

## FROM THE STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Covid-19 has not slowed down our church, thanks to so many of you. Our in-church worship services continue under the capable and creative leadership of Pastor Kevin with the help of our organist, Ruth Hughes; our music director, Fred Pershing; our associate music director, Jim Caffrey; and a number of our musically talented members of our congregation willing to share their magic with us. The Altar Guild members, under the leadership of Cathy Willcox, continue to create beautiful settings for our services. Making the in-house worship run smoothly are our Ushers along with our hospitality chair, Laurel Sedlacko. Our custodians, Janice Vandenberg and Sean Hirst, make sure our church remains in tiptop shape and see that our sanctuary is safe for worship. The tech team creates the livestream/video of the worship service for those participating from home. Aidan Hartman is our cameraman and all-around troubleshooter, and Nevaeh Hirst assists at the 8:30 service. The Saturday evening worship services are continuing on the first and third Saturday of each month.

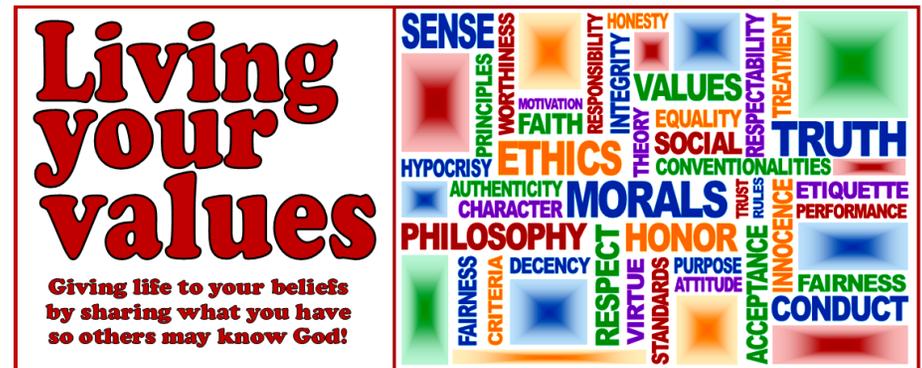
Peaches is in the office and taking care of things with her usual efficiency, organization, and humor! The Trustees, under the leadership of Jim Swank, continue their hard work to make needed improvements in the church, and, of course, the Finance Committee, with Tracy Barr as chair, continues to make sure we are running as efficiently as possible in these difficult times.

Under the leadership of Mallory Baker and with the help of her incredibly faithful team of volunteers, our church is able to continue as a pantry for the Westmoreland County Food Bank—which is something so critical at this time.

Pastor Kevin has also found a way to reach our children and youth through online Bible stories; both in-person and online small group classes for youth and our adults through continuing Bible study.

Finally, to the congregation thanks for your faithfulness and your patience. There is not an FUMC without all of you! Although a virus has disrupted the lives of all of us, the SPRC is thankful and in awe of the way all of you have worked to help create a peaceful place in the middle of a storm!

~Pat Ebert, SPRC chairperson



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Covid-19 landed at a time back when churches were deep in the process of recognizing the season of Lent... and now, as it continues, churches are in the midst of the autumn season and making preparations for Advent, Christmas, and into the New Year. Some people have expressed anxiety about the church finances at this time. We want you to know that at times of social upheaval and disruption, people need and value their faith community the most. Many in our congregation are very grateful to be part of a community of care at this disorienting time. Many are delighted for the opportunity to be of service to others, and our congregation is filled with thoughtful, caring people.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of this church family! Your ongoing financial support makes ministry possible! You obviously care about how the message of God's love and hope can be shared in the midst of trying times, and your caring is evident in your giving. You have been blessed to be a blessing to others!

While our present reality is dramatically different than ever before, the mission of our congregation remains unchanged: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! We are here to accompany people through their times of suffering and beauty, to provide spiritual guidance that helps them navigate their lives, and to strengthen communities of care in which people help and are helped by one another.

My faith in God enables me to celebrate the value and meaning of our church's ongoing ministry. In a time where the social safety net is frayed and torn, our church provides a vital service. Join me in "Living Your Values!"

~Pastor Kevin

As we all work together as a church family at **LIVING OUR VALUES** in 2021 and beyond, we ask that you please read over the information in this brochure, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do with the ways that He has blessed you in your time, your talents, and your treasures, and complete the enclosed cards.

We ask that you return these cards by Sunday, November 22, so that we can dedicate our commitments together as a church family.

Together, we are ALL IN as we set forth to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known!

# GIVING

A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. ~Proverbs 18:16



But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be glory, both now and forever! ~1 Peter 3:18

# GROWING

# LEARNING

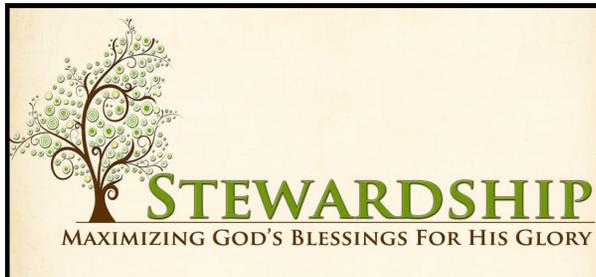
Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ~Philippians 4:9

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always ready to share with others. ~1 Timothy 6:18

# SHARING

# SERVING

Each of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~1 Peter 4:10



For information on various ways to contribute, go to our church website at: [www.greensburgfirst.org](http://www.greensburgfirst.org) and click on the tab "How To Give."

