



## Thorndale United Methodist Church

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### State of the Church

Charge Conference—November 3, 2021

*"My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

Galatians 6:1-10

Throughout this year I've been asking our leaders and teams this question, "Is this pandemic a disruption or an opportunity?" With pauses to reflect the responses have been varied. There is no denying it has been a disruption in several ways—of our worship, of our fellowship gatherings, of our small groups, and more. We have all felt this, but we need to remember this has been the case throughout the history of the church. Disruption isn't new and opportunity isn't either. As we begin to emerge from this global pandemic, and some of the dust begins to settle, I hope we'll embrace the opportunity around us with renewed energy and passion.

I want to encourage us, as Paul did the early church, to "not grow weary in doing what is right." We have surely worked hard this year. It would be easy for us to get distracted and grow weary. We must remember that our effort is not sown to "the flesh," but rather to "the Spirit." As disciples of Jesus Christ, our call is to a life of sacrificial love, a life of loving our neighbors and one in which we bear one another's burdens. We must continue to "sow to the Spirit" in faith, and with hope, for this is how we bear fruit for the future. We will reap what we sow.

Paul's teaching was a warning to the Galatians to guard against selfish desire and false pride, while instead moving toward an openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit. When we live by and are guided by the Spirit, the evidence will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

During these challenging times, we give God thanks and praise for the Spirit's movement among us, and acknowledge with open hearts that we have much work to do within our own church family, and the surrounding community. May we continue to work for the good of all—for this family of faith and for the new people the Spirit is guiding us to reach.

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



## 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.*



### Trunk or Treat, What a Day!

After a day of horrible wind and rain on Friday and dreariness and mist on Saturday morning, the weather cleared, praise God, and Trunk or Treat took place in the parking lot with nineteen cars and the Caln Fire Company truck and crew. The cars

were beautifully decorated, and there were a number of family dogs and one support dog participating as well. There was even a kids' Halloween play list going through our portable sound system. Two parking lot attendants kept the area in the front of the church safe for the kids.



One hundred thirty-eight children in sixty-nine families passed by the welcome station but not everyone entered there. The candy donations would have run out if not for the generosity of those of you who could not be present but purchased candy to be distributed. Each family who passed the welcome table received a postcard with information about our Advent series and Christmas Eve services.

This year we partnered with Hibernia UMC, the Girl Scout troop, and the preschool as well as the fire company. It was such a blessing to have all participate to give the kids of our community a fun day.



Thank you for all that each one of you did to make this fall event a success!

Pat Moore  
Coordinator of Children's Ministries



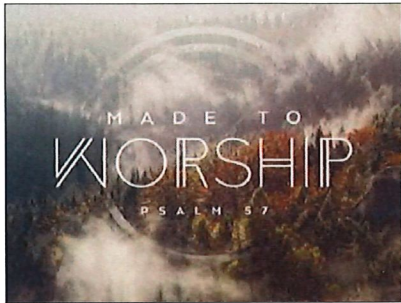
# THORNDALE Learning CENTER



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

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](mailto:tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org). Days are M-W-F from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Preschool tuition discount is available.



## 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.

This week's scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 and 12:1-2  
"Enough to Hope"

Sunday, we will celebrate All Saint's Day with Communion at 9:15. We will also offer drive thru at communion at 12:30 PM



## 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>

**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.



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.



### **INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.**

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

The November/December Upper Room devotionals are here. They are in a basket at the front door or at the worship center desk on Sunday mornings.

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE**

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



### **Christmas Decorating (ALREADY?)**

It is hard to believe, but Christmas decorating is just a few weeks away since Advent begins on November 28. This year the big day for decorating is November 27 at 9 AM to finish, and the more hands, the earlier finish will be. If you are only available for part of the morning, please come for whatever amount of time you can give.

The Advent theme is "The Inn," and in keeping with the theme, there will be a display of nativity scenes, with the emphasis on the unusual, especially those from other countries. There will be a display throughout Advent; but if you can only spare your set for one Sunday, that is fine also. You could bring it on Sunday morning and take it home with you after worship.



One other thing is needed for Advent decorating, and that is wooden crates. If you have a wooden crate or more than one that you could lend for the season, it would be greatly appreciated. The project requires four crates, and there is already one at the church.

There will be some outdoor decorating to be done as well so that the community is able to participate in our celebration even before they consider coming through the doors or checking out the services online. Decorating is not merely making the church look festive, it is a reflection of the story of Jesus' birth and his welcome into the world.

### Upcoming November Birthdays:

11/18 – Deb Aberts	11/21 – Autumn Hart
11/21 - Christine Moore	11/24 – Jeff Clark
11/26 – Kim Kramer	11/27 – Ken Kramer
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. **The following dates are sponsorship: Nov. 28, December 5 and 19.**




### 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.*

Out reach 

### Atkinson Report

*“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.” Ecclesiastes 9:10*

Another 5<sup>th</sup> Friday had Team 2 making and delivering a homemade meal of Beef Stew with Potatoes and vegetables. For dessert, the residents of the Atkinson Homeless Men's Shelter had their choice of pumpkin, cherry, or Apple Pie with Ice Cream. Drinks included Iced Tea, Water or Lemonade.

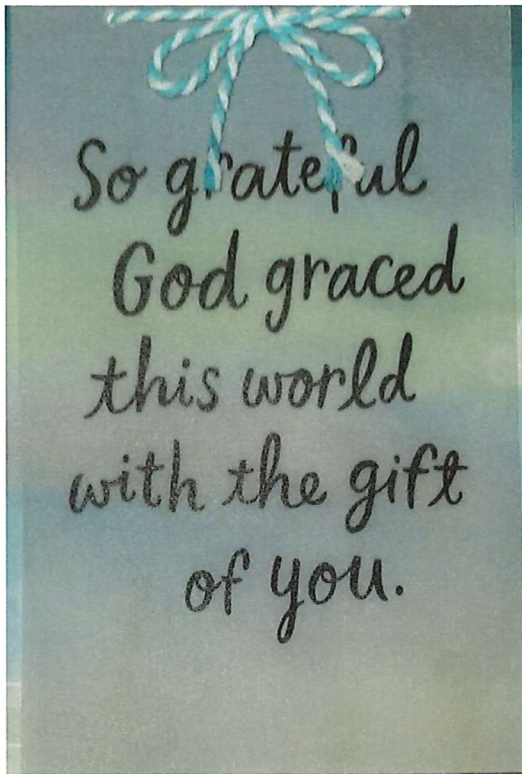
Team 3 will be delivering a meal on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued prayers lifted for the Shelter and our Teams.

*“Take advantage of the opportunities God gives us.” Poh Fang Chia*  
Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina



## 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*

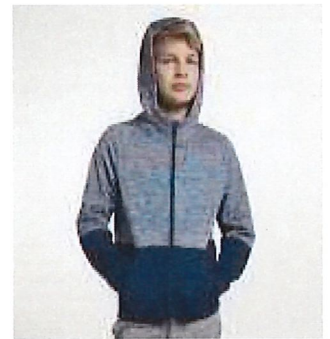


### **We received a thank you note this week.**

It reads, *"Dear Thorndale United Methodist, thanks for always being so thoughtful. Thank you for your donations of underwear, socks, and thermometers this year. It especially helped recently because some prior donations had gone to the flood victims, so the recent donations helped to restock the office and I was able to share with some other Coatesville schools in need. You are a very generous church! Thank you for all you have done for Caln Elementary School!"*

*Caren Diamond, Caln Elementary School Nurse*

Thank you for your generous donations of 45 sweatshirts that will keep our Caln kids warm on these chilly fall days. Your continual care for these children is deeply appreciated.



For our November donation, we will be helping the teachers provide Thanksgiving meals for several Caln families by collecting **monetary donations toward the purchase of Giant gift cards** which will be used to purchase turkeys for the families. Any donation amount is appreciated, as the money will be pooled to purchase the gift cards. Donations may be mailed to the church or dropped off in the office during office hours. For your convenience, there are green donation envelopes, labeled Caln Elementary-Thanksgiving Gift Cards, located in a basket on a table at the front door or in the rack at the Welcome Center. Checks should be made payable to TUMC. Please write Caln donation on the memo line.



So that the gift cards can be delivered to the school and the turkeys purchased in time for Thanksgiving, **this will be a shortened collection period. Monetary donations will be due no later than Sunday, November 21.**

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.  
**Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## VENDOR &



## FAIR

HIBERNIA UMC  
November 20, 2021  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Craft Vendors and Silent Auction. Lunch and soup available for purchase.

Our very own Daryl Orr will be there. Stop by his table.

Veteran's Day tribute with live veteran music performances.

Saturday, November 20, 2021  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Worship Center

Sponsored by Stages Arts Initiative



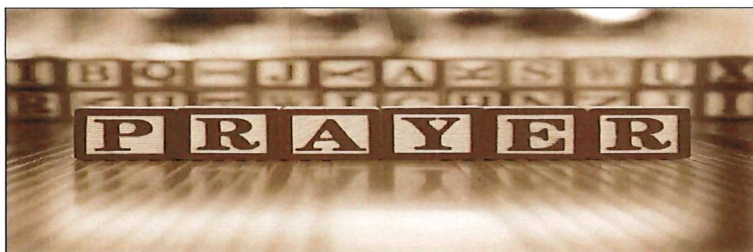
### Collection Drive for Afghan Refugees

We continue to be an area collection site for the Afghan Refugee drive. ***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.

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”  
Psalm 51:10*

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

For friendships. Trunk or treat.  
Generosity of TUMC in supporting trunk or treat.  
Four sisters together in California for a visit



**Praise and Thanksgiving:** for our Preschool Director, Teachers, Aides, and students!  
Trunk or treat! Safe travels for our children. Diana-back to work  
For healing of fractured foot. Got COVID booster

**Traveling Mercies:** Stan and Karen Reaves  
Jim to Texas Dave & Sue Davis from WI.

Clucks to/from FL.

**Treatment and Tests:** Nancy McDowell-radiation  
Carl Purcell Clyde Thomas

Diane Huggler-chemo  
Faith S.

**Surgery:** Tim F. – knee replacement

Lois H – knee surgery-Nov 18

**Condolences:** Steve McAdams & family on the passing of Steve's father.  
Defonzo family.

**Hospital:** Doris Kramer

**South District:** Rev. Charlie Thomas and his wife Linda as they recover from COVID.

**Pray for our TLC Staff:** Laura, Kim, Jill, Susan, Renay, Pat and Becky.

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Shepherd Team

**Pray for our students from TLC:** Tyler. Sohan.

**Pray for our Outreach Ministries:** Thorndale Learning Center

**Other:** Staffing need in TLC      Those suffering loss.  
For those kidnapped in Haiti      Carl & Ivan Purcell  
To be able to grow our family.      Afghan refugees to adjust to new lives here  
Young people: Mike & Chris Kramer, Sarah, and Katy Hanks

**Healing**

Cousin, Lois has sepsis  
Husband  
Juda A.  
Cathy A.  
Debbie Regener  
Lee & Shirley Carroll  
Jean Brown-broken hip  
Diana

Clara Parsons-fall  
Andy  
Marjorie G.  
Nancy J.-heart surgery  
Irene Farra-pneumonia  
Phillip Byers  
Andy

Aunt Anne-hip fracture  
Diana  
Carl Purcell  
Chuck M (Holly's cousin)  
Meg H.  
Helen Pennell  
Carol



**THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!**