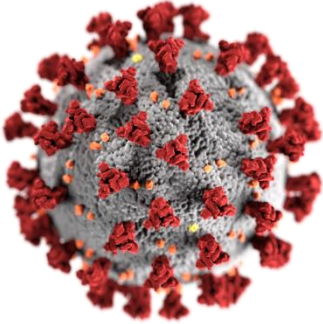


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UPDATE – COVID Safety Practices

The current Chester County Covid risk level is listed as low per the new CDC matrix. here are the updated recommendations made from your COVID Task Force and approved by your Lead Team members.

Beginning Sunday March 20th:

- **Masks** are optional for entry into the building.
- **Masks** are optional for worship EXCEPT masks must be worn when singing.
- Anyone who is not vaccinated, is encouraged to wear a mask.
- Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a mask may do so.
- Social distancing continues to be encouraged.
- Attendance will continue to be taken should contact tracing be necessary.
- The praise band and pianist/vocalist who are on/near the platform may continue to sing without mask since we have provided significant social distancing for them.

Your Covid task force will continue to monitor the county's Covid risk level and make recommendations as needed if the risk level increases.

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>



March 20 – UMCOR Sunday

A Moment for Mission

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” Isaiah 55:1, NRSV

Today we celebrate UMCOR Sunday, an opportunity to share the goodness of life with those who hurt.

“In the United States, the [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#) works with each conference’s disaster-response ministry to provide financial assistance through emergency grant funding, as requested by the bishops of the affected conferences,” said Roland Fernandes, general secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR. After Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana, Mississippi and the Northeast last August and September, conference disaster-response coordinators received solidarity grants to help with immediate needs, providing food, water, cleaning supplies and other forms of emergency assistance.

The agency also offered assessment and training to affected conferences, fostering connections among UMCOR’s large network of nonprofit partners and volunteers.

Other domestic disasters benefiting from UMCOR’s outreach in 2021 included torrential rains and flash flooding in Tennessee, Hurricane Henri in New England, Tropical Storm Fred in North Carolina, the Surfside apartment building collapse in Florida, and flooding, winter storms and wildfires in the western United States.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope that can guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God’s people to strengthen Christ’s loving presence in a hurting world.

Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday are essential! Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step with faithful determination into a grace-filled new beginning.

Through our special offering on Sunday, we will help UMCOR do its important job – at home or far away. Our gifts become the hands of Jesus, reaching out to neighbors in need. ***All donations will be forwarded to the Ukraine Advance.***

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

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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 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.

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.)



Congratulations, Theresa and Fran



We survived visits from the Leprechaun and enjoyed a week of everything green!

Happy St. Patrick's Day from
Thorndale Learning Center



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

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

Out reach



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

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 9TH

Pancake Breakfast on Opening Day for Caln Little League

7AM – 11 AM

Help is needed! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. It will be in the office during the week so please call to sign-up. Please sign-up to help for whatever time you can give. This is an annual event where we welcome our neighbors and have an opportunity to

share Christ’s love.

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church Community Prayer for Ukraine

• Saturday, March 19 - 10AM

392 Charles Street
Coatesville, PA 19320

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

- Cardinals at feeder

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Marriage of Theresa Benjamin and Fran O'Neill
- Return of Esther this week

Condolences:

- Cindy Marshall on the passing of husband Phil
- Bobbie's daughter Amy on the passing of her husband from car accident.
- Cheryl VanHorn on the passing of her father, Robert McLennan

Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

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

Traveling:

Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).
Moore's and Clucks
Brian Faust-GA for training

Refugees from Ukraine
Stan and Karen Reaves

Pray for our Staff: Laura Venezia

Pray for our Ministry Team: Worship Planning

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Coatesville Area School District

Pray for our TLC Students: Aarav. Ayann. Annamay. Berryck.

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 Khegay, 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.
(*God of wisdom, rain down your Spirit onto the leaders of the world that they might find a way where there is no way.*)
- Peace in the world

Healing

Chuck M (Holly's cousin)

Janet & Carl Kline

Tom Zynn

Uncle Ken

Matt Scott

Lee & Shirley Carroll

Cousin Tom-from knee transplant surgery

Judy-cancer and husband Robert-COVID

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

Michelle C.

John K & Jr Stokes

Craig J.

Carl Purcell

Doris Kramer

Tina

Karen Moore

Cousin Dale with lung cancer

Meg

Terry Burke

Helen Pennell

A Prayer for Ukraine by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Faith Vigil of Peace in Ukraine, ECLA.

O Lord, God of Life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. AMEN.

