



THE PANORAMA

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From CE Director, Ginny Westover

"So, where do we go from here, now that we've been there?" That was the question I asked myself as I slid the Lenten study paperback, Were You There? onto the bookshelf in my office. The closing of Rev. Powery's collection of slave songs and devotional readings marked the completion of a very challenging six weeks. Maybe your response to the question, "Where do we go from here?" is, "Anywhere but back there!" Being "there" was difficult; uncomfortable; enraging and shameful. Sitting in the dark, horrific reality of slavery was unimaginable; painfully numbing. But (to quote Pastor Cindy) "sitting in the dark together" helped. At least we could feel collectively inadequate and bumbling. And we could talk. And ask questions, certain there were no simple answers to the twenty first century injustices that remain. If anything, the Tuesday night small group that I was a part of raised more questions than we answered. Especially the ones involving our own preconceptions and prejudice.

Kidz Klub provided a reprieve. How encouraging to see the kids "getting" the story of Moses and the hundreds of years of Israelite bondage! "I remember this!" said more than one (good job, children's church teachers!). Better still, they remembered God's heart for his people and his deliverance of them from Egyptian slavery. Books of true stories about those who fought for racial equality produced responses of concern and sensitivity (thanks for reading to the kids, Alex and Danny!). Games purposefully designed to be biased and unfair evoked a range of emotions and were the springboard to thoughtful conversations (great job leading these, Miranda!).

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PASTOR'S PAGE

We remembered the passion of Jesus and celebrated his resurrection. Christ is alive! What's next?

During the next 50 days of the Easter season, we will prepare to remember again the birth of Christ's Church. People will see the risen Christ, have conversations with him, recognize him and discern together what his presence means to the world. They gather for teaching and fellowship, for the breaking of bread and prayers (Acts 2:42). They are sent out as the body of Christ in the world.

In the church, remembering is not just an act of recounting a history that is over. It is a spiritual journey of seeking to understand how God has been with us in the past and is with us still. It is how we know who we are and what we are to do



Celebrate
50 Days
of Easter
Hallelujah!

today. The old stories are our stories. In their retelling we are grounded, and through them we prayerfully discern where God is pulling us into the joyful future that is promised. Christ is risen Easter Day, today and every day. We are called, as were the people

of Israel, as were the disciples in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, as were people in the Lewistown area 230+ years ago.

We gather to learn and share fellowship, to worship and break bread and pray. Together we see and recognize the Christ; renewed and reformed as his body. From his church we are sent into the world to share his love that never ends. Christ is alive! What's next?

In Christ, Pastor Cindy

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



WE BUILD STRENGTH, STABILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH SHELTER

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. Affordable housing plays a critical role in the life of families and in creating strong and stable communities.

Families who are in need of decent, affordable housing apply locally to Habitat for Humanity for homeownership. Their ability to repay an affordable mortgage or small loan, as well as their level of housing need and willingness to partner with Habitat, are among the selection criteria for becoming a Habitat homeowner.

Future homeowners receive financial education and complete several hundred hours of sweat equity working alongside volunteers. Sweat equity can take the form of building their own and other Habitat homes, providing retail assistance at a local Habitat ReStore or performing important tasks at their local Habitat office.

Lewistown is building a home this summer for a qualifying family. Here's where you come in. Watch for ways to work along side the family and other volunteers in building this home. Join with others who are helping with the cost of the build. If you have household items in good shape that you no longer need, consider donating them to the Habitat Restore. Pray for the organization, the volunteers and the family over the summer. Celebrate that the Lord is at work through Christ's church here in Lewistown.

FEED THE LAMBS

Rev. Robert Zorn, Minister of Visitation

Our nearest neighbors out here in Treaster Valley are an Old Order Amish family. In fact, their house and ours are separated by about the same distance as it is between the Lewistown Presbyterian Church and Monument Square. Eli and Barbara and their eight children are very good neighbors, and we enjoy the comfort of their presence. In accord with the traditions of their agricultural based lifestyles, they have the usual contingent of farm animals. Some of these have been mentioned in previous Panorama articles. Their menagerie consists of horses, cows, sheep, geese, ducks, chickens and a dog. Presently they do not have any cats. The mother cat and her two grown kittens now live with us. They probably moved to our house because Carol feeds them canned cat food, and allows them to sleep on her favorite chair in a nice warm house. It seems that these arrangements are preferable to a bale of hay in a cold stable.

Late last winter the neighbor's ewes gave birth, and now there are five little lambs joining in the daily trek of the flock to the pasture, which is just beyond our garden. The lambs are full of curiosity and often pause to watch us in our activities behind our house.

One evening recently, as I was working in the garden, the adult sheep were grazing just beyond our line fence, but I did not see the lambs among them. Then looking at a distant corner of the pasture, I spotted the lambs. They were running and jumping and chasing each other. About that time, all of the adult sheep started to return to



the barn and were disappearing up the trail, when one of the ewes returned to the pasture gate and began to call the lambs. The lambs quickly forgot their games and came running across the field.

This little flock has much to teach us about life. They demonstrate the importance of the family where each member realizes their responsibility. The loving mother will not go to the shelter of the barn for feeding while the lambs are still scattered among the trees and bushes. The lambs respond immediately to the voice of their mother, and return to the comfort and safety of the flock. This simple pastoral scene illustrates how even human society should function. The wise and experienced must provide direction and help to the young, weak and helpless. The young must learn loyalty and responsibility. How good it would be if we humans could live in a such a peaceful and harmonious world.

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, Yes Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" John 21:15-17

CHRISTIAN ED *(Continued from front page)*

Ginny Westover, CE Director

The question still remains, however. Where do we go from here? What do we do with the knowledge we've gained and the emotions that have surfaced? How has the Spirit of God been moving in your life? What changes might the Spirit be working in your heart?

Keep grappling! You are invited to continue the conversation during the upcoming summer months. A small group will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM on the third floor. We will be using the Nooma series by Rob Bell, a collection of short (10 minute) videos designed to spark discussion on subjects pertinent to our Christian walk. All are welcome!

VBS AND KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP

SAVE THE DATES

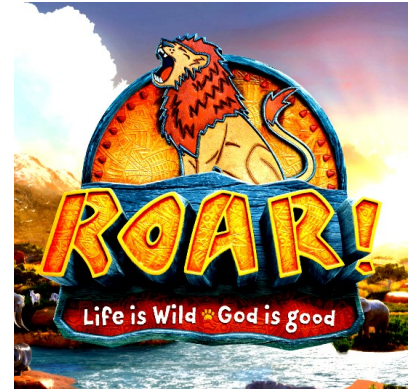
ROAR!

LIFE IS WILD—GOD IS GOOD

Community Vacation Bible School

June 23–27, 2019 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

First United Methodist Church



Krislund Traveling Day Camp
Lewistown Presbyterian Church
July 15 - 19, 2019 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Call or email the church for the registration forms for Krislund Day Camp

717-248-4561

lewispres@comcast.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Our collection for this special offering netted over \$1,000 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger, Self Development of People. **Thanks for your Generosity!**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Ladies, YOU are invited to the Honey Creek Inn every first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM for good food and fellowship. We would love to have you come out and join us! Our next lunch will be this Wednesday, May 1.

LUMINA CENTER WORK DAY: Saturday, May 4, 8:00 AM. The center is in need of a deep cleaning and organization. If you are able to help organize, clean, paint/repair or help with carrying things out that are no longer needed, please contact the Lumina at lumina@acsworld.com or 717-248-2888 and let Katherine Ray, the new Director, know that you can help.

SINGLE MOMS MOTHER'S DAY EVENT UPCOMING: A Single Moms Mother's Day Event is planned for Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 11 AM–2 PM at the New Life Church in Burnham (101 N. Beech Street, Burnham). For moms, there will be Painting with Tami, pampering treatments, crafts, food, and door prizes. For the kids, there will be games, crafts, fun, and food. The Single Moms Mother's Day event is free and is sponsored by the Mifflin County Single Moms Support Group, New Life Church, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, McVeytown Presbyterian Church, and Lewistown Paper Company. If you are a Single Mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come on out! For more information call or text Ann at 717-437-4946.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: There will be a fellowship on **Sunday, May 12** immediately following the worship service. Mark your calendars now!

THE SUMMER RAINBOW SUMMER PROGRAM at the Lumina Center needs a nurse or retired health professional to be available for any injuries that may come up and to help with medicine distribution. Rainbow Summer is June 17-28.

PASTOR CINDY WILL BE ON VACATION MAY 27 THROUGH JUNE 2.

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY SCHOOL

Ginny Westover, Preschool & Nursery School Director



The months have passed so quickly since school started close to fall, when students first walked through the doors to hang backpacks in the hall.

We've grown so much together and had so much learning fun, it seems we all feel kind of sad to know school will be done.

In circle time and centers we've made a lot of friends; we've sung and played and problem solved, formed numbers one to ten.

Playdoh was a favorite, kinetic sand was too. Painting kept our focus, so did scissors and some glue.

Frogs, Fanny and Fernando helped us with the ABC's and welcomed back our absent friends with "high fives" and a squeeze.

The hermit crabs and turtle, Rex, were fun to watch and share, especially when silly Rex did back flips in the air!

We learned to pray together, show kindness and

respect. And if we made an unwise choice, we learned to re-direct.

Special days and celebrations were occasions we adored; especially if their location took us up to the third floor!

Before the Pre-Ks graduate, and to the 3's we say, "Next year!" there's something real important that we want you each to hear: "You are one of a kind! God's creation! He only made one you! Please remember that God loves you and his promises are true!"

What a joy to be your teachers and watch you learn and grow! We're so glad that you were in our class; and we wanted you to know.

This is the last Panorama of the school year. We look forward to seeing the Pre-K graduates on May 23 (AM class) and May 24 (PM class) at 6 PM. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Westover, Mrs. Henry, Miss Miranda



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please keep our Pastor Nominating and Congregational Nominating Committees in your prayers

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Carole Auker, Lynn Curry, Ruth Fisher, Sue Garner, Diane Griffith,
Carl Haldeman, Kathy Hardin, Lisa Snyder, Larry Welshans with COM Liaison Rev. Scott Andrews

Congregational Nominating Committee

Elder Lisa Snyder (Chairperson), Elder Ed Curry (Vice-Chairperson), Deacon Doug Knudson
At-Large: Kari Cullen, David Eichenlaub, Kris Hill and Ginny Westover

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

Children's Chat

5 Rev. Cindy
12 Leah Riden
19 Joan Loewen
26 Miranda Shoop

Children's Church

5 Communion
12 Griffiths/Cunningham
19 Griffiths/Cunningham
26 Griffiths/Cunningham

Deacon for the Month

Doug Knudson

Liturgists

5 Donis Zagurskie
12 Jimmy Zagurskie
19 Ed Curry
26 Annalise Haines

Acolyte for May

Abi Siddons

Ushers for May

Dave Noss (head usher)
Larry & Linda O'Dell
Jan Headings
Jean Burlew
Ray Wilde

Infants and Nursery

5 Pam Pecht
12 Kate Pecht
19 Karissa Zagurskie
26 Elaine Siddons

May Community Luncheon

Stewardship Committee

Counters

5 Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith
12 Lisa Snyder & Jack Wilson
19 Dave Noss & John Gregory
26 Kari Cullen

FINANCIAL REPORT

From Church Treasurer, Susan L. Ferguson

	JAN - MAR 2019	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income			
BUDGETED INCOME	59,096.25	211,915.00	27.9%
INVESTMENT INCOME	31,098.86	135,850.00	22.9%
Total Income	90,195.11	347,765.00	25.9%
Expense			
BENEVOLENCE	4,315.50	30,000.00	14.4%
MINISTRY OF THE WORD	17,015.33	86,647.00	19.6%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	778.85	5,700.00	13.7%
MUSIC AND WORSHIP	579.91	2,450.00	23.7%
PROPERTY	11,207.13	54,800.00	20.5%
ADMINISTRATION	5,672.20	25,531.00	22.2%
PERSONNEL	28,921.22	137,187.00	21.1%
FELLOWSHIP	474.99	1,800.00	26.4%
PRESCHOOL	116.42	3,650.00	3.2%
Total Expense	69,081.55	347,765.00	19.9%
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MAY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30 am Presbyterian Women @ Honey Creek Inn 7:00 pm Choir	2 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 2:30 pm Church Health Mtg 4:30 pm Stewardship & Nursery Comm. 6:00 pm Deacons' Mtg.	3	4
5 Communion 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Worship	6 11:30 am Prayer Ministry	7 6:30 pm Small Group—Youth room	8 7:00 pm Choir	9 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm Missions Meeting 7:00 pm Session Meeting	10	11
12 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn 6:00 pm Youth Group	13 11:30 am Prayer Ministry	14 6:30 pm Small Group—Youth room	15 7:00 pm Choir	16 11:30 am Prayer Ministry	17	18
19 Deacons' Offering 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group	20 11:30 am Prayer Ministry	21 6:30 pm Small Group—Youth room	22 PANORAMA DEADLINE (June/July) 7:00 pm Choir	23 11:30 am Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm Preschool Graduation— Morning class	24 6:00 pm Preschool Graduation— Afternoon class	25
26 9:00 am Adult Study Group 9:15 am Children's Choir 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship 11:30 pm Community Luncheon 6:00 pm Youth Group	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28 9:00 am Backyard Ministries cookie collection 6:30 pm Small Group—Youth room	29 7:00 pm Choir	30 11:30 am Prayer Ministry	31	

Lewistown Presbyterian Church
17 East Third Street
Lewistown, PA 17044

Address Correction Requested



Community VBS

June 23–27, 2019

6:00 PM–8:30 PM

1st United

Methodist Church



Please contact us if you would like more information.

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Email: lewispres@comcast.net

Visit us at Website: www.lewistownpresbyterian.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1

11:30 AM

**Presbyterian Women
Lunch & Fellowship**

Honey Creek Inn

May 12

11:30 AM

Lemonade on the Lawn

June 23-27

Community VBS
ROAR!

July 9

6:00 PM

Church Picnic

Kish Park, green pavilion

July 15-19

Overnight July 18-19

Traveling Day Camp