



Where Does All the Money Go?

Your Mission Advocacy Committee has been at work in the Presbytery to award grant money for specific project funding requested by our member churches. Funds from the Ministry and Mission Support Fund were awarded to: First Presbyterian Church of Newville - \$4,142.50 to help fund Krislund Traveling Day Camp; St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lebanon - \$2,000 to fund intergenerational mission projects of the church; Dickinson Presbyterian Church of Carlisle - \$500 to purchase items for local seasonal migrant workers; Silver Spring Presbyterian Church of Mechanicsburg \$5,000 to support Beacon Clinic for Health and Hope for a total of \$11,642.50.

We have a new mission co-worker in Honduras, **Rev. Dori Hjaimarson**, who we support by funding \$52,165.00 toward her salary this year. Spending in Honduras was mainly for home construction and expenses related to our people making trips to that country for a total of \$13,800.00. We spent the funds in the hunger fund for a total of \$492 sent to help food insecurity in Honduras.

Local church members were given the opportunity to meet Rev. Dori during her visit to central Pennsylvania November 3rd through the 5th. Mission Advocates held a “meet and greet” with lunch at the home of Greg and Lois Harris on Saturday afternoon. Many people were able to drop by and talk to the new mission co-worker. She will be installed in January and will be working on partnerships and theological education with the Presbytery of Honduras. We look forward to having “feet on the ground” in this country which our Presbytery has adopted as a faith partner and will enjoy working with Rev. Dori when we are there.

The **Peace Advocates** put their portion of the Peace and Justice Offering to good use with grants to the following organizations and events: \$500 to a Harrisburg High School Scholarship; \$150 for food served at the Commonwealth Interfaith Service of Prayers for Justice and Peace; \$500 to Christian Churches United for the Prison Ministry; \$500 to New Hope Ministries in Lemoyne; \$500 to support Gail Tierney at Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland working for peace; \$500 for Christian Churches United; \$500 for Downtown Daily Bread’s Drop In Center; \$500 for Joshua Group; \$500 for Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministry; \$500 for Beacon Clinic for Health and Hope; \$500 for Vicki’s Angel Walk, New Cumberland; \$500 for NOAH (New Options for Affordable Housing, Carlisle); \$500 for Domestic Violence Cumberland/Perry Counties; \$500 for Sonshine Ministries, Loysville; \$250 for PHEWA membership for the Presbytery; \$200 for Agape Youth Group (Heeding God’s Call); and \$100 for Community Responders Network. \$500 was reserved for this year’s Peacemaking Award recipient, Lebanon HOPES, a combined ministry of Jubilee Ministries and Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

2017 Peacemaking Award - Jubilee Ministries

This year's \$500 Peacemaking Award is presented to Lebanon HOPES, a ministry that is helping others by providing emergency shelter. It is a combined ministry of Jubilee Ministries and Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Ryan Newswanger the CEO of Jubilee Ministries will accept the award.

HOPES Homeless Resource Center is a branch of Jubilee Ministries. Several agencies who comprise the Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness worked to establish HOPES as a place in Lebanon County where those without housing can be sheltered. Hopes opened in the fall of 2012.

The main goal of the Resource Center is to help people experiencing homelessness overcome the circumstances that keep them from maintaining permanent housing. This is done through individual case management. Caseworkers assist guests through connections with local social service agencies that help guests reach their personal goals.

Everyday needs of guests are met in a comfortable setting. The Resource Center is the daytime counterpart to the Emergency Shelter run by Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Services provided include: shower and laundry facilities; access to computer and phone; gather room and kitchen; bins for daily storage; food and clothing resources; connecting people to services available (job postings, housing opportunities, and social services); case management to identify goals and steps to regain stable housing; access to overnight Emergency Shelter. Volunteers are needed to: work the front desk, lead children's activities, transport to and from the Shelter, and volunteer to stay overnight at the shelter.

Before 2012, there were no emergency shelters in Lebanon County with the capacity to accept a family (parents with children) or individuals facing an immediate housing crisis. Families could have been separated by organizations providing emergency shelter, which was typically a hotel room for a limited time with a maximum capacity for four people.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) works with a network of local churches to provide overnight shelter to homeless families and individuals. This model is based on shelter programs in other communities. The location of the Emergency Shelter rotates every two weeks. Guests sleep on mats in a common area that is appropriately divided for individuals and families. The Emergency Shelter is the nighttime counterpart to the Jubilee Ministries' Resource Center.

The HOPES Resource Center is located at 12 N. 9th Street in Lebanon and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Save the Date—Honduras 2018

Honduras Housing Trip – April 9- 16, 2018 contact: Rev. Kim Wadlington, 717-532-8198

Youth Trip – June 18-25, 2018 contact: Mark Englund- Krieger, 717-737-6821

A grant from PW allowed the PW Honduras to purchase Tim and Gloria Wheeler's Retreat Center. The center can accommodate groups like ours. We need a representative of this Presbytery to serve on an Advisory Board. If interested, contact Mark Englund-Kreiger, 717-737-6821.