

@ Rec
Park



REGISTRATION FORM Yes! I want to be part of Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!

Name _____

Age _____ Grade (completed) _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact (June 24-28 evenings) _____

Phone _____

Special Needs/Allergies _____

Please submit this form to the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, 17 E. Third St., Lewistown
More information: 248-4561 lewispres@comcast.net

2018 GRADUATES



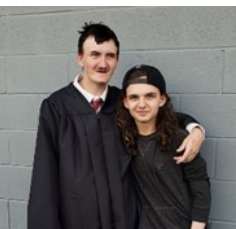
Annalise Haines—During her High School years, she participated in yearbook, spirit club, student council, drama club (Patty in GREASE), and as co-director of film and drama at the middle school. She has been in concert choir since 9th grade and in Cantare during her senior year. She played volleyball for the high school during her sophomore and junior years and managed the boy's basketball during those same years. This summer she plans to work at the Lewistown Creamery and to make the most of the warm days. In the fall she will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in English Education and possibly a minor in Theater. Annalise is the daughter of Bryan and Maryann Haines.



Mercy Westover, daughter of Ginny Westover, is a 2018 high school graduate of the Susquehanna Valley Homeschool Association. Mercy has been active in many facets of ministry here at LPC, participating in Youth, helping with VBS, Kidz Klub, and serving in the nursery. She has enjoyed mission trips and singing in the choir. Mercy currently serves as a deacon. Outside of church, her passion is her horses, both big and small. This summer will find Mercy showing in the Hunt Seat and Miniature Driving and Jumping arenas when she is not working at the Allensville Planing Mill. She plans to work at APM before pursuing further education.



Liam Shelly, son of Donald Shelly and Cora Beaver-Shelly, will graduated from Manchester (NH) Central High School in June. He is an alum of the LPC Preschool and attended Mifflin County schools from Kindergarten until his family's move in January 2018. He still "identifies" as a Mifflin County Husky. Liam plans to study Media Arts & Technology at Lakes Region Community College (NH) this fall.



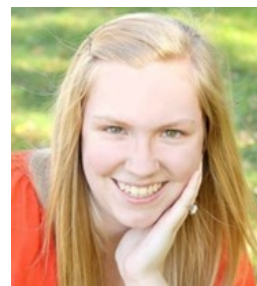
Michael Wirrick is the son of Saturn Wirrick and Michael Wirrick. He graduated from MCHS, attending the Academy, earning a diploma in Production Agriculture. He enjoys four wheeling, fishing and camping. He is currently working for the Lewistown Borough.



Chelsea Ann Siddons is the daughter of Brad and Elaine Siddons of Lewistown. She graduated in May from Slippery Rock University's Graduate School of Physical Therapy with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. While at The Rock, Chelsea received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award in 2017 and an Academic Excellence Award in 2018, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She's now studying for her PT license and plans to pursue a travel physical therapy career throughout the country. She was salutatorian of the Lewistown Area High School Class of 2011 before graduating summa cum laude in 2015 from Slippery Rock, with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. She has been a life-long member of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church family.



Rachel Brown graduated summa cum laude from the Honors College of West Chester University on December 17, 2017. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmaceutical product development. She will begin medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in August. Rachel is also engaged to be married to Patrick Fitzgerald in 2020. Rachel is the daughter of Pat Brown and the late Bradford G Brown.



Victoria Pecht will be graduating from South Hills School of Business & Technology in September 2018 with an Associate's Degree in Specialized Business, Administrative Professional. After graduation, she will pursue a career in the administrative field and will be moving to New Jersey to start a new journey with her future husband, Brandon Wain. The BIG DAY will be June 1, 2019!

**"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King Jr.**

NURSERY SCHOOL 2017-2018

From Ginny Westover, Assistant Teacher



FAMILIES OF THE WEEK

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

Brad and Elaine Siddons

Brad and Elaine are so thankful for the many times members of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church family continue to lift them up in prayer. Brad, who is continuing preventative chemo, is about to observe the 1st anniversary of his stem cell transplant! They are active LPC members and are thankful for the many blessings God has given them through their 33 years of marriage. Now Lewistown empty-nesters, they are the parents of three grown daughters, Leah, Sarah and Chelsea, a son-in-law, Dustin, and a granddaughter, Abi. Brad retired in 2015 from The Sentinel after more than 36 years in the newsroom and as technology coordinator. Elaine, who worked for 25 years at The Sentinel before becoming a teacher for the past 10 years, teaches kindergarten at Lewistown Elementary School.

Geneva (Jean) Clark

Jean and her husband, Bob, owned Clark's Hardware store for forty-five years. She wants the church to know that she has not been able to come to church in quite awhile because she has trouble sitting for a long length of time. She is the sister of Tom Gross. Tom sees that she gets a bulletin to keep in touch a little. She has a birthday on August 16, and will be 90 years old! She praises God for all the blessings He has given her!

Marlene Creighton

Marlene likes antiquing and being with her great grandchildren. She has two children, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She met her late husband Dan Creighton in Irwin, Pennsylvania where she worked at West Penn Power. She has been a member of our church since 1967, and is also an elder and deacon. She did a lot of cooking in our church's kitchen, including making caramels and many dinners. She also helped with vacation Bible schools at our church.

Cole, Kari, Riley, Reece, and Bailey Cullen

Cole is creative director at WPSU in State College. Kari is branch manager of Everence Federal Credit Union in Belleville. Both like music, playing music, and working with the Mifflin County High School marching band. Kari and Cole met when they were both members of the Penn State Blue Band. Their sons Riley and Reese play in the Mifflin County High School marching band. Reese also plays piano and likes reading. Their younger son Bailey is learning to play the drums. All three sons also like to play video games. Cole likes the different music and music opportunities at our church, and the multiple opportunities to give back to our church and community.

Kim and Pat Shoop

Kim and Pat have three children and three grandchildren. Kim works at Seven Mountains EMS Council, and Pat works at Fame EMS. Kim enjoys spending time with family and horseback riding. Pat likes to photograph fire engines. Kim grew up in the church and has lots of good memories of our church, including being part of a wonderful youth group.

Miranda Shoop

Miranda is currently working with the Lumina Center through Americorp. Miranda has seen God at work through her work at the Lumina Center and her time as a counselor at Camp Krislund. She has built deep relationships with the children and families that are connected with the Lumina Center and has a passion for working with children. Miranda was ordained a Deacon last year and also serves on the Christian Education Committee. Music is her passion and she considers it her gift from God. She loves that the church has become her family and encourages her to seek God in everything she does. And she doesn't want Pastor Jim and Devon to leave.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

FINANCIAL REPORT

From Church Treasurer, Susan L. Ferguson

| | <u>Jan - May 18</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Budgeted Income | 85,005.52 | 217,582.00 | 39.07% |
| Investment Income | 44,028.79 | 139,100.00 | 31.65% |
| Total Income | <u>129,034.31</u> | <u>356,682.00</u> | <u>36.18%</u> |
| | 129,034.31 | 356,682.00 | 36.18% |
| Expense | | | |
| Benevolence | 5,471.75 | 30,000.00 | 18.24% |
| Ministry of the Word | 38,126.79 | 103,652.00 | 36.78% |
| Christian Education | 3,110.76 | 5,600.00 | 55.55% |
| Music and Worship | 686.25 | 2,350.00 | 29.2% |
| Property | 23,574.68 | 52,231.00 | 45.14% |
| Administration | 8,380.72 | 27,902.00 | 30.04% |
| Personnel | 30,134.05 | 92,900.00 | 32.44% |
| Fellowship | 611.47 | 1,800.00 | 33.97% |
| Preschool | 19,323.02 | 35,247.00 | 54.82% |
| Capital Reserve | <u>2,083.34</u> | <u>5,000.00</u> | <u>41.67%</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>131,502.83</u> | <u>356,682.00</u> | <u>36.87%</u> |
| | <u>-2,468.52</u> | | |

(Note: May 31 marks
41.67% of year to date)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will not meet in July on the 4th, but will resume their monthly meetings at the Honey Creek Inn on Wednesday, August 1 at 11:30 AM. Women of all ages are welcome! Please join us for good food and encouraging fellowship!

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be held at Kish Park on Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6 PM. The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD: The suggested donations for June and July are: macaroni, paper products, pancake mix, peanut butter, applesauce, cereal and canned/boxed juices, canned meats, vegetable soup, instant potatoes, Jello and puddings.

NEW POSITION AT LPC: In order to strengthen our educational programming and create a closer relationship between the church and our preschool, the Session has formed a new

position of director of all educational programming at Lewistown Presbyterian Church and Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool. This position has been offered to and accepted by Ginny Westover. In this role, Ginny will continue to coordinate Sunday School, Bible School, Youth Group, and Adult Educational and Small Group offerings, but she will take on the additional role of Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool Director. In this role, she will work with the Preschool Committee to develop curriculum for our Nursery School and Preschool, serve as lead teacher in the Preschool program and supervisor of the entire nursery school preschool program. This is part of an ongoing effort to build the relationship between the church and the school, and it will serve our goal of providing not only excellent preparation for kindergarten, but also provide our students with Biblical teaching to give them and their families the opportunity to know and follow Jesus Christ. Your Session is very excited by the possibilities afforded by this decision.

SESSION NOTES

From Clerk of Session, Susan Ferguson



A special meeting of the Session of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church was held 4/29/18 at 9:00 AM at the church manse and accomplished the following:

Examined and approved the 2018 Confirmation Class. Our newest members are:

- Reece Cary Oliver Cullen
- Riley Cole Marlin Cullen
- Alexander Banks Garner
- Daniel Nelson Garner
- Margo Lynn Reeder
- Carolyn Mary Sims
- James Theodore Hirakis Zagurskie

We are delighted to welcome these fine young believers into church membership.

The regular meeting of the Session of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church was held 5/10/18, at 7:00 PM in the Baraca Room and accomplished the following:

- Pastor Thomas led opening devotions using 1 Peter 2:1-17 followed by a time of joys and concerns along with prayer.
- Approved, with regret the removal of Todd and Johnette Jones from the rolls. Todd and Johnette have joined another church.
- Approved the use of the Baraca room for birthday parties on 6/28 & 7/15/18
- Approved the use of the sanctuary on 6/11, 6/18 and 6/21 for Rainbow Summer activities
- Received a thank you note from Habitat for Humanity of Mifflin County for our contribution of \$125.00
- Received a note from Eric and Becky Hinderliter informing us of their temporary return to the the Lithuanian Christian Colleges so that Eric can teach another course
- Commissioned Elder Riden to represent LPC at the 6/22/18 presbytery meeting at the McVeytown Church
- Approved supplying ten filled backpacks for

the Mifflin County Children and Youth Back to School Party

- Acknowledged that receptions will be held for the confirmation class and graduates. The first lemonade on the lawn will be held on 6/10/18.
- Agreed to participate in the Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund-raising Campaign to support Crossroads Pregnancy Center
- Learned 10 people are needed to participate at a cost of \$750 per person for Adventures for Mission and air travel cost. Trip dates 10/14 – 10/18/18
- Evangelism and Mission will be providing the activity for the children at the Faith Festival. The children will be making slime
- Acknowledged the registration for the 2018-2019 School Year is 37 children for Preschool and 18 for Nursery School
- Approved a \$650 scholarship towards the Garner family to attend the New Wilmington Mission Conference.
- Acknowledged that Volunteer Recognition will be held during the worship service on 5/20/18.
- Learned registration for Krislund Traveling Day Camp are now being accepted
- Received the April Financial Report

The Session met on Monday, June 4 for a meeting called by Pastor Thomas and:

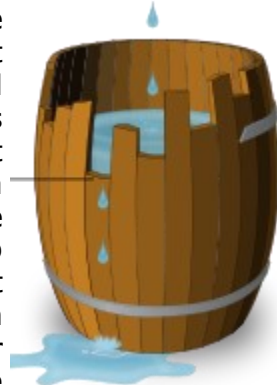
- Discussed Nursery School and Preschool staffing and approved a letter to be sent to parents of children registered for next year to inform them of this decision and of the benefits it will bring to their children
- Received the news from Pastor Thomas that he has received a call to another church beginning on August 1. Details of the transition will be discussed at the regular session meeting on June 14.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

From Pastor Thomas on Behalf of the Church Health Team

Our latest Natural Church Development survey indicates that we are much like the children of Prairie Home Companion's Lake Wobegon, where "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average!" The results of the survey we administered last month put us above the average for all of the eight Natural Church Development categories of church health!

If you remember how the Natural Church Development concept works, you will remember that a church is only as strong as its weakest category. The image of a barrel is used to demonstrate that it can only hold water up to the level of its lowest stave. Your church health team is very pleased that our numbers in the surveys we have taken over the last three years have risen in most categories, particularly in those which were below average.



gains in the category of Need-Oriented Evangelism. We believe this growth was due to our commitment to Traveling Day Camp and the Community Outreach facet of the 40 Days of Community Campaign.

Our weakest characteristics, Loving Relationships and Passionate Spirituality continue to be challenges to us even though we have improved significantly in each category. While we now score above average on both of these categories, we are just above average on each. Passionate Spirituality, which was our focus last year improved seven points, but is still our weakest at 52%. Of course, we acknowledged that this is a typically low-scoring measure for Presbyterians. We tend to keep our faith in our minds and hands in thought and outreach rather than in our hearts and emotions. However, as we looked at models of Christian life in both scripture and in church history, we discovered that God desires that we engage our hearts and emotions in our worship and service. Church growth experts have found that churches whose members are excited about their faith attract new members!

While we are at the end of the three-year Natural Church Development process, your Church Health Team hopes that LPC will continue to seek to engage our emotions in order to increase our passion for God and our love for each other.

KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP

From Your Christian Education Committee: Susan Ferguson, Leah Riden, Miranda Shoop, Elaine Siddons, Ginny Westover

Krislund Traveling Day Camp is returning to Lewistown Presbyterian for the third consecutive summer of ministry this July! During the week of July 16-20 volunteers from LPC partner with Krislund staff for a unique and powerful time of sharing Jesus with 100 kids in grades K-8. LOTS of hands go into making this week a meaningful one. There are many opportunities to use your talents! How will you serve?

- lead a group of kids (as many days as you are able: one day, two days or all five!)
- help serve lunch (as many days as you are able; Mon - Wed)
- donate snack items (cereal bars, goldfish crackers, pretzels, Chex snack mix, or cookies)
- prepare a supper for the Krislund staff Mon, Tue, or Wed. (they stay at LPC)
- give a monetary donation
- Pray



Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee with your choice or with any questions. Thank you! You are storing up treasure in heaven!

VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE

Children's Chat

- 3 Ginny Westover
- 10 Elaine Siddons
- 27 Lynn Curry
- 24 Miranda Shoop

Liturgists

- 3 Susan Ferguson
- 10 Brad Siddons
- 17 Paul Olbrich
- 24 Susan Ferguson

Counters

- 3 Lonnie Griffith and Ed Curry
- 10 Kari Cullen and John Gregory
- 17 Dale Henry and Ginny Westover
- 24 Jack Wilson and Maryann Haines

Deacon for the Month

Donis Zagurskie

Children's Church

- 3 Ginny Westover
- 10 Elaine Siddons
- 17 Lynn Curry
- 24 Miranda Shoop

Infants/Toddlers/Preschool

- 3 Pam Pecht and Vicky Pecht
- 10 Karrisa Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie
- 17 Rachel Cunningham and Riley Cullen
- 24 Elaine Siddons and Alex Garner

Ushers

Amy Smith (lead usher)
Marilyn Miller
Violet Miller
Carl Haldeman
Patricia Snyder
Paul Olbrich

Acolytes

- 3 Leland Mitchell
- 10 Lucas Garner
- 17 Landon Cunningham
- 24 Bailey Cullen

VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

Children's Chat

- 1 Maryann Haines
- 8 Susan Ferguson
- 15 Ginny Westover
- 22 Kari Cullen
- 29 Annalise Haines

Counters

- 1 Ed Curry and Lonnie Griffith
- 8 Lisa Snyder and Dale Henry
- 15 Lisa Snyder and Jack Wilson
- 22 Bill Sisson and Kari Cullen
- 29 Bill Sisson and Maryann Haines

Acolytes

- 1 Leland Mitchell
- 8 Blake Cunningham
- 15 Leland Mitchell
- 22 Bailey Cullen
- 29 Bailey Cullen

Children's Church

- 1 Miranda Shoop
- 8 Gerri Aitkin
- 15 Ginny Westover
- 22 Kari Cullen
- 29 Annalise Haines


Infants/Toddlers/Preschool

- 1 Leah Riden and Margo Reeder
- 8 Betsy Harper and Danny Garner
- 15 Mercy Westover and Alex Garner
- 22 Elaine Siiddons and Riley Cullen
- 29 Zoe Finan and Jimmy Zagurskie


Deacon for the Month: Gerri Aitkin

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY: Please reserve Sunday, July 22 for a celebration to honor Pastor Jim and Devon Thomas and to send them off with our love and prayers. Details will be announced in the bulletin and through Facebook.

JUNE 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Volunteer Recognition 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group | 4 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 5 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor | 6 6:30 am Group Study—manse 11:30 am Presbyterian Women— Honey Creek Inn | 7 7:00 pm Committee Night | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Graduation Sunday 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Deacons' Meeting 11:30 am Lemonade Fellowship 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Adult Study—manse | 11 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 12 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor | 13 6:30 am Group Study—manse | 14 7:00 pm Session Meeting | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Father's Day 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship | 18 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm VBS Committee Meeting | 19 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor | 20 6:30 am Group Study—manse | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Community Lunch | 25 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 26 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor 9:00 am Backyard Min. cookie collection 7:00 pm Mt. Rock Cemetery Board Meeting | 27 6:30 am Group Study—manse | 28 | 29 | 30 11:00 am Betty Leeper's Memorial Service |
| Community VBS—June 24-28 | | | | | | |

July 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Adult Study—manse | 2 | 3 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor | 4 Holiday Church office closed | 5 7:00 pm Committee Night | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Adult Study—manse | 9 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 10 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor 6:00 pm Church Picnic Green pavilion | 11 6:30 am Group Study—manse | 12 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Session | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:00 am Adult Study Group 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Adult Study—manse | 16 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 17 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor | 18 6:30 am Group Study—manse | 19 PANORAMA DEADLINE | 20 | 21 |
| Krislund Traveling Day Camp | | | | | | |
| 22 Deacons' Offering 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group | 23 11:30 am Prayer 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | 24 6:30 pm Small Group—3 rd floor 9:00 am Backyard Ministries cookie collection | 25 6:30 am Group Study—manse 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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