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Report on Asheville Camper Relief

Many of you are aware that my grandson, Tucker Swartz, and his companion, Kristen Eichenlaub, took a camper to North Carolina on December 22, 2024. The overwhelming donations you made astounded all of us. **Thank you so much.**

I've included a picture of the family that received the donations. The family that received the camper was two 24 year-old aunts who are raising their 13-year-old nephew (not sure what happened to his parents). The camper was set up in a campground in Mill Spring, NC about 45 miles SE of Asheville. The family went through the dona-

tions and took one of any duplications there were, the food, snacks, and cleaning supplies for their use that they were able to store in the camper. What remained went to two different locations where any of the misplaced residents would have access to those supplies. One such location was a Presbyterian Church near Chimney Rock.

Thanks again for all you did. This church is such a compassionate church and steps up to any need that is presented to them.

Jan Ile

This picture shows the 2 young aunts and nephew and a gentleman who helps distribute any supplies that are donated.



This picture shows Tucker, Kristen, her children, and the man and woman who coordinate campers being placed.

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February

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PASTOR'S

Contact Information
and Schedule



Pastor Ed works from home Saturday and Monday. He is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Thursdays by appointment.

Secretary hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm.

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February Worship Participants

| Sunday | Liturgist | Elder | Acolyte | Usher | Greeter |
|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Quay Stolte | Don Cover | Evan Mosher | The Mosher Family | Larry & Vickie Ocker |
| 2/9 | Kemper Dyson | Jill Corwin | Jaxson Mosher | The Mosher Family | Gilda Blank |
| 2/16 | Ron Reed | Jared Krebs | Harper Krebs | The Mosher Family | Mavis Karper & Quay Stolte |
| 2/23 | Gilda Blank | Greg McMullen | Gavin Schoenfelder | The Mosher Family | Jeanette Chamberlin |



The Designated Offering for February will go to the **Pastor's Emergency Fund**.

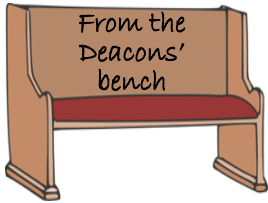


Church Flowers

February 2 - Joyce Russell, Ken and Joe Weller
February 9 - Mavis Karper
February 16 - Quay Stolte
February 23 - Alice and Jerry Judy



We are looking for greeters!
Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and thank you for serving.

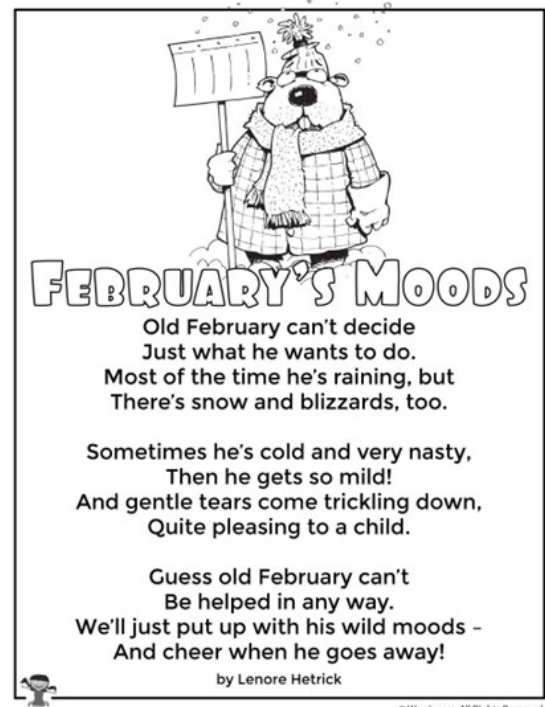


Deacon's Luncheon
February 9th
after Sunday Service
Come join us for a meal and fellowship!

Spaghetti Casserole, Bread, Salad Bar and Windy Knoll Ice Cream Cakes

With the New Year we have **new contacts for Medical Transport and Equipment.**
Please contact:

Larry Singer 717-830-1313
Sue Beidel 717-729-2619



Deacon of the month for
February is



Judy Heberlig
(717) 377-3809
hebyn@embarqmail.com



The **first Sunday of each month** the deacons will be collecting items for the **Community Cares Family Shelter.** You may leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. Toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry/canned goods, children's snacks, towels, cooking oil, bleach, and paper products are needed by the families. Follow their posts on Facebook!

Growth Ministry



Friends in Fellowship

Friends in Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, February 12 at 11:30 am** at the **Hickory Ridge Restaurant.** Bring a friend and join us around the table in fellowship and good food.

Contact Jan Ile by **February 9** if you will be attending at 717-977-7670 or email at janile@pa.net.

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Donations Made in 2024

The following organizations received donations from our Local Mission Fund in March that were matched by the Partnership for Better Health:

1. Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO) - \$500
2. Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) - \$1500
3. Christ Among Neighbors - \$500
4. Civic Club of Shippensburg - \$250
5. Shippensburg EMS - \$250
6. Boys and Girls Club of Shippensburg and Chambersburg - \$250
7. West End Fire and EMS - \$250
8. Reins of Rhythm - \$250
9. Safe Harbour - \$250

The following donations were made in December from the remaining local mission fund:

1. Fruit Belt Farm Workers - \$1000
2. Shippensburg Area School District - Social Work Department - \$1000
3. The Harbor - Shippensburg - \$1000
4. Women in Need - \$1000
5. Lend a Hand - \$500
6. Franklin Co Prison Ministry - \$500
7. Circle of Love - \$500
8. Katie's Place - \$500
9. Drew's Hope - \$500
10. Salvation Army - \$500
11. Heifer International - \$500
12. C.R.O.S.S. - \$500
13. Newburg-Hopewell Fire Co - \$500
14. CV Hose Co - \$500
15. Central Pa Food Bank - \$500
16. Spirit Lutheran - \$500
17. Coy Public Library \$376.72

This \$10,376.72 plus the \$4,000 used in March for March Matchness equals the \$14,376.72 in this year's budget for local missions.

2024 Peacemaking Offering: Franklin Co. Veterans Affairs Outreach Fund - \$260

2024 Pentecost Offering: United Disability Services - Service Dogs - \$352.15



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Session Highlights for JANUARY 2025

The December Session meeting was held on January 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the library/classroom. Susie Rohr led the Session in devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.

The *Clerk's report* indicated that Sunday worship continued to be in person but was also offered live at 10:30 AM through Facebook and available on the church's YouTube channel and website. Attendance was as follows:

| | Sanctuary | Online |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| December 1 | 71 | 13 |
| December 8 | 75 | 16 |
| December 15 | 64 | 15 |
| December 22 | 112 | 16 |
| December 24 (Christmas Eve) | 87 | 16 |
| December 29 | 67 | 16 |

The following Consent Agenda Items were Approved:

1. The minutes of the December 5, 2024 Session meeting.
2. The minutes of the December 12, 2024 Deacon meeting.
3. The Treasurer's report for December 2024 Year-to-date income - \$301,359.76; Year-to-date expenses - \$344,090.58; Checkbook balance - \$64,272.62; Available Cash for budgeted items - \$19,561.93; Egiving - \$28,585.13.
4. The Updated 2025 Church Calendar
5. The 2024 Statistical Report – If you wish to see the report, see Jan Ile.
6. The appointment of Gary Russell, Treasurer, Jan Ile, Clerk of Session, Jerry Chamberlin, Financial Secretary, and Susan Beidel as Assistant Treasurer.
7. The Elder of the Week listing

Kemper Dyson will be the Commissioner at the February 8 Presbytery Meeting.

The Spring Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the 2025 financial data and the 2024 membership statistics.

A Congregational Gathering is being planned soon to hear what the congregation likes/dislikes about the Outreach/Fellowship events that have been held and to brainstorm new ideas.

The carpets in the Christian Ed wing, hallways, classrooms, offices, the lobby, and the sanctuary were cleaned on Monday, January 13, 2025.

A list of the upcoming events planned will be included in the bulletins.

At the December 26 Community Meal, 4 in-person meals were served, 40 drive-thru meals were served, and 30 meals were given to the Family Shelter. Several meals were also taken to the new residential housing on Orange St. and around town. 12 jars of soup were frozen for the Care and Share in January.

The December and final check was mailed to Robbie and Kerri Weber. It totaled \$2785.00. The total sent to the Webers from September - December was \$4367.00.

The following are the ministry assignments for the Ruling Elders for 2025 – **Building and Grounds** – Stew Cook (Liaison to the Session, Brad Beidel will serve as chair); **Fellowship/Outreach** – Park Bierbower and Jan Ile; **Growth Ministry** – Susie Rohr and Kemper Dyson; **Nominating** – Don Cover; **Personnel and Finance** – Greg McMullen; **Service** – Jared Krebs and Jill Corwin; **Worship** – Park Bierbower and Jan Ile.

The Therapy Dog has arrived and Jared Krebs and family will start bringing him to worship following the do's and don'ts instructions.

A new computer will be purchased for the office. The current computer cannot be supported by Windows after the end of the year.

The Corporate Officers for 2025 – Don Cover – President; Jan Ile – Secretary, and Gary Russell – Treasurer.

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The **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** will meet at 1:00 on Tuesday, February 18 in the library. We will continue with Lesson #3 from The Book of Malachi. Contact Kathy Palmer with any questions or for study details.



ZOOM Bible Study

We are continuing our study on the N.T. Wright book, *Paul*. If you are interested and want to join our fascinating discussions, please contact Jan Mooney and you will be sent a link for the meeting. We meet on Tuesdays at 10 am via ZOOM. We welcome everyone!



The Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying from the Life Guide Bible Series called "Meeting the Spirit." We will be examining key passages of scripture that will teach us vital truths about who the Spirit of God is and what he is anxious to do in our lives. Be prepared to be changed! We are adding to our numbers and have very meaningful conversations that help us grow in our faith. Come, you will be so glad you did.

Service Ministry

Shippensburg Area Community Meal

The next community meal will be **February 27 at 5:00 pm**. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or need more information, contact **Jared Krebs at 717-578-0887**.

Please come out, have dinner with us, and meet the people we support with this ministry!



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2024

Friday, January 10, 2025

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance | Previous Year Balance | Amount Diff YTD | % Diff YTD |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| 1.50.000 | General Fund Checking Acct | 64,272.62 | 109,354.26 | (45,081.64) | 41 |
| 1.70.000 | Capital Fund Checking Acct | 1,739.92 | 3,716.14 | (1,976.22) | 53 |
| 1.80.000 | Youth Fund Checking Acct | 3,132.22 | 6,333.42 | (3,201.20) | 51 |
| 1.90.001 | Church Endowment Investment Acct. | 1,046,139.00 | 946,583.28 | 99,555.72 | 11 |
| 1.90.002 | Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct | 524,371.53 | 506,691.05 | 17,680.48 | 3 |
| 1.90.003 | Church Youth Endowment Acct | 13,729.28 | 12,051.17 | 1,678.11 | 14 |
| 1.90.004 | Church Building Investment Fund | 61,699.31 | 53,962.20 | 7,737.11 | 14 |
| 1.90.010 | Electronic Giving Clearing Acct | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Total Assets | | \$1,715,083.88 | \$1,638,691.52 | \$76,392.36 | 5 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| 2.01.000 | <i>Employee Withholdings</i> | | | | |
| 2.01.001 | FIT Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.002 | FICA Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.003 | Medicare Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.004 | State Tax Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.005 | Local Tax Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.006 | LST Tax Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.01.010 | FSA Health Care | 0.00 | 512.99 | (512.99) | 100 |
| 2.01.015 | 403(b) Withholdings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| <i>Total Employee Withholdings</i> | | <i>\$0.00</i> | <i>512.99</i> | <i>(512.99)</i> | <i>(100)</i> |
| 2.02.000 | <i>Reserved/Specified Givings **</i> | | | | |
| 2.03.001 | Library Use | 30.93 | 55.55 | (24.62) | 44 |
| 2.03.002 | Youth Scholarships (Camp) | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 2.03.005 | Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.03.006 | Pentecost Offering-Local Portion | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2.03.009 | Bell Maintenance- RSV | 2,850.00 | 2,250.00 | 600.00 | 27 |
| 2.03.010 | Bell Choir Use ** | 350.00 | 1,284.26 | (934.26) | 73 |
| 2.03.011 | Chancel Choir Use ** | 438.61 | 438.61 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 2.03.012 | Church Music Program ** | 649.38 | 349.38 | 300.00 | 86 |
| 2.03.015 | Pastor's Emergency Fund ** | 163.00 | 389.80 | (226.80) | 58 |
| 2.03.016 | Pastor's Continuing Education-RSV ** | 0.00 | 2,016.04 | (2,016.04) | 100 |
| 2.03.017 | Manse Maintenance-RSV | 0.00 | N/A | 0.00 | - |
| 2.03.018 | Professional Cleaning RSV-Cap 25,000 | 0.00 | N/A | 0.00 | - |
| 2.03.020 | Ground Care Equipment RSV-Cap \$20,000 | 1.77 | 5,397.77 | (5,396.00) | 100 |
| 2.03.021 | Parking Lot Seal/Re-line-RSV | 7,502.00 | 3,302.00 | 4,200.00 | 127 |

Want to save taxes on your RMD's (Required Minimum Distribution) while giving to Middle Spring Presbyterian Church ?

If you're currently subject to taking an RMD from your rollover IRA or pension plan, you can make any part of your distribution non-taxable if you donate directly to Middle Spring Presbyterian Church. By giving directly from your IRA/pension to the church, the funds you pull out are not taxed, possibly reducing your overall tax bill while you continue making your charitable contribution to MSPC. If you think this is something you'd like more information about the process and the benefits of taking the distribution this way, talk to Pastor Ed, Gary or myself.

Greg McMullen, Finance Chair MSPC.

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance | Previous Year Balance | Amount Diff YTD | % Diff YTD |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 2.03.022 | Office Equipment-RSV | 4,773.18 | 4,273.18 | 500.00 | 12 |
| 2.03.023 | Seal Brick-Church/Manse-RSV | 5,010.00 | 2,810.00 | 2,200.00 | 78 |
| 2.03.024 | Family Fund ** | 650.78 | 650.78 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 2.03.027 | Memorial Fund | 5,616.70 | 6,432.82 | (816.12) | 13 |
| 2.03.029 | Mission-Specified ** | 3,000.00 | 1,050.00 | 1,950.00 | 186 |
| 2.03.031 | Puppet Fund | 1,290.04 | 944.03 | 346.01 | 37 |
| 2.03.032 | June Weber International Scholarship ** | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 2.03.035 | Rental Maintenance-RSV-Cap \$3000 | 3,000.00 | 6,000.00 | (3,000.00) | 50 |
| 2.03.036 | Educational Scholarship (8/23) | 562.00 | 482.00 | 80.00 | 17 |
| 2.03.038 | Kitchen Water Filter | 1,000.00 | N/A | 1,000.00 | - |
| 2.03.050 | Repurposed Resv Acct | 4,817.30 | 5,417.30 | (600.00) | 11 |
| | <i>Total Reserved/Specified Givings **</i> | <i>\$44,710.69</i> | <i>46,548.52</i> | <i>(1,837.83)</i> | <i>(4)</i> |
| 2.10.001 | Accounts Payable/Vendors | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| | Total Liabilities | \$44,710.69 | \$47,061.51 | (\$2,350.82) | 5 |
| Fund Balances | | | | | |
| 3.10.000 | General Fund Balance | 19,561.93 | 62,292.75 | (42,730.82) | 69 |
| 3.70.000 | Capital Fund Balance | 1,739.92 | 3,716.14 | (1,976.22) | 53 |
| 3.80.000 | Youth Fund Balance | 3,132.22 | 6,333.42 | (3,201.20) | 51 |
| 3.90.001 | Church Endowment Fund Balance | 1,046,139.00 | 946,583.28 | 99,555.72 | 11 |
| 3.90.002 | Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance | 524,371.53 | 506,691.05 | 17,680.48 | 3 |
| 3.90.003 | Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance | 13,729.28 | 12,051.17 | 1,678.11 | 14 |
| 3.90.004 | Church Building Investment Fund Balance | 61,699.31 | 53,962.20 | 7,737.11 | 14 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$1,670,373.19 | \$1,591,630.01 | \$78,743.18 | 5 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$1,715,083.88 | \$1,638,691.52 | \$76,392.36 | 5 |

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger (marked with "**") and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.



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Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 12/31/2024

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| Account # | Account Name | Beg Balance | Receipts | Disbursements | Transfers/JE's | End Balance |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 3.10.000 | General Fund Balance | 62,292.75 | 301,359.76 | 344,090.58 | 0.00 | 19,561.93 |
| 3.70.000 | Capital Fund Balance | 3,716.14 | 743.00 | 2,719.22 | 0.00 | 1,739.92 |
| 3.80.000 | Youth Fund Balance | 6,333.42 | 18,747.96 | 21,949.16 | 0.00 | 3,132.22 |
| 3.90.001 | Church Endowment Fund Balance | 946,583.28 | 149,836.23 | 50,280.51 | 0.00 | 1,046,139.00 |
| 3.90.002 | Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance | 506,691.05 | 52,391.75 | 34,711.27 | 0.00 | 524,371.53 |
| 3.90.003 | Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance | 12,051.17 | 1,678.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13,729.28 |
| 3.90.004 | Church Building Investment Fund Balance | 53,962.20 | 7,737.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 61,699.31 |
| Total | | \$1,591,630.01 | \$532,493.92 | \$453,750.74 | \$0.00 | \$1,670,373.19 |

Ink Cartridge Return Program

Please remember to donate to our **Staples Ink Cartridge Return Program**. We aim to collect 20 used cartridges to receive our maximum \$40 per month in savings for office supplies and equipment. We have saved thousands of dollars through this program over the years! Thank you for your continued support!
Jim Corwin (717) 532-8747



Cell Phone Collection

The Service Ministry at Middle Spring Church is collecting used or broken cell phones for the military. The **Military Mama Network** collects them and turns them into Calling Cards for deployed military members and their families. If you have a phone to contribute please contact Brad Beidel for pickup. There is also a box located in the Church lobby for collection.



Save Your Pull Tabs!



Session continues to support the **Ronald McDonald House** by collecting the pull tabs from soda cans. These are being collected in a marked container in the narthex.



There is a nursery sign-up sheet for 2025 available! If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please check your calendars and stop by the nursery to sign up.

Brenda is there early if you would like to come in before church.

Just a reminder – we have a church library!

Located at the end of the hall past the office in the Christian Education wing, the library is easy to overlook. The library is at the end, next to the children's Sunday school classroom.

There are a variety of books available on the library shelves and on the movable cart in the hallway just outside. You can check out any of these books by simply signing them out in the notebook by the door. When you're ready to return a book, put it in the yellow BOOK RETURN basket. The library committee will do the rest. It's your church library! Check it out!

If you have questions, contact Pat Mahan, Church Library Committee.



Congregational Meeting

Spring Congregational Meeting Planned

The Spring Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2025** immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the 2025 financial data and the 2024 membership statistics.





| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Alana Moriarty | 2/2 |
| Terry Chamberlin | 2/2 |
| Grant Silverstrim | 2/2 |
| Cindy Chamberlin | 2/6 |
| Tiffany Chamberlin | 2/6 |
| Lois Richwine | 2/10 |
| Deanna Baer | 2/10 |
| Brenda Fleming | 2/11 |
| Mary Lou Melisauskas | 2/15 |
| Sue Beidel | 2/16 |
| Kimberly Gehres | 2/16 |
| Marc Weibley | 2/18 |
| Derek Wadlington | 2/19 |
| Kim Barnie | 2/22 |
| Quay Stolte | 2/22 |
| Jerry Judy | 2/23 |
| Jared Krebs | 2/23 |
| Kevin Singer | 2/23 |
| Glen Fletcher | 2/24 |
| Janice Mooney | 2/25 |
| Seth Pearson | 2/28 |
| Bob Harper | 2/29 |



Anniversaries and Birthdays



| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Don and Pat Cover | 2/6 |
| Gregg and Sarah Mellott | 2/18 |
| Robert and Kim Barnie | 2/23 |

To the Congregation and the Board of Deacons,

The thoughtful gift basket of snacks was greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Our Best wishes are with you all for a Merry Christmas and a

Happy Healthy New Year

Bob & Jim

12/5/2024

Thank you for supporting FCHM!

Your gift enables us to share the Gospel with the inmates.

Lives are changed and God is glorified. What a great investment.

Ranna



Dear MSPC,

I'm writing to express my gratitude for the Finals-week box of snacks you all sent me. Your love and support means a great deal to me!

Gratefully,

Cole Pearson



Thinking of you
And wanting you to know
How much happiness you've wished
On this day - and always!
Thanks for all your cards & letters
you have sent me,
Mary Jane Baker

Dear Pastor Ed and friends at Middle Spring PC,

Merry Christmas to you all and blessings in the New Year!

With peace, hope, joy, and love in Christ -

Kristal

Janie

Ed

Carolyn

Your Presbytery Staff

Dear Middle Spring members,
Thank you for the crockpots,
books, calendars, and monthly
donations to our Family Shelter.
You consistently make a difference
in the lives of our families.
We appreciate you.
Thanks, Sherry Collins at
Community CARES



Dear Middle Spring
Season + cookie bakers,
Just a note to thank
you for the wonderful
surprise of delicious
cookies sent to us
in Florida.

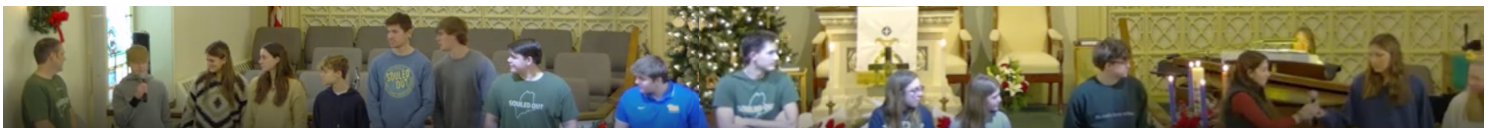
We think of you
often + especially after
receiving such a
thoughtful gift.

As Bob says "He has
no stamina !!!" but
we are functioning
rather well in the
warm weather.

Yours,
Betty + Bob
Harper

Souled Out

Souled Out Youth Fellowship wants to thank everyone for coming to our Worship service and fellowship as we discussed our mission trip. We are looking forward to this year's trip and are beginning to fundraise for it. Please stay tuned for information on our trip and our chicken BBQ and silent auction. Thank you so much for your continued support!



What's Happening



Opening Prayer



Presentation of Bibles



Phone numbers and email addresses are available in the church directory

| Session | Deacons | Prayer Requests |
|--|--|---|
| Jan Ile Clerk, Worship Ministry Rev. Edward Blank Moderator Park Bierbower Fellowship & Outreach, Worship Ministry Stew Cook Building and Grounds Session Liaison Jill Corwin Service Ministry Don Cover Chair, Nominating Kemper Dyson Co-Chair, Growth Ministry Jared Krebs Chair, Service Ministry Greg McMullen Chair, Personnel; Chair, Finance Susie Rohr Co-Chair, Growth Ministry | Sue Beidel , Moderator, Pastoral Care & Home Communion, Milestone Recognition, Transportation, Medical Equipment Larry Ocker , Co-Moderator, Pastoral Care & Home Communion, Communion Supplies Stevie Nordai , Secretary, Representative to Nominating Committee Janet Sailhamer , Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets Jeanette Chamberlin , Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets Pris Gould , Chancel/Funeral/Holiday Flowers Rick Arnold , Pulpit Scarves and Banners Judy Heberlig , Chancel/Funeral/Holiday Seasonal Flowers Jan Mooney , Community Outreach Larry Singer , Community Outreach, Transportation, Medical Equipment Dorina Saul , Community Outreach, Milestone Recognition | <p>If you have need of prayers, please contact Pastor Ed - pastor@middlespringpc.org</p> |

Mission and Vision

Middle Spring Presbyterian Church called together by God to worship, grow, and serve

To worship, we gather

- to praise and glorify God
- to be transformed by the Spirit
- to forgive and to be forgiven
- to witness to our faith in our triune God
- to pray for guidance in our lives
 - as we meet life's challenges
 - and care for God's world and God's children

In worship, we experience God's presence inviting us to grow. [Colossians 1:10]

To grow, we seek

- to read the Bible for understanding and reflection
- to learn about our Christian faith and Reformed tradition
- to be open to new ways the truth is revealed in the world today
- to share our faith journey with one another
- to become more committed to Christ's mission

In growing, we hear God's invitation to respond and serve. [John 17:18]

To serve, we reach out















- to proclaim the good news of the saving grace of God
- to share our blessings
- to offer hope and comfort
- to experience fellowship with others
- to improve the lives of those in need around the world,
 - heeding Christ's call to "Tend my sheep." [John 21:16]

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FEBRUARY

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>26</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study</p>  | <p>29</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>01</p> |
| <p>02</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Holy Communion</p>   | <p>03</p> | <p>04</p> <p>Secretary Hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 6:00 pm Session Meeting</p>  | <p>05</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p> | <p>06</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>07</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>08</p> |
| <p>09</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Deacon's Luncheon after Worship</p>  | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 11:30 am Friends in Fellowship lunch at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p>  | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Annual Spring Congregational Meeting after worship</p>  | <p>17</p>  | <p>18</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 1:00 pm PW Bible Study</p>   | <p>19</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 5-6:00 pm Community Meal</p>  | <p>28</p> <p>Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm</p> | <p>01</p> |