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### Soul Food Recipe

Mix Equal Parts within Yourself

1. Fear God
2. Worship God
3. Fall in Love with God
4. Feed Your Soul some AWE!

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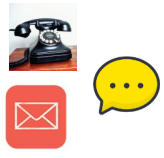
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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



## November

**PASTOR'S**  
Contact Information  
and Schedule



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## November Worship Participants

Sunday	Liturgist	Elder	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeter
11/3	Quay Stolte	Greg McMullen	Cooper Krebs	Ron Reed, Stew Cook, Ray Staver	Mavis Karper & Quay Stolte
11/10	Kemper Dyson	Susie Rohr	Harper Krebs	Larry & Vickie Ocker, Ray Staver	
11/17	Susie Rohr	Park Bierbower	Gavin Schoenfelder	Don Cover, Jerry & Dawn Chamberlin	Kathy Palmer
11/24	Gilda Blank	Jared Krebs	Evan Mosher	Don Cover, Jerry & Dawn Chamberlin	Larry & Vickie Ocker



The Special Offering for November will go to the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering, which gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Information about this year's recipients may be found on [page 14](#).



**November 3** - Kyla and Warren Jones  
**November 10** - Kathy Palmer  
**November 17** - Dorothy "Pinky" Nye  
**November 24** - Pat and Don Cover

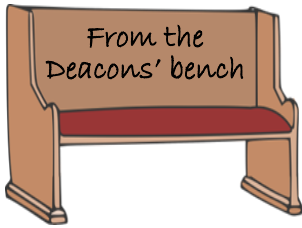
We are looking for greeters!

Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and thank you for serving.



The Fall Congregational/Corporation meeting will be held on **November 10** immediately following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the Session approved 2025 Budget and elect the Class of 2027 officers and to create the 2025 Nominating Committee.



As we approach the season of giving (who are we kidding; at Middle Spring Church, the season of giving is all year round), the Deacons have been made aware of the homeless shelter's need for towels and washcloths. If you are willing to make a donation, please place it in the shelter boxes in the Narthex or CE lobby area by the end of November. Please continue to bring cleaning supplies, cooking oil, snacks, etc.

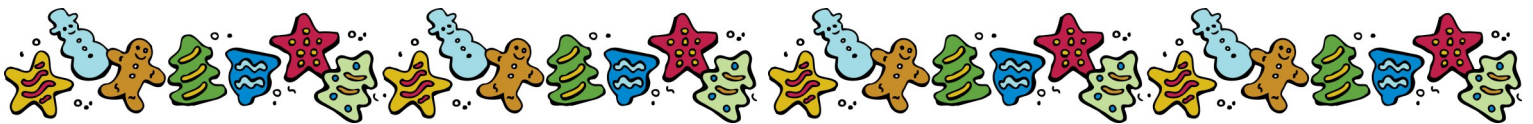
Additionally, we will be taking monetary donations to cover the cost of a crock-pot for each family for Christmas. When families leave the shelter, they will take a crock-pot with them to their new living arrangements. If you are able to make a donation, please place it in the offering plate and mark it accordingly, by November 24.

Thank you!!

## 'Tis the Season!

Time to get out that mixer, turn up the oven, and bake your favorite cookies or make your favorite homemade candy to share. Deacons will be preparing gift boxes of cookies/candy on December 10th.

Please contact Janet Sailhamer with any questions at 717-477-8893.



Deacon of the month for November is

Dorina Saul  
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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, November 13 at 11:30 am** at **Rachel's Country Cafe**. Bring a friend and join us around the table in fellowship and good food.

Contact Jan Ile by **November 10** if you will be attending at 717-977-7670 or email at [janile@pa.net](mailto:janile@pa.net).



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## Session Highlights for OCTOBER 2024

The September Session meeting was held on October 1 at 6:00 PM in the library/classroom. Danny Chamberlin 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 9:30 AM through Facebook and available on the church's YouTube channel and website. Attendance was as follows:

	Sanctuary	Online
September 1	58	18
September 8	88	15
September 15	64	17
September 22	58	14
September 29	66	online was down

The following Consent Agenda Items were Approved:

1. The minutes of the September 3, 2024 Session meeting.
2. The minutes of the September 10, 2024 Deacon meeting.
3. The email vote to change the cost of the choir chairs.
4. The donation of \$1000 for a filtration system for the kitchen

The Treasurer's report was unavailable because there was inadequate time to prepare the reports for the meeting.

There were 68 drive-thru meals, 12 in-person meals served and 35 meals were taken to the Family Shelter at the September 26, 2024, Community Meal. A pan was taken to the Migrant Camp on October 6, 2024.

Ray Mowery, a representative of the Washingtonburg Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution spoke during worship on September 29 to introduce the congregation to the Wreaths Across America that will be held at Middle Spring at 10:00 on December 14, 2024. You can purchase wreaths on the website for \$17 per wreath.

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on November 10, 2024, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the 2025 Session Approved Budget and to Elect the Ruling Elders, Deacons, and an Auditor for the Class of 2027.

Don Cover resigned from the Nominating Committee for the remainder of 2024.



In addition to the Presbyterian Church's Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, the Session has authorized a Love Offering to be lifted for the Robbie Weber family.

Robbie was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm and has been hospitalized since the middle of August.

Gilda and I want to sincerely thank you for all the cards and gifts of appreciation we received last Sunday. We so enjoyed reading all your expressions of gratitude and love.

We have been blessed serving you and the Lord these past three years. We have come to know more about many of you and your families, rejoiced with you, and sorrowed with you.

We are looking forward to what we can accomplish together in the year ahead, that will bring our Savior all the praise and glory He deserves. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and for all the encouragement you give us. You are always in our prayers.

- Pastor Ed

Thank You!



## Souled Out



Souled Out is in full swing! In October, we went to a Corn Maze, Dark Nights at Hersheypark, and the Old Jail in Chambersburg for a haunted house.



We have also had several meetings and our group is starting to grow. We have a lot more excitement coming up as well, so keep watching for more information!



The Change for Change jars have been emptied, the change counted and \$215.00 deposited in the PW Association's account. The total collected since we implemented the program is \$1161.30. We appreciate the willingness of our congregation to donate their pocket change each week. All monies collected are given to local missions at the end of each year. Every little bit adds up so please continue to help us in this ministry. Keep filling those jars. Thank You.

The Presbyterian Women's Brunch will be on **Saturday, November 2**, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a dish to share and join the meeting as we decide how our money will be divided among our missions.



## Study Opportunities



### ZOOM Bible Study

We have begun our study on the N.T. Wright book, Paul. What an illuminating and interesting study of this apostle! Please join us on Tuesdays at 10 am via ZOOM. If you want more information and/or would like a ZOOM link, please see Jan Mooney to make this happen. **We will not meet November 5, as this is election day.**



The Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We have been studying from the Life Guide Bible Series called "Listening to God". Looking ahead to our November studies, we will be deliberately working at becoming better listeners to God and to one another. Also to work on understanding what is important to Christ about his churches.

Come, join in our discussions and be blessed by the experience as we fellowship in Christ's name.

## Service Ministry

### Shippensburg Area Community Meal

There will be no community meal in the month of November. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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

**Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA  
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2024**

Friday, October 4, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
<b>Assets</b>					
1.50.000	General Fund Checking Acct	76,437.41	99,172.76	(22,735.35)	23
1.70.000	Capital Fund Checking Acct	1,547.12	3,190.06	(1,642.94)	52
1.80.000	Youth Fund Checking Acct	4,006.00	8,023.44	(4,017.44)	50
1.90.001	Church Endowment Investment Acct.	1,056,462.01	867,109.33	189,352.68	22
1.90.002	Church Un-Restricted Investment Acct	537,030.72	478,939.09	58,091.63	12
1.90.003	Church Youth Endowment Acct	13,619.95	10,962.62	2,657.33	24
1.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund	61,162.27	49,086.10	12,076.17	25
1.90.010	Electronic Giving Clearing Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,750,265.48</b>	<b>\$1,516,483.40</b>	<b>\$233,782.08</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
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	(800.06)	1,177.12	(1,977.18)	168
2.01.015	403(b) Withholdings	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	<i>Total Employee Withholdings</i>	<i>(\$800.06)</i>	<i>1,177.12</i>	<i>(1,977.18)</i>	<i>(168)</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	138.86	233.20	(94.34)	40
2.03.009	Bell Maintenance Resv	2,850.00	2,250.00	600.00	27
2.03.010	Bell Choir Use **	0.00	2,034.68	(2,034.68)	100
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 **	257.80	389.80	(132.00)	34
2.03.016	Pastor's Continuing Education **	0.00	2,016.04	(2,016.04)	100
2.03.020	Ground Care Equipment	6,397.77	5,397.77	1,000.00	19
2.03.021	Parking Lot Seal/Re-line	7,502.00	3,302.00	4,200.00	127
2.03.022	Office Equipment	4,773.18	4,273.18	500.00	12
2.03.023	Seal Brick-Church/Manse	5,010.00	2,810.00	2,200.00	78

**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.



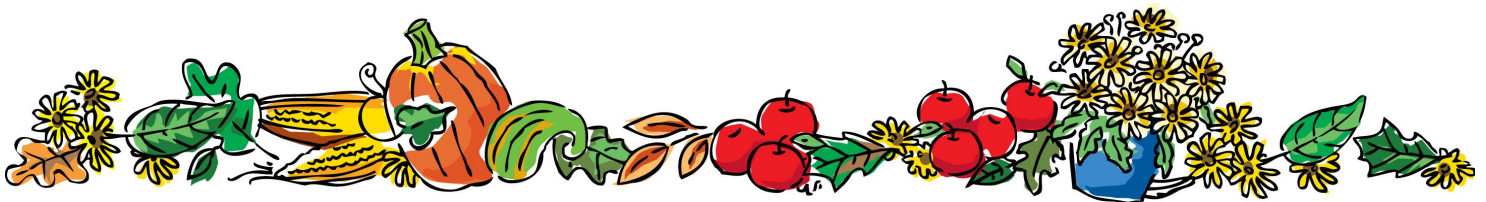
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2.03.024	Family Fund **	650.78	1,540.78	(890.00)	58
2.03.027	Memorial Fund	8,092.95	6,382.82	1,710.13	27
2.03.029	Mission-Specified **	80.00	167.00	(87.00)	52
2.03.031	Puppet Fund	1,290.04	944.03	346.01	37
2.03.032	June Weber International Scholarship **	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0
2.03.035	Rental Maintainence	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0
2.03.036	Educational Scholarship (8/23)	482.00	482.00	0.00	0
2.03.050	Repurposed Resv Acct	4,817.30	3,917.30	900.00	23
	<i>Total Reserved/Specified Givings **</i>	<i>\$49,466.60</i>	<i>42,989.14</i>	<i>6,477.46</i>	<i>15</i>
2.10.001	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$48,666.54</b>	<b>\$44,166.26</b>	<b>\$4,500.28</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
3.10.000	General Fund Balance	27,770.87	55,006.50	(27,235.63)	50
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	1,547.12	3,190.06	(1,642.94)	52
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	4,006.00	8,023.44	(4,017.44)	50
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	1,056,462.01	867,109.33	189,352.68	22
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	537,030.72	478,939.09	58,091.63	12
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	13,619.95	10,962.62	2,657.33	24
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	61,162.27	49,086.10	12,076.17	25
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$1,701,598.94</b>	<b>\$1,472,317.14</b>	<b>\$229,281.80</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$1,750,265.48</b>	<b>\$1,516,483.40</b>	<b>\$233,782.08</b>	<b>15</b>

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.



Middle Spring Presbyterian USA - Shippensburg PA  
Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 09/30/2024

Friday, October 4, 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	219,025.00	253,546.88	0.00	27,770.87
3.70.000	Capital Fund Balance	3,716.14	550.20	2,719.22	0.00	1,547.12
3.80.000	Youth Fund Balance	6,333.42	17,947.96	20,275.38	0.00	4,006.00
3.90.001	Church Endowment Fund Balance	946,583.28	146,953.46	37,074.73	0.00	1,056,462.01
3.90.002	Church Un-restricted Investment Acct Balance	506,691.05	54,768.06	24,428.39	0.00	537,030.72
3.90.003	Church Youth Fund Endowment Acct Balance	12,051.17	1,568.78	0.00	0.00	13,619.95
3.90.004	Church Building Investment Fund Balance	53,962.20	7,200.07	0.00	0.00	61,162.27
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,591,630.01</b>	<b>\$448,013.53</b>	<b>\$338,044.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,701,598.94</b>

## 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.



The Session is seeking someone to serve as an **Assistant Treasurer** to work alongside **Gary Russell, Treasurer**. If you are interested, please contact **Pastor Ed**.



There is a nursery sign-up sheet for 2024 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.

We currently have openings for a couple of Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in leading a class, please contact Susie Rohr.



## MILITARY CHRISTMAS BOXES!

Once again this year, we will honor the active military service of (16 so far) men and women related to our congregation with Christmas snack boxes. An idea list of snacks for inclusion will be in an upcoming bulletin. You will be able to place items in boxes at both sanctuary entrances on November 17, 24, and December 1.

Be sure Dorina has current names, rank, and addresses!

## MILITARY CARE PACKAGES



## College Care Packages

The college students have been working hard this semester. Finals week is approaching fast!

A sign-up sheet of items that will be packed in the college boxes is in the narthex. Please bring your items to the narthex and place them in the tub marked "College Boxes" by **Sunday, November 24, 2024**.



Maxwell Nordai	11/1
Larry Ocker	11/2
Howard Rife	11/2
Larry Singer	11/4
Jeffrey Miller	11/5
Thomas Barksdale	11/7
Edward Blank	11/7
Caleb Roth	11/7
Layla Jones	11/13
Becki Kelso	11/14
JD Dyson	11/15
Zach McMullen	11/19
Janet Sailhamer	11/20
Michaella Mowers	11/21
Sally Boden	11/24
Ron Reed	11/26
Dennis Mowers	11/26
Dawn Chamberlin	11/29



Bruce and Carla Hess	11/8
Dennis and Deb Mowers	11/15
Gary and Joyce Russell	11/27



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

### November 24      Hanging of the Greens

We will celebrate the beginning of the church year with the Hanging of the Greens during worship on Sunday, November 24.



### November 30      A Concert of Special Music

A concert featuring your favorite musicians from the summer Special Music performers will be presented at **2:30 pm**. Finish your Thanksgiving weekend with an afternoon of beautiful music!



## DECEMBER

### December 7      Puppet Ministry Christmas Program

The Puppet Ministry will be presenting their annual Christmas program at **6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Refreshments to follow.



### December 8      Annual Handbell Concert

Our own Handbell Choir will be performing their annual Christmas concert at **2:30 pm** in the Sanctuary.



### December 13      Christmas Show at Antietam Entertainment

We have reserved 40 seats to see the Christmas Show at Antietam Entertainment in Hagerstown, MD. The trip is planned for **Friday, December 13**. We would leave the Church promptly at **4:45 pm**. There is a Live Nativity, Wagon Rides, an Animal Stable, Bonfire and Marshmallow roasting, Horse Rides, and Christmas Photos an hour before the dinner and show. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby and narthex. Sue Beidel will be collecting the money for tickets. **Registration deadline is November 18.**

**Cost of tickets: Seniors \$57.74, Adults \$59.59, Kids \$37.17.**



# DECEMBER

**December 14**

## **Wreaths Across America**



Join us at **10:00 am** for a ceremony honoring our fallen veterans. This is part of the nationwide [Wreaths Across America](#) program, whose goal is to place wreaths on the graves of as many veterans as possible.

**December 15**

## **White Elephant Gift Exchange**

Fellowship after worship will be a luncheon and a White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a gift and enjoy a meal!

### **What is a White Elephant gift exchange?**

In a White Elephant gift exchange, participants bring wrapped gifts to be selected and stolen from one another. The gift can be something amusing or a practical gift.



### **How to play**

Each person brings a wrapped gift, and the order of turns is determined by randomly drawing numbers. The first person opens their gift, and the next person can either choose a new gift or steal the first person's. If a gift is stolen, the original owner can choose a new gift or steal from another player. The game ends when everyone has a gift.

**December 21**

## **Christmas Caroling**

Gather at the church at **5:00 pm**; light refreshments served afterward.



**December 22**

## **Christmas Cantata**

The choir will perform the cantata **Joy!** during worship. Come hear this musical celebration of the season!

**December 24**

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Come worship with us at **8:00 pm** to welcome the Christ Child and the beginning of the Christmas holiday.



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

Our Special Offering for the month of November is the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. This year eight projects were selected for funding; six serve areas in the United States, the other two are international; in all over \$250,000 was awarded this year. This year's recipients are:



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## **Dakota Presbytery, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Waniyetu Consulting - Welcoming of the Child**

Waniyetu Consulting empowers young mothers by providing teaching and direction for their role as a parent. This grant will fund a program to bring back the Welcoming of the Baby ceremony, one of the oldest and most significant ceremonies in Lakota culture. A Lakota elder is invited to speak about their traditions, which connects the generations and provides important lessons on motherhood and the sacredness of caring for the child.

## **Presbytery of the James Voices of Jubilee - Crossing Borders Accompaniment**

Voices of Jubilee brings together incarcerated youth and their families with mentors who have experienced incarceration and others who want to help. They provide pastoral care for youth and advocate for a judicial system that responds to harm and violence with accountability and restoration. This project provides support for youth who are in detention and in prison in Virginia, along with their families.

## **Presbytery of New Hope SAFEchild - Technology at SAFEchild Advocacy Center**

SAFEchild (Stop Abuse for Every Child) is the leading voice for child abuse prevention through evaluation, intervention and treatment in Wake County, North Carolina. Specialized interviews are often a turning point in children's lives, placing them on a path to recovery. The Thank Offering grant will provide for the purchase of discreet cameras and microphones to record interviews at SAFEchild's advocacy center.

## **Central Florida Presbytery Forward Paths Foundation, Inc. - Homes to Independence—Housing for Homeless Youth**

Forward Paths Foundation works to positively influence at-risk youth in Lake County, Florida, with the support needed to complete high school, attain a consistent work history and learn financial management skills. The Thank Offering grant will help expand their services to homeless, unaccompanied youth and those who have reached the age of 18 and are no longer eligible for foster care.

## **Presbytery of Carlisle Peace Promise - Kitchen Renovation**

Peace Promise offers advocacy, education and economic empowerment to survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area. The Thank Offering grant will help equip and renovate a kitchen that will serve as a central location for two new social enterprises, Ruby Coffee + Co. and Soaps By Survivors.

## **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Office of Immigration Issues - Public Affairs Software Platform for Grassroots Advocacy**

The Office of Immigration Issues helps PC(USA) churches by providing advice and resources towards a more just immigration system. Advocacy work within the denomination is decentralized so that local needs are addressed. As a result, the church's voice often is not organized to speak out effectively and powerfully. The Thank Offering grant will help purchase software that tracks legislation and gives users a deep understanding of the issues and the ability to contact their lawmakers directly. With the advocacy software, Presbyterians can follow concerns unique to their location and also organize to offer a group voice working for justice and fairness.



# What's Happening



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REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

# WREATHS — *across* — AMERICA

The Washingtonburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to sponsor the Middle Spring Church for a Wreaths Across America ceremony to be held on December 14, 2024. On that day, thousands of cemeteries across the nation will honor as many veterans as possible; the goal is to honor all veterans with a wreath on their graves.

If you would like to donate a wreath, you may do so online at the Wreaths Across America page for the church, <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/180890>. This is not required for attending the ceremony, nor for placing a wreath after the ceremony.

The ceremony itself is a way to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom. Please plan to come, and bring a friend.

If you would like to participate in the service, we are looking for the following assistance:

- Someone to offer the Convocation
- One representative from each military branch to place a small flag (12"x18") in a display in front of the church during the ceremony.
  - ◇ Army
  - ◇ Navy
  - ◇ Air Force
  - ◇ Marines
  - ◇ Coast Guard
  - ◇ Space Force
  - ◇ POW/MIA (a veteran from any branch would be fine)

Please let Pastor Ed know if you are willing to fulfill any of these.



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*Phone numbers and email addresses are available in the church directory*

<b>Session</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>
<p><b>Jan Ile</b> <i>Clerk</i> <b>Rev. Edward Blank</b> <i>Moderator</i> <b>Park Bierbower</b> Fellowship &amp; Outreach, Service Ministry <b>Danny Chamberlin</b> Co-Chair, Bldg. &amp; Grounds <b>Don Cover</b> Chair, Nominating <b>Kemper Dyson</b> Co-Chair, Growth Ministry <b>Jared Krebs</b> Chair, Service Ministry <b>Greg McMullen</b> Chair, Personnel; Chair, Finance <b>Susie Rohr</b> Co-Chair, Growth Ministry <b>Quay Stolte</b> Co-Chair, Bldg. &amp; Grounds</p>	<p><b>Deanna Baer</b>, <i>Moderator</i>, Pastoral Care &amp; Home Communion <b>Sue Beidel</b>, <i>Co-Moderator</i>, Pastoral Care &amp; Home Communion, Communion Supplies <b>Stevie Nordai</b>, Secretary, Representative to Nominating Committee <b>Janet Sailhamer</b>, Care and Share, Christmas Fruit Baskets <b>Joe Brett</b>, Transportation, Medical Equipment <b>Jeanette Chamberlin</b>, Christmas Fruit Baskets, Care and Share <b>Pris Gould</b>, Chancel/Funeral/Holiday/Seasonal Flowers <b>Jerry Judy</b>, Pulpit Scarves and Banners <b>Judy Heberlig</b>, Medical Equipment, Chancel/Funeral/Holiday/Seasonal Flowers <b>Larry Ocker</b>, Community Outreach <b>Dorina Saul</b>, Community Outreach, Milestone Recognition</p>	<p><b>Prayer Chain</b> “If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” John 14:14 <b>Kathy Bierbower</b> <b>Regina Chamberlin</b> <b>Jill Corwin</b> <b>Howard Davis</b> <b>Jan Ile</b> <b>Pat Mahan</b> <b>Eileen Moore</b> <b>Stevie Nordai</b> <b>Ethel Palmer</b> <b>Dorothy Reese</b> <b>Dorina Saul</b>  All members of the Middle Spring Presbyterian community are invited to be part of our prayer chain.</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]

## 2024

## NOVEMBER

## Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online	28	29 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 	30 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	31 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 	01 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 	02 Daylight Savings Time ends; set your clocks! 10:30 am PW Women's Brunch  
03 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online 12:00-1:30 Puppet Ministry 	04	05 Secretary Hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:00 pm Session Meeting 	06 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	07 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	08 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	09
10 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Congregational/Corporation Meeting following worship 	11 Veterans Day 	12 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting 	13 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 11:30 am Friends in Fellowship lunch at Rachel's Country Cafe 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir 	14 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	15 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	16
17 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Holy Communion Home Communion Offered 12:00-1:30 Puppet Ministry  	18	19 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 	20 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	21 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	22 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	23
24 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in person and online Hanging of the Greens  	25	26 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study 	27 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	28 Office Closed 	29 Secretary hours 9 am-noon, 1-3 pm Lunch noon-1 pm	30 2:30 pm Concert of Special Music 