

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – December 10, 2021

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*"Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne."*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, UM Hymnal #196

Greetings and Glad Tidings to All,

Throughout Advent we've been encouraged to make room for the holy. Room for hope, peace, joy and love to abide and grow—in our hearts, in our church, and in our community. Each week in worship we've heard from the prophets. We've heard of the hope they shared with God's people as they longed for a better way and a more just world. We've also sung the songs of this season recounting parts of the whole Christmas story.

This seasonal favorite shares the story from beginning to end. It's a song of hope that captures so well the deep longings of our hearts still today. Longings for security, love, relationships and meaning. Without hope there is little meaning. Without hope, Christmas comes and goes. Hope is central to our faith, and it is the experience of Christmas.

I hope you'll join us for worship on Christmas Eve. We're planning two services this year. One at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary, for those who miss that sacred space. Another at 4:00 pm in the Worship Center. Both will end in candlelight and singing Silent Night, traditions we love and missed last year. Bring your families, your friends and your neighbors, and anyone longing for a strong infusion of hope, a better way and a more just world. There is room in this holy house for everyone.

And bring along your Christmas offering with a glad and grateful heart. We'll share a portion to purchase a sewing machine or two for the Training Center we learned of in Haiti. They have 40 students enrolled for classes and only 2 machines to share. What a joy it will be to provide hope for those learning new skills in order to provide for their families.

Waiting with great hope with all of you. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, come. Hope of all the earth, come, be born anew in us this Christmas!

Pastor Shauna



## 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 top of the stairs for easy pick-up.
- The “Upper Room” for January/Feb/March has also come in. They are on the table at the top of the stairs for easy pick-up.
- Our Advent small group study, “Bread for Our Journey” has begun. Each week is a stand-alone study/discussion so feel free to come and join in when you can. If you would like, bring a bagged lunch. We will 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. As we journey to Bethlehem, “The City of Bread,” we will share in a Love feast, using a different type of bread each week. So come and feast on Jesus, our Bread of Life.

## 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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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.





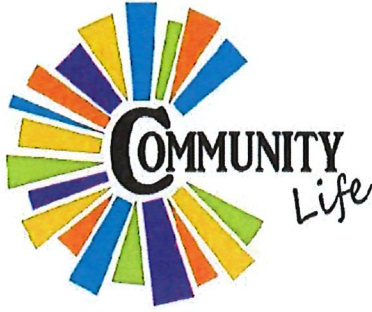
It looks like Christmas time at Thorndale Learning Center. The children have been busy making Christmas crafts and gifts for their parents. The Three's class made gingerbread play doh and the PreK class made Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. They all have been enjoying the story of Christmas and learning the true meaning of the holiday.

Beautiful music and voices have filled the school. The children have been practicing hard preparing for the Christmas concert. **Please join us on Wednesday, December 15 at 7PM for our First Christmas Program.** You will be filled with joy and the sounds of the holiday.

The Staff and Students of Thorndale Learning Center.







## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE**

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

***We received a Christmas card this week from Barbara and Phillip Byers thanking all of us at TUMC for the love and prayers for their family during these hard times. Barb hopes she and her sister Irene will be able to come back soon.***

### **Upcoming December Birthdays:**

12/11 – Tom Kuhn  
12/11 – Daryl Orr  
12/12 – Jayne Scotti  
12/17 – Tim Eaton  
12/19 – Jennifer Lafferty  
12/22 – Ryan Jackson  
12/23 – Cyndy Weiner  
12/25 – Mary Sweeney  
12/26 – Chet Ochar  
12/30 – Cheryl Faust

The Downingtown UMC Youth group will present a Live Drive-thru Nativity on **Saturday, December 11 from 6-8PM**. Bring family and friends. Stay in the comfort of your car as you journey with Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE for Nancy Cheyne**, mother of Debbie Aberts has been postponed until after the first of the year. Watch your email and this newsletter for when the service will be rescheduled. Continue to keep the Cheyne and Aberts families in your prayers during these difficult times.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

- Carl Purcell: 193 Canterbury Road, Milford, DE 19963
- Tom and Tammy Kuhn, 3405 Humpton Road, Thorndale, PA 19372

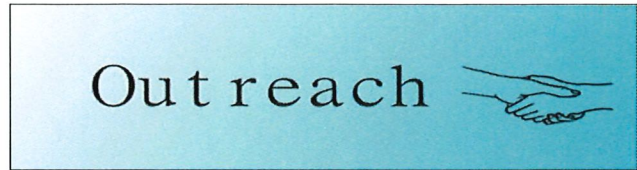
### **SHUT-INS:**

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, **Room 7A**, 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! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** All of the angel tags have been selected. 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 the tree in the worship center lobby or in the bin which is located right inside the door of the main parking lot Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00. 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.

Looking ahead – **Jammies in January!** A little elf told me jammies are currently on sale for \$10 for a set of two at Target!

**Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator**

### **Atkinson Report**

*"We will find real purpose in life as we serve the Lord and watch for opportunities to help others in need." Cleason Martin*

On Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, Team 3 members made and delivered a homemade meal of Kielbasa with Green Beans and Potatoes. Desserts consisted of a white on white and a chocolate-on-chocolate cakes. Soda was the choice of beverage. ("We've been told the residents are tired of turkey, so after Thanksgiving we try to serve another kind of meal.)

Due to the monetary donations of two TUMC members, we were able to prepare a meal of Pizza Mac and Cheese, butter beans, a choice of Caramel-Apple or Chocolate Cake and Soda for the beverage for another day's meal. Thank you to these members for your way of supporting this Outreach Mission.

The residents and staff are thankful for this Outreach Ministry of our church as we continue to do this and remember them in our prayers. Pray for our team members also and remember the ones who started this ministry so many years ago.

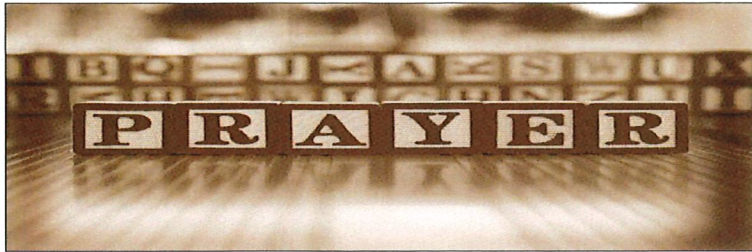
*As the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." James 2:26*

Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina

### **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?**

Evening spent with family.

Strength for the week.

Precious prayers and Brian's message this day.

**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

For a wonderful trip with my sisters

Advent season readings.

Healing and recovery of Rob Waite and Cameron Waite.

Granddaughter's COVID test is negative, and she has returned to school.

**Traveling Mercies:** John and Beth Moore to/from FL

Chris Kramer – returning to FL

Pete & Jayne Scotti to Jamaica.

**Surgery:** Don Grow

Caroline Weisbecker-arm surgery

**Treatment and Tests:**

Carl Purcell-chemo & radiation.

Nancy McDowell-radiation.

Diane Huggler-2 more rounds of chemo

Dorothy McCreary

**Condolences:** Family of Kirk Smith on the death of his brother

Family of Marjorie G.

Family of Debbie Regener.

Family of Mary Patterson on the death of her husband.

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

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Staff-Parish (Laura Arndt, David Almond, Emily Kopp and Alan Oberholtzer

**Pray for our students from TLC:** Ryan. Sohan. Tyler. Yeshwin. Yuvan.

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

**Other:**

Staffing needs in TLC

For those kidnapped in Haiti.

Carl & Ivan Purcell

For those who are food insecure.

Carolyn-placed on hospice

Those dealing with depression.

Those working towards wholeness.

For those who are lonely.

Daughter-difficult work situation.

Peace for Ivan Purcell.

That we will leave our burdens.

Kayla-waiting to deliver 3<sup>rd</sup> child and that her husband serving in the military will get home.

Young people-Chris Kramer, Mike Kramer, Sarah, and Katy Hanks and Leah Blackburn may all come to the table.

That the Russian troop situation at the Ukraine border doesn't turn into another war.

## Healing

Dennis' hip

Barry (Tag) Gathercole

Chuck M. (Holly's cousin)

Carl Purcell

Helen Pennell

Doris Kramer-home and on oxygen

Judi A.

Dan D.

Glenn

Meg H.

Lois M.

Cameron-following surgery

Matt Scott

Michelle C.

Lee & Shirley Carroll

Dave & Kay Norrbom

Jacob Donchez

