

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – September 19, 2021

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Engaging with Children, Youth and Families

God loves each of us and we are all children of God. Inviting, welcoming, and connecting with families of all ages.

Fall Fun Day:

What a beautiful day! Fall Fun Day was sunny, warm, and beautiful in more ways than just the weather. More than thirty volunteers served the children and their families as they enjoyed the support dog station, the craft stations, the science station, balloon animals, and the game station. Sereni the support dog was so tired that he had to go home and take a nap, but both children and adults enjoyed petting him and learning about his career. At least the balloon animals didn't have to take a nap! Jesus was in the temple as a child at the story station as the children replicated his and his parents' journey. The craft stations supported the story by making bookmarks and journals with the scripture, "Jesus grew in wisdom", and it wouldn't be games if it didn't involve water. Lastly, the children learned about gravity by dropping things, using a magnet, and shooting off rockets - what's not to like? The children's day began and ended with prayer and singing.



After the children's time, more families arrived and participated in a covered dish picnic. There was fellowship as those in attendance met new people and renewed relationships with others. Of course, as good Methodists, there was too much food. It was an amazing day of fun and fellowship! Thank you to all who worked hard to make it a

great day for both children and adults.





Inspired Worship

Out of our devotion to God we gather for worship, offering weekly services and other opportunities to praise God through song, prayer, giving and gratitude.



In order to keep everyone safe, we have returned to wearing masks indoors no matter your vaccination status. We will continue to take Worship attendance in order to provide contact tracing should it be required. Thank you for your understanding, continued flexibility, and adherence to these protocols. Masks will be available at the door if you forget to bring one.



Sunday's message is titled, "**Repairing Broken Relationships**". Scriptures are from Matthew 5:21-26 and Matthew 18:15-17.

Livestreaming of our 9:15 am Worship Service:

We are so grateful that anyone can join us for worship from home in real time or watch at your personal convenience! Just log-on to our YouTube channel (link is below the graphic.) Click the subscribe button while you are there and feel free to leave comments in the comment section too.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwKffzSZ9By5sasoPfftNA>

NEW

OUR SANCTUARY IS OPEN FOR PRAYER - The sanctuary is open for a time of prayer beginning at 8:45 AM, prior to our 9:15 AM Sunday worship. Come. Sit and pray. Our Sanctuary is also always open during our office hours for you to come and pray and meditate.



We will celebrate Communion together on World Communion Sunday, October 3 at 9:15. We will also offer drive thru at 12:30 PM

Stewardship

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

God is the giver of every gift. Therefore, we will grow in our generosity to be active in our mission and ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

THANK YOU, Amazon Shoppers. During the last quarter, Amazon donated \$10.38 from your on-line shopping and designating Thorndale UMC as your non-profit recipient. Keep on shopping! You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to TUMC by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch23-7408418 or with your AmazonSmile ON app.



Giant grocery cards are available on Sunday mornings and during office hours T-F 9-2. Denominations are \$100, \$50, and **\$25. Note the new denomination now available.**

5% of the sale of the gift card is returned to the church.

Did you know that your donations to our Discretionary fund help pay for the gift cards which are provided to those in need in our community? Thank you for your donations.



THANK YOU! Donations of \$395 were received and have been sent to UMCOR for Haitian relief from the earthquake. To see how our donations provided support and emergency relief efforts, read the following article.

<https://umcmmission.org/international-disaster-response/earthquake-in-haiti-umcors-response/>

Welcome Back to Preschool!! It has been an exciting first 2 weeks here at Thorndale Learning Center. We have 26 students starting with us this year. We have spent the last 2 weeks getting adjusted to school and making new friends.

The 3-year-old class had a fun first week.

“Welcome to Preschool” was their theme. The sang “Wheels on the Bus”, colored school bus pictures and made handprints. This week was “All About Me”. They made All About Me books, made happy face pictures, and sang “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes”. They colored pictures of children and label their head, shoulders, knees, and toes. They also read I Like Myself. It was a great week learning about our friends.

The PreK class also had fun learning about their friends. They made crowns with jewels that told everything about us. They also talked about manners. They are earning jewels on crowns whenever they use their good manners. This week they have been reviewing shapes and colors. They have enjoyed listening to “Pete the Cat” stories and singing about our colors and



numbers. They colored t-shirts pictures and glued on groovy buttons and decorated shoe pictures different colors. They played color/shape bingo and started writing in their journals. Miss Pat joined us this week for Chapel time. She told us the story of creation. We learned how God created the moon, sun, stars, night, day, the sea, plants, animals, and all of us. Ensley in the 3's class told Miss Pat that this story was in Genesis 1 and told her the Bible verse. We are all looking forward to having Chapel time each week with Miss Pat, Miss Renay and Pastor Shauna.

It's been a busy, but exciting week. We look forward to sharing more of our adventures with you each week. Have a great weekend and thank you for all your prayers!!

The children and staff of Thorndale Learning Center

ACTIVE OUTREACH

We are ambassadors for Christ, called to share Him with our community and beyond.



NEW

The Bridge Academy &

Community Center in Coatesville needs our votes! The Bridge is 1 of 6 finalists in our region (the only in PA!) for Chick-fil-A's "True Inspiration Award." The Bridge serves over 300 at-risk youth (grades K-12) and their families in the City of Coatesville. Since 2002, The Bridge has been equipping youth and

families with the tools necessary for academic achievement, life skills, creative expression, spiritual growth, and leadership. The winners will be determined by voting via the Chick-Fil-A App. Winning this grant would be a huge benefit not only to The Bridge but also to the City of Coatesville. They have asked us to share the information in order for us to cast our votes for them. The top 4 winners will receive \$50,000 - \$150,000! Voting is open anytime between September 4-September 25. Information about the Inspiration Awards and how to vote is available at chick-fil-a.com/true-inspiration-awards. ***These are the last few days to cast our votes.***

How to vote:

1. Sign into the Chick-fil-A One account (or create one in the App).
2. In the Chick-fil-A App Select "rewards" at the bottom of the screen.
 3. Select "news" on the top left of the screen.
 4. Click the "vote Now" button and select your region.
 5. Find the Bridge Academy and cast your vote.

COLLECTION DRIVE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Partnering with Caln Township, we have been asked to be the local donation site for the Afghan refugee collection drive. The drive is being coordinated by the 88th Aerial Port Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base. Our greater community has been awesome in their donations. One of our classrooms are already filled! Items in need include:

- New or gently used clothing for men, women, and children, including long dresses/skirts.
- Phone chargers and cables.
- Strollers
- School supplies (As of this week, they have opened schools for the children)
- Diapers size 3 / 4
- Underwear, sports bras
- Toiletries: toothbrushes, shampoo (large bottles), nail clippers, razors, deodorant, Q-tips
- Socks and shoes – all sizes.
- Flip flops
- Toys, games, puzzles, kickballs, or soccer balls!

CALN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 NIV

Several Caln families have lost everything in the recent flooding from Hurricane Ida. In their efforts to help these families, Caln has depleted their supply of clothing. They desperately need to replenish their supply of socks and underwear and have reached out to ask us if we could help.

To respond to their need, **we are going to suspend our current September collection and immediately begin collecting socks and underwear** for the students at Caln. Underwear in sizes 4-16 and children's socks will be appreciated. Sweaters and sweatshirts will be donated in October.



If you are able to contribute in September, the collection bin will be on the porch Monday through Friday from 9:00-2:00, weather permitting, and inside at the top of the stairs on Sunday to receive your donations. **These items are due by Sunday, September 26.**

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding, as well as your prayers for this ministry.
Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator



HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

Providing opportunities to build and strengthen relationships within our faith community through communication, collaboration, and accountability.

College Ministry Sponsors: We are still in need of a few sponsors for our college students. Thank you to those who have continued their sponsorship with our students, especially our seniors and to our new sponsors. Our students really appreciate the communication from their church family. What do you need to sponsor? Pray for the student. Send them a note (either handwritten or email), or perhaps a birthday card. ***In particular, we are in need of 2 women sponsors and 4 male sponsors.*** If you would like to be a "pen pal" and prayer warrior for one of our college students, please contact the church office.

Upcoming September Birthdays:

9/22 – Shauna Ridge

9/24 – Stephenie Grater

9/27 – Beth Ann Owen

9/30 – Linda Leslie

9/23 – Dan Kuhn

9/25 – Susan Baker

9/28 – Ted Dailey

9/30 – Holly Orr

9/30 – Riley Battin

The 2021 Flower Chart to sponsor altar flowers has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Feel free to sign-up when you are here or call the church office to sign-up for your special day. Thank you to those who have sponsored flowers. ***The following dates are open for sponsorship: Sept 26, October 10, 17 and 31. November 7, 14 and 28.***



Shut-ins

Listed below are our shut-ins and their mailing addresses if you would like to send them a card.

Onzelle Barber	Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344
Shirley Hammons	Harrison House, Room 224, 300 Strode Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320
Gretna Crossan	Newport Meadows, 41 Newport Avenue, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, Christiana, PA 17509



*“O Lord, pay attention and act.
Delay not, for your own sake, O my God.”
Daniel 9:19*

Where have you experienced God’s presence in your life this week?

In healing quickly after surgery
Seeing the uniqueness of each preschooler
Watching the good that was evident in 911

Praise and Thanksgiving

Gardens	For church!
Successful surgery for cousin, Chuck	Family and friends

Treatment/Tests: Cousin Mark, prostate cancer

Surgery: Shirley Shelton-9/24 (Larry Beaver’s sister)

Traveling Mercies: Parent’s traveling home from OBX Betsy Davis

Pray for our Staff: Hannah Smith

Pray for our Brothers and Sisters at Mt. Raymond AME and Messiah Lutheran in D’town.

Pray for our Ministry Team: Prayer Team

Pray for our students from TLC: Marjorie, Ryan and Emmalee

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Teachers, Administrators & families of Caln Elementary

Other:

Victims of the flooding from Hurricane Ida	That Lauren likes her new job
For the Afghan refugees	Daily communication and patience
For sale of a friend’s house	Those suffering with addictions
For us to be able to grow our family	
God bless America in spite of our actions as a nation.	

Healing

Continued prayers for Brother-in-law Jack as he awaits his gall bladder surgery

Cathy	Diana	Diane
Debbie Regener	Pam	Andy
Julia Taylor	Phillip Byers	Betty M.
Harold-from gall bladder surgery	Nancy McDowell	Rob Waite
Our church	Elaine Lynch	Leigh Abbott
Meg H.	Helen Pennell	Doug
Lee & Shirley Carroll	Nancy C-blood clot in lung	

Pastor Shauna is on vacation from September 14-September 21.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the office or Cheryl's cell at 610-656-8434.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM