

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS

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The world may change faster than what we would like it to, but the mission and ministry of the church never changes.

This first picture is an early picture of how our advent food tree was

growing throughout the season.

Many hands helped to bag and box and weigh the food before it was delivered to the CYWA on January 3. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, over **600 pounds** was collected. This brings our annual total to **over 1500 pounds!**



Pictures of the bagged and boxed food items and the SUV filled to overflowing. A total of 31 bags and 13 boxes were filled! We would encourage you to continue to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the

outdoor community food box or inside in the brown basket located at the top of the stairs near our Caln school bin.



# Outreach



## OUTREACH

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

The mission and ministry of TUMC continues throughout the year in so many ways:

- Sixteen families were helped with food, rental, and utility assistance: WAWA gas cards, car repairs, and train tickets.
- One family of 7 was helped at Thanksgiving with Giant Food cards and a donated turkey.
- Two families were helped at Christmas with Giant Food cards, a donated turkey, a donated ham and presents through our partnership with Mike Young and Toys for Tots.
- Through your discretionary donations, \$600 was donated to support local non-profit organizations.
- Through our Ukraine Fundraiser and other special offerings, \$3803.81 was donated to National and Global agencies such as Ukraine, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.
- Meals were prepared for the men residing at the Atkinson Men's shelter each month. In addition to the meal for that evening, an additional meal was prepared for them for a future dinner.
- Our Caln school ministry touches the lives not only of the students who will receive the necessary items, but it touches the lives of the teachers and staff as a witness of Christ's love. Our angel tree this year supported 19 students.
- Hats, coats, gloves, and blankets were provided to CYWA during their coat give-away.
- May we not forget the love of Christ being shared to 40 preschoolers each weekday through our Thorndale Learning Center!
- Acknowledging that volunteer hours are hard to track because so many are done "behind the scenes," at a minimum, over 1150 hours were completed being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Did you know that our local UMC faithfully supports the global UM connection when we give to the general church funds? The donations of each individual church member, when combined with *all* members of the United Methodist Church, help us bring people to Christ.

- For every \$1 given in through your offerings, .85 stays within the local church, .06 is second mile giving, .02 goes to general apportionments and .07 cents goes to jurisdictions, annual conferences, and local districts.
- In 2022, your operating offerings supported these funds in the amount of \$18,000.

God is on the move through the friends and families and partnerships at TUMC. I don't know about you, but I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in 2023! *Cheryl*

## **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 again for your generosity in support of Christmas gifts for the children at Caln. Because of your kind hearts, we were able to help make a happy Christmas for 19 children and their families.

**Jammies in January are back!** Our January collection will be pajamas for the children at Caln. Any size pajamas from 4T-16 are needed. Perhaps you can pick up a pair of jammies at one of those January sales! The donation bin will be available during office hours, Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00, as well as on Sunday. **Pajamas are due no later than Sunday, January 29.**



### **Jammies in January**

For Caln Elementary School

Sizes  
4T - 16

Place in the bins  
by the front door.

*Due the end of January*

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

**Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator**





Next Sermon Series:

# The Gift Keeps Giving

*Invite someone who needs to hear the good news to join us for worship.*



Our preschool is currently seeking to hire part-time teachers and aides. We are looking for someone with prior preschool experience and prefer the individual to have prior experience as a classroom assistant.

We are also hiring assistant teachers.

For a more detailed job description or to apply contact Laura Venezia at 484-356-6328 or at [tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org).

Preschool tuition discount is available.

Spread the word. Share the posts from Facebook.



**Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opened on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

## INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Looking for your monthly devotionals? The Upper Room (Jan/Feb 2023) and Our Daily Bread (Dec/Jan/Feb) have arrived. They are at the front door for easy pick-up.**



# 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.*

**GIANT GROCERY** Cards are available for purchase in the office on Sunday mornings or during the week. Current denominations available are: \$100, \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10.



Our church earns 5% on the sale of each gift card. Thank you for your purchases. Purchases can be made on Sunday morning or during office hours during the week.

### **2023 Giving Envelopes**

Contact has been made with the company who provides our giving envelopes. Our order is still being worked on. They have experienced difficulties with press breakdowns and hiring enough help. The goal is still to get our order out by the end of the week. They apologize for the delay. Cheryl



## HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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



Christmas is not over.... but unfortunately, we do have to make plans for the decorations that help to inspire our Christmas worship to come down. We will be gathering at **9AM on Saturday, January 14**, to remove the decorations and pack them up until next Advent. It would be wonderful to have as much help with removal as there was for decorating, although it is way less fun! See you then!

The **2023 Flower calendar** has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office. Thank you for your continued sponsorship of our altar flowers. Sign up early so you get your desired date. You can pay later as the date becomes closer.



### **Upcoming Birthdays:**

01/15 – Cathy Jackson  
01/19 – Haylee Grater  
01/24 – Onzelle Barber  
01/24 – Jesse Duncan

01/17 – Kandie Esterl  
01/20 – Sarah Yonker – 96<sup>th</sup>!  
01/24 – Hannah Smith  
01/26 – Ashley Moore      01/29 – Matthew Battin



## **SHUT-INS:**

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

Onzelle Barber	Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344
Richard Bohot	St. Martha's Villa-Room 10, 490 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335
Gretna Crossan	Newport Meadows, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, 41 Newport Avenue Christiana, PA 17509
Dot Johnson	Harrison House, Room 111, 300 Strode Avenue, East Fallowfield, PA 19320
Ivan Purcell	66 Willow Place, Newark, DE 19702
Carl Purcell	193 Canterbury Road, Milford, DE 19963
Shirley Hammons	Newport Meadows, Room 108C, 41 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509



*“God’s peace....is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.”*  
*Phil 4:7*

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

- At home as a family.
- With all the visits with family and friends.

## **Traveling Mercies:** Mike Kramer

## **Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:**

- Wayne Brennan-cancer treatment-hospitalized with infection

**Pray for our TLC Students:** Kanaan. Mridula. Ensley. Ryatt.  
For the new students God will be sending us.

**Pray for our Staff:** Laura Venezia

## **Other:**

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| • That the world may be at peace.                    | For those who are sick and alone          |
| • People of Ukraine & Russia                         | For the homeless                          |
| • For Hameed to be released from prison.             | For those struggling with grief           |
| • Coatesville Area School District                   | For caretakers of ailing spouses/parents. |
| • Those suffering with COVID.                        | Fred & Doris Kramer                       |
| • For all those experiencing financial difficulties. |   |
| • Discernment for the mission and ministry of TUMC.  |   |

## **Healing**

Wayne Brennan-cancer  
For all the world!  
Chuck M. (Holly’s cousin)  
Sharon Moore  
Diane H.  
Jim VanHorn  
Nancy & Ken McDowell  
Matt S.

Wayne Barrows  
Carolyn-shingles  
Janice F.  
Josh Dwyer  
Sam Wilson  
Nancy VanHorn  
Carl & Ivan Purcell  
Kirk Smith

Georgette G.  
Shelia Fields-cancer  
Sharon W.  
Jesusin  
Fran O’Neill  
Lyle & Leone Norrbom  
Lee & Shirley Carroll  
Cousin, Hermina