

MIDDLE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) THE MIDDLE SPRING MESSENGER



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Souled Out Youth Mission Trip

On Friday, July 18, Souled Out Youth Fellowship returned from serving on our annual mission trip. It was an amazing week filled with service,



fellowship, bonding, and most importantly, building a stronger faith and relationship with God. mission trip is the culmination of our youth year that includes fundraising, service, and lots and lots of planning. This year, we were tested like never I have been youth director before. since August of 2009 - my first mission trip was in 2010 - there have never been as many challenges as this year. For the third straight year, we decided

we would be going through Group Mission Trips and serving in a community to help with home repairs as we had in the past. We decided we would go to Rhode Island to serve, and youth members and their families started to plan their summers around the date that we selected. When I decided to make a deposit for the trip, I found that it was no longer available. In fact, it wasn't even listed as an option. No problem! We decided to go with plan B - Illinois, since it was available the same week. I made the deposit, and we continued fundraising and planning. A few weeks before our chicken BBQ and silent auction, I received word that Group Mission Trips was cancelling our Illinois trip due to low registration. There were no other locations available through Group Mission Trips that would work for the youth group members planning on going on the trip. What would we do? Now, I have always had some challenges that have come up - transportation issues are common, right up until the day we leave. But, God has always provided us with what we need for a lifechanging experience. This was different. We had to find something else, and we were starting from square one. So, we all prayed - a lot. Through

prayer, research, and lots and lots of emails, I found a new company who was very responsive and very eager to have us serve - Praying Pelicans Ministries. We found a location that would work - Washington DC - but we knew nothing about them or what we would be doing. Was this going to be the right choice? Then, we had a few youth members drop out and we were in danger of not having the minimum number needed to go. What were we going to do? I can't wait to tell you all about it very soon as we lead worship. God always comes through and leads us to where we need to go with the people we need to be with.



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September Worship Participants

Sunday	Liturgist	Elder	Acolyte	Usher	Greeter
9/7	Gilda Blank	Susie Rohr	Cooper Krebs	Nelson & Judy Heberlig	Jeanette Chamberlin
9/14	Kemper Dyson	Park Bierbower	Harper Krebs	Nelson & Judy Heberlig	Gilda Blank
9/21	Larry Singer	Brad Beidel	Jaxon Mosher	Nelson & Judy Heberlig	Don & Pat Cover
9/28	Ron Reed	Kemper Dyson	Gavin Schoenfelder	Nelson & Judy Heberlig	Jeanette Chamberlin



The Designated Offering for September will go to the **Educational Scholarship Fund**



September 7 - Stevie Nordai

September 14 - Joan Schroeder

September 21 - Kathy Palmer

September 28 - Cindy Chamberlin & Chris Laughlin

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A GREETER!

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex and we need to add some names. Contact Kathy Palmer with any questions. The help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



greeters needed

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A prayer to usher out the last of summer and welcome fall

Welcome September
May God Turn
Your cannots into can's
Your confusion into clarity
Your burdens into blessing &
Your stress into peace.

May He bless you with Joy, love, happiness & prosperity.

May He Provide a shield of protection over you & your family during the month of August & always.

In Jesus' Name Amen. (Reprinted Tailspin Farms Life in Grace)

As the Deacons gear up for Fall and the busy Holiday season. We want to thank all those who give of their time to help us serve the membership.

Coming Events:

September 7th: Rally day Luncheon

October 12th: Membership Recognition Luncheon

Deacon of the month for **September is**



Dorina Saul

the sauls@comcast.net



Community Cares for Homeless Shelter

The shelter has specific needs for this month: Household items: toilet paper, all-purpose cleaners, Drano, floor cleaner, disinfectant wipes, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, 13- or 33-gallon garbage bags, Brillo pads, dish

sponges, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner. <u>Toiletries</u>: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, baby powder, nail clippers, razors, Q-tips, hair ties <u>Medicine</u>: day- and night-time cold medicine, cough drops, hydrocortisone cream, antibiotic cream, peroxide, mini disposable medicine cups for liquid meds. <u>Baby Items</u>: baby wipes - We are urgently looking for gently used toddler beds and pack and plays with the safety mechanisms working. <u>Pantry Items</u>: sugar, creamer, cases of water, plastic utensils, paper plates and bowls of all sizes, paper cups, cooking spray. <u>Miscellaneous</u>: gently used or new towels and washcloths, whiteout, AA and AAA batteries. You may leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. The deacons will deliver them after the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Ministry



The Friends in Fellowship luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, September 10, at 11:30 AM** at the Newville Diner (399 Newville Rd., Newville). Bring a friend and join us for great fellowship around the table and good food. Contact Jan Ile - <u>janile@pa.net</u> or 717-977-7670 **by September 7** if you plan to join us around the table.

...called together by God to worship, grow, and serve



Tom Barksdale

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Jean Wenger

Celebration Villa, Room 140 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257

Worship Attendance for July

	<u>Sanctuary</u>	<u>Online</u>
July 6	64	22
July 13	49	18
July 20	59	16
July 27	67	15



July & August Building & Grounds Tasks Completed

- Porch Roof and enclosure completed. Cost to date: \$13128.76
- Concrete Blocks sealed with Dry lock and Floor Painted
- Walls and ceiling wiped down
- Grass planted where stumps removed
- Bat Box installed
- Grass cut around sign at the end of Middle Spring Rd
- Topsoil and mulch placed around new construction after leveling
- Reel Hose moved to the outside of the new construction
- Screen door in kitchen hinged to suit new construction
- Blinds rehung in Library



Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)



The PNC would like to let you know about the progress we have made so far. On July 31 and August 1, we had a potential candidate visit us. We had an interview with the Commission on Ministries from the Carlisle Presbytery. We took them on a tour of Shippensburg and the surrounding area and shared meals with them. After prayerful discernment, we have decided to continue to look at other candidates. We are grateful for your continued encouragement and prayers as we continue this journey together.



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The Family Fun Fest will be held on **Saturday, September 13th**, from 10 AM until 2 PM. Please schedule this on your calendar. Don't forget to bring a friend, relative or neighbor. Be prepared for a lot of fun, great food, and tons of fellowship. Hope to see you there!

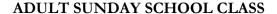






The Fellowship and Outreach Team is planning a trip for you to see the Christmas production at the Christian Life Assembly

Church on **December 6 at 2:00 PM**. A van has been reserved to take us to the program. The cost of the ticket will be \$15 plus the transportation cost. **A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You must sign up by October 19 so we can get the best seating possible.** Please indicate if you plan to ride the van or drive yourself to the venue.



The Adult Sunday School Class resumes our winter schedule on September 7th . We are studying from the Life Guide Bible Series the Book of Daniel. We are on chapter 6 "The Handwriting on the Wall" . This chapter gives powerful thought to what we do each day to cultivate the influence you have in spite of opposition or oppression. And how do you want to be remembered by the people who are closest to you? Daniel shows us that we should never underestimate the influence of one godly life.

The Middle Spring Handbell Choir and the Memorial Lutheran Handbell Choir will join forces in performing in a combined concert on **Sunday**,

October 12 at 4:00 PM. Also performing will be Handbell soloist Kathy Singiser accompanied on the piano by Jane Boley. Come enjoy an afternoon of handbell music and support the handbell choirs. A free will offering will be lifted.





There will be a Rally Day Picnic after worship on September 7. The meal will be from Redemption BBQ.





Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM. We're looking forward to another great year of raising our voices in praise and fellowship.

Handbell Choir rehearsal will begin on **September 3** at 7:30 PM.

All are welcome! Please join us!



September 16 at 1:00 PM will be the PW Bible Study in the church library. We will discuss our study for this year. Please plan to attend.

Trip to See NOAH

Have you wanted to see NOAH at Sight and Sound but felt it was too expensive, or transportation was an issue? Well, wish no more; the Outreach/Fellowship Team has recently learned that NOAH will be shown on **Saturday, September 20**, at the RC Commons Theatre in Carlisle. It was filmed in front of a live audience. The movie will begin at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 PM to carpool to the theater in Carlisle to see this special showing of NOAH. The cost will be \$14.50 per person The sign-

up sheet is in the lobby. Please enter only one person per line, so we can accurately determine how many tickets to purchase.



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025

Sunday, Augus	st 10, 2025		Page 1 of 2
Account #	Account Name		YTD Balance
Assets			
1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct		61,337.13
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct		136.58
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct		9,211.19
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.		1,098,532.38
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct		516,244.50
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct		14,404.24
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund		63,532.06
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct		0.00
		Total Assets	\$1,763,398.08
Liabilities			
2.01.000	Exployee Withholdings		
2.01.001	FIT Withholdings		0.00
2.01.002	FICA Withholdings		0.00
2.01.003	Medicare Withholdings		0.00
2.01.004	State Tax Withholdings		0.00
2.01.005	Local Tax Withholdings		77.23
2.01.006	LST Tax Withholdings		0.00
2.01.010	FSA Health Care		1,867.74
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings		0.00
		Total Exployee Withholdings	\$1,944.97
2.02.000	Reserved/Specified Givings **		
2.03.001	Library Use		426.86
2.03.002	Youth Scholarships (Camp)		5.00
2.03.005	Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion		0.00
2.03.006	Pentecost Offering-Local Portion		42.80
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance- RSV		3,450.00
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use **		350.00
2.03.011	Chancel Choir Use **		438.61
2.03.012	Church Music Program **		649.38
2.03.015	Pastor's Emergency Fund **		278.00
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education-RSV **		1,000.00
2.03.017	Manse Maintenance-RSV		1,436.55
2.03.018	Professional Cleaning RSV-Cap 25,000		3,815.44
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment RSV-Cap \$20,0	000	2,001.77
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line-RSV		9,002.00
2.03.022	Office Equipment-RSV		2,095.89

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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Sunday, August	10, 2025	Page 2 of 2			
Account # Account Name					
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse-RSV	3,229.00			
2.03.024	Family Fund **	650.78			
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	3,009.85			
2.03.029	Mission-Specified **	740.00			
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	1,245.04			
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship **	3,000.00			
2.03.035	Rental Maintainence-RSV-Cap \$3000	3,000.00			
2.03.036	Educational Scholarship (8/23)	562.00			
2.03.038	Kitchen Water Filter **	1,000.00			
2.03.039	Facility Dog Support **	586.00			
2.03.050	Repurposed Resv Acct	4,817.30			
	Total Reserved/Specified Givings **	\$46,832.27			
2.10.001	Accounts Payable/Vendors	2,829.80			
	Total Liabilities	\$51,607.04			
Fund Balances					
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	12,599.89			
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	136.58			
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	6,341.39			
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	1,098,532.38			
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	516,244.50			
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acet Balance	14,404.24			
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	63,532.06			
	Total Fund Balances	\$1,711,791.04			
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$1,763,398.08			



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 07/31/2025

Sunday, Aug	ust 10, 2025					Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	19,561.93	208,522.16	215,484.20	0,00	12,599.89
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	1,739.92	15,702.70	17,306.04	0.00	136.58
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	3,132.22	16,612.00	13,402.83	0.00	6,341.39
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	1,046,139.00	92,104.03	39,710.65	0.00	1,098,532.38
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	524,371.53	36,870.73	44,997.76	0.00	516,244.50
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	13,729.28	674.96	0.00	0.00	14,404.24
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	61,699.31	2,832.75	1,000.00	0.00	63,532.06
Total		\$1,670,373.19	\$373,319.33	\$331,901.48	\$0.00	\$1,711,791.04



Migrant
We will be doing visits to Irvin Brothers camp to visit the fruit belt farm workers (migrant workers) on September 7 leaving church at 5:30 PM and on September 28 leaving church at 5 PM. We take a meal to share and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you are interested in donating food for the meal or joining us please let Tammy Maclay know. Contact her at 717-372-4433 or email at tammymaclay@gmail.com.



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.

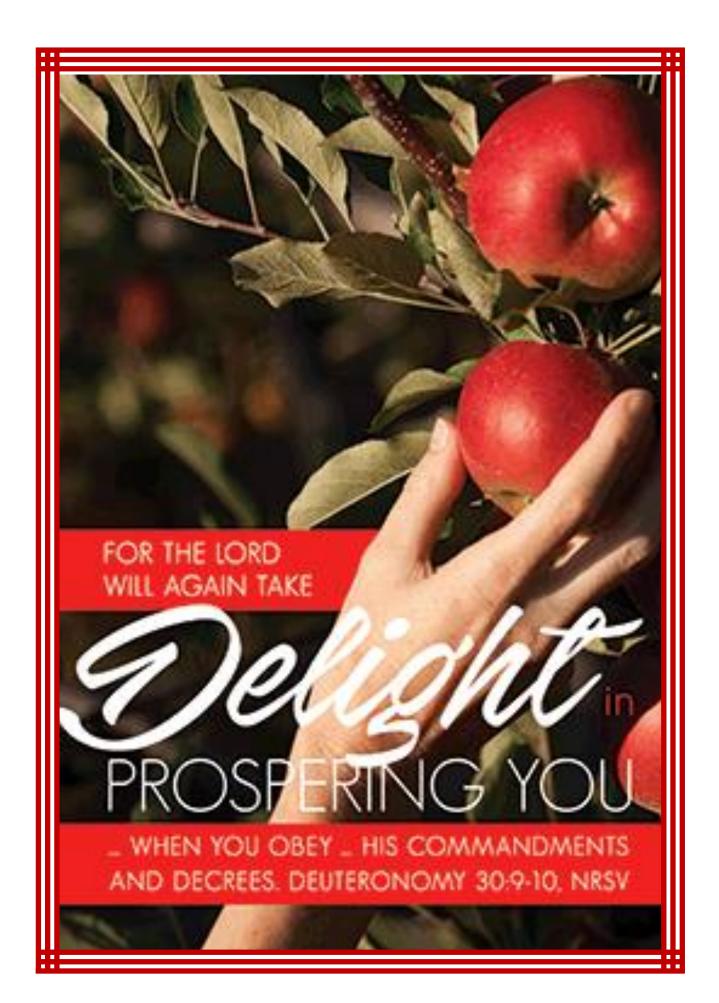


Special Music



Special Music for September:

September 7: Dorina Saul September 14: Puppets September 21: Church Choir September 28: Handbell Choir





Tiffany Roth Nolan Evanchak Mary Bard Vickie Ocker Jen Kelso Pat Mahan Don Cover Brian Baer Barbara Singer Elizabeth Bricker	9/3 9/3 9/7 9/8 9/8 9/9 9/11 9/12 9/14 9/14
	9/16 9/18
Bob Rohr Noah Henry Robin Beam Beth Denning Rick Arnold	9/19 9/19 9/19 9/25 9/28 9/28 9/29







Doug & Kathryn Wilburne	9/1
Terry & Kathy Chamberlin	9/2
David & Ellen True	9/3
Edward & Gilda Blank	9/4
Nate & Alannah Dial	9/4
Jerry & Doris Holtry	9/6
Christopher & Brooke Nordai	9/14

What's Happening



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Phone numbers and email addresses are available in the church directory

Session

Jan Ile Clerk, Worship Ministry
Rev. Edward Blank Moderator
Park Bierbower Fellowship &
Outreach, Worship Ministry
Brad Beidel 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

Deacons

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

Transportation, Medical Equipment **Dorina Saul**, Community Outreach, Milestone

Larry Singer, Community Outreach,

Prayer Requests

If you have need of prayers, please contact Pastor Ed - pastor@middlespringpc.org

Mission and Vision

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

To worship, we gather

Ministry

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]

2025 SEPTEMBER

Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday		Friday		Saturday
31	01	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6 pm Session Meeting	02	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	04	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	05	06
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion during worship Worship in person and online Home Communion Immediately following service Rally Day Picnic 5:30 pm Irving Bros. Camp Visit	08	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6 pm Deacon Meeting	09	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 11:30 am Friends in Fellowship - Newville Diner 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	11	Secretary hours am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	12	13 10 am-2 pm Family Fun Fest
14 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online	15	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 1 PM PW Bible Study	16	17 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	18	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	19	Leaving the church at 6:00 PM - Trip to the RC Commons Theater, Carlisle to see the movie, NOAH, filmed live from Sight & Sound
21 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online	22	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	23	24 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 5-6:00 pm Communit Meal	25 y	Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	26	27
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