



PROCESS OF HIRING A NEW MINISTER

At the November 1, 2022 MSPC Session Meeting, Cheryl Galan, Interim Executive Presbyter, and Rev. Anthony Lorenz, Chair of the COM of the Presbytery met with the Session members. They explained what we as a church and Session needed to know to go through the process of forming a PNC. The Session felt that we are not ready to form a PNC committee at this time. We still must explore the Adaptive Challenges that we face and address the fine points before we are ready to start the process of looking for a new pastor. Some of the Adaptive Challenges were discussed at the last Congregational Gathering on April 21, 2022. Those challenges include some easier items such as:

- planning more Fellowship gatherings,
- achieving a larger footprint in the community,

but also more challenging items such as:

- how do we get our youth group to be more involved in the life of the church,
- how can we grow as a congregation, both in-person and virtually rebalancing and filling the current generational void in our congregation, i.e., attracting more 22 to 35-year-old worshipers with families, etc.

As we implement strategies to achieve these things, and as the Session assesses their effect on moving us along the path we believe God is calling the church, we will get a clearer vision of the type of pastor we will need. With each success and failure, will come valuable insights into what gifts and talents our next pastor will need. Furthermore, this will serve the PNC when it is time to begin the search. The Session believes that Pastor Ed's leadership during this transitional time is both valuable and sufficient to pastor the church while we discern, find solutions, and implement those solutions for the adaptive challenges that lie ahead. While we have been granted permission from the Presbytery to form a PNC when we are ready, the Session, for the reasons mentioned above, does not believe we are ready. The Session will continue to monitor our readiness, and provide updates on the process throughout the year. In addition, as we implement changes to address these challenges, the Session welcomes your input and so we will be scheduling additional congregational gatherings to hear from you. This is a pivotal time for the future life of MSPC and your Session, together with God's help, wants to get it right.

For the Session:

Jan Ile, Clerk of the Session

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February

PASTOR'S

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and Schedule



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Tuesday through Thursday

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Friday - off

Saturday - Works from home.

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Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. Jim Richwine*
Organist: *Ingrid Winckler*
Choir Director: *Pat Frey*
Hand bell Choir Director: *Jan Ile*
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The **Designated Communion Offering for the month of February** will go to the **Therapy Dog Program**. Jared and Carrie Krebs will be housing and caring for a therapy dog in their home somewhere within the year. They are asking for financial support to be able to bring the dog into their home. The dog will be used at the Shippensburg Middle School for trauma crisis for students in the school as well as in individual classrooms, as needed. Please consider contributing to this very worthy program during the month of February. If you have any questions concerning the program, feel free to talk with Jared or Carrie at (717) 578-0887.

February Worship Participants

Sunday	Liturgist	Elder	Acolyte	Usher	Greeter
5	Kemper Dyson	Quay Stolte	Troy Porter	Ray Staver	Gilda Blank
12	John Dyson	Jared Krebs	Larry Singer	Ray Staver	
19	Quay Stolte	Greg McMullen	D. Chamberlin	Ray Staver	J. McCans
26	Ron Reed	Susie Rohr	Larry Singer	Ray Staver	



Feb 5 - Joyce Russell,
Ken and Joe Weller

Feb 12 - Mavis Karper

Feb 19 - Quay Stolte

Feb 26 - Jerry & Alice Judy

The flower chart for 2023 is now completed. A copy can be found on the bulletin board in the CE entry. There are still 4 dates open. The dates are **July 16, July 23, October 29** and **December 31**. Please contact Priscilla Gould, (717) 532-3392, if you are able to fill any of these dates. Thank you.

You may pay for flowers by mailing a check for \$40 to Gary Russell or by placing the check in the offering plate. Please note on the memo line for "flowers."

Session Highlights for January 2023

The January Session meeting was held January 17 in person in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Ed led us in devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.

The *Clerk's report* indicated that Sunday worship in December 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:

- ♦ December – 73 in person with 17 online;
- ♦ December 11 – 71 in person with 17 online;
- ♦ December 18 - 69 in person with 20 online;
- ♦ December 24 (Christmas Eve) was very cold– 81 in person with 21 online;
- ♦ December 25 – 33 in person with 21 online.

The Community Meal Team served 20 meals on December 22. It was noted that the Shippensburg Park & Rec also had a community meal the same evening.

The *Treasurer's Report* was tabled to the February so Session has time to review the report.

The following Consent Agenda Items were Approved.

- ♦ The minutes of the Session meeting on December 13, 2022;
- ♦ the minutes of the Board of Deacons meeting on December 13, 2022;
- ♦ the minutes of the Special Congregation meeting held on January 15, 2022; and
- ♦ the minutes of a Special Session meeting held on January 15, 2022.

Report of Personnel Committee – Rebecca Jordan was hired as the new Office Manager/Secretary for Middle Spring. Rebecca will begin her duties on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Her hours will be 9-3 Tuesday – Friday, with an hour lunch break.

The annual Spring Congregation/Corporation meeting will be held on February 19 following worship. Further details will be announced in February.

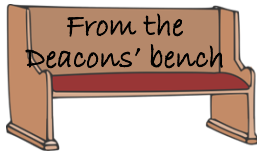
It was discussed if the Community Meal Team could begin serving in house meals. Approval was given but the decision of if and when they begin to service in-house will be at the discretion of those involved with the Community Meal Team.

The meeting was closed with concerns of the congregation and were lifted in a closing prayer.

Youth Fellowship - Souled Out

We are looking forward to the new year, where we will have some more fun adventures as well as many meetings. We will also be preparing for our **chicken BBQ and silent auction** to raise a lot of money which will be needed for our **mission trip to Winchester, KY from June 15-22**. Lots of great things for our youth group.

We are scheduled to be ushers during March!



February. Probably one thing that comes to mind when we think of February is Valentines Day. This is the day people stop to buy cards, flowers, candy or jewelry to give to their loved one or loved ones. It's a day where love is celebrated.

The focus for deacons is to "serve with love" not just on a special day but every day. (Actually, that should be the goal of all Christians.)

Deacons serve the church in many ways. Some of the more tangible ways are providing transportation, providing needed medical equipment, providing meals as needed and setting up for communion. Perhaps the most important aspect of being a deacon is just being present in the lives of the congregation. This may mean reaching out with a call, a card or an in person visit. We deacons may not always be aware of your needs so please feel free to contact us at any time to make us aware of said need so we may be able to help you. We are entering the new year with renewed purpose to serve our church and community with love. In keeping with the theme of serving with love, on Sunday February 12th following the church service the Deacons will be hosting a light lunch and we look forward to seeing you there. **Happy Valentines Day!**

~Jill Corwin

Deacon of the month for
February is
Judy Heberlig
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Community Cares Family Shelter. 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 or paper products are needed by the families. Follow their posts on Facebook!!



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The **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** will continue on **February 21 at 1:00 pm** in the church library with lesson #5, Sabbath and Servitude. Please join us, we would be happy to have you!! The contact for the study group is Kathy Palmer at (717) 977-7863.

Growth Ministry



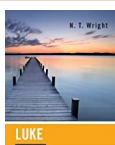
GREAT NEWS!!!!

Beginning **Sunday, February 12** we will resume fellowship after worship. This month the Deacons will be sponsoring the event. Please plan to stay and enjoy some conversation and fun!

The **Adult Sunday School** class invites everyone to our interesting discussions on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 am** downstairs in Fellowship Hall. February 12th we will finish up our studies from the book of Ecclesiastes. Then, starting February 19th, we will begin our study of Old Testament Characters. This will include Abraham who gives us an unforgettable portrait of faith. Daniel, a classic example of holiness. And through her willingness to risk her own life, Esther shows us what commitment means. We will explore the lives of these and other Old Testament Bible characters. By looking at their life examples it will help us learn from people of the past. We use the Life Guide Bible Study, which has proven to ignite lively group discussions and causes us to ponder God in personal reflection. Please consider joining us on Sunday mornings.



Friends in Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, February 15 at 11:30 am** at the **Wheelhouse Diner**. Come join us around the table in fellowship and good food. Contact Jan Ile at if you will be attending at 717-423-6226 or email at janile@pa.net.



Bible Study Group - Tuesday Bible Study Group continues to meet every **Tuesday at 10 am** via ZOOM. If you would like to join in our discussions, please contact Jan Mooney at (717) 462-5255 for a ZOOM link. We are continuing with our studies using N. T. Wright's Book, *Luke for Everyone*.

Puppet Ministry



The **Puppet Ministry** will be meeting following Sunday service in the fellowship hall beginning **Sunday January the 29th** and **every other** Sunday there after. This is a great ministry for anyone who wants to have some fun and fellowship. All are welcome! Please contact Don Cover at (717) 264-3753 if you have any questions or concerns.

Service Ministry

Our next free community meal is **February 23 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm**.



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



Please Welcome Our New Secretary!!!

Rebecca Jordan is our new secretary starting January 31. She and her husband live in Carlisle where he serves as a historian with the Army War College. One of Rebecca's first jobs was as Office Manager/Secretary for a church in Wyoming. After several positions as a Microsoft Engineer with various companies, she and her husband "retired" to Pennsylvania. Stop in the office and greet her!

Her hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm. Rebecca will have a lunch hour from noon to 1 pm.



THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

I want to thank the Church for filling, packing, and sending the Finals Care Package. It made for some great snacking over the last few weeks of the semester. Your support has made the transition to college much easier and I can't wait to see you all again!

Blessings,
Cole Pearson

Pastor Ed,

Hello. Just want to Thank you for your generous donation of Christmas Gifts and gift cards.

Faith Trayer
Community Cares



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct	118,199.91
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct	24,849.94
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct	10,947.93
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.	839,335.03
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct	383,100.74
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct	10,147.81
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund	45,392.95
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct	0.00

Total Assets \$1,431,974.31

Liabilities

2.01.000

Employee 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	0.00
2.01.006	LST Tax Withholdings	0.00
2.01.010	FSA Health Care	210.94
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings	0.00

Total Employee Withholdings \$210.94

2.02.000

*Reserved/Specified Givings ***

2.03.001	Library Use	55.55
2.03.002	Youth Scholarships	5.00
2.03.005	Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion	0.00
2.03.006	Pentecost Offering-Local Portion	0.00
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance Resv	1,650.00
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use **	2,034.68
2.03.011	Chancel Choir Use **	438.61
2.03.012	Church Music Program **	349.38
2.03.015	Pastor's Emergency Fund **	730.10
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education **	1,016.04
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment	4,397.77
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line	1,802.00
2.03.022	Office Equipment	3,773.18
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse	2,510.00
2.03.024	Family Fund **	2,040.78
2.03.025	Heifer Project **	0.00
2.03.026	Maintain/Replace Choir Robes--repurposed	0.00
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	7,450.82
2.03.029	Mission-Specified **	3,336.00
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	1,019.03
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship **	3,000.00
2.03.033	Van Rental--reproposed	0.00
2.03.035	Rental Maintenance	5,685.75
2.03.036	Venture Crew/Scout Use--repurposed	0.00
2.03.050	Repurposed Resv Acct	5,062.98

*Total Reserved/Specified Givings ** \$46,357.67*

2.10.001

Accounts Payable/Vendors

0.00

Total Liabilities \$46,568.61

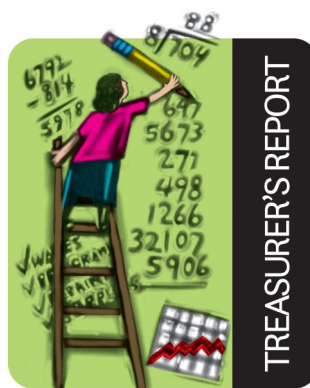
Fund Balances

Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	71,631.30
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	24,849.94
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	10,947.93
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	839,335.03
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	383,100.74
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	10,147.81
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	45,392.95
Total Fund Balances		\$1,385,405.70
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$1,431,974.31</u>



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA
Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 12/31/2022

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	72,347.25	288,474.28	289,190.23	0.00	71,631.30
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	36,665.84	75,408.61	87,224.51	0.00	24,849.94
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	13,835.07	2,475.00	5,362.14	0.00	10,947.93
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	1,004,050.75	(119,998.19)	44,717.53	0.00	839,335.03
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	410,373.82	37,841.62	65,114.70	0.00	383,100.74
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	12,458.45	(1,860.64)	450.00	0.00	10,147.81
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	64,185.18	(8,341.00)	10,451.23	0.00	45,392.95
Total		<u>\$1,613,916.36</u>	<u>\$273,999.68</u>	<u>\$502,510.34</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,385,405.70</u>

Happy Birthday!



Alana Moriarty	02/02
Grant Silvertrim	02/02
Cindy Chamberlin	02/06
Mary Hawkins	02/06
Stephen Beam	02/07
Lois Richwine	02/10
Deanna Baer	02/10
Brenda Fleming	02/11
Mary Lou Melisauskas	02/15
Susan Beidel	02/16
Debra Coover	02/20
Garrett Mowers	02/20
Kim Barnie	02/22
Quay Stolte	02/22
Jerry Judy	02/23
Jared Krebs	02/23
Kevin Singer	02/23
Glen Fletcher	02/24
David Hartman	02/25
Leslie Raymond	02/25
Seth Pearson	02/28
Robert Harper	02/29



Donald and Pat Cover	02/06
Gregg and Sarah Mellott	02/18
Robert and Kim Barnie	02/23



In the event of inclement weather, tune into ABC27 News and watch the ticker for possible closings for worship.

Phone #'s and email addresses are available in the church directory

Session

Jan Ile Clerk
Rev. Edward Blank Moderator
Park Bierbower Chair, Worship Ministry
Danny Chamberlin Co-Chair, Bldg & Grounds
Don Cover Chair, Nominating
Kemper Dyson Co-Chair, Growth Ministry
Jared Krebs Chair, Service Ministry
Greg McMullen Co-Chair, Personnel; Chair, Finance
Eileen Moore Co-Chair, Personnel
Susie Rohr Co-Chair, Growth Ministry
Quay Stolte Co-Chair, Bldg & Grounds

Deacons

Jill Corwin, Moderator, Ordering Chancel & Holiday Flowers; Holiday & Seasonal Arrangements of Sanctuary Flowers; Pastoral Care & Home Communion
Deanna Baer, Co-Moderator, Representative to Nominating Committee; Pastoral Care & Home Communion
Sue Beidel, Secretary
Janet Sailhamer, Care and Share
Joe Brett, Transportation
Jeanette Chamberlin, Christmas Fruit Baskets, Funeral Flowers & Communion Supplies
Pris Gould, Ordering Chancel & Holiday Flowers; Holiday & Seasonal Arrangements of Sanctuary Flowers
Jerry Judy, Pulpit Scarves and Banners
Judy Heberlig, Medical Equipment
Maury Mahan, Community Outreach
Dorina Saul, Milestone Recognition

Prayer Chain

“If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”
John 14:14

Kathy Bierbower
Regina Chamberlin
Jill Corwin
Howard Davis
Jan Ile
Arlene Keer
Pat Mahan
Eileen Moore
Stevie Nordai
Ethel Palmer
Dorothy Reese
Dorina Saul

All members of the Middle Spring Presbyterian community are invited to be part of our prayer chain. Weekly emails are sent out to update prayer joys and concerns.

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,

The image features several watercolor-style hearts in shades of blue and pink, scattered around the text. The hearts vary in size and are painted with soft, blended colors, giving them a delicate, artistic appearance. They are positioned at various angles and locations, some overlapping the text slightly.

*... God's love has been
poured into our hearts...*

Romans 5:5, NRSV

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

2023 FEBRUARY

CALENDAR YEAR CALENDAR MONTH

Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship in person and online Puppet Ministry	30	31 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	01 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	02 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	03 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	04
05 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship in person and online Homeless Shelter Collection	06	07 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 7:00 pm Session meeting	08 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	09 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	10 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	11
12 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/communion in person and online, fellowship after worship Puppet Ministry	13	14 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 Bible Study Group on ZOOM 1:00 pm PW Bible Study 6:00 pm Deacon meeting	15 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 11:30 Friends in Fellowship at Wheelhouse Cafe 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	16 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	17 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	18
19 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship in person and online Congregational meeting	20	21 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	22 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	23 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 5:00pm Community Meal	24 <i>Secretary hours</i> 9 am-noon, 1 -3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	25
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