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Meet the Seedling Financial Team

Lauren E. Hokamp, Executive Director



Prior to joining Seedling in 2017, Lauren practiced as an attorney in law firms in the Harrisburg area focusing on business and corporate law, commercial and general civil litigation, real estate, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and securities offerings and compliance. She graduated from Penn State Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in finance with a minor in Business Law from Penn State. Lauren is a resident of Middlesex Township in Carlisle, PA, and enjoys spending her free time with her husband, Brian, their son Willis, and their dog Rea.

Jeff Bingaman, Lending Specialist

Jeff started with Seedling in July of 2018. He comes to his position with over 30 years in the Banking and Finance Industry. He has held various leadership positions in the churches he has attended including treasurer for two different churches. Jeff met his future wife, Debra, at Messiah College. They have been married for 32 years and have three sons, Mark, Jared and Luke and reside in Etters, PA.



Christine Sims, Investment Specialist

Christine started with Seedling in June of 2018. She comes to her position with ten years of banking experience although her prior position was that of Director and Pre-K teacher at Little Friends Nursery School (First UMC, Mechanicsburg). Christine resides in Mechanicsburg with her two children, Jonathan and Maggie.



Current Rates

1 Year 1.99% APY 2.00%
2 Year 2.24% APY 2.25%
3 Year 2.48% APY 2.50%
4 Year 2.73% APY 2.75%
5 Year 2.98% APY 3.00%
Savings Certificate 1.00%

Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville

As Calvary UMC advanced its mission in the Lawrenceville-Tioga area, they needed to expand their facilities. The original loan with Seedling was used to build the Friendship Center and purchase a house (Strait House) adjacent to the church.

The Friendship Center houses their Social Hall and Sunday School classrooms. Scouts, community volleyball, AA, Red Cross Blood Drives, Calvary Child Care Center and Tioga County Counseling Center all use the Friendship Center. The Seeds of Hope Ministry, all housed in the Friendship Center, fixes local houses and makes bunk beds for children in the community. Perhaps one of the most life changing ministries that the Friendship Center houses is that of Tioga County Homeless Initiative. Many people who have sheltered there in their time of need have shared that the shelter saved their lives!

The Strait House provides space for a food pantry, clothing bank and has a low-income rental unit for families who are not able to pay full rent.

Their second loan with Seedling was to replace roofs, HVAC and to add a security system to help continue to provide a safe and comfortable space for groups to meet. These renovations will allow for Calvary to continue to have a physical presence and missional impact in the area.

Another great example of where your investments are growing ministries!

“Organizations like Boy Scouts, AA and other community membership groups ...have an opportunity to come to a local facility that is comfortable, safe and economical for them.”

Drew Wright, Finance Committee, Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville

“We have been a safe sanctuary for supervised visitation through our local Children and Youth Services Program. We are open both physical and spiritually for families to use our facilities.”

Carl Mattison, Lay Leader, Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville

