

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – March 25, 2022

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Good Afternoon, TUMC,

I wanted to share what a joy it was for me to preside over a very brief special Charge Conference for Hopewell UMC last week. Their Church Council meets at 7:30 am and it was wonderful to see many familiar faces serving in leadership. Some of them would be familiar to you too as you recall the sharing we had from our brothers and sisters about the mission in Haiti in which they are engaged. They shared with us several months ago and brought an invitation for us to consider joining them in this good work. Our response was to commit a portion of our Christmas offering to purchase a sewing machine for the Hopewell Training Center. The sewing class they offer there has grown from a handful of students to 35 this year, all of whom had to share just two sewing machines. I received this letter of thanks for that gift from my friend, Jim Kreher, after that early morning meeting. He serves as the Finance Chair at Hopewell and he's one of the leaders of the Haiti mission team. I'm including some photos on the next page for you to see the difference being made.

Gratefully, Pastor Shauna

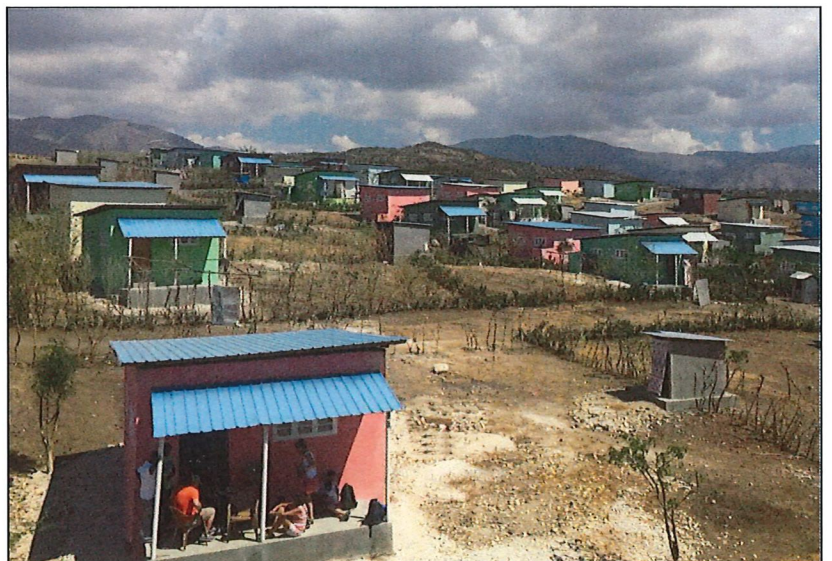
Hi Shauna - It was good to see you this morning during Hopewell's Charge Conference. Thanks for rising with the rest of us and lending your hands and your heart.

Cash (the manager of the Hopewell Training Center) has sent us a number of pictures and videos of the new sewing class in the past two weeks. Your presence this morning was exactly the push I needed to put them on a USB stick, then to put them in the mail to you. I augmented Cash's new pictures with a few other items I thought you might find of interest.

...I've shared the .jpg labelled "House of Prayer with Background" for Context. This pink cinderblock building is home base for all ministry. That building serves as the House of Prayer/Church and the Hopewell Training Center (HTC). All worship and all photos/videos that I've included take place on that property. That photo was taken March '17.

...There is a folder named, Sewing Class 1. The folder includes 3 videos of a Fashion Show featuring the students wearing what they have made. The Fashion Show took place Dec. '19 about one-half-way through the two-year sewing class curriculum for the first class. The folder named Sewing Class III contains photos and videos Cash has shared within the last 30 days of the new sewing class (Class III).

We purchased 0.5 acres of land for \$1000 a couple of years ago with the intent of building and moving into a larger, more secure, permanent structure. Fast forward to today. The ministry currently occupies 4 of these cinderblock structures. At the time, we didn't have any inkling where God would lead this ministry or how quickly the ministry would grow. An adjacent acre of property has recently been acquired for something less than \$2000. The photos in the folder, "Land for New Ministry Center" are photos of the two adjoining parcels of land.



View from the Hopewell Training Center

When you started this ministry in 2014, who knew where this was going and what the future holds.

Thank you, Jim Kreher



The students
of the Sewing Class
at the Hopewell Training Center
in Haiti



Sewing classes in progress.



Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 4

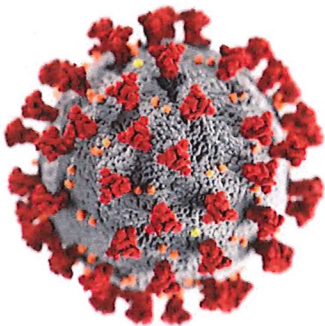
"We often believe we are the problem."

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>

HOLY COMMUNION next Sunday, April 3rd!

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in worship at **9:15 am**. We'll offer an **afternoon drive through option at 12:30 pm** as well. Simply drive to the back parking lot where you'll receive directions. You may remain in your car and we'll come to you!



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.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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



Upcoming Birthdays:

3/28 – MaryJane Hipple

4/2 – Ken Battin

4/3 – Barbara Sielski

4/4 – Lanna Cox – 100th

Let's throw Lanna a card shower for her 100th birthday. Her address is 288 Loomis Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320-2330



LAST CALL for Easter Flowers! Purchase your Easter Lilies for \$12 each for a 6-inch pot. Call the office at 610-384-2433 or email office@thorndaleumc.org to place your order in honor or memory of loved ones.

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, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, 41 Newport Avenue Christiana, PA 17509
Ivan Purcell	Regal Heights Healthcare, Room 7A, 6525 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707



Shirley Hammons, Newport Meadows, Room 108C, 41 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509

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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You shop. Amazon gives.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Save the Date
Rain or Shine
April 2, 2022
1:00 – 2:30

In the Worship Center at Thorndale UMC

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 Eggstravaganza Update

Thank you to all who sorted eggs, purchased candy and stuffed eggs for our Eggstravaganza. It surely takes a village!

We are still in need of 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 staff craft tables and game tables. 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 Eggstravaganza 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

April/May Donations 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

Out reach



Thank you for your amazing support of our March collection. I know first-hand that the children do not look forward to standardized testing (neither do their teachers!). They do, however, enjoy the snack time which follows. Your generous donations will allow them to look forward to that break.

Our April/May collection will be books for summer reading. Studies indicate that students who don't read, or read infrequently, during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. Children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who have not read over the summer.

To help the children at Caln keep their reading skills sharp, **we will be collecting new or gently used children's books for our April/May donation.** Any book suitable for an elementary age child is acceptable, however, because it is a public school, we cannot include religious stories. If you need suggestions, a book list can be found at the end of this newsletter. Copies can also be picked up from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week. **Books are due Sunday, May 15.** Note that this collection does not run until the end of May. The early cut-off date will allow the teachers time to sort and select books for each child.

If you are able to donate for the April/May collection, the 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.

This will be our last collection for this school year. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator



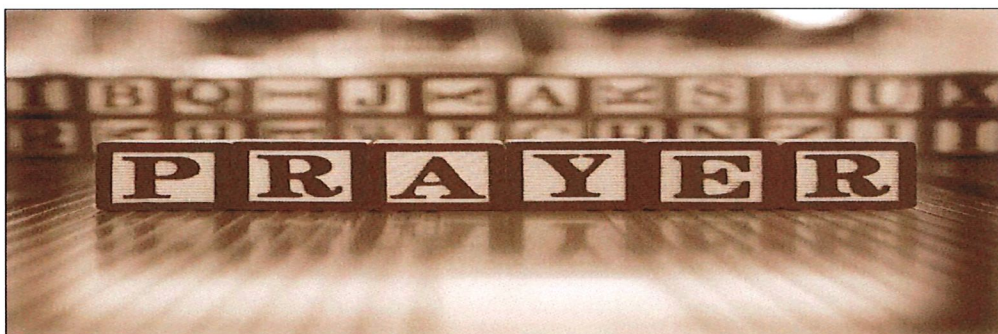
THE RED CROSS NEEDS ALL TYPES OF DONORS!

Donations have declined 10% since the beginning of the pandemic. Can you help? Sign up here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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. **82 pounds of food was donated this month to the CYWA.**

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.



"When you draw close to God, God will draw close to you." James 4:8

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

- Seeing our forsythia starting to bloom.
- Blooming daffodils.
- Positive cheerful attitude of customers
- Energy to accomplish multiple tasks.
- Sharing a meal with a friend.
- Birthday dinner with family as Beth turns 33.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Parents home from Aruba
- Signs of spring: crocuses, daffodils, robins, budding trees.
- Good results for MRI.
- Worship, Music.

Condolences:

- Blacka family on death of brother-in-law Jack
- Joe Mammarella family.
- Stepdad, loss of his sister.

Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

Meg	Dennis B-hip surgery on 4/19	Mary Jane-3/30
Fred	Barry G.	Friend, Deb-upcoming knee surgery
Mark E.		

Traveling:

Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).	Refugees from Ukraine
Katy Hanks and Kramers.	Brian Faust-returning home from GA.

Pray for our Staff: Josh Dwyer

Pray for our Ministry Team: Shepherd Team

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Atkinson Teams

Pray for our TLC Students: Dylan. Ensley. Emily. Future students and staff.

Other:

- Good results of MRI. Bell family.
- For us to grow our family. Chris & Mike Kramer
- For safe home renovation that stays on time.
- Snyder family having to make end of life decisions.
- Prayers for hope for Ukrainian people.
- 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 Refugees fleeing Ukraine
- 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

Andy	Diana	Chuck M (Holly's cousin)
Michelle C.	Karen Moore	Phillip Byers
Tom Zynn	Meg	Amy
Uncle Ken	Carl Purcell	Matt Scott
Doris Kramer	Helen Pennell	Lee & Shirley Carroll
Tina	Todd, Deborah & Sarah Hanks	

Friend's mother-stroke
Judy-cancer and husband Robert-COVID
Father John Symonds of St. James Episcopal Church in D'Town.



Christ's love.

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 to help for whatever time you can give. This is an annual event where we welcome our neighbors and have an opportunity to share

2022 Spring Food Sale
 April 9, 2022

Holy Ghost Ukrainian
 Orthodox Church

See flyer at Welcome Center
 or on the table at the
 front door.

*Proceeds support the Ukrainian
 Humanitarian Aid*





Join us for Boy Scout Troop 116
summer camp fundraiser

**Spaghetti Dinner
& Bake Sale**

Friday April 8th

5-7 pm

Hibernia United Methodist Church
220 Hibernia Rd. Coatesville

Take out available

Tickets : \$10 per person

Ticket includes one spaghetti dinner,
salad, bread, and a beverage. Gluten
free and vegetarian options available
with advanced notice at time of ticket
purchase.

Tickets can be purchased from any
troop 116 scout or by emailing
Troop116tickets@gmail.com

all proceeds go towards ensuring that
every scout has the has the
opportunity to attend summer camp



Books for Caln

These titles are just suggestions. Any K-5 level book, new or gently used, will be appreciated.

<u>Suggestions K-Grade 1</u>	<u>Suggestions Grade 2-3</u>
Goodnight Moon	Owl Moon
Frog and Toad	Where the Wild Things Are
Stellaluna	Seven Blind Mice
Olivia	Alexander and theTerrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Where's Spot?	The Stray Dog
Owl Moon	Chicken Sunday
The Relatives Came Home	Stellaluna
No, David!	A Chair for Mother
Click Clack Moo	The Popcorn Book
Officer Buckle	Diary of a Worm
Miss Nelson is Missing	Puss In Boots
A Chair for Sam	The Ugly Duckling
Where the Wild Things Are	Inch by Inch
Have You Seen My Duckling?	Chicken Little
Three Little Pigs	The Polar Express
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	The Lorax
The Mitten	Going Home
Blueberries for Sale	Chrysanthemum
The Grouchy Ladybug	Shrek!
The Ugly Duckling	Rotten Ralph
Stone Soup	Millions of Cats
	Jumanji
	Roxaboxen
	The Snowman

<p><u>Suggestions Grade 4 and 5</u></p> <p>Number the Stars</p> <p>The Giver</p> <p>Freedom Summer</p> <p>Black and White</p> <p>Ox-Cart Man</p> <p>Bud, Not Buddy</p> <p>Stone Fox</p> <p>Shiloh</p> <p>The Tale of Despereaux</p> <p>Sarah Plain and Tall</p> <p>Smoky Night</p> <p>Julie of the Wolves</p> <p>A Wrinkle in Time</p> <p>Charlotte's Web</p> <p>The Yellow Star</p> <p>Smile</p>	<p>Popular Series:</p> <p>Magic Tree House</p> <p>A-Z Mysteries</p> <p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</p> <p>Babysitters Club</p> <p>Junie B. Jones</p>
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