

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – November 28, 2021

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## The INN: Housing the Holy

The pandemic has laid bare, and widened, economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter this Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite,

sustenance, and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

### JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Worship at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings or livestreamed on-line via our YouTube channel or anytime afterward. Don't forget to leave comments and let us know where you are worshipping from.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwKffzSZ9By5sasoPFftNA>

2. Christmas Eve worship:  
11AM in the Sanctuary or 4PM family worship in the Worship Center.
3. Small group study on Tuesdays at 12:30pm, co-facilitated by Cheryl Faust and Rev. Mark Auxter. Bring a bag lunch, enjoy the fellowship and dive deeper into the theme of the week in our Advent series.
4. Weekly devotionals available weekdays in the office during office hours or on Sunday mornings.
5. This Advent season, you are invited to reflect upon a “word of the day.” Look for it in email or on FB or our other social media outlets. To participate, take a picture, send an emoji or a GIF that encapsulates that word, feeling or emotion. Send your pictures to the office email or post them directly to our Thorndale Church Facebook page.

[Our first word of the day for Sunday, Nov 28 is HOPE.](#)

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We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion on Sunday, December 5 at 9:15AM. We will also offer drive thru communion at 12:30 PM.



## INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.



*Jesus commands us to make disciples, by teaching and encouraging all to grow in their faith.*

- Advent devotionals can be picked up from the office during office hours or on Sunday mornings.
- “Our Daily Bread” devotional for December, January and February has come in. They are on the table at the front door for easy pick-up.
- Join our Advent small group study, “Bread for Our Journey” on Tuesday’s at 12:30PM beginning on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring a bagged lunch, share in fellowship and dive deeper into His word. Each week we will start with the scripture. We will then look at the different ways to reflect on the passage and the theme of the week. We will also ponder how that scripture connects us to the world we are living in today. Each week’s reflection is intended to deepen our understanding of scripture, to open our awareness of different voices and wisdom and to introduce us to new and traditional spiritual practices.

## **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.*



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# THORNDALE Learning CENTER

*A Christian Preschool where children  
experience TLC as they learn and grow.*



It has been a few weeks of sharing and learning about thankfulness. Last week, we packed “thank you” bags for the teachers at Caln elementary. Ms. Holly delivered them this week for us. We provided tissues, hand sanitizers and some sweet treats.



On Monday, both classes joined together and had a Thanksgiving feast. We enjoyed the same meal that Charlie Brown and Snoopy enjoyed with their friends. We had popcorn, jellybeans, toast with butter or jam (we think the jam was the favorite) and pretzels. What fun. All of our teachers were here today to join with us in our thanksgiving feast.

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Lastly, this week we sadly said good-bye to Mrs. Gambale (front row, left side). Mrs. Gambale has been our lead teacher in our 3-year-old class but sadly her family is moving to New Jersey. We will surely miss Mrs. Gambale. We are blessed to have Mrs. Campbell (front row, right side) who has already taken over the class as our lead teacher. Thank you, Mrs. Campbell, for stepping up.

Lastly, all of our staff and students want to say thank you to YOU for your continued prayers and help in so many ways.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
*The Staff and Students of TLC!*



Our preschool is currently seeking to hire a part-time teacher's assistant for our three-year old class. We are looking for someone with prior preschool experience and prefer the individual to have prior experience as a classroom assistant.

For a more detailed job description or to apply contact Laura Venezia at [tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org). Days are M-T-W-R from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Preschool tuition discount is available.



## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE**

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

### **Upcoming November Birthdays:**

11/30 – Carol Barnes      11/30 – Ruth 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 this past year.

***The following date is the last remaining open date for 2020: December 5.***

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Believe it or not, it's time to begin to think about ordering poinsettias for Christmas. This year the greenhouse has red, white, pink, burgundy or pink marble poinsettias. Poinsettias come in 6" pots and are \$8 each. There are three ways to sign-up for these Christmas flowers:

1. Please contact the church office at 610-384-2433 to place your order.
2. Order on-line through the website giving portal.
3. Use the order form at the Welcome Center in the lobby after Church on Sunday.



**Deadline is Wednesday, December 8** as the nursery needs

10 days of advance order time. *Thank you to those who have already placed your orders.*

You have the option to have your flowers placed in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or to provide a donation to our discretionary fund which helps supports the needs in our community. Flowers may be taken following our Christmas Eve services or picked up the following week from the church office.

## **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

Ivan Purcell      Regal Heights Healthcare, 6525 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

## **ACTIVE OUTREACH**

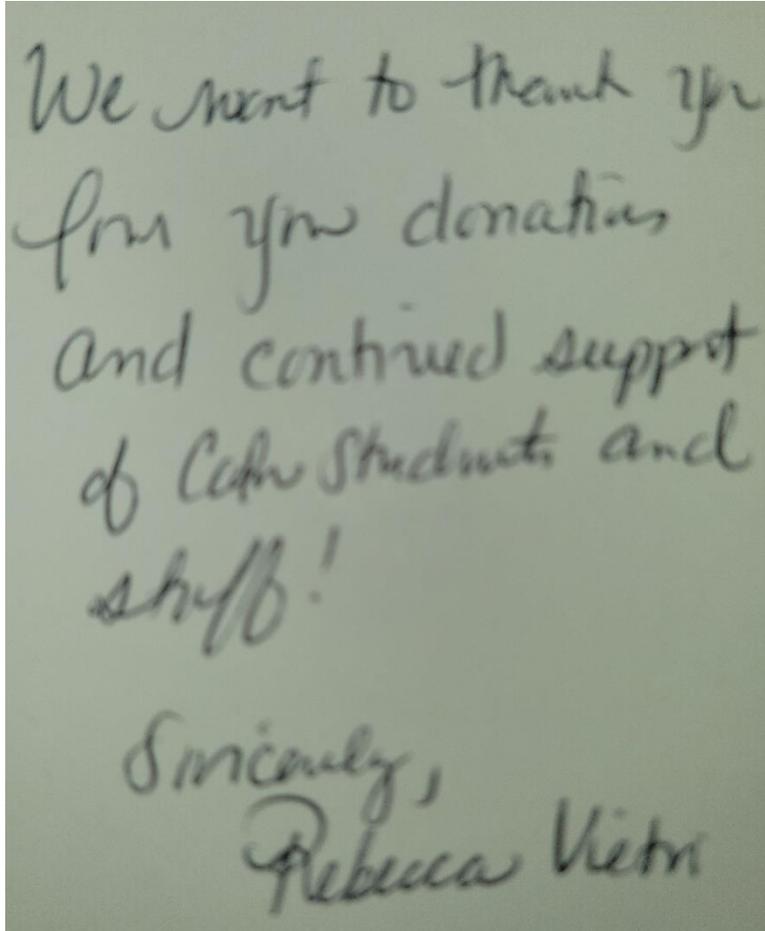
*We are ambassadors for Christ, called to share Him with our community and beyond.*



### **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*

Thank you for your extremely generous donations toward our Giant store gift cards for Caln. With your donations of \$845 we were able to purchase thirty-four \$25 gift cards to help the teachers provide Thanksgiving meals for the Caln families.



As you can see by the thank-you note received from the Caln Principal, Rebecca Vietri, they are forever thankful for the support you continue to provide not just to the students but to the staff as well.

Once again, we have the opportunity help the families at Caln Elementary provide a happy Christmas for their children through **our angel tree project**. There is an even greater need than usual this year, with gift requests for some basic winter necessities.

Trees are set up in the Welcome Center, the East Narthex, and inside the door from the main parking lot. Please take an angel tag from one of the trees and make a child's wish come true by purchasing the gift indicated on the tag. Please wrap your gift (no bows please) and securely attach the angel tag to the package. Due to allergies which may be unknown to us, **please do not include any food items with**

**your gift.** Place the gift under one of the trees or in the bin which will be located on the porch Monday – Friday from 9:00-2:00, weather permitting. Gifts are **due no later than Thursday, December 16.**

Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for these families and for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

**Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator**



**THANK YOU** for the donations of your non-perishable food items. Patsy and Larry Beavers picked up 94 pounds of food this week which was collected throughout the past month.

Your generous donations are provided to the CYWA in Coatesville where it is then distributed to those in need within our community.



## Collection Drive for Afghan Refugees

We continue to be an area collection site for the Afghan Refugee drive. This week we received several truck and carloads of clothing items which will be gathered and taken to Ft. Dix/McGuire bases. ***There is a great need for strollers, baby items and school supplies.*** At this time, they have asked us to pause on the collection of toys, and especially stuffed animals. With winter approaching, fall/winter coats and other fall and winter items are also in need. Items may be dropped off during office hours or on Sunday morning.



*“Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 TLB*

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

- Visiting with a friend
- In nature
- In prayer
- Two good golf days last week.
- Beautiful walks in nature.

**Praise and Thanksgiving:** Family and friends.  
Hibernia craft fair.

Anne got a good CATH report.

**Traveling Mercies:** Diane Scott to Pittsburgh. All who travel this holiday season.  
Daughter and Son-in-law in FL.

**Treatment and Tests:** Faith S.  
Carl Purcell-chemo & radiation.  
Diane Huggler-chemo

Anne B.- good test result  
Nancy McDowell-radiation.

**Surgery/Procedures:** Mark Weiner-knee surgery.

Lin Booz-major ankle surgery.

**Hospital:** Mother-in-law.

**Condolences:** For all who have suffered loss and facing it over the holidays.

**Pray for our Staff:** Hannah Smith

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Tech Team

**Pray for our students from TLC:** Emily. Emmalee Gianna. Jacob.

**Pray for our Outreach Ministries:** CYWA

**Other:**

Staffing need in TLC

Carl & Ivan Purcell – future move

For those who are lonely.

Peace and comfort for the Regener family (Debbie, John, and Jacqui)

For those kidnapped in Haiti

For those with are food insecure.

TLC Parent Conferences

**Healing**

Those with joint pain

Our country

Judi A.

Carl Purcell

The UMC

Matt Scott

Dave & Kay Norrbom

Rich-stroke

Clyde Thomas

Chuck M (Holly's cousin)

Carole D.

Helen Pennell

Larry – for first eye and second eye surgery

Barb & Phillip Byers, Irene Farra and Wayne Barrows who have tested positive for COVID.

Dan C.

Meg H.

Lois M.

Michelle C.

Lee & Shirley Carroll

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The office will be closed**

**Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving!**

