

# THE PANORAMA

The Newsletter of The Lewistown Presbyterian Church

Hello Friends,

There have been plenty of moments over the last five months that we have all been reminded that life during a pandemic is hard. Your Elders and I feel it, too!

In recent weeks, some of our church officers have heard from congregation members asking when we will return to in-person worship. At the August Session meeting, Elders agreed it was time to send out another church letter to keep you aware of the current conversation among the Session and myself regarding church worship and activities resuming at the church.

Technology has been a wonderful resource during the last five months, but it does not replace the joy of seeing each other in person, extending a handshake as a sign of peace in worship, gathering around the table at a Community Luncheon, or offering a heartfelt hug to someone in need. The power of touch, evidenced also in Jesus' ministry among us, is what we miss most at this time.

I think about those in our church family who struggle with accessing technology in ways that allow them to "connect" with the church. Session and I know that there are many who were able to attend in-person worship, but have not been able to attend online worship. People live in a variety of places where internet connection is poor or they do not have the right equipment to provide them ways to be online. This fact we all acknowledge and grieve.

We are also aware of folks in our church family who are immune-compromised to the point that in-person worship would not be a good option for them. Or they are waiting for a surgery that requires them to isolate for several weeks. They may even have older family members they visit whom they don't want to infect accidentally by gathering with their church family. We give thanks for the blessing of technology that has allowed them to feel a part of the church while quarantined.

As leaders of the church we are navigating through uncharted waters and attempting to hold steady the requests of those to meet in-person and those who need online worship. We have asked for your prayers as we discern and are grateful you have given them.

At the August Session meeting, we agreed with the following thoughts:

- Although we are eager to return to ministry activities in-person, we want to start slowly gathering back in groups. We are allowing committees, small groups, and non-profit organizations to meet in our church. We are moving forward with the opening of the 2020-2021 Preschool year and using safety measures recommended by the CDC. We have planned outdoor events, like the upcoming Annual Church Picnic, to create opportunities to fellowship face-to-face.
- We do not want to create an experience where we will need to move back and forth between inperson and online worship. This causes confusion among our church body. If we go back to inperson worship; we want to remain worshipping in-person. Hence, we want to watch the trend around our county/state/county regarding rising/decreasing COVID-19 cases, as well as, see what happens once Mifflin County School District begins school on September 8.

We seek to provide an opportunity for people who cannot attend in-person to join us virtually with the lowest degree of technological interruptions. This requires us to give our Tech Director, Cole Cullen, sufficient time to work with those installing our new video/sound equipment in the church sanctuary. We expect all the new equipment could be installed and ready to work during in-person worship by mid to end of September.

Session members agreed that if the second and third factors are met, a projected in-person worship date could be World Communion Sunday, October 4.

# PASTOR'S PAGE

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For some of you reading this letter, this return date will be a disappointment; to others it will feel reasonable. Whatever feelings you have regarding Session decision, please know that their decisions are based upon their desire to do what is best for God's church, our community, and the church body.

Until a start date to in-person worship is firmly set, we encourage you to reach out to one another. Call someone from the church you haven't spoken to for a while and see how they are doing. Send a card to the person you sit closest to in the sanctuary and let them know you are praying for them. Call your Shepherd Team Deacon and share how you need help. Your church family is eager to help however we can.

As Cole and I plan weekly worship for September, we hope to take the service "on the road" and meet some of you in small groups so we can worship with you in-person as we record an upcoming Sunday service.

A great strength of Lewistown Presbyterian Church is in the way we take care of one another and at this time, creativity in doing so may be necessary. May you find peace and comfort, too, in these words Jesus spoke to the disciples in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

The peace of Christ be with you all ~ Pastor Sarah

PS: We hope the enclosed "connection ideas" **on page 6** will be of help to you in the coming month of September.

# MISSION TRIP IN 2022



The Mission and Evangelism Committee is optimistically beginning to plan for a mission trip in 2022. We trust that travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 will be behind us by then and we will be able to do the work that God has led us to do.

In order to plan the most meaningful experience, we are asking for your help. If you are interested in participating in a Mission Trip, please reach out to any one of our committee members and let us know your thoughts (Lisa Snyder, Karen McCurdy, Lynn Curry and Shelly Kodish). We are currently considering Jamaica or Guatemala as destination points. Please let us know your preferences for "place" and "time of year." We are open

to any and all suggestions. Once we have established interest in a trip, we will plan more formalized meetings with those who wish to participate.

We realize that 2022 is a long way off, but it will take several months of planning and fund raising to make a trip a success. We hope that you will consider making a Mission Trip part of your personal ministry!

Lisa Snyder



# **LUMINA CARDS**

Lumina cards are available for purchase for \$10 each. The cards offer discounts to a variety of local restaurants and help to support the Lumina Center! Please contact the office if you would like to purchase a card.

# CHRISTIAN ED

Ginny Westover, Christian Ed Director

It was one of those "pop-up" ads on my computer screen. How an advertisement for Kenworth trucks made it into my little piece of cyber space is beyond me; maybe it was in answer to my (monthly) prayer request, "Lord, please let me know what I should write for this Panorama article!" At any rate, this is how the slogan read: "We're in it for the long haul." Let's leave the trucking element out of the picture for a minute and just think about the phrase. How do you react to the idea of a "long haul"? Do you stand up tall and square your shoulders? Do you let out a long, tired sigh and shake your head? Maybe some of each? After all, the venture that's described is not a short, quick walk in the park. And how about the first phrase in the slogan? How do you react to the idea of "we're in it"? If thinking you were alone for this long haul was the reason for a deep sigh and slumped shoulders, maybe "we" is cause for encouragement. What about the two little words, "in it"? Not "just beginning" or "coming into the home stretch", but right smack in the thick of things. This catchy slogan rings with commitment and stamina! It reminds me of the words in Hebrews 12; "let us run with endurance the race (aka, marathon) that is set before us..."

The race that the author of Hebrews is referring to, of course, is our life of faith in Jesus Christ. The present context of our faith journey is the pandemic. Any previously held thought of a shortlived virus has long-since been dissected and dismissed. I'll confess that some days this realization and its effects bring a tired sigh and a shoulder slump. Maybe you've experienced the same? That's where the "we" comes in, bringing the encouragement of community found in worshiping together (yes, even on Zoom), small group meetings, phone conversations and written words from friends, whether on line or in snail mail. Thank God we are in this together! The basis for encouragement is vital. Hebrews 12:2 gives us a solid foundation: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Living in the love and strength that Jesus gives us through the Spirit enables us to encourage each other in life-giving

Here are some opportunities for you to receive and give this encouragement during September:

Back to School Bags—If you have a school age child in your family, watch for the delivery of a brown bag to your doorstep before September 8! In it you'll find lots of goodies for the start of school, plus an activity to do and share on September 13 when we begin a special time of worship and learning fun just for kids (PreK – Gr 5) before the Sunday Zoom service.

Zoom Zone—Kids in Pre-K through grade 5, "Get in the Zone!" Beginning September 13, there will be a special time just for kids before the Sunday morning Zoom service. Log on to our church Zoom link (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5766618472 When prompted enter password: 4561) at 9:30 for a half hour of worship using a variety of experiences. Expect fun Bible learning, songs, activities, God-sightings, and conversations with your friends!

#### **Small Groups**

Youth Group—Youth in grades 6–12 meet Sunday evenings from 6:00–7:30 PM on the third floor for conversation, Bible study, games, food, and...well, you never quite know what else!! Join us and find out! Beginning in September we will be using a "roadmap" of resources from Right Now Media for our time in God's Word. Our first study (just in case you want to check it out) is "Different" with Jonathan Evans.

Tuesday Night Bible Study—meeting on Zoom Tuesday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM. New for September: On Right Now Media, "Before Amen – the power of a simple prayer" with Max Lucado. Study guides will be available in the church office. Try it!

Women's Bible Study—"Living Life Together" All women are invited to come as you are and embrace the blessing of friendships and a desire to know God better, Sunday evenings at 8:30 PM on Zoom.

# PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Ginny Westover, Preschool Director

Earlier this summer, a local store displayed a sign that read, "Short on change due to Covid-19. Sorry for the inconvenience." It's hard not to chuckle at the irony of those words. In fact, without taking the context into consideration, the words would make no sense at all (pun intended). Change has become a prominent theme for our current times. From the way we gather with friends, to the way we shop, keep a dentist appointment and get our hair cut, not much remains the same as last year's routines. Schools, of course, are included in these changes and our preschool is no exception.

Besides precipitating the decision to put the three-year-old program on hold for a year, the Pandemic has caused us (teachers and Preschool Committee with Session approval) to cut our maximum enrollment numbers in half and cap each class at ten students. Currently, the morning class is full. One space remains in the afternoon class, with one student planning to begin in January. We are hoping that these numbers hold. Weekly phone conversations with concerned parents have become part of the norm as parents wrestle with what schooling option is best for their child and their family. Some have chosen to keep their child in school, others to keep their child at home. No decision has come easily; parents have agonized over each alternative and have come to a conclusion with their child's best interest at the center. What a difficult and exhausting process! Our hearts go out to our parents with grace and support!

On a more concrete plane, a quick peek into the classroom (via the attached pictures, that is) gives you a little idea of how this year will look different and why we chose to make the changes we've made. Reducing each class size to ten students allows us room to spread out and keep appropriately distanced. Tables and chairs have been rearranged and some furniture has been removed from the play area in order to enlarge the space. Oversized pillows for the reading corner have been replaced by two wipe-able, plastic oversized "lounge" chairs. Toys, such as Duplos, doll house people and accessories, kitchen dishes, plastic food and similar items have been divided into morning and afternoon tubs. Our circle time carpet has a temporary home on the third floor. In its place bright, colorful, wipeable circles, six(ish) feet apart, mark the spots for children to sit. Each child has his/her own personal tub with individual packages of playdough, crayons, writing board, scissors, glue stick, etc. Student folders hold an extra mask, complete with a lanyard to clip the mask onto during "mask breaks". Even Fanny, Fernando, Max, and Lily, our Frogstreet curriculum classroom puppets, are wearing masks! New book titles such as, <u>Lucy's Mask</u> and <u>If You Can't Bear Hug, Air Hug</u> join the familiar <u>Freddy Frog's First Day of School</u> on the display wall. Colorful posters highlight the locations of hand sanitizer and illustrate the proper way to wash your hands. And snacks, birthday goodies included, will all have to be manufacture's individually wrapped items this year.

When Pre-K begins on Wednesday, September 9, one of the bigger pieces to our "new normal" will be this year's drop off and pick up routine. Rather than being escorted into the church building by their parent or grandparent, each child will be met by a teacher, in their car, at curbside. Every day each student will get a temperature check and parents will answer a few health questions before the student is taken into the classroom. When school dismisses for the day, the children will line up and be led back to their car by the teachers. Lots to get used to, but we are looking forward to turning these "obstacles" into opportunities for growing together and having lots of learning fun.

The very best change to this school year is the addition of a new teacher! We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Maggie (Creighton) Mitchell into the position of assistant teacher! She and her husband Tedmond; and children Leland and Maela are not strangers to Lewistown Presbyterian. Maggie is the grand-daughter of Marlene Creighton and the late Dr. Dan Creighton. She comes to the Pre-K program with a B.S. in Communications and teaching experience in early childhood programs. Maggie's love of preschoolers, her passion for teaching, and her energetic creativity have already brought a fresh the classroom! positivity to Look contributions to the church website, LPC Friends, and the private LPC Preschool group on Facebook.

It's quite certain that there will be no shortage of change this school year. Even in the best of times, change is a given; and while change may be uncomfortable, it can also be filled with the eager anticipation of new adventure. As we put the final details into place and enter the uncharted waters of this new year, please know how grateful we are for your prayers and support and the vision of ministry you have for Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool. May we all find encouragement from these words, spoken at the beginning of a period of great change for ancient Israel: "Be strong and courageous and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged for the Lord is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you" Chronicles 28:10. No change shortage or inconvenience here!

# A peek inside our classroom!



Maela sits and reads in the new "lounge chairs"



Each child has his/her own personal tub with individual packages of playdough, crayons, writing board, scissors, glue stick. etc.



Franny & Fernando are ready for the day!



# WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



#### Sunday Worship Services: ONLINE

Find us on ZOOM for 10 AM LIVE Fellowship Time; 10:30 AM Recorded Worship. Meeting ID is 576 661 8472; Password is 4561. Questions about connectivity? Contact Elder Susan Ferguson at slf615@gmail.com or 717-250-5774. She is HAPPY to help you connect by phone, tablet or computer.

Worship at other times - Go to YouTube.com and search for the Lewistown Presbyterian Church channel for recorded worship services. Watch the recorded worship services on Facebook at Lewistown Presbyterian or LPC Friends. Or use your free subscription to RIGHT NOW Media and find worship services under "Libraries – Lewistown Presbyterian Church."

Kidz Zoom Zone is coming Sunday, September 13!
Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are meeting together
on Zoom from 9:30 AM to 10 AM.
Use the same Zoom code as used for the worship service
and enjoy 30 minutes of a Bible story and fun activities.

#### Sunday Night Youth Group: IN-PERSON

Youth in grades  $6^{th}$  –  $12^{th}$  are meeting in-person on the third floor of the church Sunday nights from 6 pm to 7:30 PM. All youth are asked to bring their masks. Contact Ginny Westover for more information.

#### Sunday Night Women's' Small Group: ONLINE

Women of all ages are welcome to join our online Zoom group at 8:30 PM for a time of learning, sharing, and praying. Contact Pastor Sarah at pastorsedgwick@gmail.com or 814-771-1891 for more information.

#### Tuesday Night Adult Small Group: ONLINE

This group meets online Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. They welcome new members! If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Christian Education Director, Ginny Westover, at g.redwest@gmail.com or at 717-650-7533.

#### Annual Church Picnic: IN-PERSON

RSVP to the church office and join us at the Annual Church Picnic on Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30 PM. We'll gather at Kish Park in the Green Pavilion. A picnic dinner will be provided by the Fellowship Committee and the Christian Education Committee will provide a craft for kiddos to take with them. Bingo w/ prizes will be played, too! We ask you wear a mask and practice social distancing while we enjoy some much-needed fellowship, food and fun!

If you are NOT receiving the weekly bulletin by USPS or email, please contact the church office and let them know you would like to receive it. State your preference for USPS or email, please!

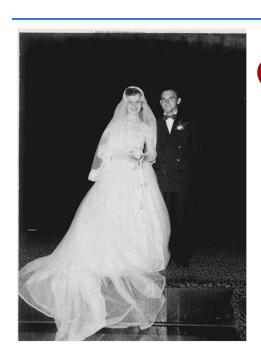
Church office phone # is 717-248-4561 or by email at lewispres@comcast.net

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Susan L. Ferguson, Church Treasurer

	Jan - Jul 2020	Budget	% of Budget				
Income							
BUDGETED INCOME	97,348.62	201,121.00	48.4%				
INVESTMENT INCOME	77,912.02	135,672.00	57.43%				
Total Income	175,260.64	336,793.00	52.04%				
Expense							
BENEVOLENCE	8,612.49	30,000.00	28.71%				
MINISTRY OF THE WORD	43,633.18	82,462.00	52.91%				
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,979.32	5,700.00	34.73%				
MUSIC AND WORSHIP	77.76	2,750.00	2.83%				
PROPERTY	24,493.46	47,740.00	51.31%				
ADMINISTRATION	14,139.08	25,873.00	54.65%				
PERSONNEL	73,855.93	136,968.00	53.92%				
FELLOWSHIP	246.21	1,800.00	13.68%				
PRESCHOOL	1,111.80	3,500.00	31.77%				
CAPITAL RESERVE	0.00	0.00	0.0%				
Total Expense	168,149.23	336,793.00	49.93%				
TOTAL INCOME	7,111.41	*Note July 30 marks 58.8% of the year to date					

# **CELEBRATIONS!**



Rev. Bob & Carol Zorn will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on September 5! They were married at the Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, PA. Happy Anniversary!

Blair Frances Walters was born August 26, 2020 to Allison & Arthur Walters! Proud grandparents are Pauli & Art Belfiore. Blair weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20" long. Congratulations!!



## THE DAYTEC'S

It has been over five months since the Philippines began quarantine lock-down over Covid-19. The strictness and regulations have varied changed every weeks, sometimes meaning that we need government passes and health certificates leave our home, to sometimes passing through with multiple checkpoints



armed soldiers to go only a few miles. Some days there is panic and fear surging through the community as people are hungry and without work. When we leave the house each day, we ask Holy Spirit to use us as ministers of peace and hope. Masked hope-bringers.

If there is one word I would use to encompass our hearts during this interesting time of pandemic and quarantine lock-down, it would be *grateful*. Not primarily grateful because we *have*, but because we *have* in order than we can *give*. Grateful we get to live this life, grateful that in a global epidemic of fear and terror, we get to hold onto and give out Peace.

It is always the beat of our heart to give and pour out. It is why we live the kind of seemingly upside – down lives we do, but during this time when everyone around us has been shut-in and without (even more than they previously were) we have been tasked with the honor to give and love in even greater measure. I love the quote that says, "If you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence." We have love so that we can pour it out, we have food so we can share it, we have money so we can channel it on, we have a home so we can offer shelter, we have health and abilities so that we can serve. May we always be people who are table-builders. May our walls continue to stretch as we open our doors wide to those who are without.

When the quarantine madness began in March, the Holy Spirit led us to begin buying truckloads of rice (sometimes 1,500-1,800 lbs. at a time), and we have continued this every couple of weeks since. This has now expanded...we often learn of fishermen who bring in a catch but cannot not sell it because people are unable to get passes to come to market often enough, so we have bough pails full of fish to distribute.

Our Mangyan tribal friends in the mountains have brought in crops of corn and ube (sweet potatoes) that are meant to financially support many families for much of the year. They are unable to come down from the mountain to sell, so we have bought their harvests and distributed them to local pastors who use what they need, and are encouraged to give the rest to those who are hungry.

Something beautiful is being stirred-up as we empower and stand with the local pastors, the local body, in its many variations and parts, denominations and opinions. We are saying, "We love you.

We need each-other. We stand with you." Healing is seeping into broken places, prejudices are falling apart, forgiveness is being released, arms and hearts are linking together as one. We feel life springing up from this dry ground.

We are currently in process of purchasing a Carabao (water buffalo) to give to the Mangyan families in the mountains of Baclayan so they can farm more efficiently and bring in a greater harvest...this is what they want and have asked for. Another village came together and, after many years of us teaching hygiene and health practices, decided they wanted a public toilet to use, instead of going to the bathroom on the ground near their homes. They worked hard and built the facilities and we (and some of you!) provided the funds for the materials.

We see this not as a hand-out, but a hand-up; empowering people so that they can better stand on their feet and support their families and community. It is reaching out our hand to help people out of a pit of poverty (spiritual, mental and physical) so that they can, in turn, stand and help those around them.

There are many people who come to our door throughout the week, needing food, asking help to buy milk for their children or for us to buy their wares or harvest. They want to provide for their families but are in a tough place. They come as friends, not as beggars. They leave empowered, feeling honor and love.

Our home often has several extra people staying in it, and that has continued during lock-down. Whether it's new moms and babies staying with us postpartum, or someone needing a place to rest for a few days, we love sharing our space to help hearts and bodies rest and heal. We continue to do medical checkups in homes, and quite often people show up on our doorstep, needing care for sickness or wounds. Our wonderful team of midwives and medical assistants are going into local villages weekly to lead bible study, do prenatal checkups, and do health teaching.

# THE DAYTEC'S

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For the past year our eldest daughter, Julia, has had intermittent chest pain that has increased in severity in the past few months. She also began to have sallow skin and on ultrasound her liver possibly looked concerning. We began running tests and seeing doctors, and traveled to the big Island of Luzon in June to see a few specialists, who thought perhaps it was Tuberculosis and/or pleurisy, but no one has been able to pinpoint exactly what is happening. Recently Julia's skin has begun to clear, and her pain is now every few days instead of multiple times a day. We believe she is being healed, and are so profoundly thankful—Thank you to everyone who has been praying for her!

Justice finished his Tuberculosis treatment, and Avea is currently being treated for TB. In the middle of the crazy, our car died and we borrowed several different vehicles to continue delivering rice, and doing checkups, until many of you surprised us and raised funds to purchase a ministry vehicle for us. Our minds are blown, we're overwhelmed with gratitude. We have a 4 wheel drive car to drive up mountains, and it works. Tears.. so many tears.

For the past four months, I (Leah) have also been struggling with some more intense health issues than usual. For quite a large chunk of this time I have barely been able to get out of bed, due to severe bone pain in my arms and legs, fatigue, weakness, fevers, enlarged and painful lymph nodes. Blood tests have shown high levels of inflammation, that there is an autoimmune disease present, as well as an amoebic infestation.

Please pray as we continue to see doctors and investigate what is happening in my body. We're trusting Holy Spirit for healing.

We have begun our home-fellowship again on a smaller scale (there are no longer 60 people crammed into our living room) per COVID guidelines. It has been sweet to worship together again! We are gathering around each other weekly and seeing Holy Spirit pour out healing in front of our eyes. It is powerful and exciting, and we believe it is the beginning of a new season of outpouring and breakthrough as we become more desperate for Him.

A few weeks ago, our second daughter, Avea, said the Holy Spirit was speaking to her heart to take some of her savings and give it to some Mangyan friends high in the mountains. We have loved this family fiercely as their baby almost died numerous times, walked through battling with them as horrific spiritual attacks came against their family. We love each other. The leading was so strong in Avea's

spirit that she could not be at rest until we drove to the mountains and she delivered the home-made envelope filled with coins. Tears filled this mama's eyes as we drove home, Avea humming happily. Obedience and love are simple, and profound.

These past several months have been an amalgamation-a potpourri of the big and small, the crazy and the mundane, breathtaking joy and shadowed unknowns. So much of life is like this; with contrasts that give you whiplash but also teach you the gritty authenticity of real faith and joy.

In the middle of the messy and the difficult, the arduous and overwhelming, we face the revelation of what kind of substance our faith is made of; if the fabric is resilient or merely decorative. Trials do not produce our faith; they reveal it to us (James 1). Does our faith appear attractive, with slogans of trusting Jesus, when life is smooth and the sun is shining... What about when the road veers downward, and the lights go dead, when the bottom seems to fall out, and you're pulled into a ripcurrent of fear, or a wasteland of pain, when the whisper in your ear says that God isn't really good. What then?

I pray that this time, right here—right now, will be purposeful, and that we learn to grip on tight to faith and stare into Jesus' face, declaring to the storm that our God is bigger and He will come through. I pray that we look for His goodness, hold fast to His promises, and sing them out at the top of our lungs in the middle of the tumult... For resilience and endurance are born when we meet the storm with faith. His goodness hasn't changed and He won't let go of us.

Over here in Mindoro, we are excited about what The Holy Spirit is doing as He pours out on sons and daughters all around the world. We're excited about how real, gritty faith is being revealed and lived out. We anticipate all the ways He will come through in whatever comes next. Hold fast.

We're so grateful to those of you who have continued to love us tenaciously (even when I do not write updates or communicate often. I'm sorry!), and continue to pray and support us and this ministry. We are able to continue loving and pouring out here because of you. You've held us up, and we're so thankful. New life is springing up from this ground, and you are a part of it. Thank you! We pray for you each day.

Grace and Peace,

Francis, Leah, Julia, Avea, and Justice Daytec

Check out our website to learn more: <a href="http://francisandleah.weebly.com/">http://francisandleah.weebly.com/</a>

## SUPPORT OUR PRE-K PROGRAM! ORDER A T-SHIRT!

# **Preschool T-shirt Order Form**

\$15/shirt Return forms and money to school or church office.

Name	 Order	due da	ate:	Thursday	, Sept	t. 24,	2020





Name	<b>YXS</b> (2-4)	<b>YS</b> (6-8)	<b>YM</b> (10-12)	<b>YL</b> (14-16)	<b>YXL</b> (18-20)	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Total \$ amt.											

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC!** September 15 is just a few weeks away and we don't want you to forget to attend our annual church picnic. Let us know you are attending by calling the church office (717-248-4561 or email, lewispres@comcast.net). A picnic dinner is being prepared and it sounds delicious! We'll meet at 5:30 PM at Kish Park in the Green Pavilion. You don't want to miss it!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet at the Honey Creek Inn Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 11:30 AM for lunch. Come for fellowship and food! All women are welcome!

**ZOOM GATHERING FOR CHILDREN:** Starting September 13, children will be invited to their own Zoom gathering from 9:30 AM to 10 AM The 30 minute, Kidz Zoom Zone, will include a Bible story, sharing with one another, and a really fun craft. Use the same Zoom meeting code as our worship Zoom code. Hope to see our young ones there!

### KRISLUND CAMP UPDATE

# **Moving For Krislund**

Krislund programs usually reach over 1500 young people each summer with messages of Christ. Further, Krislund has hosted over 4,000 people for retreats annually. However, this year Krislund has had no campers and very few retreat guests; thus, the camp has had no income while basic expenses continue.

While the financial situation at Krislund has necessitated curtailing staff and program, there is no lack of enthusiasm for the future among the remaining staff and volunteers. Sometimes going through a difficult time allows us to evaluate where we have been, make changes as necessary, and look ahead with enthusiasm. This is happening at Krislund and we are asking you to be a part of Krislund's future.

Here's how: Make a Move for Krislund and Support each other! With the hope of raising \$10,000, Huntingdon, Carlisle and Northumberland Presbyteries are sponsoring a virtual event called Moving For Krislund. Here are two basic ways that you can participate:

- 1. You can walk, run, or ride a bike. In doing so, you seek pledges for each mile you complete or
- 2. You can help Krislund move forward by cheering on and financially supporting those who are walking, running or biking.

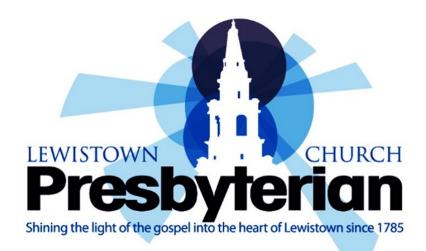
If you know somebody participating, you can contact them in person or by phone or email. Your contribution will be an important component of this event. If you don't know of any movers, you may support a staff mover by filling out the form and putting Krislund Staff in place of the mover's name. You will be able to submit your financial support through an online portal or by sending a check to Krislund.

The event will be held September 1st through October 15. All "movement" during that time can be applied to the goal. For example, if you walk a mile every day for a week or two, you can add up the miles and apply it to your total. Or you can do your activity all at once and submit that activity.

We hope you will participate in this fun way to help Krislund move headlong into the camp's "after Covid" future. It has been said that the difference between a catastrophe and an opportunity is a state of mind. With God's help and great promise, those of us supporting Krislund are choosing the "opportunity" option. We hope you will too! We thank you for your support as Krislund moves forward.

Please download a MOVER or SUPPORTER form by going to www.krislund.org/movingforkrislund





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