TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – October 10, 2021

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TROPICAL STORM IDA ASSISTANCE – UPDATE!

Rebound of Chester County is now accepting donations of new or gently used items that will be distributed to residents of Coatesville and Downingtown who were impacted by Hurricane Ida.

They are currently accepting donations by ***appointment only*** at their overflow space at Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown. Please do not contact Central Presbyterian directly about donations. Please direct questions directly to Rebound of Chester County at roccdonors@gmail.com.

Due to the incredibly generous response from our community, they have been able to open their doors to shoppers and they now have a greater understanding of the most needed items at this time. As such, they are only collecting the following items:

Kitchen Goods: Microwaves, Coffee Makers, Toasters, Crock Pots, Blenders and Sandwich Makers.

Bedroom/Bathroom: ONLY NEW Bed Pillows, Washcloths
New or gently used bed sheet sets and comforters (all sizes), blankets and towels.

Misc.: Coloring books and crayons (to keep the young children entertained while they are in the hotels.)

If you have items you would like to donate to those impacted by Hurricane Ida, please complete this form: https://forms.gle/o2EhmiTTPysn9qeM7

Al items MUST be clean, showing minimal signs of wear and be fully functioning. Anything that plugs in must be in working condition. Volunteers will be on site to check all donations.

Pennsylvania/FEMA Disaster Center has opened in the Ashbridge Square Shopping Center (located between Staples and Home Depot). Hours of Operation are M-F 10am-7pm and Saturday's 10am-5pm. The Disaster Recovery Center provides disaster survivors with information from Pennsylvania state agencies, FEMA, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Survivors can get help applying for federal assistance, learn about the types of assistance available, learn about the appeals process and get updates on applications. All centers will follow COVID-19 precautions and masks will be required by all.

Pastor Shauna is on vacation from October 7-October 12.
Please contact the office for any pastoral needs.
If after office hours, don't hesitate to contact Cheryl on her cell at 610-656-8434.

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.

Livestreaming of our 9:15 am Worship Service:

We are so grateful that anyone can join us for worship from home (or anywhere) 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

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.

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.

ENGAGING WITH CHHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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

October brings cooler weather, falling leaves, pumpkins, and TRUNK OR TREAT! On October 30, we will be hosting our annual trunk or treat event from 1-3 PM in the church parking lot. We have five trunks already promised and two donations of candy. Last year we had twenty trunks and ran

out of candy twice for the eighty-five children who enjoyed the day with their families so I am praying that this year we will have even more trunks and even more candy donations for our even more children.

If you are able to sponsor a trunk, please see me on Sunday morning, email me at patriciajrn@verizon.net or call or text me at 484-340-0676. If you can't sponsor a trunk, please consider donating individually wrapped candy instead. You may drop candy off at the church on Sunday mornings or any time that the office is open.

I consider this event to be the highlight of our fall children's outreach, and I would appreciate your joining me in praying for trunks, candy, kids, and good weather. I hope to hear from you soon!

Pat Moore
Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Our preschool is currently seeking to hire a part-time teacher's assistant for our Pre-K 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. Hours are M-F from 8:30-12:30. Preschool tuition discount is available.

THORNDALE Learning CENTER
A Christian Preschool where children experience TLC as they learn and grow.

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 1 woman sponsor and 3 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.

As I pause to reflect on this time two years ago when I received my breast cancer diagnosis and think about the 18-month journey through the dark valley, I have warm memories of my church family praying for me, sending cards and texts, and supporting me. I cannot thank you all enough. I'm doing well. Praise be to God!

James 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.
April Dailey

Upcoming October Birthdays:

10/10-Bryan Shuman
10/13-Susan Clark
10/14-Jenna Clark
10/14-Dot McKinley
10/21-Amy Clark

The 2021 Flower Chart to sponsor altar flowers has been posted o outside the church office. Feel free to sign-up when you are here or call th up for your special day. Thank you to those who have sponsored flowers.
The following dates are open for sponsorship: October 17 and 31.

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

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

For **October**, we will be returning to our collection of **cardigan sweaters and zip-front hoodie sweatshirts** in sizes 4–16. Since they no longer wear uniforms, any color is acceptable.

If you are able to contribute in October, 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 no later than Sunday, October 31.**
Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.
Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator

AFTERNOON CIRCLE NEWS

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

We, the members of the Afternoon Circle want to THANK everyone who has supported our annual Spring and Fall Flea Markets, our annual November Bazaar, our Soup Sales, and our Nut Sales. These fundraisers aided us in our annual donations to the Association of the Blind, Bridge of Hope, CYWA, Handicrafters, Good Works, Salvation Army, and the Spanish Ministry. (FYI- we do not send money to CYWA. Three members go to the Grocery Outlet and Giant, purchasing food and delivering it to the facility in Coatesville.

Another use of our funds involved the Soup for Souls program with Chaplain Rusty at the Coatesville V.A. Hospice Unit. The second Sunday of each month beginning in July 2016 we served homemade soup to the patients and their families. This Outreach Ministry ended in March 2020 due to COVID. Pastor Mark was instrumental in our decision to do this Outreach Ministry. Other members of TUMC joined us in this ministry.

Sad to say, this will be the last Afternoon Circle news article as the group has disbanded.

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." Mother Teresa

Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina, Vice-President

We lift our thanks and praise to God for the gifts and ministry of the Ladies Afternoon Circle. They have made a difference in our community, and we are grateful for these women and their call to serve in this way. We will continue to support many of these ministry partners and look forward to supporting others as the Holy Spirit calls and leads us all! Gratefully, Pastor Shauna

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THOSE INCARCERATED!

Imagine what it would be like to be behind bars at Christmas, with limited contact to family and friends. Receiving a card with an encouraging note from someone "outside" would be such a meaningful gift.

Last year alone, congregants across our Eastern PA Conference shared the message of God's love through Christmas cards to 8400 individuals in 15 different facilities.

It's that time again for us to write and send cards, reaching out to remind those who are incarcerated that they have not been forgotten and are God's beloved children, just like we are.

Through a generous donor, we have lots of Christmas cards in the office. I will make them available inside the front door for easy pick up. I will also place a basket in the same location for drop-off as well. I will leave instructions as well that you may pick-up. **Cards are due back by Sunday, Oct 31** in order to get them to our district collection points and distributed.
Cheryl Faust

Collection Drive for Afghan Refugees

We continue to be an area drop-off location for the Afghan Refugee drive. We are waiting on an updated list on the current needs. Continue to watch this newsletter. At this time, they have asked us to pause on the collection of toys, and especially stuffed animals.

"Many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God." But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill."
Psalm 3:3-4 NRSV

Where have you experienced God's presence in your life this week?
With family @ TUMC | Walks in fresh air.
Answered prayers for friend's new job. | In prayer. | Through grandsons.

Praise and Thanksgiving:
Tim Eaton and Praise band | Pastor Shauna and family
Friend getting a new job. | Brother Rich's open-heart surgery
Family and friends. | Jolene T. home from hospital

Wedding:
For the Ridge and Howson families on the marriage of Carly Ridge and Mark Howson (10/9)

Hospital: Doris Kramer. | Michael Kondratic

Condolences: McLaughlin family on the loss of Ron. Kathy Archibald family.
Brother-in-law's father. | Dave Finley on the death of his brother Jim, in accident.
Comfort for the Bickings family on the death of Alberta, Samantha Hipp-Oberholtzer's grandmother.

Pray for our Staff: Pastor Shauna

Pray for our brothers and sisters at Mt. Raymond AME and Messiah Lutheran in D'town.

Pray for our Ministry Team: Staff-Parish Team

Pray for our students from TLC: Aarav. Shrinika. Berryck. Yohitaa.

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: CYWA

Other:
Continued discernment over home repairs from recent flooding.
Chris & Mike Kramer | Sarah & Katy Hanks | Patience and focus
For us to grow our family. | Great niece diagnosed with juvenile diabetes
Des-safety for self, friends and family while incarcerated. | Staffing need in TLC

Healing

Nancy McDowell	Dee Kennedy	Diane
Diana	Meg H.	Our nation
Cathy A-Achilles' tendonitis	Elaine Lynch	Our church
Chuck M (Holly's cousin)	Michelle C.	Renay O.
Debbie Regener	Julia Taylor	Phillip Byers
Fred & Michael (caregivers)	Helen Pennell	Lee & Shirley Carroll
Judi A-injuries in car accident		