

CHURCH EVENTS

CHOIR

We are again going to participate in the Lenten Choirfest. It will be held at Little Britain Presbyterian Church on Sunday Evening, April 5 at 7 PM. It will be a little different this year, as we are doing a Cantata together called Blessed Dawn. The offering will go to New Hope. I hope for a good representation from Middle Octorara. A good way to start Holy Week.

DEACONS

We prepared 9 birthday cards, 2 anniversary blessings, 1 sympathy card and one thinking of you card. Our next meeting is March 1st following the morning service.

MIDDLE OCTORARA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Soup/Sub Sale

Our annual February Soup/Sub Sale has ended with very successful results. We don't have final figures yet as to our profit but we know it was a good sale. Many thanks to all you placed orders and made the soup. These profits will be very helpful to MOPW as we continue to use the funds as needed for kitchen supplies or, more importantly to help folks in the community.

Lap Robes

How great it is every year at this time to welcome the appearance of all those lap robes that are crafted by our talented stitchers, knitters and crocheters. They brightened up the sanctuary at Worship Service on Sunday, February 23. Also, we'd like to thank those in the Green Tree Thimble Club who have helped with this project. The blankets have been taken to the Gap VFW which will deliver them to the Coatesville Hospital. At last count 104 lap robes have been donated. Wow!

Lenten Tea

The date for this year's Lenten Tea is Saturday, March 14. This has become a very popular event as we say goodbye to Winter and welcome Spring. This year we welcome the Puppet and Story Works from Manheim. The program is titled... 'More than Bunnies, Chocolate and Eggs'. The event begins at 2 PM with the tea to follow. Gather up a few friends and invite them to the tea. Please make your reservation so we can be sure to provide enough table space for all. Call (717-786-8284) or email [Boni at bohphen@outlook.com](mailto:bohphen@outlook.com)

Easter Eggs on Sale

We always know Easter is right around the corner when we see the chocolate covered peanut butter eggs appear. Shirley and her gang will begin making them very soon. They will be available at the Lenten Tea and at church every Sunday 'til Easter. This is one of our largest fund raisers of the year and we are very thankful that God has given us this idea, along with local venues to sell the eggs. If you'd like to help make the eggs, contact Shirley for days and times.

SESSION

Sunday April 5

We will observe Communion during the morning worship service

Sunday April 12

7 am Sunrise Service

9 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Upcoming worship service speakers

April 5 - Pastor David Drain

April 12 - TBA

April 19 - Pastor Bob Stier

April 26 - Pastor Charlie Gross

May 3 - Pastor Charlie Gross

SILVER SISTERS

We had another great get-together with lunch at Hometown Kitchen and then back to the church for a game of Sequence. In March we plan to attend The Promise Players show at Lampeter Church of the Brethren, called Smoke on the Mountain on Thursday evening March 26 at 7:30. We plan to go to dinner before the show. Any other widows that may be interested, call Rose at 610-636-5378.

TRUSTEES

The board of Trustees had a first floor bathroom put in at the Lundy's house, especially because Betty Jo broke her hip. They certainly appreciate having it. Dale Phillips talked to us about safety issues, and cameras being installed outside. We discussed having a doorbell outside for those arriving late to church. Work day has been scheduled for Saturday March 28 beginning around 8 AM, with brunch being served around 10. Mark it on your calendar!! Rain date would be April 4.

MISSIONS

LOCAL

Our Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday April 18th from 7 am till 1 pm. Gather up your unwanted and unneeded items and bring them to the church starting April 13th. All proceeds will benefit our Peru mission.

MISSION MUSINGS

This month the two focus missions designated by the Mission Committee are Transitions Orphans Assistance Foundation and Lightshine Ministries. Audrey Ball Santiago is the director of the Transitions Orphans Assistance Foundation and they minister to orphans in Ukraine. Some of you will remember Audrey as Audrey Kerr when she attended M.O. in the seventies with her children. The mission of Audrey and her staff is to help orphans with food, housing, clothes and education. They also teach the orphans about Jesus and prepare them for life after they leave their care. We would like to have Audrey come and speak at M.O. sometime to learn more about her work in Ukraine.

Our other focus mission this month is Lightshine Ministries founded and led by Tom Denlinger. Tom has been at M.O. a couple of times in the past to speak about their work in Alaska. Boni and I, through the generosity of M.O. folks had the opportunity to go to Alaska with Lightshine in 2016 to help out at the World Eskimo and Indian Olympics. They also do construction work, lead Bible schools and share the love of Jesus with the native people's of Alaska.

These are just a couple of our focus missions and we are so blessed that God has given us the opportunity to share our time, talents and treasures with so many worthwhile missions locally, nationally and internationally.

In Matthew 28 Jesus said Go into all the world to preach and teach the Gospel. May we continue to pray for and support the missions God has blessed us to be a part of.

Please also continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Amazon region of Peru. I often think of and pray for our friends in Tamshiyacua and Iquitos who work tirelessly to spread the love of Jesus.

Also continue to pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee.

Although we have been without a full time Pastor for over two years the ministry and mission of Middle Octorara has continued. We have been blessed that God has provided us with very capable and dedicated leaders. The Brondykes were such a blessing to us for a year and of course Rev. Mary agreed to return in September using her gifts visiting our sick and shut-ins, consoling the grieving and conducting funerals. We have also been blessed to have several people use their God given gifts to lead us in worship multiple times.

We are also blessed that many of our members have stepped up to fill in the gaps and we are grateful for the dedication and persistence of our PNC.

Part of the mission of God's children is to encourage, teach, comfort and love each other. I believe with God's help that is happening and will continue to happen at Middle Octorara.

Matthew 5:16 🙏

Blessings.
Dan Henry

Rev. Charlie Gross, who was our speaker on February 16th and is returning in April, asked for a list of missions that our church/members have been involved in. What a God given privilege we have to be able to help so many different needs not only in our local community but in the world. Some are financial support but many of them are physical involvement.

Peru Mission	REACH Workcamp
CRU	Scottish Fest
Transitions Orphans Assistance Foundation	Boy Scouts
New Hope	Lenten Tea
Celebrating Mother's Banquet	Secret Sisters
Silver Sisters (widows group)	Women's Bible Study
ROMEO Club (Relatively Old Men Eating Out)	Opioid Seminars
Thanksgiving Luncheon the Sunday before Thanksgiving	Turkey Supper
Soup/Sub Sales	Funeral luncheons
Christmas Bazaar	Caroling to Shut Ins
Solanco Neighborhood Ministry	
<i>(Food Bank, Pastor's Fuel Fund, Sweep packs for Children, Christmas Gifts for families, Backpack collection, etc.)</i>	
Flowing Oil	Lightshine
Living Waters	CROP Walk
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Center	Solid Rock
Hands Across the Street	Wreaths Across America
Christ's Home	North Star Initiative
Aaron's Acres	VBS
Post Prom	Quarryville Library
Free Clothing giveaway in August	YWAM
Lap Robes for local VFW	Extend a Blessing
Needy Families with unexpected emergencies	

There are probably other organizations that are unintentionally missed in the list above. This is also not meant to be boosting our egos. Just good to know that we are trying to spread God's word in many, many ways.

REFLECTIONS

by Barry Girvin

Memories

I am feeling well and looking forward to returning home with all my medical records in tow – more doctors! Thanks again for your cards and prayers. We will be attending a number of spring training games using some wonderful tickets that we got from Harold Probst, Jr.

We visited Jim and Kay Bueche in Bradenton. They are trying to sell their RV, and we pray that the effort will be successful as they end their career as snowbirds.

For the older set, you may remember two folks that we visited: Betty Massey and Margie Young. Betty was once the wife of John (Jack) McClure of Green Tree back when the McClures were the money folks on the hill. Betty attended Middle Octorara and sang in the choir. After a divorce, Betty married Everett (Monk) Massey, and the couple lived in Dover, Delaware, and later moved to FL. Betty had a son to Jack McClure, and a son and daughter to Massey. Betty was a close friend of my parents and a whole generation of Quarryville and Bart Township folks. Here at home, Mary Ruth Minchoff and Lucille Wilson recently passed away. Betty's son, John McClure, III, is a surgeon at Clearwater Hospital, and he takes good care of his mother. Betty is 98 years old and resides in a nursing home. She has lost some of her mental abilities, but is still very much "a people person."

Margie Young is the daughter of Fred Williams who was president of the Shrine Church Board of Trustees for many years. Margie (Margaret) was a Board member until her and her husband, David, moved to Florida. They still financially support efforts regarding maintenance and restoration at the Shrine Church. They and their two children all held their weddings at the "old church." I would ask for prayers for their daughter, Martha, who lives with her husband and family in Portland, Maine. Martha, age 47, a successful executive with a broadcasting firm recently suffered an aneurysm and severe stroke. She struggles to speak and gain some use of the effected side of her body. Prayers too, for Margie as she heals from a very difficult knee replacement surgery. She is alone at home in FL, and David is now up in Maine as Martha is released to go home – a home renovated to accommodate her needs. During these lonely days, I know Margie would appreciate a thinking of you card.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL FUND
& BENEVOLENCE FINANCES
February 2020

The following is the individual weekly breakdown of offerings:

Feb. 2 -	General Fund	2,890.38	Benevolence	128.00
Feb. 9 -	General Fund	1,915.00	Benevolence	111.00
Feb. 16 -	General Fund	2,346.00	Benevolence	406.00
Feb. 23 -	General Fund	1,702.38	Benevolence	142.00

An additional \$802.71 General Fund money and \$10.00 Benevolence money was received by mail etc.



YTD GENERAL FUND & BENEVOLENCE FINANCES

	Monthly	YTD	Monthly	YTD	YTD
	Budget	Budget	Received	Received	Expenses
General Fund	12,682.40	12,682.40	9,656.47	21,722.47	13,720.11
Benevolence	492.32	492.32	797.00	1,633.00	

Debbie Hoover, Secretary-Treasurer

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH



LEPRECHAUN

LUCKY

POT OF GOLD

IRISH

RAINBOW

GREEN

SHAMROCK

CLOVER

GOLD

MARCH

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March birthday's

10 – Heaven Miller
13 – Mary Dalmas
16 – Payton Garver
22 – Judy Bleecher
25 – Shyanne Moore
25 – John Caskey, III
27 – Cody Ressel
30 – Betty Trout
31 – Jeff Frackman

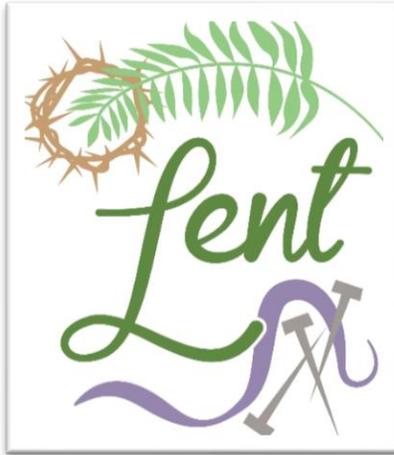
March anniversaries

20 – Barry & Shirley Girvin (60th)

April birthday's through the 4th

3 – Edie Ambler Jackson
4 – Cayla (Miller) Salander, Gwen (Dalmas) Lefever





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1	March 2 Women's Bible Study 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	March 3	March 4 ROMEIO Club 9:00 a.m.	March 5	March 6	March 7
March 8	March 9 Women's Bible Study 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	March 10 Trustee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	March 11 ROMEIO Club 9:00 a.m.	March 12 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	March 13	March 14 Lenten Tea 2:00 p.m.
March 15	March 16 Women's Bible Study 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	March 17	March 18 ROMEIO Club 9:00 a.m.	March 19	March 20	March 21
March 22	March 23 Women's Bible Study 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	March 24	March 25 ROMEIO Club 9:00 a.m.	March 26	March 27	March 28
March 29	March 30 Women's Bible Study 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	March 31	April 1 ROMEIO Club 9:00 a.m.	April 2	April 3	April 4