



**THORNDALE**  
**United Methodist Church**

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*"If then there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit,  
any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.  
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit;  
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.  
Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."*

**Philippians 2:1-4 (NRSV)**

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January 25, 2022

Dear Thorndale Family of Faith,

The apostle Paul wrote to the early church in the midst of great adversity. Always encouraging them and bringing them back to the unchanging love of God. He reminded them they weren't alone, that the power of the Holy Spirit was at work among them, and they were better together. We find ourselves nearing the two year mark of Covid coming into our lives. There has surely been much change in the midst of the uncertainty that came with it. Some of it welcomed, and some not so much. Thankfully, the love of God through it all has not changed. God's love is the same, and it is what unites us. We have not come through this time alone, but together. We have come through it together because we are better together. In that we rejoice!

We are better together when we rejoice in the ways in which we've grown in our ability to adapt to the circumstances we find ourselves in. We are better together when we're committed to God's preferred future rather than our own interests. We are better together when each of us contributes our time, talents and treasures to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through our church. We are better together when we're grateful for God's grace, and when our lives reveal our gratitude through our words and deeds. We're better together when we live into God's climate of joy, whatever the weather may bring. We're better together when we're grateful for one another too. I'm grateful for each of you, for your faithful giving, and to be serving alongside you in this New Year.

When we rejoice in our being better together, the Holy Spirit moves more freely and that which we thought was impossible becomes possible. Proof of this is in our preschool, and we celebrate again our staff and students. We have spent this month teaching our preschool students during chapel time that we are united by God's love. Although we are different on the outside, we are the same on the inside. Although we have differences, God's love is deep and wide and draws us together. That never changes, it remains the same. God's love unites us, and because this is true we are to share God's love with others. This is the lesson our students will hear next month. I hope you'll enjoy the testimonies from some preschool parents on the back of this letter and share them with your friends and neighbors.

This year will surely bring challenges of it's own—may we be encouraged in Christ, comforted from love, sharing in the Spirit, and know that we are better together—thanks be to God!

Pastor Shauna

# THORNDALE Learning CENTER

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



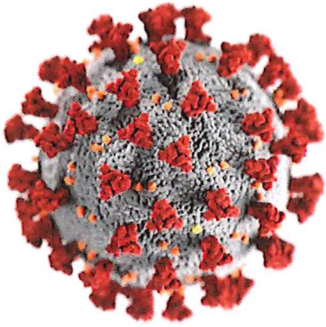
Enrichment is an extra class the children can enjoy each week. The 3-year old's have Enrichment on Monday mornings and the PreK classes have Enrichment on Tuesday afternoons until 3:00. Enrichment is a chance to do things that we do not have time for each day in our regular classes. In Enrichment there is a strong emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Each week is a new adventure in learning and fun. This month they have had a scavenger hunt and found all the items needed to build a fort. After building their forts they used their flashlights to learn about colors, lights, and shadows. They also painted with vegetables then made their own ranch dip and had veggies and dip. Both classes

enjoyed playing in shaving cream and playdoh and discovering their unique textures. They have also enjoyed baking treats to take home each week. Enrichment is a time to explore and learn about the world around us!



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR  
THE  
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Contact Laura Venezia at 484-356-6328 for additional information or to schedule a tour.



## UPDATE – COVID Safety Practices

Out of an abundance of caution, and for the health and welfare of our members and the surrounding community, we want to share with you that members of your COVID Task Force continue to monitor COVID case counts and positivity rates in our county as well as keeping abreast of any changes in CDC recommendations. As such, we will continue the following:

- **Masks** – shall be worn at all times while in the building. If you forget your mask there will be a supply at the door for your use.
- **Worship** – we will continue with social distancing of 6 feet or more among people who do not live together. We will continue to sing masked, social distanced, and with other safety protocols as recommended.
- **Communion** – we will continue with our pre-packaged, sanitized communion packets.
- **Church Office** – will remain open M-F 9am-2pm. Notification will be sent out if anything changes.

### **CDC recommends a step-by-step process for persons infected with COVID.**

#### **Persons should follow this course regardless of vaccination status:**

- Stay home for at least five days.
- If you have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after five days, you may leave your home. Persons should continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.
- If you have a fever, individuals should continue to stay home until the fever resolves.

#### **If you came in “close contact” with a COVID-19 case, your course of action depends on your vaccination status.**

1. Individuals who are unvaccinated, who have not received a booster, or who received their second dose of Moderna/Pfizer more than six months ago or their single dose of Johnson & Johnson more than two months ago should:

- Stay home for five days. After that, you should continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.
- If you cannot quarantine, you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- You should get a COVID-19 test on day five, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms, you should get a test and stay home.

2. Individuals who have received a booster shot after receiving a two-dose Moderna/Pfizer vaccine or a single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or who received their second dose of Moderna/Pfizer less than six months ago or their single dose of Johnson & Johnson less than two months ago should:

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Get a COVID-19 test on day five, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms, you should get a test and stay home.

## **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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**REMINDER:** Giving envelopes have arrived and are available for pick-up either during the week during office hours or on Sunday mornings. They are set-up on a card table in the Worship Center lobby numerically by your giving number. Thank you for your patience through the delivery delays and your faithfulness to continue your giving in creative ways.

**NEW!**

**The 2021 Giving Statements were mailed on Friday, January 28.**



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.*



### **Upcoming February Birthdays:**

2/15 – Josh Dwyer  
2/20 – David Almond  
2/23 – Ken Bates

2/17 – Becky Aaker  
2/22 – Gretna Crossan (address below)  
2/28 – Cyndy Munzenmayer

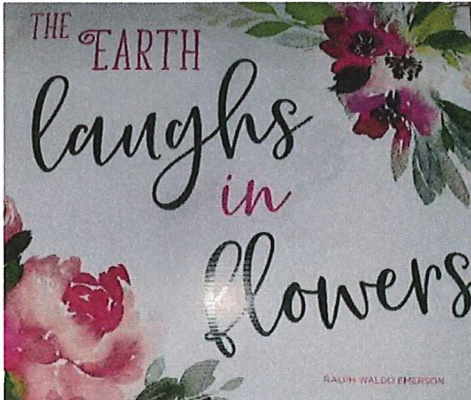
**Worship in-person with us at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings or livestreamed on-line via our YouTube channel or anytime afterward. Do not forget to leave comments and let us know where you are joining us from.**

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

## **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



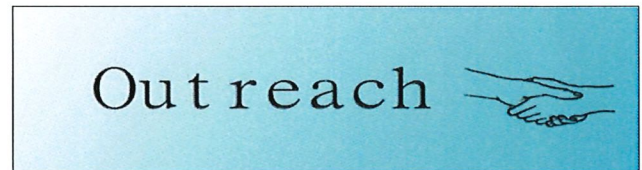
**The 2022 Flower calendar** has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office.

The following dates are available: Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27.  
March 6, 13 and 27.

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

## **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 generosity toward the children at Caln. Your donations of over 50 pairs of pajamas were deeply appreciated. I know the kids will be grateful for their warmth on these cold winter nights.

**Our February donation will be a collection of new hats and gloves.** All the hats and gloves that we donated last winter have been distributed and many children are coming to school in need of a hat and a pair of gloves. Any children's size will be appreciated.

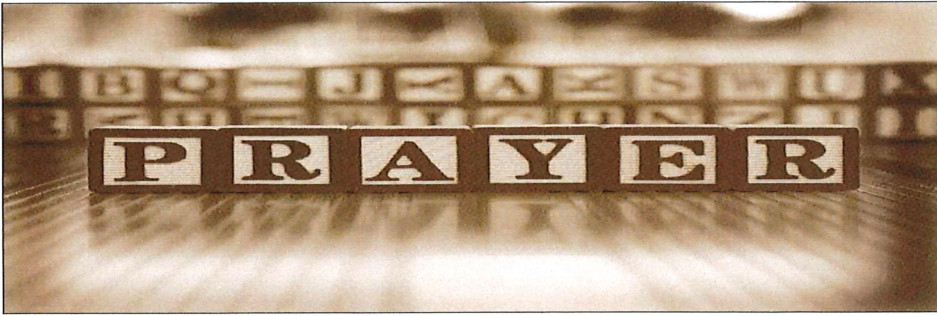
If you are able to donate in February, the collection bin will be right inside the door to the main parking lot each weekday from 9:00-2:00 to receive your donations. It will also be available on Sunday mornings. **Items will be due no later than Sunday, February 27.**

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

**Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator**

Through your generous donations, 96 pounds of food was received this month and taken to the CYWA for their food distribution. **THANK YOU!** In addition to the food, a bag full of toys was also taken.





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

- In prayer time.
- Video of baby eating first string beans. Children are such a gift!

**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

- Diane Huggler completed chemo and is cancer free
- Family and friends.
- Good Health
- Dennis' hip shot helped.
- My husband's patience
- Daughter better from COVID

**Condolences:** Pastor Tom & Sara Davis-Shappell on the passing of a dear friend.

**Treatment and Tests:** Gregg. Bonnie Whitehead.

**Hospitalizations:** Brother-in-law, Jack diagnosed with degenerative spinal disease

**Traveling:** Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad)

**Pray for our Staff:** Laura Venezia

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Prayer Team

**Pray for our Outreach Ministries:** Chester County Food Bank

**Other:**

- Dianne Armer on the passing of her husband.
- For a peaceful situation in Ukraine.
- Those losing jobs by the closing of Brandywine & Jennersville Hospitals.
- Hope Pastor had a good vacation.
- Home fire of distant relative.

**Healing**

Diana	Andy	Uncle Ken
Judi A.	Karen Moore	Carl Purcell
Chuck M. (Holly's cousin)	Michelle C.	Ed G.
Matt Scott	Tom Zynn	Beth Leslie-leg wound
TUMC & The UMC	Sister-in-law's mother	Paul V.
Lauren-COVID side effects	Esther Mino	Helen Pennell
Lee & Shirley Carroll	Craig Jordan	Betty S.-COVID
Bill Harold	Joanne K.	
Mr. Gordy Lantz (husband of Rev. Sherry Lantz)		
Father John Symonds of St. James Episcopal Church in D'Town.		