

THE PANORAMA

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The **Preschool and Nursery School** classroom is hopping with fun learning experiences! 33 four-year-olds and 19 three-year-olds have jumped into the start of school with lots of energy and enthusiasm! Teachers and children are loving the freshly painted walls and cupboards! (Thank you, Carole Auker and her painting crew!) Our new Frog Street curriculum is getting a two thumbs-up with its "whole learning for the whole child" approach to early education. Take a look at the bulletin board in the office hallway for a glimpse at what we're learning this month and please feel free to hop into the classroom anytime and experience a part of our daily routine. Whether it's Circle Time, Practice/Play Centers, or Snack Time, you will find a warm welcome!

Hoppy to Serve, Mrs. Westover, Mrs. Henry, and Miss Miranda!











BEFORE TV, VIDEO GAMES AND CELL PHONES

Rev. Robert Zorn

The invitation to share some "old time toys" at a former noon fellowship encouraged me to take a nostalgic memory trip back to the days of We childhood. entertained ourselves with simple, everyday which needed items assembly and reauired no batteries to provide many hours of enjoyment. My brothers and I each had a favorite automobile tire which we rolled up and down the rocky lane and raced down

the hills. The plentiful elderberry stalks with their soft centers provided the basic material for wooden whistles, flutes and popquns. Barrel staves made wonderful, but not fast, snow skis. Supple young hickory trees were ideal for making bows for shooting arrows. A forked branch laced with rubber strips cut from tire inner tubes made a fine bean shooter or slingshot. Two rawhide straps attached to a round leather pocket transformed us into the little shepherd boy, David, who slew the mighty Goliath. Fortunately, no giants ever made their appearance on our farm. Wooden roof shingles could be made into darts which, when launched with a stick and string, could fly over the barn and beyond. Two crossed sticks threaded with string and covered with paper made a dandy kite. Then there was the loosely jointed wooden man who would dance on a thin paddle tapped in time with some



knew no shade of sin or fear; "Come in," he said, "and play awhile with me; I am the little child you used to be." Henry van Dyke familiar tune. Some of the fellows in our neighborhood could make the man dance while playing a harmonica at the same time.

There were corncobs which could be fashioned into all sorts of useful items. Cross section slices of the cobs served well for checkers. Whole corncobs could be used as logs to build houses, bridges and forts. Our sisters made corncob

dolls and dressed them with the husks. When combined with feathers, the cobs became high flying missiles and slowly descending helicopters (even though none of us had ever seen a helicopter).

Our mother's constant quilting provided us with many empty thread spools. My favorite toy was to combine a spool, a stick, a chunk of wax and a rubber band to make a slow moving tractor. My first serious cut finger (I still have the scar) came while I was trying to make a spinner top out of a spool. A wooden plank over a sawhorse was our see-saw and a wooden wheel set on a vertical axle provided a merry-go-round.

I hope I may have awakened some fond memories for you. If I have, please share them with your family and friends.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ginny Westover, CE Director

This is not the article I started to write for this month's Panorama. In fact, this is the second time that I've shelved my original idea in exchange for what eventually emerged from my keyboard. I'm not complaining. I rather enjoy the unusual happenstance of having a topic "simmering on the back burner." And while I won't develop the subject now, I will give you a sneak peek because it serves as the background for what you're about to read.

The seed was planted sometime during the week of Krislund Traveling Day Camp while I was reading over the scriptures used for the daily devotional. These were the words that jumped out at me from Ephesians 4:1 and continued to re-play again and again in my thoughts: "I urge you (some versions read "beg" or "plead with you") to live a

life worthy of the calling you have received." The implications of this seemed huge to me. "How, Lord?" I asked. "How do we live a life worthy of our calling?" I thought of the hundred plus kids that had come earlier to VBS and now to TDC. Many of their home lives were painfully dysfunctional with no knowledge of Jesus. I thought of how hard it had been to find people to help. And I thought of our own kids; how wonderful it is when everyone comes to church and can learn about Jesus together, but how inconsistently that happens. I thought of faithful and tired volunteers and the desperate need for others to share the load; especially in the nursery. "How can we as a church collectively live a life worthy of the calling we have received?" I asked again. "Or"... I wondered, "Have we not truly embraced our identity as redeemed

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children of God? If we have indeed been called out of darkness into light, if we have indeed been transferred from the perishing kingdom of this world into the glorious, eternal kingdom of God, then why are we so enamored by the things of this world? Why do our priorities reflect more of the tiny kingdom of self and the culture around us than the limitless kingdom of God within us?" I had no answers. My questions seemed to bounce off the ceiling and gather into a dark cloud of discouragement.

Given this frame of mind, you will understand my surprise and excitement when a few short weeks later I was asked this question after the morning worship service. Actually, it was more of an offer than a question. "We would like to teach Jr. Church. For the whole year. We would like our kids to be able to experience Sunday School like we remember; the opening time with songs and attendance taking, memorizing scripture verses, Bible stories, prizes, everything! We'd like to help build the kids' program back up. You can count on us to be there every Sunday..."

Someone please pinch me and tell me I'm not dreaming! A family so passionate about kids knowing the Bible that they are willing to commit to teaching Children's Church for an entire year! Wow! This is part of "living lives worthy of our calling"! This telling is part of our calling! "Teach them (the commands of God) diligently to your children..." (Dueteronomy 4). "That they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may rise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments" (Psalm 78:5-7). Yes! Praise God that this family is living out these truths and is willing to commit themselves to teaching the children in our congregation!

And that happy news brings me to the exciting announcement about Children's Church 2018-2019! Beginning September 9, 2018 and continuing through the summer of 2019, children in grades K-5 will be digging into the treasures of God's Word. Starting in Genesis and ending in Revelation, kids will look at 50 Bible stories and the important truths found in each about God and their relationship with Him. The Bible stories correspond with those found in The Young Reader's Bible. Each child will receive a copy of this compilation of 70 easy-to-read Bible stories and will be able to take their Bible home each week and continue reading or being read to. Besides learning the stories, children will also

learn how and where to find them. They will get practice in navigating through the books of the Bible and learning what and who belongs to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Songs and Bible memory verses will also be a consistent part of this new format. Also new (or revisited) is that children will sit with their family for the entire worship service on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month).

Romans 10:17 tells us that "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The growing and deepening of each child's faith is the goal of Children's Church. The time we have to do that is short; less than one hour, three Sundays per month. There is so much at stake! What can possibly be more important than reserving just one hour a week to instruct our children in the ways of God? Our children are the church, now and in the future. So, are you a parent or grandparent or neighbor of a child in kindergarten through fifth grade? Be the means to get him or her to the 10:30 Sunday service and the opportunity to know God through His Word at Children's Church. And if you would like to be a part of the fun, either by teaching regularly or as a sub, or by helping, contact any member of the Christian Ed committee (Susan, Leah Riden, Miranda, Elaine, or Ginny) or Diane or Hannah Griffith, or Rachel Cunningham. And the next time you see one of these last three listed lovely ladies, give them a big "THANK YOU!" and word of encouragement for stepping up and taking the lead!



FAMILIES OF THE WEEK

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

Rachel, Jason, Landon, Blake and Ainsley Cunningham

Jason works at Kish Bank. Rachel is at home taking care of their three children, Landon, Blake and Ainsley. Rachel enjoys reading. Jason likes coaching their children's sports teams, and watching college football. Rachel also enjoys watching their children in the children's choir and other children's programs at our church.

Ed and Lynn Curry

Ed worked for thirty eight years as a teacher, coach and administrator for the Mifflin County School District. Lynn owned a photography studio for about 25 years, photographing families, children, weddings, and portraits. Lynn is active in the outdoors, loves the beach, and likes to serve others. Ed likes to hunt and fish. They both like to spend time with their family. They have two children, Tara Reeder and Wade Curry. Ed appreciates sharing worship with friends and family and being involved with small groups and a wide variety of activities at our church.

Wade, Maxi, Jack and Lily Curry

Maxi works at Barr Funeral Home. Wade is employed at Kish Bank. They enjoy spending time with their children, Jack and Lily. Wade and Maxi know each other from when they were children in our church. Maxi especially appreciates our church's Christmas eve service.

Nina Searer and Tyler

Nina is married to Heavy Searer. She has one son and two stepsons. Her son Tyler has a daughter and two sons, and one of her stepsons has a son. Nina grew up in our church and remembers enjoying friendships with other youth in church and as part of the youth fellowship group. Nina worked in retail for many years, starting in 1969 and including managing a health food store. Her last job was in maintenance and cleaning at Sacred Heart School. Tyler was raised in the church and was married by Rev. Jim Thomas. He works at Lewistown Hospital as a parking valet. He enjoys playing guitar, hunting, and playing Xbox.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet Wednesday, September 5 at 11:30 AM at the Honey Creek Inn. Women of all ages are welcome! Please join us for good food and encouraging fellowship!

YOUTH FUN FALL EVENT! Kick off the beginning of the new school year with your friends at the annual combined youth overnight at McVeytown Presbyterian, September 7 and 8. Games and campfire food will begin at 6 PM; flashlight tag and a movie get started after the football game. Dave's famous chocolate chip pancakes are on the menu for breakfast. Krislund staff arrives later in the morning with Ga-Ga, 9 Square in the Air, and other camp favorites. We'll head home at 1:00 PM after pizza. Grab a release form from Miranda or Ginny, then bring your sleeping bag, Bible, and a snack to share and join the fun!

MITTENS AND HATS: Backyard Ministries has asked for a collection of hats and mittens for children in our community. There is a tree in the narthex with mittens placed on it. Pink is girls! Blue is boys! Sizes needed are on each mitten. Please help us keep kids warm this winter by

taking a mitten and purchasing a hat and mittens for the size indicated. Thank you so much for helping with this valued ministry. ~Blessings, Lynn Curry, Backyard Ministries Representative

DISCOUNT CARDS: The Lumina Center's new discount cards are available, offering discounts at 12 area restaurants through August 31, 2019. The cards sell for \$10 and are available in our church office or from Elaine Siddons, who has replaced Pastor Jim on the Lumina Center Board of Directors.











SESSION NOTES

From Clerk of Session, Susan Ferguson

The regular meeting of the Session of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church was held 8/9/18, at 7:00 PM in the Baraca Room and accomplished the following:

- Elder Sue Garner lead opening devotions using Joshua 1:7-18, followed by a time of joy and concerns along with prayer
- Restored into membership Diane Griffith
- Approved the use of the Baraca Room for Huntingdon Presbytery's Session Records Review on 10/3/18
- Approved the use of the Baraca Room request by Chuck Peffer, Program Director of Family Group Discussion on 8/30/18
- Accepted thank you notes from Shelter Services for contribution of food and the \$88.58 offering from the Community Vacation Bible School
- The clerk extended appreciation to all those involved with the Farewell Gathering for Pastor Jim and Devon Thomas
- Acknowledge that Rev. Scott Andrews will moderate the 9/13/18 Session meeting in Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann's absence
- Received the report from Pastor Kaufmann that the Search Committee Liaisons will be Rev. Carl Campbell for the Interim Pastor Search and Rev. Scott Andrews for the Pulpit Nominating Committee.
- Received special permission from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to allow both search committees to work together in completing the necessary paperwork to begin their searches
- Special training will be held at the Providence Church on 9/6/18 sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- The Fellowship committee will host Lemonade on the Lawn on 8/12 and 9/9/18 after the worship service
- Approved the removal of the vine on the roof and side of the building
- Approved repairs to the steps in the front of the sanctuary and the side entrance on Brown Street
- Acknowledged with gratitude those that helped with painting the Preschool Rooms. Including Ken and Ruth Fisher, Ginny

- Westover, Margie Henry, Jeff Glendye and Scott and Carole Auker
- Approved providing a craft for the Ice Festival
- Thanked all of those involved with Krislund Traveling Day Camp
- Approved involvement in Krislund Traveling Day Camp next year from 7/15 – 7/19/2019
- Approved discontinuing Junior Church on Communion Sundays
- Acknowledged that the Christian Education Committee will be working with Hannah Griffith, Diane Griffith and Rachel Cunningham with the Junior Church program
- Plans are underway for a one day family event on 10/6/18 using Treasure Hunt Fall Fest
- Approved the July Financial Report
- Music and Worship provided the names for pulpit supply and Elder Worship Leader
- Nursery School/Preschool will hold a Meet and Greet on 8/19/18 instead of the Open Houses done in previous years
- A request for a volunteer webmaster will be pursued, until a volunteer is found Elder Ferguson will make necessary changes to the website
- Elder Fisher will meet with the church secretary about who to contact with various questions including:
 - Questions regarding the church to go to Susan Ferguson
 - Nursery School/Preschool questions to Ginny Westover, then if necessary the Preschool Committee
 - Correspondence going out from the church office needs a review/proof read before it goes out
 - Rev. Kaufmann will review the Sunday bulletins on Wednesday
 - ♦ Susan Ferguson will review the Panorama
 - Rev. Zorn should be informed of any deaths, hospitalization or illnesses, as well as items for the prayer lists
- Any items to be displayed on the screen should be sent to Doug Garner by Thursday to be included in Sunday morning
- Order of Worship items will be provided by Music and Worship and the visiting ministers



SEPTEMBER GUEST MINISTERS

- 2 Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann
- 9 Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Chottiner
- 16 Rev. Anne Mevers
- 23 Rev. Robert Zorn

FINANCIAL REPORT

From Church Treasurer, Susan L. Ferguson



	Jan - Jul 2018	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
BUDGETED INCOME	114,690.41	217,582.00	52.71%
INVESTMENT INCOME	78,367.02	139,100.00	56.34%
Total Income	193,057.43	356,682.00	54.13%
Expense			
BENEVOLENCE	8,616.06	30,000.00	28.72%
MINISTRY OF THE WORD	57,564.58	103,652.00	55.54%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	4,114.48	5,600.00	73.47%
MUSIC AND WORSHIP	686.25	2,350.00	29.20%
PROPERTY	31,503.57	52,231.00	60.32%
ADMINISTRATION	13,770.67	27,902.00	49.35%
PERSONNEL	47,062.86	92,900.00	50.66%
FELLOWSHIP	941.01	1,800.00	52.28%
PRESCHOOL	22,535.25	35,247.00	63.94%
CAPITAL RESERVE	2,916.68	5,000.00	58.33%
Total Expense	189,711.41	356,682.00	53.19%
	3,346.02	July 31st represents 58.88% of year to date	

VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Children's Chat

- 2 Elaine Siddons
- 9 Susan Ferguson
- 16 Sue Garner
- 23 Miranda Shoop
- 30 Ginny Westover

Children's Church

- 2 Communion
- 9 Griffiths/Cunningham
- 16 Griffiths/Cunningham
- 23 Griffiths/Cunningham
- 30 Griffiths/Cunningham

Acolytes for September

Blake & Landon Cunningham

Counters

- 2 Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith
- 9 Lisa Snyder & Dale Henry
- 16 Bill Sisson & Jack Wilson
- 23 Kari Cullen & Dave Noss
- 30 Bill Sisson & Maryann Haines

Infants/Toddlers/Preschool

- 2 Mercy Westover
- 9 Leah Riden
- 16 Pam Pecht
- 23 Zoe Finan
- 30 Brett Buchanan

Deacon for the Month

Zoë Finan

Worship Elders

- 2 Carole Auker
- 9 Susan Ferguson
- 16 Sue Garner
- 23 Tara Reeder
- 30 Lonnie Griffith

USHERS for September

Sue Garner (head usher) Alex Garner Cathy McClenahen

Gloria Runk

Larry & Linda O'Dell

Liturgists

- 2 Bill Sisson
- 9 Mercy Westover
- 16 Ginny Westover
- 23 Diane Griffith
- 30 Carole Auker

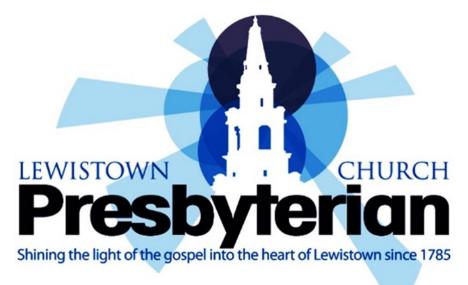


SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2 Communion 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Worship	3 LABOR DAY (office closed)	4	6:30 am Bible Study—church parlor 11:30 am PW— Honey Creek Inn 7:00 pm Choir	6.00 pm Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm Committee Night	7 Youth Fall Event 6:00 pm—1:00 pm McVeytown Presbyterian	8 Event ::00 pm esbyterian
9 Volunteer/Staff Appreciation 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 9:15 am Bell Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Lemonade Fellowship	10 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm Joy Seekers 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30 pm Adult Small Group— Youth room	12 6:30 am Bible Study—church parlor No Choir	13 7:00 pm Session Meeting	14	15
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30 Nursery/Preschool Recognition 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Community Lunch 6:00 pm Youth Group						

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Address Correction Requested



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