

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – February 25, 2022

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Dear TUMC Family of Faith,

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia. We are praying for peace to prevail. It was good to gather via Zoom last night for a brief time of prayer and offer this one now.

Holy and Gracious God,

**We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia;
for their countries and their leaders.**

**We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold
them in this time of great fear.**

**We pray for all those who have the power over life and death;
that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.**

**We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you
direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.**

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy. Amen.



Our Lenten season begins next week on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. I hope you'll join us for worship at 11:15 am or 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Our worship team is excited about our theme for Lent this year—*Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith*. We can surely agree that life is less than perfect. For anyone! Join us each week for encouragement to pursue the joy that comes from tending the life right in front of us. See the description on the next page. This series is based on the recent book from

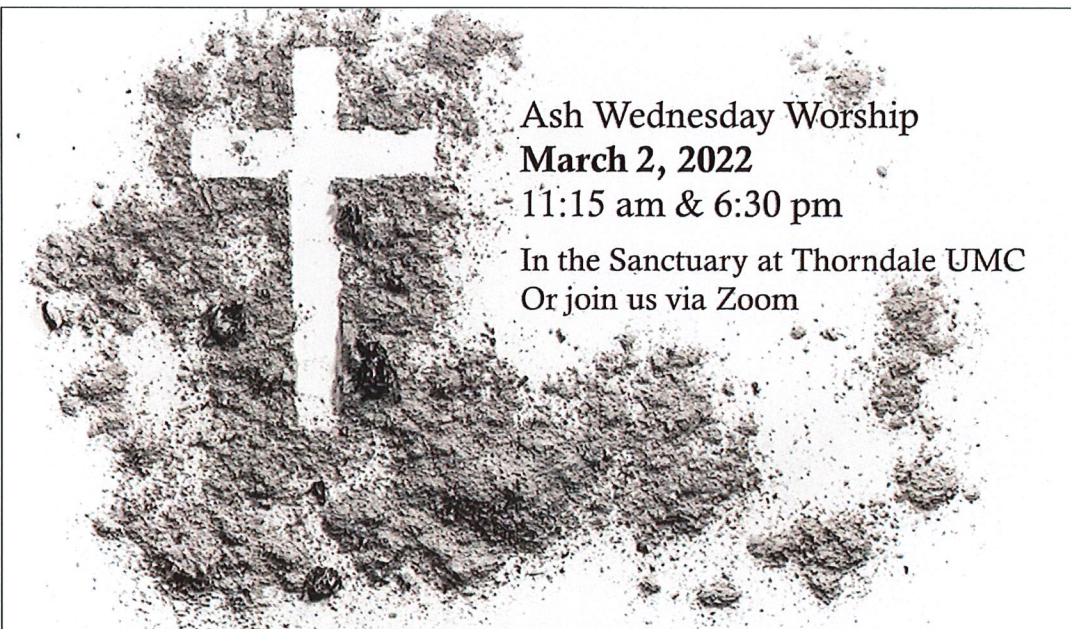
Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, "Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection." We'll have some books available in the office for \$15 if you'd like a copy of your own, and we'll send out a devotional guide next week that doesn't require the book.

I also want to share that we were approached by Pastor Pablo Perez from the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kennett Square about renting

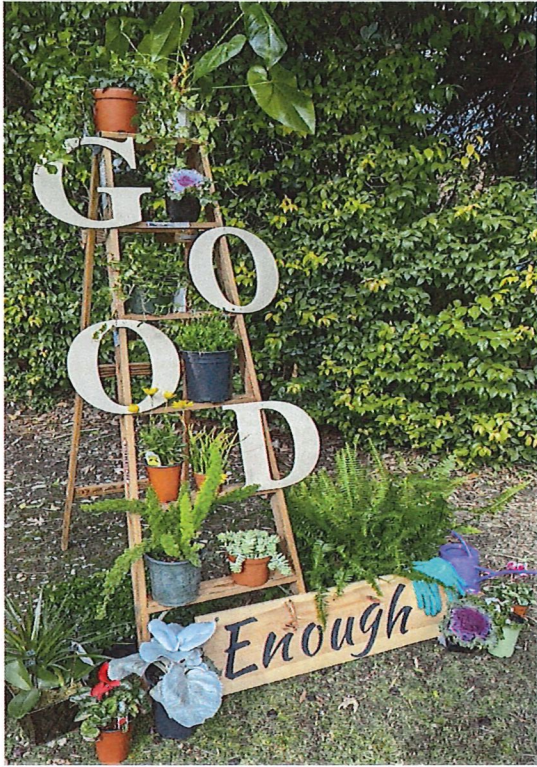
some space as they reach out to the Coatesville community. Our Lead Team has approved his request. They will worship on Saturday mornings in the Sanctuary and offer a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings in the Choir Room. If you have any questions or concerns, I'm happy to talk with you. We look forward to our growing relationship with them.

Looking forward to our time together through Lent and the hope that Spring brings!

In Christ, *Pastor Shauna*



Join us for the Lenten season as we grow in our love for God and one another.
Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith



We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey

*“Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough—time, money, resources.
Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection.*

It’s not. And you know that now.

*Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today,
God is here, and somehow, that is good enough.”*

From the book, Good Enough: 40-ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie.

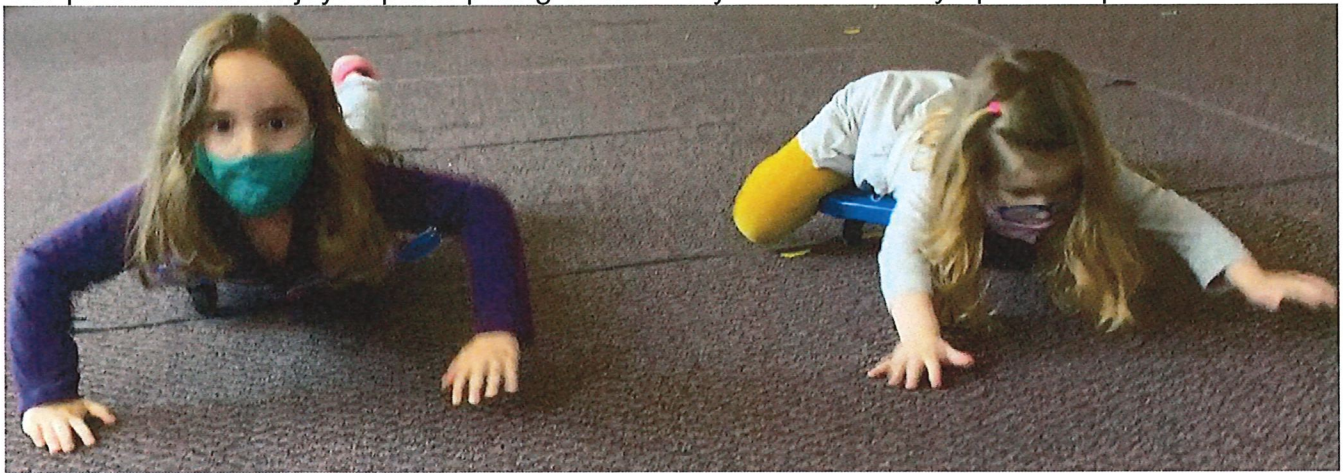
Easter Eggstavaganza

Saturday
April 2, 2022
1:00 – 2:30

Save the Date!
Lend a Hand
Give Some Candy
Tell a Friend—Bring a Friend
Fun for All!

In the Worship Center at Thorndale UMC

Our preschoolers enjoyed participating in their very own winter Olympics this past week.



Enrichment
Olympics 2022

Speed Skate	- Julia - GOLD
Curling	- Ryan - GOLD
Luge	- Tyler - GOLD
Bobsled	- Gianna - GOLD
Skating	- Anna Mae - GOLD

Our closing ceremonies and Gold medal winners!



This picture is from the Caln Police Department's Facebook page of the thank you notes sent by our 3 year old class and their teachers Ms. Kim and Ms. Manna. Another great week in the lives of our Thorndale Learning Center students and staff!

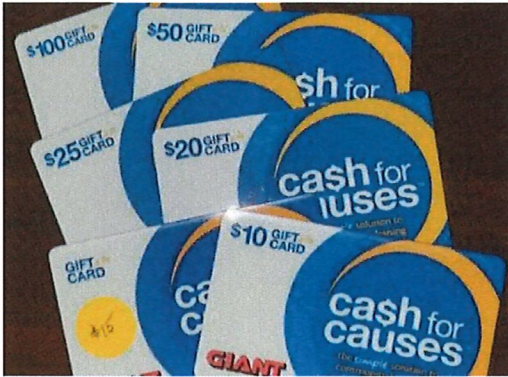
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

*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.*

Stewardship

THANK YOU for making a difference with your **AMAZON smile** shopping. It makes a difference with no additional cost to you! You shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7408418

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You shop. Amazon gives.



GIANT grocery cards are available for sale in the church office during office hours or on Sunday mornings. We have several new denominations to make your grocery shopping a bit easier.

Our church earns 5% on the sale of each gift card.

Thank you for your purchases.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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



Easter Egg-stravaganza

There's snow on the ground and we haven't worshiped on Ash Wednesday yet; but in the world of Children's Ministries, it is almost Easter. We have scheduled our second annual Easter Egg-stravaganza for **April 2 from 1-2:30 PM**, and we need to start preparations for this great event. Last year we had about sixty children pass through our doors and have fun while receiving a message about Jesus and His resurrection and the love that we give as Christians because of that.

NEW!

What do we need right now? We need candy in individually wrapped portions and soon after that we need egg stuffers. We anticipate more children this year with the increased number of children in the preschool and so are preparing for at least one hundred.

You may drop off your candy at the time of worship in a basket at the Welcome Center or during the week at the office. We have a plastic egg sorter at work already. The eggs are being sorted into bags of twenty-four so we will let you know when you can pick up the empty eggs and candy. Later, we will be looking for people to be present for the event to hand out the eggs and assist with other activities; let me know what you are willing to do in preparation. You can contact me at patriciajrn@verizon.net, by phone at 484-340-0676, or in person at worship.

I am hoping that during the silence before God that Pastor Shauna suggested we implement this week; you will hear God calling you to assist in this time of showing children what someone who believes in Jesus can be and do.

Pat Moore, Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Upcoming Birthdays:

2/28 – Cyndy Munzenmayer
3/04 – David VanHorn
3/09 – Jamie Ridge
3/19 – Pat Moore

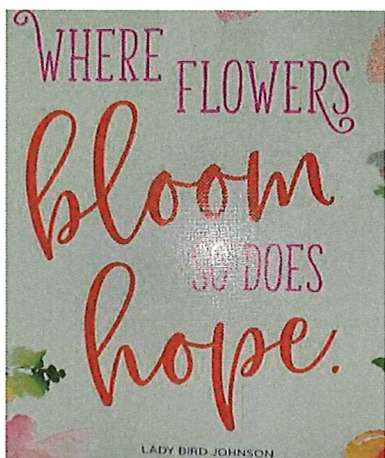
3/05 – Theresa Benjamin
3/06 – Linda Munzenmayer
3/09 – Samantha Smith
3/22 – Barbara Rice
3/28 – MaryJane Hipple

The March/April Upper Room as well as the March/April and May “Our Daily Bread” devotionals have come in and are located at the front door during the week or at the Worship Center on Sunday morning’s

SHUT-INS:

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

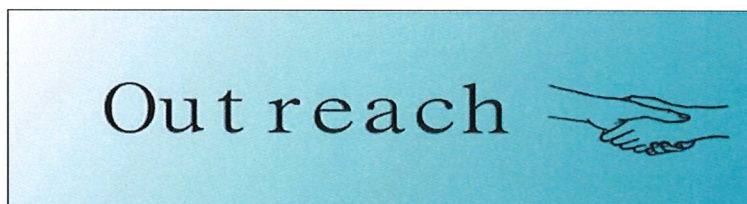
Onzelle Barber	Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344
Richard Bohot	St. Martha’s Villa-Room 10, 490 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335
Shirley Hammons	Harrison House, Room 224, 300 Strode Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320
Gretna Crossan	Newport Meadows, 41 Newport Avenue, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, Christiana, PA 17509
Ivan Purcell	Regal Heights Healthcare, Room 7A, 6525 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707



The 2022 Flower calendar has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office.

The following dates are available: March 13, April 3 and 24.

Sign up early so you get your desired date. You can pay later as the date becomes closer.



Thank you for your continued non-perishable food donations that support our food ministries to the CYWA and to It Takes a Village’s community food box. Your donations to CYWA were 108 pounds this month.

Donations to the food distribution at the CYWA can be placed in the brown wicker basket in the front entranceway at the bottom of the stairs. Donations to the community food box may be placed in the box at any time.



Thank you Cheryl V for your “warm” donations of scarves to keep others warm during these cold days and nights.

February Donation for Caln 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 generous donations of hats and gloves for the children at Caln. I know these items were difficult to find this late in the season. Your efforts are deeply appreciated. A special thank you to the two angels in our midst who knitted over 50 hats, many with matching scarves and gloves. Your love for the children and your Lord is evident in your work.

PSSA standardized testing is rapidly approaching. The testing times can be long and the test exhausting. Between testing sessions, the children are provided a snack to help them keep up their energy and better concentrate on their work.

Our collection for March will be individually wrapped single – serve snack packages for use during PSSA testing. Boxes of individually wrapped packages of pretzels or goldfish are suggested. **Nothing with peanut butter, nuts, or nut products, please.**

If you are able to donate in March, the collection bin will be inside the door each weekday from 9:00-2:00 to receive your donations. It will be in its usual location at the top of the stairs on Sundays.

These items will be **due Sunday, March 27.**

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

Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator

Annual Caln Clean Up Day:



This year Caln Township's Clean Up Day will take place on **March 19 (rain date – March 26th)**. Clean Up Day is a terrific opportunity to come together as a community to clean up our township's parks, roadsides, and streams. Gloves, safety vests, and trash bags will be provided at the Township building starting at 10:00 AM. RSVP

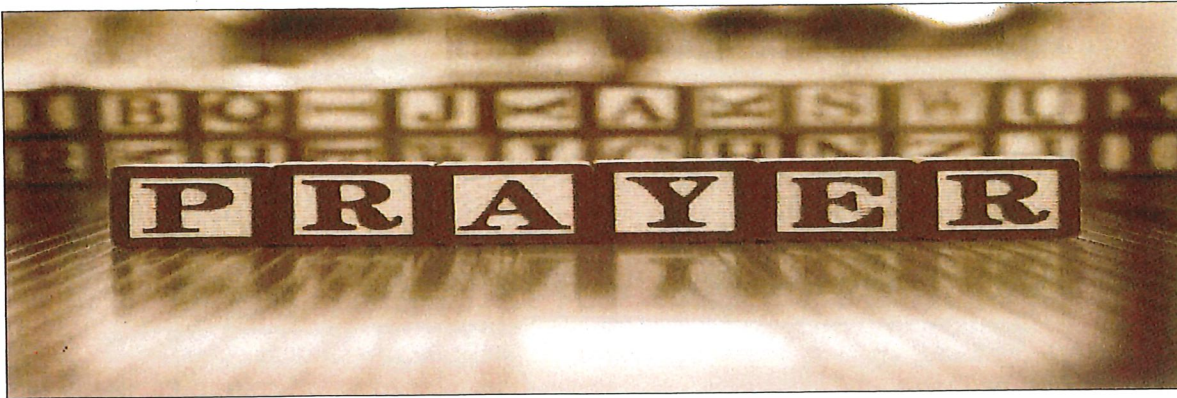
at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eadae2ea4facf8-caln1>

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

Opening Day at Caln Little League

Stay tuned.





*"He is good to everyone, and His compassion is intertwined with everything He does."
Psalm 145:9*

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

- As we both were in service to TUMC in small and big ways.
- The robin I saw this weekend.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Family and Friends.

Condolences:

- Passing of brother-in-law Jack on 2/8
- Corkin's family and friends.
- Jordan family

Treatment and Tests:

- Successful treatment for Meg
- Karen Moore
- Husband-CT

Traveling:

- Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).
- Daughter Lara and husband Amirir Mofidi driving from CA (2/24-2/27)

Pray for our Staff: Pastor Shauna

Pray for our Ministry Team: Finance Team

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Caln Elementary

Pray for our TLC Students: Shrinika. Jameson. Jeswika. Julia.

Other:

- Ukraine situation and the people of the Ukraine. Don't let Russia start war
- Bob L. – stroke
- Informative medical consultation on 2/21
- Peace and comfort for those grieving.
- Healing of emotional pain and trauma for all who are struggling
- Strength for Betty P's family as they cope with caring for her.
- Julianna T. and David T.
- A dear friend with diabetes having a toe amputation.

Healing

Good outcome from mammogram

Lauren B-"long haul" COVID

Andy

Matt Scott

Lee & Shirley Carroll

Gordy Lantz (husband of Rev. Sherry Lantz)

Father John Symonds of St. James Episcopal Church in D'Town.

Judy-cancer and husband Robert - COVID

Meg

Uncle Ken

Diana

Tom Zynn

Doris Kramer

Esther Mino

Carl Purcell

Leigh A.

Helen Pennell

Worship in-person with us at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings or livestreamed on-line via our YouTube channel or anytime afterward. Do not forget to leave comments and let us know where you are joining us from.

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

