

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – March 4, 2022

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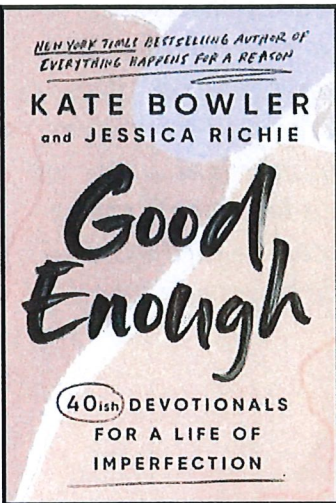
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Dear TUMC Family of Faith,

Life is hard and feels a bit overwhelming right now. It feels very imperfect! The images of war are hard to take in, the uncertainty of so much is still looming, and the losses of what once was are why we need each other now more than ever. Our Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday and continues on Sunday with our worship series for this season, *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith*. This series is based on the recent book from Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, "Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection." We have some books available in the office for \$15 if you'd like a copy of your own, and we're offering two small group opportunities. We know that our faith is strengthened when we carve out time for prayer and conversation with one another in smaller group settings. Consider making this a new spiritual practice for yourself. I know you'll be encouraged by this experience and hope you'll consider joining us for one of them. Looking forward to the hope this season imparts to us all.

In Christ, Pastor Shauna



Small Group Opportunities—Join Us!

Wednesday Evenings—6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 13 Led by Pastor Shauna

—OR—

Thursday Afternoons—2:30 pm in-person or via Zoom

March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14 Led by Cheryl Faust

A Blessing for Beginning a New Spiritual Practice

"Blessed are we who are trying a new thing, though we can't quite see the whole of it. That's the beauty of the life of faith. We start in the middle, at the heart center of an unspoken desire to live into the glimpse we've had of You and of Your goodness.

Blessed are we who ask You to be the guide as we begin to build from here and create a stronger, more flexible rule of life. Trusting that you are trying to foster life in us.

Blessed are we who remember that we will fall short.

We will fail, but that doesn't mean we are ruined. We simply pick up and begin again.

Blessed are we, willing to be beginners all over again.

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

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.



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



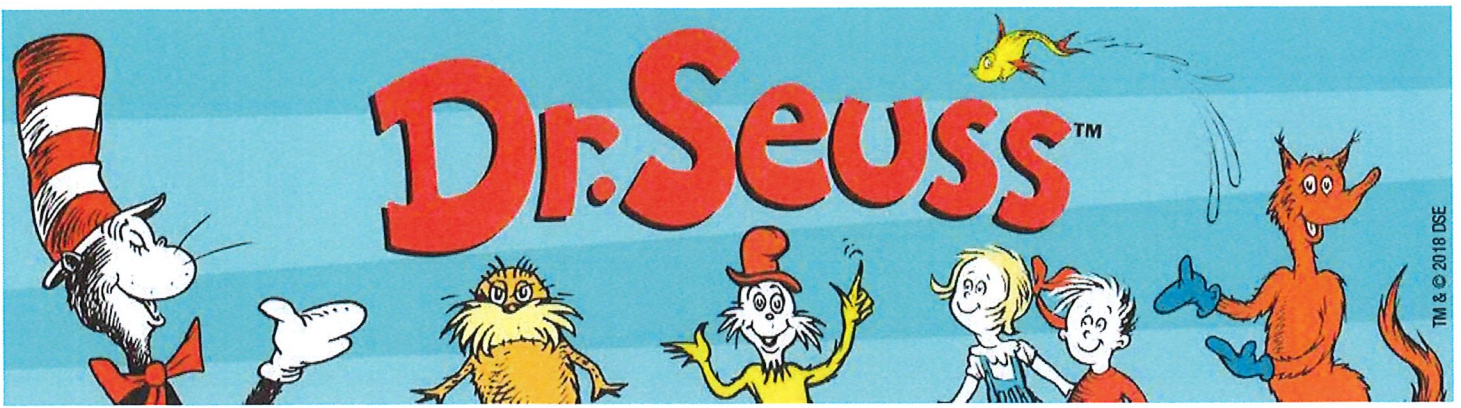
We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula 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.

Easter Eggstavaganza

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

Saturday
April 2, 2022
1:00 – 2:30

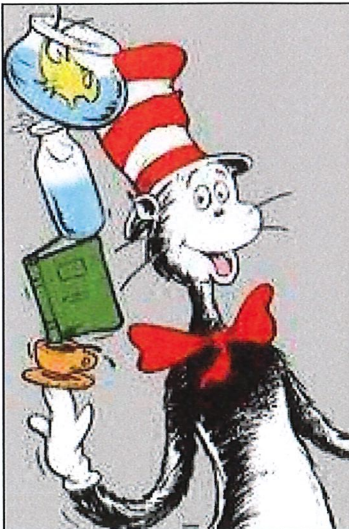
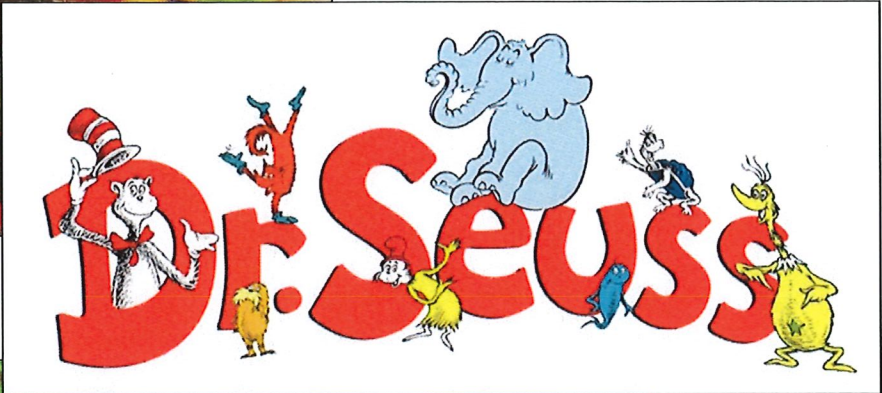
In the Worship Center at Thorndale UMC



It was Dr. Seuss Week for our Preschool!

Our students enjoyed some guest readers—do you recognize them?





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.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

3/05 – Theresa Benjamin

3/06 – Linda Munzenmayer

3/09 – Samantha Smith

3/22 – Barbara Rice

3/05 – David VanHorn

3/09 – Jamie Ridge

3/19 – Pat Moore

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:

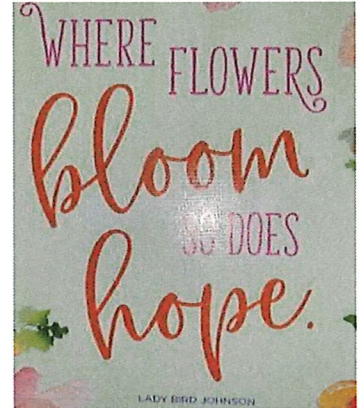
Listed below are our shut-ins and their mailing addresses if you would like to send them a card.

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
(waiting for additional 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.



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.**

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. **Your donations to CYWA were 108 pounds in February.**

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
Opening Day at Caln Little League
Stay tuned.

Atkinson Report

Should we show Christ's love through serving others? YES! This is a wonderful way to show the message and love of Christ to others.

On Friday, February 25th, Team 2 members were busy in their kitchens preparing and then delivering the following for the residents at the Atkinson Men's Homeless Shelter in Coatesville: Salisbury Steak with gravy, Rolls and Butter, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and tossed spring salad with dressing. Dessert was a variety of Cookies that included Snicker Doodles, Double Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip and Peanut Butter. WOW! Regular and Diet Iced Tea and Water completed the menu.

Team 3 will prepare the meal on March 25th. Thank you for your prayers for the men and staff of the Shelter and for our TUMC team members.

"And let us consider one another unto love and to good works." Hebrews 10:24a.
Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina

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>



*"Holy One, Merciful God,
make yourself known to us.
Be present with us in this
often-troubled journey of life.
Create in us hearts that are
open to transformation. Give
us the patience of practice in
this Lent season-ordering our
days with time enough for
you. Amen*

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

- Beauty of my Heather bushes in winter.
- For the sale and settlement of Lois's house.
- In our Ash Wednesday worship services.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

- Jacob G – does not need surgery
- Family and Friends
- Brother Carol recovering from COVID
- The generosity of the congregation for the children at Caln.

Condolences:

- Continued prayers for Blacka, Burton and Beauchamp families on loss of brother-in-law, Jack
- Abruzzese family.
- Kubilus family on the death of daughter and mother Tracey 45 years of age.
- John Gunther on the passing of his sister Jean (family friend of the Oberholtzer's)

Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

- Meg
- Dennis' appointment with surgeon will yield hip surgery
- Barbara L.
- Pam V – kidney stones
- Betty S.
- Glenn P-cardiac procedure on 3/09
- Ken G-knee procedure on 3/09.

Traveling:

- Olivia Kurtz-Dublin IR (study abroad).
- Daughter Lara and husband Amirir Mofidi driving from CA (2/24-2/27)
- Brian Faust-training in GA through March 26.
- Refugees from Ukraine
- Niece Kayla and her three children flying to GA on 3/8 to reunite with husband who is returning from Kuwait.
- Joann Bodnar from FL.

Pray for our Staff: Cheryl Faust

Pray for our Ministry Team: Building & Grounds Team (Terry Moore, Stan Reaves, and Pat Moore)

Pray for our Outreach Ministries: Thorndale Learning Center

Pray for our TLC Students: Marjorie. Nicholas. Ryan. Sohan.

Other:

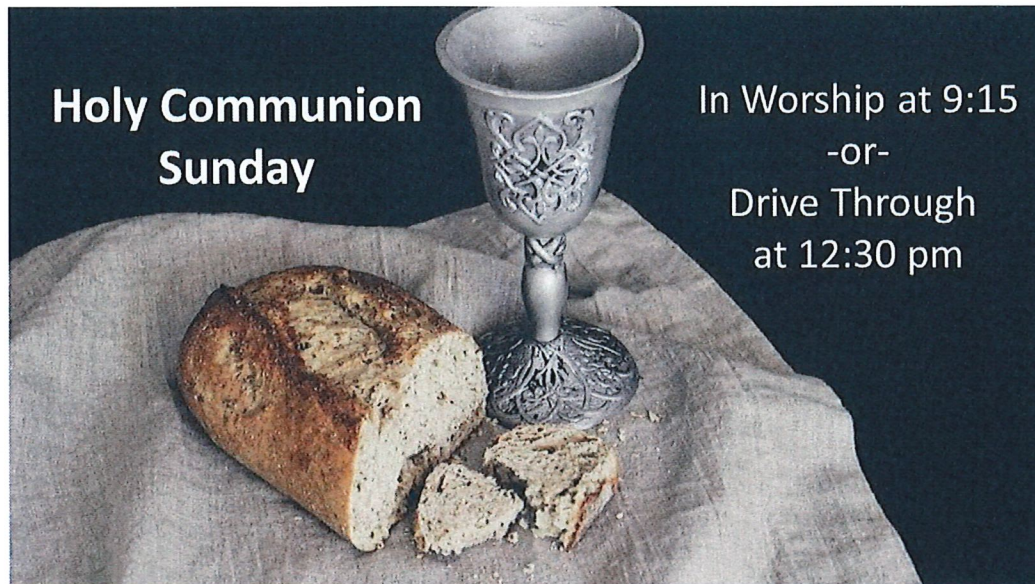
- For the Bresler and Gershunov families still in Ukraine. These are the in-laws of a former co-worker of Pete Scotti.
- People of Ukraine
- For world leaders making difficult decisions.
- For the caregivers of people with cognitive challenges.
- For those grieving loss.

Healing

Andy
John, following toe amputation
Craig J.
Meg
Matt Scott
Chuck M (Holly's cousin)
Helen Pennell
Those dealing with illness.
Gordy Lantz (husband of Rev. Sherry Lantz)
Father John Symonds of St. James Episcopal Church in D'Town.
Judy-cancer and husband Robert - COVID

Diana
Karen Moore
Bonnie W.
Uncle Ken
Tom Zynn
Michelle C.
Lee & Shirley Carroll
From strife in the world and our lives.

Jacob-bruised knee
Tom B.
Esther Mino
Carl Purcell
Doris Kramer



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>