

# *The Centre News*

*Summer Edition 2023*

*July, August, September*

*Whoever will lose  
his life for my sake,  
will save it.*

LUKE 9:24

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**Lycoming Centre Presbyterian Church**

## Are You Falling Apart?

Me: Hello God

God: Hello...

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I'd rather not.

Me: Why?

God: Because you're not a puzzle.

Me: What about all the pieces of my life that fall to the ground?

God: Leave them there for a while. They fell for a reason. Let them be there for a while and then decide if you need to take any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking!

God: No, you don't understand. You're transcending, evolving. What you feel are growing pains. You're getting rid of the things and people in your life that are holding you back. The pieces are not falling down. They pieces are being put into place. Relax. Take a deep breath and let those things you no longer need leave you. Stop clinging to pieces that are no longer for you. Let them fall. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will I have left?

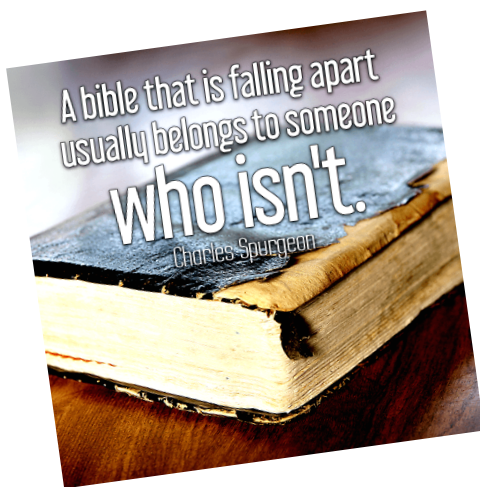
God: Only the best pieces of yourself.

Me: I'm afraid to change.

God: I keep telling you: YOU'RE NOT CHANGING! YOU'RE BECOMING!

Me: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light, love, charity, hope, courage, joy, mercy, grace, and compassion. I made you for so much more than those shallow pieces you decided to adorn yourself with and that you cling to with so much greed and fear. Let those things fall off you. I love you! Don't change! Become! Don't change! Become! Become who I want you to be, who I created. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember.



Me: There goes another piece.

God: Yes. Let it be like this.

Me: So...I'm not broken?

God: No, but your breaking through the darkness, like dawn. It's a new day. Become!! Become who you really are!!



*By John Roedel*



**“The Church is the only cooperative society that exists for the benefit of its non-members.”** *William Temple*

William Temple was the leader of the Church of England during World War II. He tried to communicate the call of the Church of Jesus Christ at such a tumultuous time. His thoughts above recall the passion and mission of the early church. The church was created to be a new humanity that proclaims the power of Jesus through everything they did. They were preaching and proclaiming the Peace of Christ in the Gospel of Jesus.

As we continue to live out the Mission Jesus gave us, we must have our eyes to see the Gospel of Jesus change lives. In the history of the church, The Holy Spirit moved us from the prayer meeting into the crowds, He took us from behind lock doors to the center of the Temple, He transformed us from weak to powerful, from fearful to courageous. For the early church, they believed it was their calling to make sure everyone heard the Good News. The message spread, forming communities around the world who then sought make sure everyone around them believed the Gospel. We have the same message and same calling.

We at Lycoming Centre are a product of Christians in 1847 who wanted to start a church so more people could hear, understand, and believe the Gospel. We sent out members to start Bethel Presbyterian later on so that more people could hear, understand, and believe in Jesus. We have stories in our collective memory of people's lives being changed, some our close friends and family members. The Church is to always be a church on the move- taking part in Christ's mission. On Sundays, we gather for worship, and we scatter to our daily frontlines where God has called us to be His witnesses in our work, neighborhoods, and networks. In these places, we are not there by coincidence, we are there by divine appointment.

As a Christian we hold our lives to a high standard of the Biblical ethic of the Ten Commandments, and also have the compassion of someone who is a sinner saved by grace. When the Christian lives consistently with Christian ethic and proclaims Christ's message of grace, people's lives are blessed and transformed. This is always the pattern and it is always where the Spirit loves to work. It really is that simple, but it definitely is not easy. Understanding and living out of the Gospel of Jesus is the heavy lifting of the Christian life, and the Spirit works quietly and consistently in our lives to make us into these types of missionaries.

I pray that Lycoming Centre grows in our mission as a Church to seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit so that we may participate in the Holy Spirit transforming others. In other words, making disciples who then make disciples with a heart for Greater Williamsport.



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# JumpStart

Jump into the Fall with fun for the whole family!

Where: Locoming Centre Presbyterian Church  
656 West Creek Rd, Cogan Station

When: Saturday, August 19 from 4:00-7:00pm  
Rain Date: Saturday, August 26 from 4:00-7:00pm

What: Inflatables, Bounce House, Food

Who: The whole family

Please spread the word and share this event on Facebook when the church posts it!

We are inviting the families of our community and in our church to come enjoy an evening full of fun. We'll have inflatables and a bounce house for the little ones. Snow cones and a meal.

This is a great event to invite friends. We'll be promoting our youth group (R.O.C.K.) for older students and sign ups for KIDS Club will be available for younger kids.

Hope to see you there!



## A Vacation Bible School Recap!

**VBS** at LCPC ran from Monday-Friday the week of June 19th. From 9 am to noon each day that week, kids from our congregation and others gathered for a morning of learning about Jesus. The grand finale was celebrated with a special service on Sunday, the 25th followed by a luncheon and "carnival" that included a special performance by Pastor Jerry. We are so thankful for everyone who volunteered or donated to this year's program! I know God did some amazing things in the hearts of the kids who came and YOU were a big part of showing the love of Jesus to them!

Here's some fun facts about our 2023 VSB:

- We had 56 adult and youth volunteers!
- We had 107 kids come to VBS during the week!
- We raised \$1,881.66 for our mission project!

I want to share a letter received from one of the parents:

*"I just wanted to send a thank you to all of the VBS workers. My daughter, Grace, is not quick to go into places where she doesn't know very many people. Especially when Mom isn't going to be there in the room with her. But she LOVED going to VBS each and every day and I attribute that to all of the loving, kind, and Gospel-centered volunteers.*

*Those VBS days are long and tiring. Each day requires a lot of dedication and sacrifice of precious time to make it happen. It is the work of something like VBS that impacts a child's life (and the lives of their families and even the volunteers of VBS). There is no doubt that you all shared the Gospel through your hard work, the high fives you gave, the snack you served, the games you played, the crafts you helped put together, the cleanup, the songs and dance steps you practiced, the Bible stories told and memory verses learned. Thank you for devoting yourself to showing children God's love through all the ways you served this past week at VBS. Thank you for providing the opportunity for kids to give to others through your Experience Missions project. Teaching children to give what they have to those who do not have is immeasurable in it's worth! My daughter's life was impacted and you played a part in encouraging her growth in Christ. It is something that we (her parents) cannot thank you enough for!*

*Thank you so much for making it a wonderful week full of Gospel moments and glorifying God!"*

This is just one of many families that was blessed through our VBS! It was a joy to work with so many talented folks who love the kids and love Jesus. So thank you once again to everyone who prayed, donated, and served during the week and at the Sunday Celebration and Carnival.

# VBS



# ROCK Home Mission



Check out our Facebook page for more pictures!

## ROCK Home Mission 2023



**July 10-16 — what an incredible week!** We had 24 students and 6 adult leaders serve our community and impact lives globally. God was at work in so many ways and in so many lives.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank the adult leaders who took the full week to transport, encourage, and serve alongside the students:

Tiffany DeRemer  
Hesed Fourroux  
Cathy Hess  
Jennie Hess  
Alayna Justice

Thank you to everyone who supported our mission team:

- \* everyone who made a "Support a Student" goodie bag
- \* everyone who donated financially
- \* the small groups who provided dinners for the team: Good Grief Group, Mission/Outreach Group, L.O.A.F. Group, Adult Bible Group, Fourroux Small Group
- \* Chris and Shelley Bloom for hosting a pool party
- \* others who volunteered throughout the week: Grace Ewell, Tim Duncan, Kim Matthews, John Hess
- \* Thank you to those who shared their testimonies with the students: Cathy Hess, Emma Hess, John Stugin and Mimi Troisi, Kris and Tiffany DeRemer, Charis Bird

The success of the home mission was truly a full congregation effort! Thanks for being a great church family.

### **Our Partnering Ministries:**

#### ***Child Evangelism Fellowship***

The students took our VBS to Randall Circle where we ministered to the children who live there. Around 40 different children attended VBS during the week. Four kids responded to the gospel message and received Jesus as their Savior!

#### ***Sojourner Truth Ministries***

The students provided some landscaping, clean up, painting and minor repairs at Sojourner's facilities. We also prepared and served meals in the soup kitchen. On Saturday, the youth band lead worship and one of the students shared the Bible message.

#### ***Experience Missions***

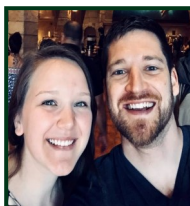
The students packed:

1644 pounds of Christian literature  
1561 pounds of family net packs  
1246 pounds of hygiene kits  
1261 pounds of school supply kits

Paul Kinley estimates that 14,665 people will be impacted with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the packs and kits!

At the end of the week our students lead the entire worship service at **St. John's United Church of Christ** in Mifflinburg. The students prepared hard during the week to lead every aspect of the service: welcome, call to worship, time of confession and pardon, worship songs, scripture reading, two sermons, a skit and testimonies. The students did a wonderful job! Finally, on Sunday, July 23, we were also blessed to lead the worship here at Lycoming Centre. The students loved getting to share this experience with you!

*God Bless,  
Luke Justice*

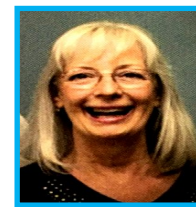


*Luke and his wife, Alayna*

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*Provides opportunities for believers to minister to others, offers leadership in leading others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and supports missionaries spreading the gospel locally, nationally and globally, thereby fulfilling the call of Christ.*



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**1 Chronicles 16:24 “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”**

The Outreach team meets at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 7pm. We welcome you to join us, come see God at work!

In the meantime, we encourage you to pray for our missionaries. As they face many challenges and perseverer in their work for the Lord you can be part of their ministry through prayer. Click to read [Missionary Newsletters](#) or visit the Lycoming Centre Church website.

Mark and Sarah Cary are missionaries in Czech Republic. They are Dennis Swift’s sister and brother-in-law, in-laws to Ann Swift and parents to Elisabeth Cary and Paul Cary, both missionaries in Europe that we support. Mark trains pastors in Czechia and Sarah host Bible studies for the local residents. Sara is from Cogan Station and had grown up in Lycoming Centre Church.

Mark and Sarah will be travelling to the US in the Fall for a temporary home assignment. While here they will be visiting with us to share their experiences. To accommodate Sarah’s health issues, we would like to **collect funds** to help with the cost to upgrade their seating for the long trip. *If you can help, please indicate “Mark and Sarah” on your Offering Envelope or Check Memo line.* We’ll be collecting through August.



**August 27th – PRAYER 6:30pm**

Students, teachers, school board and more need our prayers for the 2023-24 academic year. Let’s gather together at **Lyco Valley Intermediate School**, 1825 Hays Lane, Williamsport, PA

**September 3rd – “The Church has Left the Building”**

Rain or shine the Lycoming Centre **Worship Service and Picnic** will be held at the **Camp Susque** pavilion. There is a road to the pavilion for drop-off if needed.

Meat, beverages and supplies will be provided. You can **help us plan** food and supplies by [signing-up online](#) or at the Sign-up board located in the church lounge. Provide your name, your **side dish or dessert** and **how many** there’ll be in **your group**.

9am - No Sunday School  
10:15am - Worship Service at Camp Susque pavilion  
11:45am - Baptism (can be seen from bridge or walk down to water)  
1:00pm - Lunch

**Invite** family, friends and neighbors. There’ll be games to play and plenty of food to eat. Optional: Lawn chair, hiking shoes; the swimming pool will be open after lunch, so bring a swim suit and towel!

**Address:** Camp Susque, 47 Susque Camp Road, Trout Run, PA

**Directions:** Take US-15N, exit PA-14N. Go through the village of Trout Run  
In 3 miles, turn right onto Susque Road. It is across from a large sign that says “Camp Susque”

*Outreach continued*

**September 4th - Small Group** Fall session starts; small groups are key to building significant Christian relationships and growing closer to God. There are three core values for our small groups: **People, Bible & Mission**. We believe these values will help develop strong disciples of Jesus.

**September 17th - Hymn sing** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Hallelujah Hall.  
**Invite** family and friends to sing their favorite songs with us and enjoy some light refreshments.

**November 26th – December 10th** – Hat & Mitten Tree Collection

**December 2nd** – Ladies Christmas Brunch 10am – 12noon. Look for more info in the coming months.

We are grateful to serve with you for God's glory,

*Outreach Team: Barb Albert, Lorraine Boyle, Kim Matthews, Jane Penman, Todd Penman, Carol Prentiss, Jim Redka, Ann Swift, Connie Vitolins*



## The Bridge Team

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THEREFORE  
GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,  
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME  
OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING  
I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY  
*I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.*

**In Matthew 28:18-20**, Jesus commands us to go to all nations (everywhere) and preach the Gospel. As the Bridge Team, we are praying about following that directive by meeting local, USA and foreign students at a new Bridge event. On August 30th we will be hosting a table, representing our church, at the Lycoming College "Get Involved" fair.



Our goal is to initiate conversations with students who might be interested in coming to our church or any of our activities. We are giving away small prizes like snacks and coffee mugs to again initiate interactions.

How can you get involved ?????

First and foremost prayer.

Second.... If you have any NEW (lightly used — no stains, chips, or name imprinted etc.) mugs you are hoping to get rid of send them our way. You can put them anywhere in Hallelujah Hall with a note...FOR THE BRIDGE TEAM. Thirdly and MOST IMPORTANT...if any students accept and do not have transportation we need to provide it. Let us know if you'd be willing to adopt a student for pick up. Maybe, but not necessary, an invitation to a Sunday meal could be a goal.

As always, Thank You for your generous support . At our recent "Book Give a Way", at our local carnival, we gave away almost every single book. We had bins full and you were the givers. Over 300 invitations tubs were given out.

If you have an interest in joining our team we would love fresh ideas and input. Or just pass those ideas along to us. See me or any team member.

*Hugs From Sue and the Team — Betty DiParlo, Carol Prentiss, John and Mimi Stugrin, Ron Guinter, Lin Baier, Claudia Mercado, Nate DeRemer, Cindy Springman, Katie Sanso*

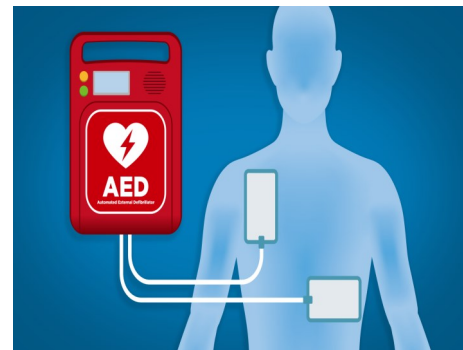




## Deacon News...

Hello everyone!

We would like to introduce you to the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that is located in our church lounge, adjacent to the kitchen! The purpose of the device is to assess the heart rhythm in people experiencing cardiac arrest and the need for a shock in an unconscious victim should an emergency situation arise.



If you witness an emergency:

- ♥ **If available, designate someone close by to call 911. If someone is not available, call 911 yourself. The instructions for calling them are on the front of the AED cabinet.**
- ♥ **Designate someone to bring the AED to the victim's location.**
- ♥ **Be available for any other instructions that those caring for the victim may ask you to perform after 911 arrives.**

For more information about using the AED, go to Phillips Heart Start training video on YouTube. If you have additional questions, contact Peg Redka or Betty Anne Leiby.



## The LCPC Deacons



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Parish Nurse



## QR Codes

You will be starting to see QR codes in the bulletin and in other areas as Lycoming Centre works to keep up with technology! If you are not familiar with them, here is a brief explanation of what a QR code is and how it works. QR stands for "Quick Response." While they may look simple, QR codes are capable of storing lots of data. But no matter how much they contain, when scanned, the QR code should allow the user to access information instantly –

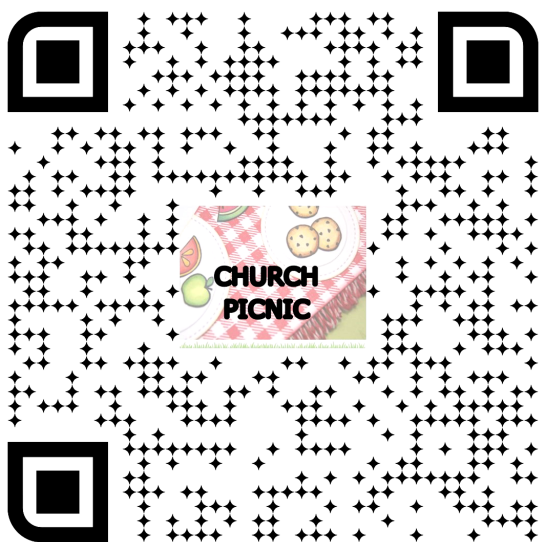
hence why it's called a Quick Response code. A QR code is a type of barcode that can be read easily by a digital device and which stores information as a series of pixels in a square-shaped grid. Because many smartphones have built-in QR readers – they are used in marketing and advertising campaigns or in our case, to easily share information about church events and to make signing up for events much easier.

Scanning a QR code using your device is straightforward:

1. Open or the camera on your smartphone or iPad. Older phones may require downloading a QR reader application.
2. Point it at the QR code – you should be able to point your camera from any angle and still receive the necessary information.
3. The data will be instantly shown on screen – for instance, if the QR code contains contact details, your phone should instantly download these.

We are excited to streamline getting information as we work to reach out to you and

**This QR code will take you to information on our upcoming annual church picnic as well as all the events on our LCPC website**



**This QR code will take you directly to the picnic sign-up form.**



To Serve,  
not to be served  
Mark 10:45

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updates on church functions,  
and watch the previous week's worship service!

## Books of the Old Testament

Directions: Fill in the Blanks for each Book of the Old Testament:

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