

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Celebrating 290 Years!**

JUNE AND JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## Congregation Votes to Have Air Conditioning!

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 15, the congregation voted in favor of the Air Conditioning project. The vote was to spend up to \$100,000 on the project, but the bid from Tier One Mechanical Solutions (including permits and contingencies) came in at not to exceed \$88,175. The work will include installing six outdoor condensing units (mini-splits) which will send cool air through twelve indoor consoles strategically installed down at pew height around the sanctuary and annex. The units can also heat the sanctuary in winter, in case of an emergency with our boiler. Also included in the project is an additional outdoor condensing unit which will provide independent cooling to both the Pastor’s Office and the Administrative Office during the week when necessary. The system is strong enough to cool the entire upstairs, including the Money Counting Room and the Music Director’s office, on Sunday mornings. The air conditioning should be installed and completed within about a month. The money to complete the project will come from the Air Conditioning Fund and the Bequest Fund. We are still gratefully accepting donations to the Air Conditioning Fund, which has \$2,753.00 as of May 22.



**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Communion With  
Historic 1883 Communion Set**

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, communion services will include the special use of one of our historic communion sets, dating from 1883. In honor of our 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary year here at Muddy Creek, at both services we will use a bread plate, chalices, and flagon which were in use when Muddy Creek Lutheran and Reformed congregations worshiped in the “Old Stone Church” building, built in 1847. That church building was once located across the street from the present building. It was torn down when the current church structure was built in 1939. The inscription on the flagon reads, “Presented to the German Reformed and Lutheran Church of Muddy Creek by the Classes of Catechumens, October 28, 1883”.

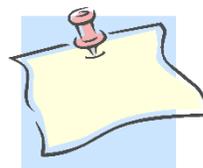
## **Pen “Giveaway Sunday” on Father’s Day, Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

As another part of our 290 anniversary celebrations, all people coming through the door (not just fathers) will receive a free pen, beautifully engraved with “Muddy Creek Lutheran Church” on it. If you would like a pen but cannot come on June 19<sup>th</sup>, just knock on the door of Pastor Peter’s office at any time to claim your door prize.

## **Pulpit Exchange With Peace U.C.C on August 21<sup>st</sup>**

For 238 years, Muddy Creek Lutheran Congregation worshiped together with Muddy Creek Reformed Congregation in the same Muddy Creek Church building, alternating worship on Sundays. These “Union Parishes” were common in this area, as German immigrants of Lutheran and Reformed faiths, bound together by their language and culture, shared church buildings. In 1970, the union was formally dissolved and Muddy Creek Reformed Church became Peace United Church of Christ, located near us on the site of the old Muddy Creek Church Picnic Fairgrounds. We still jointly operate the Muddy Creek Cemetery.

In honor of this historic union as we celebrate our 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Betsy Bruaw of our sister congregation Peace U.C.C. will preach at the 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. services at Muddy Creek (Pastor Peter will be here for the 8:00 a.m. service as well). Pastor Peter will preach at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services at Peace U.C.C. (Pastor Betsy will be at Peace for the 10:30 a.m. service as well). Come help us celebrate 290 years!



## **News and Notes**

### **Luther Acres Strawberry Festival on June 4**

On Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine), you are invited to the Strawberry Festival at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz. \$6 for strawberry shortcake with ice cream and whipped cream, and \$4 for a hot dog, chips and drink.

### **Mellingers Worship Team Presents Special Benefit Concert, June 12**

Mellingers Lutheran Church’s worship team, Ahava, invites everyone to a special concert to benefit Ephrata Area Social Services. Ahava will perform on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Mellingers Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Rd, Stevens. Pastor Tim Craven is part of the band.

### **Copies of the History of Muddy Creek, Stained Glass Window Tour**

Updated copies (corrected edition) of the history of Muddy Creek (by Pastor Peter) are available on the table by the mailboxes. This presentation was part of our 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Also available are copies of the Stained Glass Window Tour.

## Redner's Save A Tape Program

If you shop at any Redner's Warehouse Markets you can add to the Good Samaritan Fund at Muddy Creek by bringing your register tapes to church and putting them in the Redner's containers at all entrances. Just be sure to use your Redner's reward card each time you shop. You also benefit by getting a discount on gas. Bring the entire tape – please do not cut it. The church receives 1% of the Save a Tape amount on the receipt. You can also use the card at Redner's Quick Shop for prepaid gas, sandwiches, food items etc. Thank you from the Social Ministry committee.

## Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

All interested knitters for our prayer shawl ministry may meet at Yvonne Weaver's house on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## How Can I Help With the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis?

Simply make a donation payable to Muddy Creek in the offering and indicate "Eastern European Crisis Response" on it, or else go to the church website, click the "Give Online" button and then select "Ukrainian Crisis". 100% of your gift will go to displaced Ukrainians and those affected in neighboring countries. Your donation will be sent by us to **Lutheran Disaster Response** as it works through our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners will provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

## Help Make Hygiene Products for Women in the Developing World

Everyone is invited to come on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall to help make feminine hygiene pads out of cloth for women in the developing world. The pads are made by volunteers with LCBA and distributed through UNTO (formerly the Gain Warehouse). Any questions – contact Pat Brendle.

## First Sunday of the Month Bring in Food for Peter's Porch Collection

On the first Sunday of every month, (June 5<sup>th</sup> this month) please bring in canned, bagged and boxed items for the Peter's Porch drive-thru food distribution located at our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Items can be placed in the collection bins inside the entrances at Muddy Creek. We need:

Cans and Jars: fruits, vegetables, fish, chicken, poultry, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, salsa, broth boxes (chicken, vegetable, beef).

Pasta, rice, tortillas, taco shells.

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, snacks, crackers, popcorn.

Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m.

Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.

## Thank You's

Dear Muddy Creek Congregation, Thank you so much for your package and all the kind thoughts throughout the semester. It was extremely busy and much more difficult than I expected. But I made it through and found a lot of new success. I couldn't have done it without everything I've learned for you all and how you've strengthened me in my faith. I'm very much looking forward to coming back and am working on another hymn arrangement for whenever I can play it. Thank you so much again, Will Meckley

Thank you greatly to all who helped with the Spring Outdoor Clean-Up at the church on May 14!

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Jack Lammey, Mason Sheaffer, and Grace Youndt who were confirmed on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you as well to them for sharing their Faith Statements with the congregation!

## Our Condolences to:

\*Joyce Litzenberger at the death of her brother-in-law, Leon Litzenberger, on May 10.

\*Lee Ann Ueberroth, Todd Witmer and Dean Witmer at the death of their father, Dale Witmer, on May 12. Funeral was on May 20.

## Worship Helpers

June 5, Money Counters – Lesia and Matthew Aungst, Kim Eshleman

Communion Assistant: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland      Bread Baker – Marliese Smith

Communion Assistant and Acolyte: 9:00 a.m. Acolyte – Sophia Dimitris,

9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Nancy Beck      9:00 a.m. Cantor - Greg Gehman

June 12, Money Counters – June and Neal Leid

9:00 a.m. Acolyte – Grace Youndt, 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper

9:00 a.m. Cantor – Gail Bare

June 19, Money Counters – Dave and June Sloat    9:00 a.m. Cantor – Pastor Peter

9:00 a.m. Acolyte – needed    9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Joe Sanchez

June 26, Money Counters – Jim Weber, Jane Wenger  
 9:00 a.m. Acolyte – Jack Lammey, 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein  
 9:00 a.m. Cantor – Greg Gehman

July 3, Money Counters – Jim Weber, Jane Wenger Bread Baker – Marliese Smith  
 Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland, 9:00 a.m. – Kelby Weaver  
 Acolyte: 9:00 a.m. – Cannon Youndt 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Will Wood

July 10, Money Counters – Lori and Mike Martin 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Doris Rauch

July 17, Money Counters – Linda and Tim Fritz, Dave Sensenig  
 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Brenda Berger

July 24, Money Counters – Gail and Ted Bare 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Nancy Beck

July 31, Money Counters – Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle  
 9:00 a.m. Acolyte – Mason Sheaffer Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper

### Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please use the intercom button by the elevator entryway, and our Administrative Assistant, Linda Mohn, will buzz you in. Feel free to use the elevator to come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor!

### Altar Flower Sign-Ups

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins (you may make them in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish), please sign up in the binder located outside Pastor Peter's office. Cost is \$35 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

### Attendance

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook</u>
May 1, 8 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 53	27 (includes livestream)
May 8, 8 a.m. – 34, 10:15 a.m. – 79	35 (includes livestream)
May 15, 8 a.m. – 18, 10:15 a.m. – 67	26 (includes livestream)
May 22, 8 a.m. – 21, 10:15 a.m. – 49	15 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 79 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 189 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

### Offering

Income to General Fund in April: \$12,683.28  
 Expenses to General Fund in April: \$14,676.47  
 Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$52,386.36  
 Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of April: \$65,120.28  
 Air Conditioning Fund as of May 22: \$2,753.00