

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – March 11, 2022

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## Methodist presence (Source: UM News Digest)

The year 2019 marked the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodism in Eurasia. The origins were in the era of Russian imperial rule over the region. One early center was Uzhgorod, a city in far-western Ukraine, near the border with Slovakia, according to a history compiled by the (today's) neighboring Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe. The historical survey reports that in March 1923, the missionary organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the U.S., bought a building for the community in Uzhgorod. The United Methodist Church there is the oldest in Ukraine.



But Methodist church development in the area would be put on hold by the forces set loose by the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the onset of World War II. The Soviet Union extended its control over Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Providentially, the congregation in Uzhgorod survived Soviet rule, congregants being counted as members of the Methodist Church in Tallinn, Estonia, since they were not allowed to register as Methodists in Ukraine.

New opportunities followed the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989.

New congregations and student ministries emerged, assisted by Global Ministries' missionaries and Global Mission Fellows. Mission volunteer individuals and teams were welcomed; partner church ties were established with congregations in the U.S. and Western Europe, and considerable support came from the Mission Fund for Europe.

There were challenging political factors from the outset in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. While Ukraine declared its independence from Russia in 1991, relations with Moscow have been rocky over the years. In 2014, Russia seized and annexed the Crimea. That seizure resulted in the loss of five congregations to the Ukraine Annual Conference. The five were transferred to the South Russia Annual Conference since they were operationally no longer in Ukraine.

*A collaborative piece of art by Ukrainian Methodists, depicting a dove and olive branch. PHOTO: Üllas Tankler*



# Stewardship

## 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.*

Our United Methodist Global Ministries has put out the following information on how to help the people of Ukraine:



“United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450**, UMCOR International disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can

be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check. Checks can be made out to TUMC with the following information placed on the memo line: **“Advance #982450-Ukraine”**.
- Cash in an envelope marked “Ukraine”.

**One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.**

**THANK YOU** for making a difference with your **AMAZON smile shopping**. We received \$12.85 for the past quarter through your designated shopping. Remember, it makes a difference with no additional cost to you! You shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7408418](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7408418)

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## HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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

### Upcoming Birthdays:

3/19 – Pat Moore  
3/22 – Barbara Rice

3/21 – Irene Farra  
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:**

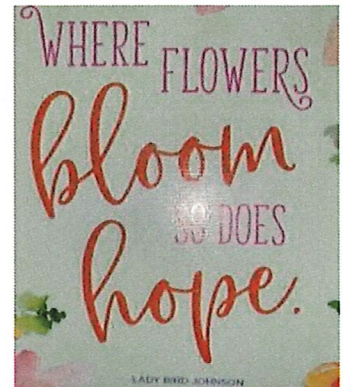
Listed below are our shut-ins and their mailing addresses if you would like to send them a card.

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
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



Shirley Hammons Newport Meadows, Christiana, PA 17509  
(We are waiting for specific room information from the family.)

The **2022 Flower calendar** has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office. Open dates begin in May. Thank you for your continued sponsorship of our altar flowers. Sign up early so you get your desired date. You can pay later as the date becomes closer.



Congratulations to Theresa Benjamin and Fran O'Neill on their marriage, March 12, 2022.



### **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.*

### **Easter Egg-stravaganza Update**

Thanks to the efforts of Irene Farra and Barb Byers, the plastic eggs are sorted and bagged into quantities of twenty-four per bag so that they are ready to fill with candy. There are two ways that

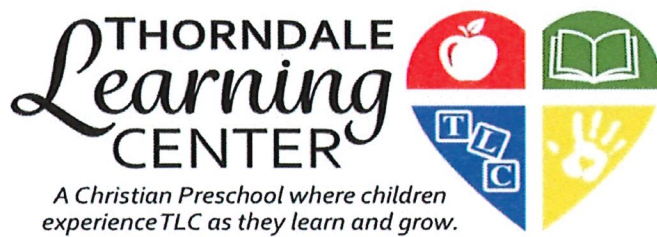


this can be done: you could pick up some empty eggs, buy some candy, and fill them or you could pick up some empty eggs and some donated candy, and fill them. Your donation of time is just as valuable as your donation of candy.

We will need five people who are willing to sit in the Worship Center on the day of the event and hand out candy. We will also need some people to man craft tables and some games. In our partnership with the preschool, some of the teachers will be helping with the event, and the director, Laura Venezia, will be present to represent the school and hand out materials about the ongoing registration for next school year.

Please continue to pray that the children who need to be impacted will be present and that the planning and execution of the Egg-stravaganza will be successful. Thank you for your willingness to be part of this outreach program.

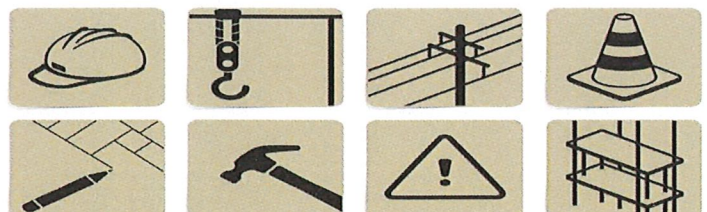
**Pat Moore**  
**Coordinator of Children's Ministries**



Our Pre-K class at chapel time with Pastor Shauna planting flower seed.



**It was Construction week at TLC this week!** The children "built" and "planted" and our PreK's learned how to zip their coats. TLC is building faith, friendships, and everyday life skills.







Our three-year old class of builders.



Learning to zip our coats by ourselves is very important.  
We have to be ready for kindergarten next year!



To the left, our PreK enrichment class building catapults



Our seed planting.



*We are ambassadors for Christ, called to share Him with our community and beyond*

### March Donations for Caln School – Snack Packs

*"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

Out reach



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. We were able to deliver 69 pairs of gloves, 79 hats, and 14 scarves for the Caln children. You were declared to be,



"Awesome as always!" 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.** Also, please avoid cookies or candy, if possible.

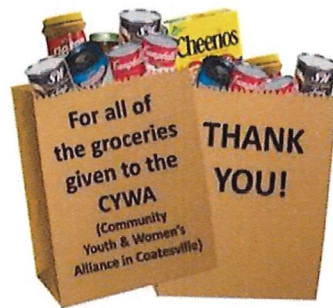
If you are able to donate in March, the collection bin will be inside the door each weekday from 9:00-2:00 to receive your donations. It will be in its usual location at the top of the stairs on Sundays.

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

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

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.

Donations to the food distribution at the CYWA may 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.



**SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Opening Day at Caln Little League**  
Stay tuned.

### **Annual Caln Clean Up Day:**

This year Caln Township's Clean Up Day will take place on **March 19 (rain date – March 26<sup>th</sup>)**. 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>



*"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."  
Jeremiah 31:25*

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

- For an almost filled church this morning!
- Watching the strength of the Ukrainians
- Monday morning at home.
- Being available to help a family friend.

**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

- Good results of PET scan for Greg
- Cardiac procedure for Glenn P went well
- Knee replacement surgery for Ken G went well
- Wonderful people of TUMC
- Brother home from hospital
- Family and Friends
- Nephews' engagement

**Condolences:**

- Continued prayers for Blacka, Burton and Beauchamp families on loss of brother-in-law, Jack
- Shirk family on the death of father
- Leslie family on the passing of Barbara on 3/08. (Linda's sister-in-law).
- Pantaleo family on the passing of Geno on 3/07.

**Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:**

Meg	Dennis B-hip surgery on 4/18	Mary Jane-3/16
Barb Byers-3/10		

**Traveling:**

Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).	Refugees from Ukraine
Sue Davis	Moore's and Clucks

**Pray for our Staff:** Hannah Smith

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Lead Team (Jim Arndt, Laura Arndt, Terry Moore, Rosemary Moore, Cheryl Faust)

**Pray for our Outreach Ministries:** Pastor Pablo and the local 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church

**Pray for our TLC Students:** Tyler. Yeshwin. Yohitaa. Yuvan. Nikolas. MaZiyah

**Other:**

- For the Bresler and Gershunov families still in Ukraine. These are the in-laws of a former co-worker of Pete Scotti.
- People of Ukraine and Russia



- For Bishop Eduard Khagay, bishop of both Russia and Ukraine (*may God give him the wisdom and grace that he needs in his ministry and leadership under these challenging circumstances.*)
- For world leaders making difficult decisions.
- Peace in the world
- For our church
- For a successful IVI
- Fun during the preschool's Read Across America week.

### **Healing**

Chuck M (Holly's cousin)

Jan & Carl Kline

Aunt Rosemarie-ICU in FL

Diana

Tom Zynn

Meg

Matt Scott

Helen Pennell

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

Judy-cancer and husband Robert – COVID

Michelle C.

John K & Jr Stokes

Rebecca-hysterectomy

TUMC & UMC

Craig J.

Uncle Ken

Doris Kramer

Lee & Shirley Carroll

Karen Moore

Andy

Meg

Esther Mino

Carl Purcell



**THIS WEEKEND:**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE  
THE BATTERIES IN BOTH  
YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS  
AND YOUR CARBON  
MONOXIDE DETECTORS.**

**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>**