

THE MIDDLE SPRING MESSENGER

July/August 2020

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May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be yours! I'm writing the day after Gov. Wolf ordered new restrictions for combatting Covid-19. These are in addition to the mandate to wear masks whenever inside a public place. Since it's clear that Covid-19 isn't going away soon, we need to be flexible and creative people more than ever so that we can keep others as safe as possible, keep ourselves as safe as possible, but still seek to meet some of our emotional and spiritual needs for being in community.

I heard a new word the other day, "Quaranteam!" My sister-in-law used it during a family zoom and I think it's brilliant. A Quaranteam is a group of people with whom you make an agreement, maybe even a covenant agreement, that you will be a team during this odd Covid-19 time. Being part of a quaranteam means that each member agrees to abide by the same safety precautions as the others so that you can feel safe coming together as needed for in-person fellowship and mutual support.

So for example, say 2-3 couples and/or individuals might agree on the following: We'll only get groceries at this one particular store where we know people and staff are good about wearing masks, any other groceries we need we'll have delivered. We'll go to the doctor when needed. We agree that these will be our only out of the house activities so that we can then come together at one another's homes in whatever manner we feel is safe because we've all been out in the world in ways we feel are as safe as possible. (Of course, stepping outside your door carries risk in both Covid-19 time AND other times!) A different group of people may be comfortable risking more exposure and still coming together or another group even less. The thing is that you agree on a level of exposure and then abide by it for the sake of one another. Could this be a way that those who live alone or in couples begin to combat the increasing isolation many face and which may get even worse with the onset of cold weather?

Perhaps the members of your quaranteam could be church members and you can share worship with one another in your homes? This could be especially beneficial for our members with no internet. Members without internet access receive a letter each week with all of our liturgy and my sermon but I don't imagine it's the same even as being able to participate in worship on-line. Could members with internet and members without be a quaranteam? Perhaps you can make a quaranteam with people who aren't members of any church and you can seek to share worship on-line with them?

A passage from Ecclesiastes seems to speak well to the idea of having a quaranteam, especially if your living conditions are more isolated. It's commonly used at weddings but it speaks to the value of a friend equally well! "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help (Ecc. 4:9-10)." [con't]

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July/August

Human beings need companionship and fellowship. A quarantine may be one way to do that in this difficult time. This idea won't be for everyone! Some of us have responsibility to grandchildren and/or parents and cannot make these kinds of commitments. Some don't feel they have the need. But for any of you who are struggling or who may find yourselves struggling when we can't be outside as much, this may work well. If the church can be of any help getting you connected to others who may want to quarantine, let your deacon flock leader know!

And if you're receiving this and you aren't able to access worship on-line but you aren't receiving a weekly letter in the mail or if you'd like one anyway, please let Mary in the church office know. If you need help learning how to access the worship service on our website, Youtube, or Facebook, please let Pastor Kim know and she can offer some limited technology coaching or connect you with someone who knows more.

Finally, our Wednesday Prayerful Fellowship Gathering went well last night. We sat socially distanced and masked in the shade. We shared thoughts on scripture, prayer joys and concerns, and prayer. We will do it again soon. Watch your email for the next date or call the church office in a week to ask if a date has been set. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers daily for health and peace and faith.

Pastor Kim



Pastor Kim is in her office Monday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon or by appointment. If you need a pastor after 6:00 p.m. or in case of an emergency at night, please call her cell phone number at (717) 504-3331.

Secretary hours are Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.



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Youth Fellowship Director: Jason Henry
Choir Director: Pat Frey
Nursery Coordinator: Carrie Eichelberger

Organist: Ingrid Winckler
Handbell Choir Director: Jan Ile
Secretary: Mary Stouffer

Deacon of the Month for July is Stevie Nordai. Ethel Palmer is the Deacon of the Month for August.

July and August Church Flowers:

- July 5 Ray Staver in memory of Arthur and Gertrude Staver
- July 12 Bob and Betty Harper in memory of loved ones
- July 19 Jim and Jill Corwin in memory of their parents
- July 26 Cindy Chamberlin in memory of loved ones

- August 2 Allen and Kitty Dugan in memory of our grandparents
- August 9 Danny and Regina Chamberlin in memory of loved ones
- August 16 Bob and Kim Barnie in memory of their parents
- August 23 Maury and Pat Mahan in memory loved ones
- August 30 Bobby McManus in memory of Annette McManus



Thank you very much for all the support we have already received from Middle Spring church family. Your support includes beautiful flowers and prayer shawls, food, phone calls, texts, and caring prayers. The number of cards has been amazing – with comforting messages (and no duplicates!). Cannot imagine dealing with this “boulder” without you. You are a blessing of God's love. With sincere love and appreciation that warms our hearts every day. Love, *Quay and Linda Stolte*



Dear Deacons, Please convey our thanks to the deacons of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church for the barbeque and strawberries. I used the strawberries to make our favorite pie. We also thank Sue and Joyce for our visit on our porch. This caught us up on our church family. We both send our love and thanks for your thoughtfulness. We feel blessed to have such loving and faithful friends. Yours, *Betty and Bob Harper*

Church Office

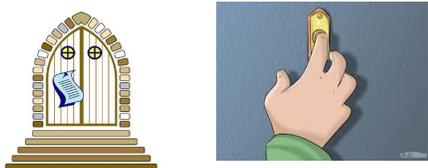
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We still have copies of the July-August issue of the *Upper Room* and the July-August-September issue of *These Days* available to send to your home. If you'd like one or both, please leave a message on my phone (717) 532-8198 or email me at secretary@middlespringpc.org.

"Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides."

Permission to reprint from the September 2020 edition of the *Joyful Noiseletter*.



Please Note...
When entering the church during business hours, please use the doorbell system and give your name to alert those in the office that you are entering.



Reserving Outside Church Facilities

Pre-established small groups wishing to use the outside grounds of the church must make a reservation with Mary (717) 532-8198 even if you are meeting at your standard meeting time. You may email her at secretary@middlespringpc.org

Presbyterian Women's Association



Presbyterian Women's Association The PW Women's Study group will not resume meeting until September. We will continue our study from the Horizon study and details of the study will be in the September newsletter. We encourage all to stay home and stay safe. For those of you who are working we will hold you in our prayers that you will stay safe and well. We thank you for making it possible for the rest of us to have the necessities and health care we need. We all look forward to the time we can return to church and share our worship time with one another.

Session Highlights from June/July 2020 Meetings

Clerk's Report

In June and July, the clerk reported on our continuing practice of having Sunday worship only on-line. Worship continues to be offered live at 10:30 a.m. through Facebook and is available on the church's website and YouTube channels, typically by 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The Traditional Spring Communion was celebrated on May 17 and Early Summer Communion was celebrated on June 7, with Pastor Kim officiating. Viewers were invited to participate at home, in accordance with guidance from our denomination.

Bibles were presented to the three high school seniors who are graduating this month: Evan Alleman, Seth Pearson, and Priscilla Wadlington. They were recognized during worship on May 24.

A Memorial Day Observance offered online on May 25 featured a photo montage and music prepared by the Wadlington family as well as a devotion by Pastor Kim.

Rev. James Richwine, Pastor Emeritus, was guest preacher on June 21 in a pre-recorded message, while Pastor Kim was on vacation.

On June 20, 2020 Christopher Sam Roth and Michelle Lois Gothers were married in a small private ceremony officiated by Pastor Kim in Toigo Orchards. Attendance was limited to ten.

Treasurer's Report

May 2020 Summary of the General Fund:

year-to-date income \$109,392.52; year-to-date expenses \$110,975.61: (\$1,583.09) Inc/Exp;
check book balance \$88,919.30; available cash \$36,154.06; e-giving \$992.46 in May

June 2020 Summary of the General Fund:

year-to-date income \$129,596.64; year-to-date expenses \$124,197.53: \$5,399.11 Inc/Exp;
check book balance \$95,751.08; available cash \$43,136.26; e-giving \$1,895.42 in June

Ministry Information

- The Stewardship Ministry will see that the front doors are cleaned as necessary.
- The Service Ministry reports that the 1st Tuesday monthly community meal that Middle Spring supports continues to go well.

When live streaming becomes feasible from the sanctuary, the Worship Ministry will make a recommendation to Session for location of streamed worship services.

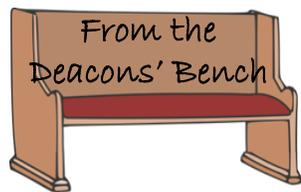
Action approved by Session

- Session approved lending the white tables to members when requested for events like wedding receptions but not yard sales, with the understanding that they are returned clean and undamaged.
- Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Session approved paying Carrie Eichelberger 50% of her current salary until such time as she is working in the church nursery again.

Approval was given by Session to offer opportunities for members to gather outside on church grounds beginning on Wednesday, July 15, as long as certain conditions for health and safety are met. Two kinds of gatherings are included: (1) pre-established small groups of the church

(2) Prayerful Fellowship Gatherings [The first Prayerful Fellowship Gathering will be held at 7 p.m. on July 15 and will follow a plan prepared by the Worship Ministry and Pastor Kim.]The conditions for safeguarding health and safety and the rationale for offering these opportunities for gathering at the present time are explained in a letter dated July 8 and signed by the members of Session.

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The Deacons have been busy during our time of isolation. Sanctuary flowers are still being delivered and the Care & Share committee is preparing and delivering food to shut-ins and others.

In addition, the deacons have divided the congregation into small flocks so that communication can be maintained among all members. Deacons have called, written notes and sent emails to their flock over the months of the quarantine and will continue until we can safely gather together again.

The deacons have found this ministry to be quite meaningful. Some of the comments they have made:

“I have some great conversations with people I haven’t seen for a while.”

“I enjoy the phone calls and the conversations make both of us feel better.”

“I thoroughly enjoy the relaxed conversations, especially those with people I usually only see on Sunday mornings for a minute or two. This has been a blessing for me.”

“I have found it very meaningful to contact my flock, especially the older members who are staying home and enjoy having someone to talk to.”

“I enjoy reaching out with cards, notes and phone calls. It is meaningful to hear their voices and the fact that they are so receptive and thankful for the caring put forth. It makes me thankful for my church family. The video services are a blessing.”

“I feel I have gotten to know some of my flock better as some of the members I knew only to speak to on Sunday mornings. It is good to hear their voices and to discover how well everyone is handling this very stressful situation. In addition to the virus some are finding dealing with new technology also stressful but they are determined to hear the church service on-line and are so glad they got to do so.”

It appears that the Deacons benefit from this new ministry as much, if not more, as their flock members do. We hope that it will continue even when we get to worship together again.

Our Homebound Members

Remember our nursing home and home bound members!

Send a card to let them know you are thinking of them. Help to brighten their day!



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Elmcroft of Shippensburg
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Shippensburg PA 17257

Mary Mellinger
Room 133
Elmcroft of Shippensburg
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Shippensburg PA 17257

John Bruce
Orrstown Personal Care
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Orrstown, PA 17244

Susie Maclay
7 Village Square
Menno Haven
Chambersburg, PA 17201



Serving Meals at Christ U. M. Church

Our next community meal with Christ UMC will take place on August 4. In June our partnership served 80+ meals and took the leftovers to peaceful protestors and police alike at a rally happening nearby. If you can help by providing some salads or desserts for the August 4th meal, let John Dyson know at (717) 532-360-5348 or email him at jdyson@sailhamer.com



We're in the process of trying to find out how best to serve our friends at Irvin Brothers Orchard camp. Roddy Runyan, who was the leader of Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministries, is now retired. We're trying to find out when the men are coming, if they'll be able to come, and if we'll be permitted to bring them meals or other offerings like health kits, etc. Please hold our relationship with them in prayer as we seek to discern how we can be of service in this difficult time.

Growth Ministry

Our **Bible Studies** continue on zoom and may now resume in-person outside under the stipulations set by session in the mailing you all received earlier in July.

- Tuesday Bible Study will finish our study of Dorothy Day's "The Reckless Way of Love" and will begin a new study in September. We'll likely spend the fall studying Dallas Willard's book, "Renovations of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ." We'll also put his book into practice by working through the book "Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice" by Dallas Willard and Jan Johnson. This study will take us through at least the fall and will in all likelihood remain on-line, though we'll be discussing that as time goes by. If you're not currently studying with us on Tuesday mornings you are welcome to join us, please let Pastor Kim know to include you in emails.
- See Presbyterian Women's Association section for information on their Horizon's Bible Study.
- **If you are interested in being part of a new small group please let Jeannie Chamberlin, Kathy Bierbower, or Pastor Kim know. We're beginning to brainstorm about getting the church together in smaller gatherings to meet the necessary precautions for this time that we're in. These small groups could meet in person at the church according to guidelines set by session or at your homes as you are comfortable or on zoom and will be peer led with materials supplied by the growth ministry working with Pastor Kim. They might focus on specific Bible passages, books, movies, or other material. We're still exploring, but we need to know what you need and desire for your spiritual growth at this time.**



Youth Fellowship meetings via Zoom each Thursday evening at 6pm.



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2020

Monday, July 6, 2020

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct	95,751.08
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct	2,313.35
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct	7,028.99
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.	677,683.46
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct	304,419.26
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct	8,735.16
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund	49,854.78
1.90.005	Church Organ Investment Acct	0.00
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct	0.00
Total Assets		\$1,145,786.08
Liabilities		
2.01.000	<i>Employee Withholdings</i>	
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	860.81
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings	0.00
<i>Total Employee Withholdings</i>		<i>\$860.81</i>
2.02.000	<i>Reserved/Specified Givings</i>	
2.03.001	Library Use	55.55
2.03.002	Youth Scholarships	0.00
2.03.005	Peacemaking Offering-Local Portion	0.00
2.03.006	Pentecost Offering-Local Portion	277.19
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance Resv	450.00
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use	5,421.96
2.03.011	Chancel Choir Use	438.61
2.03.012	Church Music Program	1,017.40
2.03.015	Community Emergency Fund	2,500.81
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education	3,014.38
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment	5,718.56
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line	(698.00)
2.03.022	Office Equipment	2,941.31
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse	1,910.00
2.03.024	Family Fund	2,040.78
2.03.025	Heifer Project	408.83
2.03.026	Maintain/Replace Choir Robes	2,841.00
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	13,973.94
2.03.028	Background Checks	0.00
2.03.029	Mission-Specified	0.00
2.03.030	Organ Fund Balance	0.00
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	1,019.03
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship	3,000.00
2.03.033	Van Rental	3,400.00
2.03.034	Transfer to Investment Accounts	0.00
2.03.035	Rental Maintenance	547.68
2.03.036	Venture Crew/Scout Use	1,474.98
<i>Total Reserved/Specified Givings</i>		<i>\$51,754.01</i>
2.10.001	<i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i>	0.00

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
		Total Liabilities
		\$52,614.82
Fund Balances		
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	43,136.26
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	2,313.35
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	7,028.99
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	677,683.46
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	304,419.26
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	8,735.16
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	49,854.78
3.90.005	Church Organ Fund Balance	0.00
Total Fund Balances		\$1,093,171.26
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$1,145,786.08



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Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 06/30/2020

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	37,737.15	129,596.64	124,197.53	0.00	43,136.26
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	5,995.62	3,419.64	7,101.91	0.00	2,313.35
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	2,696.70	9,841.11	5,492.93	0.00	7,044.88
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	727,222.23	(32,971.38)	16,567.39	0.00	677,683.46
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	322,196.08	(10,143.99)	7,632.83	0.00	304,419.26
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	9,068.32	(333.16)	0.00	0.00	8,735.16
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	53,427.43	(1,195.65)	2,377.00	0.00	49,854.78
3.90.005	Church Organ Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		\$1,158,343.53	\$98,213.21	\$163,369.59	\$0.00	\$1,093,187.15



Birthdays

Cindy Hockenberry	July 1
Jeanette Chamberlin	July 2
Jim Richwine	July 4
Jayne Warren	July 4
Luke Maclay	July 4
Connor Weibley	July 6
Howard Davis	July 7
David Wilson	July 7
Mitchel Hess	July 7
Priscilla Wadlington	July 7
Marie Helman	July 10
Patty Weibley	July 12
Lindsay Evanchak	July 12
Alice Norton	July 15
Eileen Moore	July 16
Emma Dyson	July 17
Dorina Saul	July 19
Carla Hess	July 19
Donna Hartman	July 20
Austin Taylor	July 20
Alice Judy	July 21
Peggy Groce	July 21
Emily Moore	July 21
Teresa Miller	July 23
Tim McFeely	July 25
Reece Dolbin	July 26
Forest Myers	July 28
Allan Chamberlin	July 28
Christopher Nordai	July 28



Birthdays

Bruce Hess	August 2
Greg McMullen	August 3
Aaron Jones	August 4
Alexis Peck	August 4
Matt Baer	August 6
Robin Moore	August 10
Jesse Kelso	August 11
Collin Dolbin	August 13
Ken Weller	August 14
Kemper Dyson	August 15
Jim Corwin	August 18
Kyla Jones	August 18
Carol McFeely	August 21
Paul Leitner	August 21
Park Bierbower	August 22
Cindy Chamberlin	August 23
Neil Denning	August 23
Susie Maclay	August 25
John Moore	August 27
Joey Dyson	August 27
Teagan Staver	August 28
Jerry Groce	August 30
Donna Gill	August 31



Jared & Carrie Krebs	July 7
Tim & Carol McFeely	July 21
Dave & Donna Hartman	July 26

Mike & Beth Denning	August 5
Dick & Shirley Weller	August 8
Ron & Bonnie Reed	August 17
Richard & Dorina Saul	August 19
Jim & Jill Corwin	August 20
Fred & Stevie Nordai	August 22
Crist & Florence Coover	August 23
Maury & Pat Mahan	August 30

JULY 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 10:30am Worship Online with communion	13	14 7:00pm Deacon meeting via ZOOM	15 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 7:00pm Prayerful Fellowship Gathering	16 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	17	18
19 10:30am Worship online	20	21 10am Tuesday Bible Study 7:00pm Season meeting via ZOOM	22 10am - 2pm Secretary hours Pastor Kim vacation	23 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	24	25 
26 10:30am Worship online	27	28 7:00pm Season meeting via ZOOM	29 10am - 2pm Secretary hours	30 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	31	1



AUGUST 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10:30am Worship online	3	4 10am Tuesday Bible Study 5:00pm Serve dinner UMC 7:00pm Session meeting via ZOOM	5 10am - 2pm Secretary hours	6 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	7	8 Pastor Kim vacation
9 10:30am Worship online with communion Pastor Kim vacation	10	11 7:00pm Deacon meeting via ZOOM	12 10am - 2pm Secretary hours	13 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	14	15
16 10:30am Worship online	17	18 7:00pm Session meeting via ZOOM	19 10am - 2pm Secretary hours	20 10am - 2pm Secretary hours 6:00pm YF ZOOM	21	22
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