

THE PANORAMA

The Newsletter of The Lewistown Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2019

Farewell Pastor Cindy



Dear Friends,

It was with mixed emotions that I submitted my resignation to Session last month. I am sad to say good-bye to you. The care you have taken to welcome me to your church and community, and all the kindnesses you have shown, have warmed my heart. I have grown so very fond of you. It has been a blessing to serve alongside you.

At the same time, I give thanks to God for providing a way for me to be closer to home. Dave and I have lived a day's drive from any family member for over a decade. We are selling our house in Youngstown and moving to the Woodstock, Illinois area in September. There we will be a little over an hour from my mother and sister in one direction, a little over an hour from two of our children in the other direction and about three hours from those grandbabies.

I regret not being able to finish this interim time with you. This is a wonderful congregation. I will miss worshipping with you, sharing meals and conversations with you, and ministering with you to the children, youth and adults in and beyond the church.

Session is working with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry and I have no doubt that God will provide wonderful pastoral leadership during this time of transition. Your Pastor Nominating Committee is smart and dedicated and I am confident they will be led to the person God has chosen as your installed pastor.

Please know that I will hold you in my heart and keep you in my prayers until we worship together again at the throne of God.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<u>August 3</u> 11:30 AM

Presbyterian Women Lunch & Fellowship Honey Creek Inn

> August 13 6:00 PM Prayer Walk Begin at LPC

August 17 Lunch for Habitat for Humanity Donations by Aug. 11

August 18 Humor Sunday

11:30 AM—1:00 PM Back to School Bar-B-Q All are invited!

August 21 First Day of Preschool

August 25 Community Luncheon

August 27 First Day of Nursery School

Pastor Cindy

In Christ,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ginny Westover, Christian Ed Director

There is a heart-filled burst of joy expressed in the opening fourth verse of John's short, third letter. Those words came to mind recently as I sat around the breakfast table at my mom's house in Maine, surrounded by all six of my grandkids, trying to keep brimming eyes from spilling over into what remained of coffee. Happy mv



brimming, not sad. I was enjoying day three with my mother, oldest daughter and her family in our "after breakfast routine" of singing, scripture reading/memorizing and praying together (There is nothing sweeter than the sound of two almost four year old voices belting out "Jesus Loves Me"). Sacred, joy-filled moments of sharing the goodness of God together! I am so grateful for daughter and son-in-law's determined mv commitment to inviting their children to love and serve Jesus. (Please erase any idyllic Norman Rockwell picture from your mind...no perfect family here, but a lot to smile about!) Grateful, also, for my mother's consistent example of loving faithfulness to God.

Throughout the week of vacation, other scenes of children and their families came to mind. Community VBS had wrapped up a few days before I headed north. During those five days we learned that God is good, no matter what life holds. When life is unfair, God is good. When life is scary, when life changes, and when life is sad, God is still good. And when life is good, God is good! These are important truths. There is nothing more exciting than to witness "Aha! I get it!" moments in the eyes of a child! I pray that the Spirit of God will secure these foundational promises into the hearts and minds of the children so that they can live in the reality of God's love and presence every day of their lives. Many of the children who attended VBS will have these truths reinforced in their homes and church. Many are a part of a faith-nurturing community. Others will not and are not.

Those children who are "not" made up the majority of the kids who attended Krislund Traveling Day Camp in July. Very few have a church family. Most hear the name of God spoken in an entirely different context at home. They desperately need a community where seeds of faith can be nurtured and allowed to take root. Praise God for organizations like the Lumina Center where kids can find a safe place to belong and continue to be encouraged in their faith! And for those in our church family who helped with KTDC this year and continue to invest in

these children's lives!

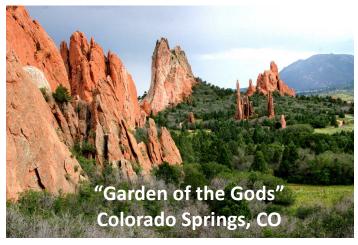
What of the children in our own congregation? How are we tending the souls of those we promised before God to "guide and nurture by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?" (B.o.O.p442) I love to watch interactions between adult members of the congregation and our children! The impact of an adult's kind and encouraging words is huge and significantly affects how a child/young person feels toward the church. When was the last time you greeted a child by name and told him or her you were glad he or she was at church? It's easy to take the job of an acolyte or liturgist for granted. We appreciate each, but does the acolyte or liturgist know that? How about letting a children's choir member know how much you enjoyed the times she/he sang and that you can't wait to hear the choir sing and ring again in the fall? There are many, many ways to let our children know that each one is valued and is important in the life of our church. Let me challenge us to make it a point to speak to at least one child by name before the end of the summer and through our smiles and interest let him or her know we are glad he/she is part of our church family. And let's remember their parents, too! We are all aware that attending church on a Sunday morning is no longer the norm for families. Probably more in this decade than at any other time families have to exert a dogged determination to come to worship. A plethora of alternative activities clamor for engagement. Let's be sure we consistently affirm and encourage the families of our congregation and make sure that we are indeed a place and a people where faith is nurtured.

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PIKE'S PEAK...or almost

Rev. Robert Zorn, Minister of Visitation

Some years ago, Carol and I decided to observe our 50th wedding anniversary by taking a rail trip. Our destination was intended to be Pikes Peak. There was а specific reason for our choice. Inscribed on the inside of each of our wedding rings are these initials: I.C.T.H.M., which represent our



favorite motion picture, "I'd Climb the Highest *Mountain."* The movie tells the story of a young minister and his wife and their experience in a rural country parish. In many ways their fictional experiences is a mirror of our own. This would be dealing kindly with a cantankerous the parish, character of praving the congregation through an epidemic in the community, and yes, even a late evening visit from a nervous couple who asked, "Can you marry us Reverend?", and many more rich and fulfilling experiences.

Our home is approximately 760 feet above sea level. Our journey's destination was Pike's Peak, Colorado—elevation 14,000 feet. We had heard so much, so often, about the inspirational view. It was such a view that inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write the hymn, "America the Beautiful" (1893).

We boarded an Amtrak train right here in Lewistown and traveled through Pittsburgh, Akron, Chicago and Omaha to the city of Denver, Colorado. On our first full day in the city, we were taken by our tour bus on a ten hour trip through the Rocky Mountains National Park, where we saw gold mines, wild buffalo, elk and awesome scenery. We climbed to 13,000 feet and, as if on cue, encountered a brief snow shower. Pike's Peak would await our visit on the next day.

With excitement and anticipation, we climbed aboard a smaller van-type vehicle and headed for the objective of our journey, Pike's Peak, which we could see in the distance. Our little bus screamed down the highway and growled higher and higher into the seemingly inaccessible mountain. Park rangers stopped all cars and vans at the 11,000 foot level; just seven miles and three thousand feet from the summit. We were told that high winds would render our van uncontrollable and, perhaps, would tip it over. Of course we were disappointed, having traveled two thousand miles, only to be

stopped literally inches from our goal.

Still in review, we would have to count our trip an opportunity of a lifetime. We had the opportunity to see the city of Pittsburgh by night. We watched the sunrise over Lake Michigan and set over the prairie of Nebraska. We saw thousands of acres of corn and soybeans and sorghum; forest of aspen and pine; and the mighty Mississippi River. We met a delightful young woman who does missionary teaching in Nepal every year, and an interesting Japanese businessman. We also met a homeless man and his little dog on the street of Denver. We visited the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; and we were amazed at the rock formation called, "The Garden of the Gods," where thousands of people come for a sunrise service every Easter morning. We are still wondering at the famous "balanced rock" which has stood for centuries on its narrow pedestal.

We did not attain our goal of Pike's Peak, but our experiences showed us a beautiful and blessed land filled with wonderful and interesting people.

So also with our journey of life. We may not achieve all our hopes and desires, but we can appreciate the place we live, the people we know, and the experiences we have every day. May our church and congregation continue to be a most inspiring view of the landscape of our lives.

"American, America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brother hood from sea to shining sea!"

PRESCHOOL PAGE

Ginny Westover, Preschool Director



The summer months are uncharacteristically quiet ones for the preschool classroom. Frog Street puppet friends Fanny, Fernando, Max, and Lily seem to have entered into a peculiar hibernation in their home under the calendar; and red-eared slider, Rex, looks lonely swimming about in his aquarium. Walls and bulletin boards accentuate the quiet

with empty space. Only the hermit crabs lie impervious. Thankfully, all this will change in just a few, short weeks!

As the first day of Pre-K draws closer, names of old friends and new will find their way to a hallway bulletin board and pictures illustrating the first curriculum theme of the school year will appear on the walls. New supplies lay waiting to be used. Favorite toys anticipate times of play. Most of all, Mrs. Henry and I look forward to greeting each student; some for the very first time! We, along with other church staff and church members have prayed for each three and four year old, thanking God for the unique way each child's personality and giftedness is developing and for the joyful privilege of nurturing growth in each boy and girl.

Some changes will take place this year ...Miss Miranda (Shoop) will be heading to Millersville University to pursue a degree in early childhood education. We will miss her; her smile, enthusiasm, helping hands, encouraging words and beautiful, "voice of an angel" singing! We wish you the best, Miss Miranda! There is another change in the three year old program. Due to low enrollment numbers, we will only have a morning class this year. All of the fun learning will remain though!

A new event will kick off the beginning of the school year here at Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Church congregants and preschoolers and their families are cordially invited to come to the "Back to School Bar-B-Q" on the church lawn, Sunday, August 18, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM. There will be hotdogs, chips, watermelon, drinks and cookies to enjoy and some games for all who would like to play. What a great way for us as a congregation to welcome new and returning school families and make a caring connection between our church and our school!

This is what the school calendar looks like this year. (More special days and events will be listed in the monthly school calendar.) You are welcome to visit and/or volunteer any time!

Pre-K Calendar 2019-2020

Back to School BBQSun, Aug 18, 11:30 AM-1:30 PMMeet & Greet (AM class)Mon, Aug 19, 11-12, 12-1, 5:30-6:30 FMeet & Greet (PM class)Tues, Aug 20, 11-12, 12-1, 5:30-6:30 FFirst Day of SchoolWed, Aug 21No SchoolFri, Aug 30-Mon, Sept 2 (Labor Day)A Peek at the PreschoolSun, Sept (TBA)No SchoolFri, Sept 13 (Act 80); Fri, Oct 11Costume ParadeWed, Oct 30Grandparent DayMon, Nov 25Thanksgiving VacationNo school Wed, Dec 5)	
A Peek at the Preschool Sun, Dec (TBA)	
Christmas Party/Santa Fri, Dec 20	
Christmas Vacation No school Mon, Dec 23—Fri, Jan 3	
(Return to school Mon, Jan 6)	
No School Fri, Jan 17 (Act 80)—Mon, Jan 20	
Snow make up Fri, Feb 14 (Act 80)—Mon, Feb 17	
Snow make up Fri, Mar 13 (Act 80)—Mon, Mar 16	
(snow make up)	
Easter Vacation No school Good Friday, Apr 10—Mon, Apr 3 (Return to school Wed, Apr 15)	13
Mother's Day Tea Fri, May 8	
AM Class Graduation Thursday, May 21, 6:00 PM	
PM Class Graduation Friday, May 22, 6:00 PM	
Last Day of School Friday, May 22	

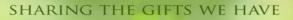
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FINANCIAL REPORT

From Church Treasurer, Susan L. Ferguson

STEWARDSHIP



	JAN - JUN 2019	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME			
BUDGETED INCOME	102,629.40	211,915.00	48.43%
INVESTMENT INCOME	68,939.02	135,850.00	50.75%
Total Income	171,568.42	347,765.00	49.34%
Expense			
BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY OF THE	8,582.82	30,000.00	28.61%
WORD	40,296.36	86,647.00	46.51%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,538.91	5,700.00	27.0%
MUSIC AND WORSHIP	1,368.24	2,450.00	55.85%
PROPERTY	25,140.78	54,800.00	45.88%
ADMINISTRATION	12,339.75	25,531.00	48.33%
PERSONNEL	63,899.49	137,187.00	46.58%
FELLOWSHIP	761.20	1,800.00	42.29%
PRESCHOOL	802.21	3,650.00	21.98%
Total Expense	154,729.76	347,765.00	44.49%
NET INCOME	16,838.66	June 30 marks	50% of the year to date

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please keep our Pastor Nominating and Congregational Nominating Committees in your prayers. <u>Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)</u>

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

"Our huffing and puffing to impress God, our scrambling for brownie points, our thrashing about trying to fix ourselves while hiding our pettiness and wallowing in guilt are nauseating to God and are a flat out denial of the gospel of grace." ~Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel

KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP



Krislund Camp's theme this summer is **NEW THINGS** from Isaiah 43:19: "See, "I am doing new things." We are prayerfully hopeful that the 100+ children from our church and community who participated in this summer's Krislund Traveling Day Camp were transformed the week of July 15th, as the counselors shared an assortment of Bible stories and scriptures, including from II Corinthians 5:17: "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The old life is going: a new

belongs to Christ is a new person. The old life is going; a new life has begun!"

There was a lot of action at the church, Lumina Center and on the lawn by the library Monday-Wednesday, but the highlight of the week is always the Thursday-Friday overnight trip to Krislund Camp in the mountains of Centre County! During Bible study one day in the woods, a counselor asked the campers to share what they had learned and/or how they had been transformed this week. One of our first-time campers, who has no church affiliation whatsoever, simply said ...

"I used to not think about God at all. Now I think about God."

Chloe, 10, Lewistown

THANK YOU, JESUS! The Christian Education Committee:

Susan Ferguson, Ginny Westover, Leah Riden, Miranda Shoop and Elaine Siddons – wish to shout out **THANK YOU** to those who shared in this mission of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church. Please continue to pray that children — like Chloe — are transformed by the KTDC and continue to put Jesus Christ at the center of their lives.

Take time to thank ... KTDC director—Ginny Westover

Group supervision—Pastor Cindy Carlisle, Ginny Westover, Susan Ferguson, Leah Riden, Kathy Hardin, Margie Henry, Venus Shade, Lynn and Ed Curry, John Gregory and Elaine Siddons; and from the Lumina Center's Fun in the Sun summer program, Miranda Shoop, Jess Cavanaugh, Madison Leister, Isandro "Izzy" Gonzales and Abigail Dupius

Breakfast/lunch/snacks-Michelle Knudson, Diane Griffith and Elaine Siddons

Hospitality for the Krislund counselors—Suppers: Lynn Curry, Maryann Haines and Doug Garner Snacks for the campers—Jodi Peters and Elaine Siddons

Helping hands—Deb Yetter for holding down the fort, Dave Noss for refrigerator rescue and Kathy Hardin, an amazing one-woman clean-up crew

We learned this summer that it takes a community, and we are thankful to the following community partners:

- YMCA for use of showers and facilities by the Krislund counselors, who camped at the church
- Mifflin County Library and St. John's Lutheran Church for use of their restrooms
- Lewistown Borough and Mifflin County Community Garden for assistance in using the grassy areas
- Lumina Center for use of the facility and all the assistance of its staff, including new director Katherine Ray
- Lewistown Fire Department for safety

To Krislund Camp, **THANK YOU** for bringing the traveling day camp and 10 counselors to our town. And, for all the prayers and financial support of our Lewistown Presbyterian Church family, **THANK YOU!** This was the fourth time LPC supported KTDC. If the decision is to continue this mission, the week will probably be July 13-17, 2020. Please keep KTDC in your prayers until then.



KRISLUND TRAVELING DAY CAMP



SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL



GOD is ALWAYS so GOOD!

When life is wild—or unfair, scary, changes, sad or good—God is good! This was the focus of the Lewistown Community Bible School, which was hosted by the First United Methodist Church in June. Lewistown Presbyterian was well represented. We also combined with Sacred Heart Catholic, St. John's Lutheran and First Baptist churches. Special thanks to Pastor Cindy Carlisle, Ginny Westover, Tara Merry, Leah Riden,



Susan Ferguson and Elaine Siddons for sharing Bible stories, creating snacks, supervising traveling groups or filling in wherever there was a need on a given night.



The whole LPC family is invited to a **BACK TO SCHOOL BAR-B-Q**

with our Preschool families

Sunday August 18

11:30 AM - 1 PM on the church lawn Hot dogs, chips, watermelon, drinks and cookies! Games for all who would like to play!

PC(USA) NEWS

"I thought the week was amazing. I met a bunch of awesome new people, heard some incredible sermons and worshipped with a great band. The small group sessions were awesome, as well as worship sessions. These sermons spoke to me and will definitely stick with me forever."



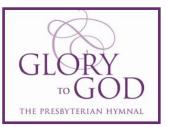
Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Among the youth traveling to the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer at Purdue University were Danny Garner and Riley Cullen. Thank you to the congregation, Session and Deacons for all their prayers and financial support. Be sure to ask Danny and Riley about their experiences at the Youth Triennium.

"My personal highlight over the whole week was meeting new people who shared my faith from around the world."

Riley Cullen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Hymnal: We have purchased the accompaniment music, with projection capabilities, for the newest Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. Listen for some new music this fall.



Plenty of Pork and Beans!

THANK YOU to Khloe and Zavden Stitt, and their Meme, Michelle Knudson for the amazing work they did this summer at the Lumina Center reorganizing the food pantry. Wow! They could been playing have or swimming, but they worked so hard for hours and hours in service to others. God was surely smiling - proof is in the cross that appeared in the picture created by a piece of wood on the wall and a support pole!



Warren Jacob Griffith

We welcomed Warren Jacob Griffith into the family of Christ on Sunday, June 30. He is the son of Christopher and Hannah Griffith, grandson of Diane and Lonnie Griffith, and little brother of Norah and Liam. Rev. Robert Zorn performed the baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! We will meet Wednesday, August 7.



THANKS SO MUCH to Carole Auker, Bill Sisson and all who helped prepare for the Church Picnic. It was a wonderful meal and time together. The Bingo game was a hit again this year and the children's jump-roping skills were so impressive. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this a success.

MANY THANKS to Carole and Scott Auker and David Noss for the beautiful renovation of the Library. It is a new room!

HUMOR SUNDAY is August 18. We will be celebrating the gift of laughter in worship, beginning at 10:30 AM. Special music will be provided by the **Band Room Quartet**. Come and bring your smiles.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We will be providing lunch for the Habitat builders on Saturday, August 17. If you would like to donate snacks, cookies or bottled water, please drop off donations in the narthex by Sunday, August 11. If you can help serve, please contact the church office. LPC recently collected \$910.05 for Habitat.



COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK: Tuesday, August 13, 6:00 PM. Please

come and join us as we pray for our neighborhood. We will begin at Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY: You are invited to the installation of the Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollidaysburg, 601 Walnut St., at 3:00 PM Sunday, August 11.



BLESSINGS, PASTOR CINDY as you take a new bend in your heavenward journey. It is a gift that you can be closer to your family as you make this move. Thank you for all you have shared and taught us these last months. We are grateful for your service of love. Our lives are richer for you having been among us. "Goodbyes are not forever ...until we meet again."

VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

Children's Chat

- 4 Pastor Cindy
- 11 Miranda Shoop
- 18 Sue Garner
- 25 Pastor Cindy

Children's Church

- 4 Communion
- 11 Griffiths/Cunningham
- 18 Griffiths/Cunningham
- 25 Griffiths/Cunningham

Acolytes

- 4 Noerr family
- 11 Abi Riden
- 18 Abi Riden
- 25 Abi Riden

Liturgists

- 4 Riley Cullen
- 11 Lisa Snyder
- 18 Brad Siddons
- 25 Ginny Westover

Infants and Nursery

- 4 Annalise Haines
- 11 Elaine Siddons
- 18 Mercy Westover
- 25 Leah Riden

Ushers

Bill Sisson (head usher) Katy & Derek Warke Kevin & Shelly Kodish Gloria Runk

August Community Luncheon

August 25 — Music and Worship **Cookies:** (4 dozen) Tara Merry Ruth Fisher Mercy Westover Kris Hill Brad Siddons Katy Warke Joyce Dixon Leah Riden

Leah Riden Carol Zorn

Counters

Violet Miller

- 4 Lonnie Griffith & Dave Noss
- 11 Jack Wilson & Bill Sisson
- 18 Lisa Snyder & Ed Curry
- 25 Kari Cullen & John Gregory

Deacon for the Month

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