



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

*Experiencing a life-changing journey with
Jesus together.*



THEALLIANCE



From our Lead Pastor, Dave Muckel

THANKFULNESS IN ALL THINGS!

In Philippians 2:17, the apostle Paul comments on the sacrifice he has made for the kingdom of God and he assures the believers that he is glad and rejoices in it all. In the same way, “you too should be glad and rejoice with me.” 2022 was a year of sacrifices, challenges and change and through it all we should rejoice greatly for what God has done to bring us through and for how his kingdom work here at LAC is advancing.

THANKFULNESS FOR THE LAC FAMILY!

My wife Ritzy and our two boys arrived November 1 and from day one we were blessed by the warm reception and gracious generosity of the LAC family. Our hearts were overflowing with joy for what this new season would represent – fruitful ministry for God’s glory with an amazing church body!

THANKFULNESS FOR PASTOR CARL!

I am personally so thankful for the ministry of Pastor Carl McGarvey and his wife Patty. Their tireless efforts over the past year have brought a much needed stability and healing balm to this congregation. Ritzy and I will forever be grateful for how they “paved the way.”

SURVEYING AND ASSESSING:

My first few months here have been spent getting to know the LAC family and the Lewisburg area and observing leadership structures and systems here at the church. Here are some initial assessments:

1. **ASSESSMENT ON CHURCH HEALTH.** Church health is paramount. Here at LAC, there are so many gifted leaders, incredible teams and strong and healthy ministries in place already. Our staff and leaders are passionate about serving Jesus, have genuine and sincere compassion for people, are committed to the great Commission, are gifted and called to their area of ministry and work well together for advancing the kingdom! There are many healthy programs like Small Groups, Youth and Children’s ministries, AWANA and Sunday morning services, just to name a few. Work will need to be done to encourage more people to get involved with serving, as God expands our reach into the community and beyond. We will also need to continue to steward full organizational health which means integrity in the business of the church, transparency in communication, sincerity in relationships and God-dependency in decision-making.
 2. **ASSESSMENT ON GOD’S PLANS.** I believe in these days, God is restoring those things which have been lost and those places in our hearts that have been hurt. Waiting on the Lord will be essential in these days, as He continues to heal. Also, as God continues to bring together families with amazing gifts and hearts for ministry, I believe He wants to use us to be more intentional and effective in reaching out to Lewisburg, across the nation and around the world. As a church we must be committed to evangelize, disciple, equip and send out ministers into the harvest field.
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As you read the rest of this report, let’s be thankful for all that God has done in 2022 and joyful for all that is still to come as we follow Jesus!

From our Head Elder, Matt Burke

Elder Board Members: Matt Burke, Brad Catherman,
Ken Zook, Brett Stamm, Drew Swigart



This past year was a busy year of moving forward for our LAC family. We had many opportunities to unite and come together as a family and lift each other up as we continued to see significant changes. God has been faithful and His hand has been evident as we continued to seek His will for our church. We spent a large amount of time dissecting what you, as a body, were telling us from our church evaluation conducted by our advisor, Pastor Jeff LoCaste. This information was extremely helpful in shaping our future vision, what you were looking for in a future pastor, and how we can lead better as leadership and staff within our church. This work ultimately led to change in thoughts and practices of how we lead, and finally, a Sacred Assembly service. This service was a great time of confession, as well as, a time to let go of the past and look to the future of LAC.

Some of the changes we have implemented this year that will move us forward included:

- Staff job reviews and consistent performance discussions.
 - Consistent communication with staff, Elder, and Administration Boards via shared minutes of meetings.
 - Clarification of our church vision and goals. Focus on outreach with a goal of reaching beyond our four walls to share the Gospel locally, nationally, and around the world.
 - Aligning our staff to our vision as Pastor Tim took on some assimilation duties with Pastor Mike leading Adult Ministries and Administration.
 - Finally, a commitment to be leaders that are fully committed to prayer and a desire to be completely transparent with you as we move forward. We are fully dependent on Jesus' leading and know He will direct our steps.
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As a result of all this work, around vision and listening to you, we changed direction. This change started with the sale of the Turtle Creek property. As a board, we thank you for allowing us to do this. Our church is now debt free. Praise the Lord! This has certainly helped position us to be the hands and feet of Christ in Lewisburg and throughout the Valley.

Our next step of moving forward was the work of finding a new Senior Pastor. We put together a wonderful search team from our church body. With the help of this team and many long hours, God led us to a new Senior Pastor. I can't tell you how much joy I personally had during this process with this Search Team. I truly appreciate their time and willingness to represent our church body. God led us every step of the way.

Before I can continue about Pastor Dave, I would be remiss to not mention our Brother Carl and Sister Patty. In the fall, we concluded our time with our interim pastor, Pastor Carl and Patty. We are so encouraged and grateful for the time we had with them. They graciously helped us transition through a challenging time for our church. They will forever be part of our LAC family.

Our final step in moving forward this year was welcoming Pastor Dave, Ritzy, Josiah, and Nathan in November. Through much prayer and fasting, listening to your feedback, and collaborating with district leadership, God led us to this wonderful family. What a blessing they have been already! Now here we are as a church family ready to see what God has waiting for us next.

As we look back, we see how God has orchestrated these things for His greater good to bring us to where we are in this moment. On behalf of the Elder Board, I want to thank you as a congregation for your continued trust, faithfulness and willingness to be part of Lewisburg Alliance Church.

From our Administrative Pastor, Mike Phelps



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" Philippians 1:3-5

As we look back over 2022, we truly do have so much to be thankful for. This is because of all of you that called LAC home this past year and for your partnering with each other in seeing the Kingdom advanced here in Lewisburg and the surrounding communities.

We were blessed to serve with Pastor Carl and Patty until the middle of October when our new Lead Pastor had been called, and we saw God answer prayer in finding Pastor Carl and Patty housing in His timing and with the perfect home for them.

We saw the sale of the land at Turtle Creek come together in a way that only God could have provided. We were able to work with our local township and see the land stay in green space for all to enjoy as they have made it into a public park. We also saw God at work in, while we had a vision for new buildings, He had a plan to move us as a congregation to be debt free. Praise the Lord!

And we have been blessed with Pastor Dave as our new Lead Pastor when he and his wife Ritzy and their boys Josiah and Nathan moved to Lewisburg in October. How thankful we are for God's calling of Pastor Dave to lead us in this next chapter here at LAC. How exciting it will be to see what God will do in 2023.

Most of all, how thankful we are to all of you that call LAC your church home. To all of you, those that have attended for some time and weathered the storms with us the last few years, and those that have just come alongside and partnered with us this year, we thank you. As Paul states in Philippians: it is always with joy that we pray and give thanks because of all of you and our ever-faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

It has been my privilege to serve alongside you this past year.

From our Interim Pastor, Carl McGarvey



It was Patty's and my privilege to serve you from September 1, 2021 - October 16, 2022, as Interim Pastor. Thank you for embracing us so warmly and making us feel at home among you. We are also most grateful for your generosity to us as we concluded our service with you. Our time in Lewisburg was a highlight of our years of ministry.

The role of an interim pastor is to help bridge the gap between longer-term pastors and to assure stability and progress in fulfilling the mission of the church. My role was primarily expressed in helping the elders, the staff, and the church leaders sustain momentum during a time of transition and change.

We assessed the overall church health in consultation with a transition consultant. After conducting interviews with people to learn about the church and your hopes for the future, administering the Natural Church Development assessment, and completing an all-church survey, we worked with our consultant Jeff LoCaste to present a comprehensive report to the leaders and congregation to help pave the way for the future. Many of the recommendations from the report have been implemented, with others to be considered in the future. Of note was the planning and holding of a Sacred Assembly on June 26th.

The Sacred Assembly was a special service which involved a season of time worshipping the Lord together, confessing and turning from past failure, giving thanks for His faithfulness to us, and seeking His enabling to serve Him wholeheartedly in the days to come. We humbly sought our Heavenly Father's guidance and addressed anything that could hinder the work of the Holy Spirit among us. We wanted to leave the difficulties of the past at the foot of the cross and together seek God's will for the future.

Each church is unique, and each season of church life will be different. I have learned much along with you as we responded to each new situation and challenge. You have made it through a very difficult season. With your new pastor in place, you can anticipate the future work of God among you as you discover ways to reach out into your community and beyond.

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you.

Pastoral Search Committee

From Sam Ryder on behalf of the search team,
Matt Burke, Brad Catherman, Lauren White,
Glenn Smith, Matt Barr, and Cindy Ross



Jeremiah 3:15 "then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

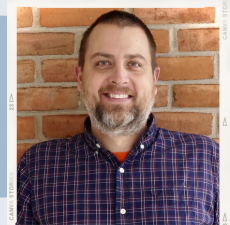
The pastoral search team was organized in March 2022 to conduct the search for a full time senior pastor at LAC. The team reviewed prospective pastors' applications and determined compatibility based on criteria developed from the church-wide study conducted during the transition process. In addition to conducting interviews, the search team reviewed sample sermons from all the candidates and conducted reference checks. The team also spent time in prayer together seeking wisdom, patience, unity and for God's will to be done in this process. The team ultimately interviewed four candidates over the course of three months. We saw God opening and closing doors during this process and in His perfect timing, he provided Pastor Dave Muckel.

The team interviewed Pastor Dave via Zoom in mid-July and recommended him to the Elders to be interviewed. After interviewing with the Elders in person in late July, he was invited with his family to officially candidate in late August. After reviewing the feedback from the congregation and with much prayer and discussion, the search committee officially recommended Pastor Dave to be offered the position. The Elders met the following evening on September 1st and voted to extend the position of senior pastor to Pastor Dave and praise God, he and his family said "yes"!

The search team thanks the congregation for their prayers and for their feedback and input into the process. We believe Pastor Dave earnestly seeks to be a man after God's heart, and will lead us in 2023 and beyond with a servant's heart as well as knowledge and understanding.

Note: In November of 2022, we had Pastor Dave's Commissioning Service. The service was led by our District Superintendent, Pastor Nate Howard, and was attended by people from all over our district.

Visitor Assimilation Process From Pastor Tim Halteman



In 2022, I was privileged to be called into expanding my role from Student Ministries' Pastor to now include Assimilation Pastor as well. In this role, I have been tasked with implementing a process that will take people from the first moment they walk in the door as a visitor to LAC to becoming connected and a part of the LAC body.

Using our Planning Center software, we were able to implement a process to help us make sure that all new people who attempt to connect with us are recognized and welcomed. Working alongside Kay Swanson and Marcia Burke, we've worked to ensure that our building design, our website, and our visitor information match so that our church will be easily recognizable to people, whether they visit our website which is our digital foyer, or our real live foyers in the Worship and Children's Centers. One of Pastor Carl's contributions to the assimilation process was the Newcomer Gatherings that were begun. All people new to LAC were invited to come to a lunch after the worship service and meet representatives from our staff and Elders. We had two successful events in 2022 and are looking forward to more in the future.

In the Worship Center we began creating a lobby that will allow a better flow for people to move through along with a redesigned CONNECT center. We feel that this allows for a friendly approach of greeting and sharing of information with visitors.

We look forward to implementing our next phase of this process in 2023!

Preaching for 2022

Pastor Carl's Sermon Series



TAMING THE TONGUE

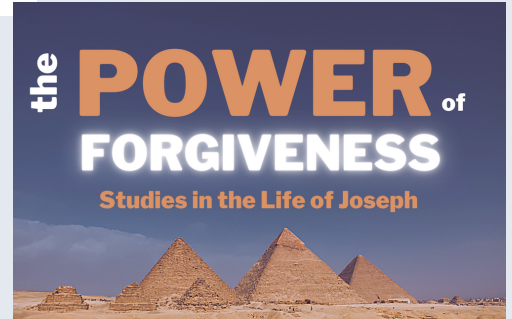
Studies in James



Pulling Together



Reshaped By The Gospel



Guest Speakers

District
Superintendent,
Nate Howard



Pastor Carlos
Villifane
from the C&MA
church Restoration
House of Bethel
in Puerto Rico



IW to Thailand,
Sue Danneker



Pastor Dave's Sermon Series



Church Ministry



From our Children's Ministry
Director, Lauren Halteman



As we pause and reflect on this past year of 2022, specifically regarding the LAC Kids ministry, how quickly our hearts become flooded with gratitude for the Lord! It is because of His mighty works, His faithfulness to provide, and His steadfast commitment to the building of His Kingdom, that we can joyfully report on another wonderful and cherished year of children's ministry at LAC!

2022 was a great year for the LAC Kids ministry, because Christ was at the center of the programs, the classes, the leadership team, and the overall philosophy of the ministry. Our main goals:

- to keep Jesus Christ our focus
- to create a welcoming environment that overflowed with Biblical teaching & Christ's love
- to develop upbeat volunteers who will spiritually guide and fill Christ-hungry hearts through His truth
- to offer a genuine and sweet spirit of unity that is always ready to proclaim the Gospel.



We are grateful for another year of Sunday morning worship services! In 2022, we continued using the Gospel Project for Kids curriculum, which focuses on all scripture, and points every story to Jesus Christ. Each week also features a missionary moment! Thank you LAC Kids Team members!



Deep Biblical learning and study was accomplished January - May in the 9AM BLT class.



We offered a class on "Baptism Basics: What is Baptism and When Am I Ready?" at 9am on Sundays for children and their parents.



We are thankful for being able to have AWANA for an entire year for the first time since the start of the pandemic! Thanks to our AWANA commander Matt Barr and all of our volunteers and teachers for their hard work!



We are thrilled and filled with thankfulness for the 2022 VBS week, which featured the theme of "Passport to Peace" which taught us the importance of the peace we receive only from Jesus and the critical call on our lives to love others, no matter who they are. This fun-filled week was a beautiful illustration of the Lord's church working together to proclaim His name! We ended the week with fellowship and a meal including tastes from around the world! There were over 300 people that participated and enjoyed the evening!

We were honored to participate in several service projects including: collecting donations for WGRC, writing letters/sending care packages to our Alliance missionary families, supporting a local missionary in Peru, delivering care packages to the local first responders, packing and sending over 300 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, making homemade gifts for children to be delivered by missionaries serving in Russia, sending care packages to refugee families in the Ukraine, and volunteering at our local food bank. We also packed 68 backpacks with school supplies and delivered them to families in our area.

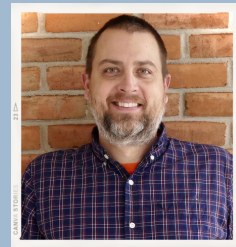
We welcomed several missionaries as guest speakers during the 10am Sunday worship time and continued to discover how God calls all of us on a mission to spread the Gospel.

With humbled and thankful hearts, we give glory to God for this past year, and excitedly look forward to another Jesus-centered year in LAC Kids ministry!

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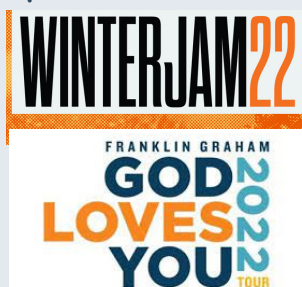
From our Student Ministries' Pastor,
Tim Halteman



This was an
amazing year, one to go down in the record books!

The year was full of Jesus being taught, along with students serving, getting baptized and decisions being made for Christ. These things were accomplished through mission trips, retreats, special events and consistent relationship building!

Special Events:



March: Winter Jam at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College. Awesome worship and a challenge from God's word:
Who's your one person you're going to talk to about Jesus?

September: God Loves You Tour at York, PA. With Franklin Graham and the Newsboys.
There we had four commitments/re-commitments to JESUS CHRIST.

Weekend Retreats:



Spring Retreat:
EPAD district-wide retreat
at Lake Champion in New
York.



Fall Retreat:
LAC retreat at Camp Susque
in Trout Run, PA.

At both of these retreats students were challenged with the word of God and to go all in with their faith!

Mission Trips/Service Projects:



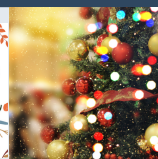
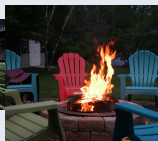
Students served by picking up trash
and playing with neighborhood kids

CMA Church House of Restoration Bethel of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

- Built a greenhouse for a community garden for people with disabilities as well as lots of other projects.
- Went on several prayer walks throughout the adjoining communities as well as lots of other projects. During this time people who went on the trip as well as people we met either grew closer to God or got introduced to God!

Summer/Fall events:

Other events like parties, and summer
events, as well as Christmas
decorating.



During all of the events and large/Huddle group times we had many conversations and worshipped, prayed, learned and celebrated Jesus together! These times are our bread and butter!

None of this would be possible without God and our awesome adult leaders: Laurie Staib, Erin Finnegan, Leighann Gibson, Jess Herman, Bruce Kellner, Matt Briskie, Ross Muir, Brian Gibson, and Josiah Muckel. Special shoutout to the parent leaders on the summer mission trip, thank you Mark Ilgenfritz, Rebecca Rodgers and Brenda Nestor!

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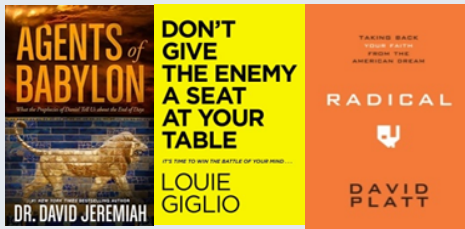


Men's Ministry - from Drew Swigart

1 Timothy 2:8 – In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

Men's Ministry seeks to unite men together and prepare them to be the spiritual leaders and servants God created them to be in the church, at home, and in their workplaces. In 2022, this was accomplished through various bible studies, movies/presentations, and of course... food! Not to mention the many smaller ways our men came together over the last year to support one another, our church family, and the surrounding community.

Bible Studies



Movies/Presentations



Food

Saturday Morning

Breakfasts

Fall Kickoff Cookout

273 attended!
Lewisburg Alliance Church
WILD GAME DINNER



The year started with a January 2nd "thunder run" to Paradise Mountain Ministries in Toccoa, Georgia, to deliver a truck and trailer-load of furniture for their new dormitory. Due to an impending snow and ice storm, the 5-man team had only a few moments to unload and rest before jumping in the trucks to return home for the 22-hour round-trip journey!

We men are especially thankful for the love and support of our wives and families, and their willingness to allow us to attend these weekly meetings and events as we strive to become better husbands, fathers, and role models. We want to encourage the men of LAC to come join us on Tuesday evenings.



Women's Ministry is incredibly thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness in 2022. We saw a year of growth and gained a more solid footing as a ministry. Our theme verse has been based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ~ Encourage each other and build each other up... The activities throughout the year have been a reflection of this verse in action as we tried to build into each other's lives.

Leader: Shelley Billings

Patty McGarvey was a true blessing in helping to lead Bible study and pouring into individual women's lives during her time at LAC. We praise the Lord for her deep care and encouragement for us.

Secret Sisters

Jan - May. A way to encourage each other through monthly (secret) interaction. We concluded with a pie and coffee reveal event!

Summer fun included:

- a group walk on the rail-trail to Purple Cow
- packing snacks (with matching scripture) and writing notes to youth on Puerto Rico trip
- gathering for a homemade ice cream night at Cindy Ross' home
- Eastern PA District one-day retreat in Williamsport

Game night:



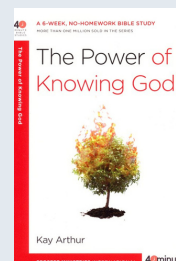
Bunco became a way to bring women together for laughter and fellowship. It was so well received in March that we did an encore event in November.

"Praise through the Seasons of Life" was a wonderful evening of praise and worship.

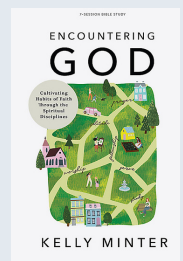
Thanksgiving pies were purchased and donated to Missio Dei Alliance (Shamokin Dam) to help with their Thanksgiving Day community meal outreach.

April Service Project:

- Transitions Crisis Center: Housewarming cleaning buckets filled with essentials
 - Expectations Women's Center: Mother's Day gifts for new moms
 - LAC youth: Special snack
 - LAC: Deep cleaning of kitchen
- (Handwritten notes of encouragement included)



Bible Studies are a vital part of our ministry for growth in knowledge, love for the Lord, and fellowship with each other.



We closed out our year with the much anticipated Christmas Brunch held at Robin Treon's home. Ritzy Muckel brought our time around the Word, with lots of delicious food, fun and fellowship for all who came.



Church Ministry



"If you're having a tough week,
you need a Group
and if you're having a great
week, the Group needs you!"

Small Group Stats for 2022

12	-	Groups
16	-	Average group size
161	-	Unique members
21	%	Church participation

In the fall semester LAC Small Groups studied the series "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" by Peter Scazzero. In these sessions we learned that we can't mature spiritually while remaining emotionally immature. We covered some very deep subjects such as:

- Getting to know yourself the way God uniquely designed you
- Looking back into your family history to help break destructive sinful patterns of the past
- How grief and loss can enlarge your souls

This study focused on moving us to a transformative relationship with God, as scripture says,

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' Matthew 22:37

Small Groups are at the core of ministry here at LAC. We see them as essential to "experiencing a life-changing journey with Jesus together."

I'd like to thank all the leaders and hosts that make our small groups possible throughout the year. You make leading this ministry a pleasure!



Leaders: Joe Swanson, Mary Gorham, Luke Phelps



Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to His holy name." Palms 30:3.

The Worship Team has continued in its mission to provide music and a spirit which draws our congregation into rejuvenating, joyful worship of our Creator, the one true God. We have sought to bring music which is a mix of current and "older" but well known contemporary worship songs, as well as traditional hymns (some with a little updated feel), so that our congregation can grow in some new music while enjoying the comfort of some things more familiar. Our band has grown slightly, with the return of some previous bandmates, as well as the addition of a new musician.

In the past year, we have successfully transitioned to the use of the Services app in Planning Center for the scheduling of musicians, communication among band/tech mates, and organization of the music we play.

We look forward to worshipping with you in the coming year!

Church Ministry



Daily Devotionals



The CMA daily devotional 40 Days of Prayer was emailed out to everyone for the 2nd year in a row. Those without email had the devotionals mailed to them each week and printed copies were available in the Worship Center each Sunday.



To prepare our hearts for the Sacred Assembly event, a five day devotional booklet was prepared by Pastor Carl with help from Rachel Binney and Deb Phelps. Paper copies were handed out on Sunday and a daily devotional was sent digitally Monday through Friday prior to the Sacred Assembly service.



Sunday morning BLT (Bible Learning Time) was changed in June of 2022. While the teaching was excellent, we recognized that the 9am hour on Sunday was not serving the majority of our congregation. Classes that met on Sunday mornings were converted to a small or a huddle group including the class for the middle school and the high school.



Sunday Morning Discipleship

From Brad Catherman



When we make a commitment to follow Jesus and His way of living, we are known as His disciples. In the New Testament, the Greek word for a disciple is “mathetes”, which can equally be translated as “a learner”. Therefore, we all become learners of Jesus’ way of living in the world and seeing the world. Our hope, as disciples of Jesus, is that each minute, hour, day, week and year we are being transformed more and more into His likeness.

As we reflect back on the past year, I am sure that we can all identify and are thankful for the ways in which we grew as disciples, or learners, of His way. Although there are many ways we grow as disciples, one way we can be transformed into His likeness is by studying the Scriptures.

On Sunday mornings, a group has been meeting to learn from the Scriptures, with the hope of continuing our transformation. We have been utilizing the Bible Project classroom resources to really dig deep in order to become better readers of the Scriptures so they are able to transform us. In the beginning of the year, we finished our study of Jonah, which not only focused on Jonah, but the whole Hebrew Bible. For most of the year, the class focused on a New Testament letter, Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. We gained so much wisdom on how to live in and view the world in light of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection through Paul’s letter. At the end of the year, we began a study on Heaven and Earth and Genesis 1.

In the fall, we were thankful for the addition of another Sunday class, called “Explore the Bible”. Overall, we are so thankful for the many ways that we are being transformed, from the Sunday classes, our men’s and women’s ministry studies, small group studies, one on one meetings, and prayer meetings. My prayer for the upcoming year is that we all will continue growing as we follow the risen Messiah Jesus and that our hearts and minds will be shaped by His Spirit and the many ministries we have here at LAC.

Church Ministry



LAC Deaconesses

Dawn Anspach, Amy Fazler, Kay Martin, Connie Reidell, Bev Shoemaker, Karen Stamm, Renae Unruh
Thank you to Kay Martin and Amy Fazler who will be stepping down after many years of faithful service.

Under the leadership of Kevin and Amy Fazler and Karen Stamm, we organized, prepared, and served the meals for the following services:
Pastor Leslie Conklin's funeral
The Annual Congregational Meeting luncheon
Two Newcomers' luncheons
Farewell luncheon for the McGarveys
The Commissioning Service meal for Pastor Muckel
The Christmas party meal.

We greatly appreciate the deaconesses and volunteers from the congregation who assisted us, particularly in clean up, at the end of an event!

Other Deaconesses' Activities

- Bev Shoemaker coordinated cards and flowers for those who were ill, had a hospital stay, experienced a death in the family, etc., and 28 flowers/balloons were sent.
- Connie Reidell diligently sent birthday cards each month. Over 300 cards were sent last year.
- Karen Stamm organized meals to assist families if a small group is not involved; approximately 40 meals were organized this past year.
- Dawn Anspach prepared communion each month and for extra events.
- The deaconesses also assisted during baptism services.

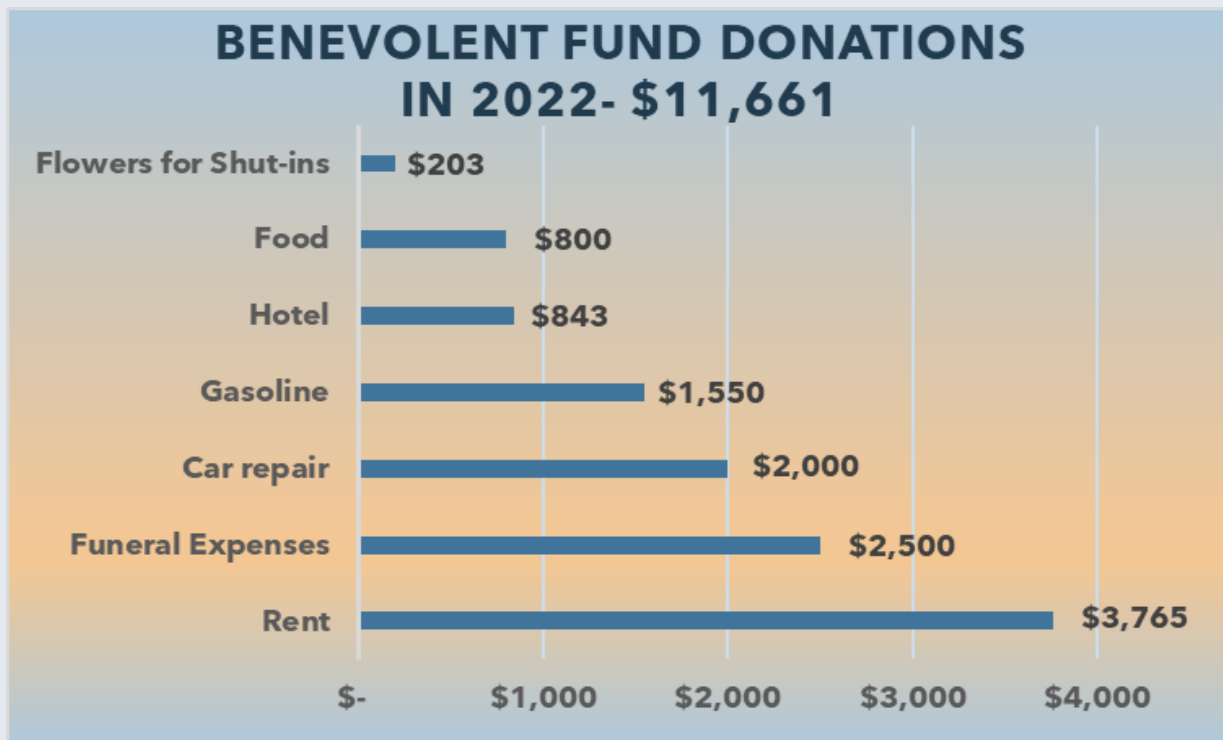
Thank you to Julia Swigart who stepped in when additional help was needed.



LAC Deacons

Larry Shoemaker, Glenn Smith, Dennis Keefer

Offerings to the Benevolent Fund for 2022 were \$9,033.
A breakdown of the total needs met for the year follows:



Church Ministry



Leader - David Robinson

The Missions Team continued its major focus of supporting our fifteen Eastern PA Alliance International Workers (IW). One way we did this was by working with LAC's small groups and ministries who have an IW assigned to them. These groups/ministries were provided contact information and support materials so they were able to be in contact with and could pray for their assigned missionary.

Another way we support the IW's is through financial support by way of the Great Commission Fund (GCF). This past year saw a record outpouring of financial generosity by LAC to the Fund.



\$88,860

In October we held a Missions Conference featuring Sue Danneker who was home on furlough from Thailand. Our small groups provided food from the countries where their IWs live as well as Thai food provided by our kitchen staff.

We had a short term vision mission trip to Portugal to support the missionaries there and to determine how LAC can partner with them in the future.



Also, LAC hosted 4 blood drives that yielded 114 pints of blood.



As our Church has grown over the past two years, the Lord has led our Church leadership and congregation to focus outwardly, to help those both near and far. In 2021, Helping Hands was born to encourage our church family to live like the Good Samaritan and love our neighbor. Although still in its infancy, Helping Hands began connecting people with opportunities to live out their faith with those around them.

Over this past year, Helping Hands has helped coordinate a Spring Clean-up for our own Church grounds, partnering with the Miller Center and the Lewisburg Community Garden and connecting individuals who need help around their homes.

This is an exciting new year for Helping Hands, as we look to take another step forward into God's calling. As this Ministry continues to evolve, we pray that God's will be done and His glory and presence shine over the Susquehanna Valley.



Leader - Rachel Binney

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful,"
(Colossians 4:2)*

Prayer must be the practice that undergirds what we do as a church, and prayer was indeed the foundation on which LAC based its decisions regarding our preparation and search for a new pastor, the sale of the Turtle Creek property, and the other facets of day-to-day ministry in 2022 as noted below:

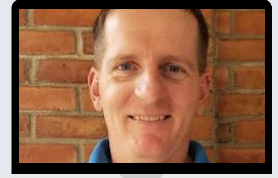
- The Wednesday evening prayer huddle met each week to pray over LAC and saw many answers to prayer.
- Wednesday Noon Prayer Focus emails were sent out starting in May through the first of September.
- Prayer shields were set in place for each of LAC's pastors and Lauren Halteman.
- Carla Watson continues to manage the collection and dissemination of prayer requests.
- Prayer with the entire team involved in Sunday worship now happens prior to each service.
- Our small groups pray with a united focus for LAC each week.
- An encouraging email on prayer is sent out monthly to those who wish to receive it.

It is with thankful hearts that we should look back on 2022!

Church Support Staff Reports



From our Tech Director,
Kevin Heimbach



Looking back, I'm so thankful for God's goodness this past year, even though sometimes it didn't seem like it at the time.

As we went through the past year, tech has been able to serve the church in multiple ways:

- Helping to launch the new website
- Repurposing equipment that wasn't being used
- Producing a few videos
- Prepping for Sunday services and special events
- Setting up the live stream every week
- Maintaining tech equipment
- Providing technical support for the pastoral staff

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

I am especially thankful for those who serve with me in tech every Sunday morning and during special services. Through the use of technology we can reach those who may not have been able to be reached otherwise.



From our Facilities Manager,
Barry Cooper



Most of the projects this year were projects completed at the Children's Center Building:

- The "stadium" seating in the Student Ministry room was removed to allow for a multi-purpose meeting area to better suit the needs of all of our congregation.
- Additional electrical outlets were placed in various rooms to meet the needs of persons using the space.
- The lobby was refreshed with new paint colors, new decor, and new updated signage.
- The island in front of the portico was landscaped. Old plantings and diseased trees were removed. The entire area was filled in and reseeded with grass.

Thank you to the congregation for their financial support, the volunteers that helped with the grass planting/tree removal, and to Marcia Burke for her design expertise.



From our Office Manager,
Kay Swanson



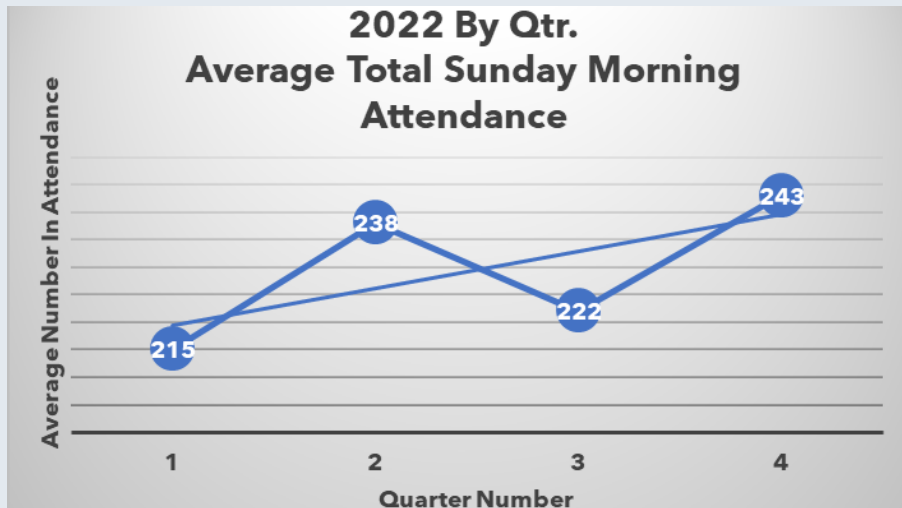
Although 2022 was a challenging year at LAC, the Lord constantly showed His faithfulness to me. Listed below are a few of the things achieved in 2022:

- A new LAC website was built that is modern, informational, and allows for easy maintenance by the LAC staff. The pages on the website connect seamlessly to those in the Church Center app.
- Improved social media presence on Facebook/Instagram.
- Developed a workflow procedure for the Visitor Assimilation Process in Planning Center.
- Assisted and supported two different lead pastors in the same year.

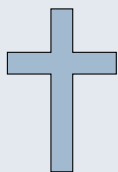
I am especially thankful for all the people at LAC who have worked so hard this year. I look forward to serving with you in 2023!



2022 Attendance Reports



2022 Special Congregational Meetings/Services					
Date	Description	Members	In Person	Online	Total
23-Jan	Annual Meeting - Elections	81	59	10	150
6-Mar	Special Election	85	85	-	85
27-Mar	Assessment Report Results	-	70	40	110
22-May	Land Sale Vote	95	95	-	95
26-Jun	Sacred Assembly Service	-	88	35	123
20-Nov	Pastor Dave's Commissioning Service	-	160	1	161



Easter Services Attendance

Good Friday Service	120
Easter Sunday Service	331
Total Easter Services	451



Christmas Events

Christmas Party	250
Christmas Eve Service	390

Average Attendance:



LAC
Kids
Sunday Morning
44 kids



48 kids
13 volunteers
each week



95 kids
74 volunteers
per night



LAC
Students

Weekly Attendance

Large Group 27
Huddle Groups 48



Spring Retreat 30



Fall Retreat 26

Worship Services - Online Attendance

Live Stream viewing - 682 views all year averaging 18 views per service.
Views from our sermon library average 212 views per sermon episode.

Note: These views could be to watch the whole service or just a few parts of the service.

From our Administrative Board



Mike Phelps, Administrative Pastor
Nate Johnson, Treasurer
Sharon Ryder, Assistant Treasurer
Glenn Smith, Member at large
Barry Cooper, Member at large
Lauren White, Member at large

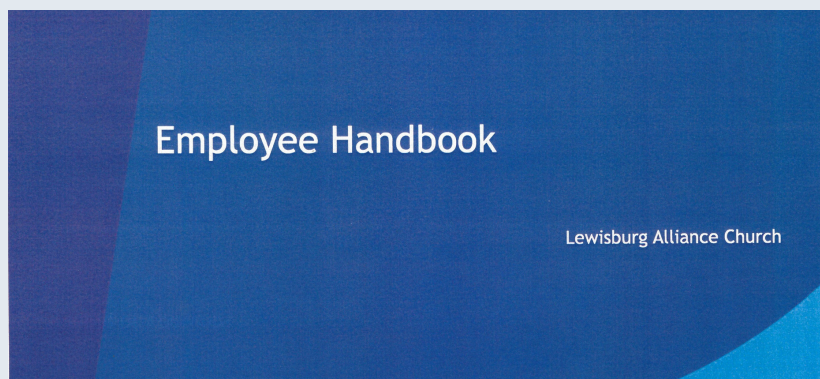
The Administrative Board is primarily charged with oversight and management of LAC's finances, human resources and properties. In 2022, the board came together to focus on building a strong foundation of simplicity, clarity and transparency for both the LAC community and staff.

There were two key initiatives undertaken by the Administration Board to further this goal.

- The first was the monthly reporting of our financials to the congregation, in addition to regular updates during Sunday morning announcements.



- The second was the creation of a comprehensive LAC Employee Handbook which provides clear and consistent guidelines to LAC staff on topics such as salary and benefits, roles and responsibilities, standards of conduct, performance management and goal setting, financial policies and project approval.



We are grateful for the collaboration across the Administrative Board, Elder Board and LAC staff on these important initiatives and for the ongoing feedback we have received from the LAC community on how we can continue to enhance and evolve the way the Administrative Board supports our community and staff.

We would like to thank our Admin Board secretary, Ruthann Cooper who stepped down at the end of 2022. We appreciate her faithful service for the past five years.