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Spiritual Gifts
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“There are varieties of services...and activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

(1 Corinthians 12:5-7)

Moses murdered and stuttered. Peter was a coward. Martha was anxious. David was an adulterer. All these people, and others, were imperfect human beings. Yet, God gave them gifts – leadership, courage, hospitality – to be used for God’s purposes. These ordinary people accomplished great things for God as they used the spiritual gifts they were given.

Around the area and across the country, thousands of students are graduating and will use their talents and gifts – some in service to country, some in service to others. In doing so, they will be giving a nod to the Creator who made them in God’s own image and called them good (whether they realize this or not!). They will use their gifts and talents for the common good – of their family, their community, their country.

When there is a need, God raises up leaders with the necessary gifts to fulfill that need; the chosen leaders just need to be willing to answer yes when they receive that call. Recently, several people from the church have done just that – Kim Shaver and Sabrina Mutchler have answered the calls to serve as chairs of the S/PRC and Ad Council, respectively (you can read their statements elsewhere in this newsletter); two others are answering calls to join as official members; and one is discerning a pastoral call.

Just as individuals are given gifts to use in service to God, some churches are given gifts as well. There are churches known for housing the homeless; feeding the hungry; teaching the children. As I reflect over the history of LIUMC, it seems to me your gift might be as a teaching congregation – you help pastors form a foundation for ministry and to discern what their calling from God is. As many of you are retired educators or have connections to local school districts, you should be able to understand the value of this gift, this spiritual gift. It is not something every church has; but it is something that should certainly be celebrated!

I encourage you to do the homework Bob Van Gorder gave during his sermon on May 16 – read 1 Corinthians 12. Then pray for discernment – to recognize and use the spiritual gifts God has given you through the Holy Spirit. Your gift might be to recognize the gifts in others and encourage them. Your gift might be as a mighty prayer warrior. Whatever your gift is, don’t be afraid to use it for the common good, for we are all “the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Laura

PS. My apologies for the delay in the newsletter. I have had a serious case of





We are re-open for in person worship. Masks are required, social distancing is being observed. Worship will continue via ZOOM as well (see email chain or Facebook for the call-in number or the link). Sermons are recorded (usually) and uploaded to LIUMC.net and our FB page.

We ask that you please stay home and join us via Zoom for worship, if you are not feeling well or if weather is a factor.

OFFERING

The total offering for the month of May was **\$9,153.00**. Thank you all for continuing to give what you can in an economically difficult time. To continue the work God is doing through LIUMC, tithing can be sent to: LIUMC, PO Box 12, Lehman, PA, 18627.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be hosting Vacation Bible School!! July 6-10 from 6-8 pm. Watch for more information! To Mars and Beyond!!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Continues to meet at 10:45 am (following worship) in the sanctuary and via Zoom; it is the same link used for worship service. Join us as we study the book of Job.

Witness Your Why” team will meet on Monday, 6/7 at 6:30 pm in person at the church

6/6 is **Graduation Sunday** and we will be recognizing our graduating seniors.

Ad Council Meeting will be held on 6/8 at 6:30 in-person at the church.

INPUT DESIRED: As we continue Worship Service via Zoom and move towards livestreaming, we are looking for input on what to present. Please be on the lookout for the **survey** in your email. Thanks!!

ZOOM USHER NEEDED Do you like to chat with others? Would you describe yourself as a good host or hostess? Are you comfortable with ZOOM and join us regularly for worship through a digital connection? Then you may be the person or persons God is calling to help with our tech ministry. We are looking for two dependable people who would be willing to serve as **ZOOM hosts** for worship services. Training will be provided. Please email Aimee or Pastor Laura if you feel God calling you.

June Celebrations

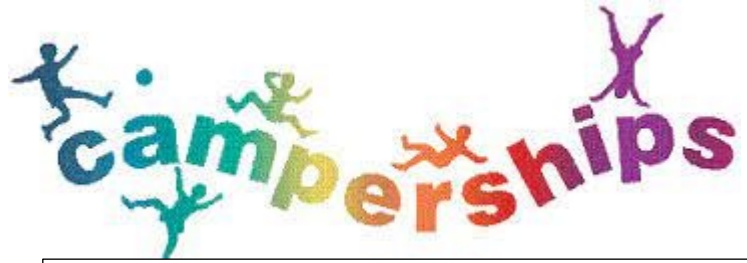
- 2 - Matt Reynolds
- 2 - Aaron Scott
- 2-Judy Dawe
- 3 - Ray Wandel
- 3 - Beverly and Ray Wandel 60th Anniversary

- 6 - Jennie Ide
- 14 - Ginny Rogers
- 15 - Jeanne Williams
- 17 - John Russell
- 18 - Jordyn Snyder
- 18 - Alicen Cheshire
- 18 - Jill Stiefel
- 19 - Linda Pineno
- 21 - Doug Ide Sr.
- 26 - Jayden Lyons





We are continually collecting items for Operation Christmas Child.



Do you have a child interested in attending a Christian Camp this Summer????

LIUMC United Methodist Women and the Church would love to help with funding. Please contact Jayne Hafele at jshaefe41@gmail.com for more details.

Meet your SPPRC chairperson

Grace and peace to you. My name is Kim Shaver. My family and I have been part of the Lehman Idetown United Methodist Church family for about 10 years. I have two children, whom most of you know. Wil is a freshman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Randi is a senior at Lake Lehman High School. My husband, Randy, is a retired Air Force veteran. As most of you know, I was recently placed into the position of Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee chairperson. I look forward to serving this church body. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I learn all of the ins and outs of this position. It is my sincere hope that by working together we can help to continue to make this church a great place to work and worship.

Please feel free to contact me by phone call, text message, or email. All SPPRC communication is confidential. My contact information is: (570) 574-3566 or kmslv@yahoo.com

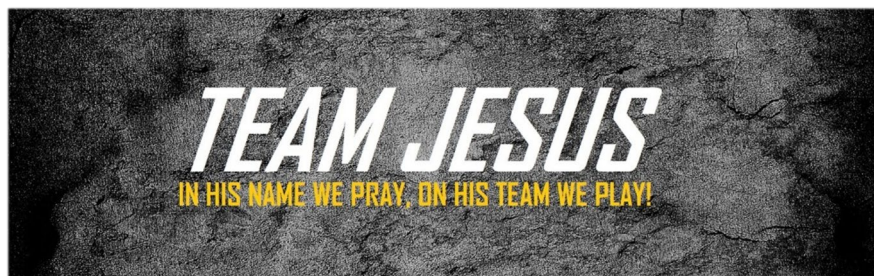
Meet your Administrative Council chairperson

Hello my church family! My name is Sabrina Mutchler and I grew up at LIUMC. I have also, with much appreciated help, raised my 2 children here. I have had the privilege of serving our church in many different roles over the years. I have recently been elected as Administrative Council Chair. I am honored to serve our church and community and I am so looking forward to where God is leading us. Please feel free to reach out with any news, praises or concerns via text, phone or email.

I am always willing to make time. Blessings to all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sabrina

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May 30, 2021 – Joys: Audrey retired; Kendra saw a family of Canadian geese; for a bath and prayer; a dog in the rain.

Concerns: Travelers; Congo; Esther; Sarah; Rose; those mourning.

May 23, 2021 – Joys: Jayne visiting niece and new baby; Rick Ide thanked the church on behalf of Dick's family; Dave Jones thanked us for prayers; Welcome Baby Edgar. **Concerns:** Linda VanGorder hospitalized and prayers for her and Bob; Ide Family; McLaughlin baby who passed; Dave Jones recovery; Esther Rose's health; Ference Family loss; Althea and Gerald Clark; Alice Barlett Family; Conner, 19-year-old who fell 10 feet from a ladder and suffered extensive injuries.



Ongoing: Juliette and other non-believers; Baby Rylee; Korri & Family; Tim Nulton; Travelers; Shut ins and those who are isolated; Peace and understanding; For Protection of Communities; An end to systemic racism; Families who've been economically affected; Peace in Turbulent times; + Unspokens

Circle of Prayer

Churches for the week of May 30 - June 5

*Linglestown Life UMC, Harrisburg
**Gaston UMC, Yengema - Sierra Leone*
Bethlehem UMC, Dallastown
Noxen UMC, Noxen
Farragut UMC, Montoursville
Summer Hill UMC, Berwick
St. James UMC, Coburn
Bedford Forge UMC, Hopewell
First UMC, New Milford
Otterbein UMC, Carlisle
Bethany UMC, Berwick

Churches for the week of June 6 - 12

Cowanesque UMC, Cowanesque
Bethel UMC, Catawissa
*Second Avenue UMC, Altoona
**Kambia UMC, Kambia - Sierra Leone*
Bethany UMC, Felton
Aldersgate UMC, Mifflintown
Hoffman UMC, Trout Run
Countryside Community Church, Clarks Summit
Union Deposit UMC, Hershey
Morrisdale UMC, Morristdale
Trinity UMC, Clearfield
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

Churches for the week of June 13 - 19

Spring Mills Faith UMC, Spring Mills
Abrahamsville UMC, Damascus
Mount Royal UMC, Dover
Greenwood UMC, Altoona
Eyers Grove UMC, Millville
Fairview UMC, Morristdale
*Trinity UMC, Hummelstown
**St. Luke UMC, Pujehun - Sierra Leone*
Barts-Centenary UMC, Littlestown
Susquehanna UMC, Susquehanna
Bethel UMC, Montoursville

Churches for the week of June 20 - 26

Christ UMC, Yorkana
Union UMC, Equinunk
Hays Grove UMC, Newville
McKendree UMC, Shickshinny
St. Paul's UMC, Nordmont
Warriors Mark UMC, Warriors Mark
Flemington UMC, Flemington
Pine Summit UMC, Millville
Fairview UMC, Harrisonville
Trinity UMC, Pennsdale
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY

Please alert our prayer team of new requests: Kendra Cosgrove (570) 675-2024