

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – September 16, 2022

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State of the Church

Pastor's Report for Charge Conference 2022

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

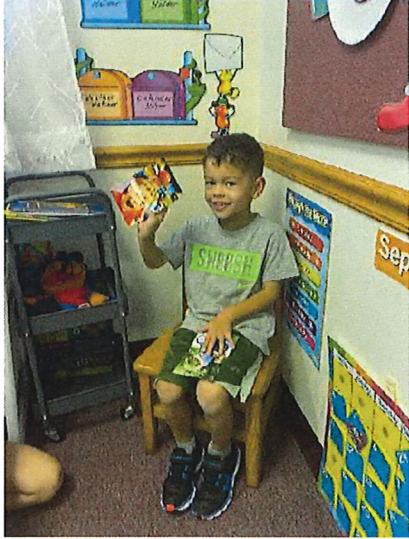
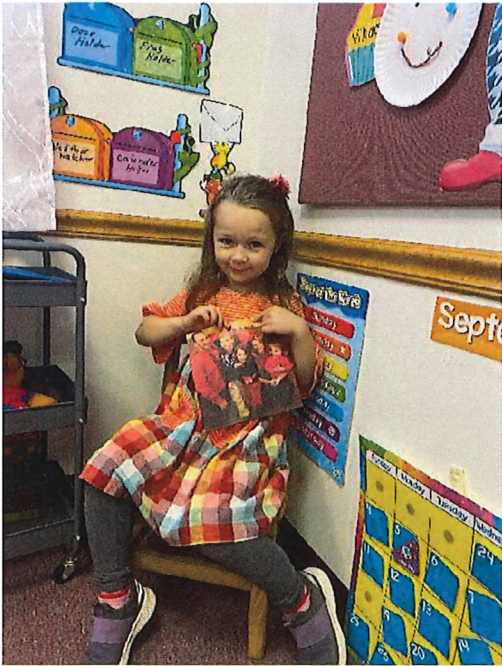
The Lord's Prayer

One of the tasks for leaders in the church is to celebrate the past, as we live in the present, and move forward into the future. We do this together as the body of Christ. We do this when we remember the body of Christ was formed from humble beginnings as those who first walked with Jesus gathered to learn from him. We become the body of Christ when we humble ourselves and gather with open hearts and minds to learn from him now. We're learning about the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray through our series on The Lord's Prayer. We're being encouraged to live into the rhythm of "ora et labora," to pray and work. As we work and we pray, and pray and work, this prayer shapes our hearts and leads us into action. We pray for God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done in and through us. We work to close the gap between the way the world is and the way God intended for it to be.

I celebrate with you the ways in which we are praying and working. We give God thanks and praise for all God has done to bring us to this point in time, and we remember God's faithfulness, especially through the challenges of this day. We acknowledge the needs of our building, but cannot get sidetracked by them. We need this building, and we need every member of the body. I'm so very thankful for each of you, for each of the gifts we received toward the A/C units, for every cent received toward our plan for ministry, and for the 40 students and their families we're able to serve through our preschool. We lift up the good work of our Building and Grounds, Finance and Children's teams, and all our staff and leaders, and we pray for renewed strength for the ministries of Community Care and Small Groups. Though we have lost some of our members, we are still one body. We are still the church learning from Jesus today. We are united in Christ and bound together by his Holy Spirit, and I want us to trust that God is still guiding us, Jesus is still leading us, and the Holy Spirit is still empowering us all.

As I reflect and celebrate with you, we must also remember that the Spirit that binds us together, also unites us in purpose. Though the challenges of change in our culture and within our denomination are real, we must commit and re-commit ourselves to loving and serving God and our neighbors. Our purpose is to know the love of Christ and to make that love for all known. This will require creativity, innovation, a sense of urgency, determination and teamwork. I believe with my whole heart that when the people of God work together in this way, there are no limits to what God will do for us and through us! I remain committed to the training and learning needed to lead and serve well, and I hope you'll commit to some new learning and serving this year too. Though we are many, may we be one, united in purpose and passion—so that, God's kingdom comes and God's will is done here on earth as it is in heaven!

Serving Christ with all of you,
Pastor Shauna



This week at Thorndale Learning Center

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.



GIANT GROCERY Cards are available for purchase in the office on Sunday mornings or during the week. Current denominations available are: \$100, \$50, \$25, \$20, \$15, and \$10.

Our church earns 5% on the sale of each gift card.

Thank you for your purchases.

ACME GROCERY GIFT CARDS: We have two Acme gift cards to sell. One each in the following denominations: \$100 and \$50. If you would like to purchase one or both, see Cheryl on Sunday morning or during office hours.

Out reach



OUTREACH

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

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU.
Together, you donated 175 pounds of food this past month to CYWA who distributes to those in need in our community.

CYWA can always use the following for their food distribution: Spaghetti Sauce flavored with Meat, Peanut Butter, tuna, or any other non-perishable protein item. Items can be placed in the brown basket located inside the front door.



September Collection
for Caln Elementary School
SOCKS and UNDERWEAR – Sizes 4T – 16
Due by September 25th

CALN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY

“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 amazing response and the obvious thought that you put into the selection of school supplies for the children at Caln. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our friends at Hibernia UMC for joining us in this donation. I am sure you will once again be declared, “awesome”!

Our collection for September will be socks and underwear. **Underwear in children's sizes 4-16 and children's socks** are an ongoing need and will be very much appreciated.

If you are able to donate in September, the collection bin will be inside the door each weekday (except Labor Day) 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 are due Sunday, September 25.

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

HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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



New Phone Directories are available for pick-up. They will be located in the office during the week and at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Thank you so much to all those who helped edit and proof our new directory. It truly was a team effort!

Upcoming Birthdays:

9/18 – Patsy Beavers	9/21 – Ben Eaton	9/22 – Pastor Shauna
9/24 – Stephenie Grater	9/25 – Susan Baker	9/28 – Ted Dailey
9/30 – Linda Leslie	9/30 – Holly Orr	9/30 – Riley Battin

SHUT-INS:

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

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
Dot Johnson	Harrison House, Room 111, 300 Strode Avenue, East Fallowfield, PA 19320
Ivan Purcell	66 Willow Place, Newark, DE 19702
Carl Purcell	193 Cantebury Road, Milford, DE 19963
Shirley Hammons	Newport Meadows, Room 108C, 41 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509

The 2022 Flower calendar has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office. **Open dates begin in October.** 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.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



COUNTRY FAIR

Hibernia

United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 24th

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Renovations have been made to the original church.

Tours will be provided on this day.

Friends FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 8

9AM-4PM

Downingtown Friends Meeting

800 Lancaster Avenue

Downingtown, PA



THORNDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Open House & Scavenger Hunt

October 12, 2022

6:30PM-8:30PM

3611 East Lincoln Highway

Thorndale, PA



Mental Health FIRST AID

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. An in-person class to learn how to recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD) along with common signs and symptoms of substance use will be held on **Saturday, October 22 from 8:30am-2:30pm at Downingtown UMC**, 751 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown. Flyer information can be found on the bulletin boards with the QR information to access the registration site.

Additional topics to be covered include: How to understand how to interact with a young person in crisis; know how to connect a young person to help, and Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

October 29, 2022

1:00-3:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

We will be looking for trunk hosts and candy purchasers real soon. Contact Pat Moore at patriciajrn@verizon.net or at 484-340-0676.



Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13



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

- Walking a small distance at home
- In all living things

Praise:

- Daughter's pregnancy.
- Norma's birthday

Condolences:

- Kevin Leslie on the passing of his wife Chris. (Linda Leslie's nephew.)
- Royal Family
- Bobbie Polovina's extended family on the death of her cousin Nancy

Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

Daniele	James Wescott	Judy-eye
Fran-chemo treatments	Donna Johnson-knee 9/12	Valerie-Hip 9/14
Sharon W.	Chuck M. (Holly's cousin)	Barb Byers-9/17

Traveling Mercies:

- Stan and Karen Reaves-traveling next three weeks.
- For Lauren as she travels for her job this week.

Pray for our Ministry Team: Staff Parish Team
(Laura Arndt, David Almond, Emily Kopp, and Alan Oberholtzer)

Pray for our Outreach Ministry: Atkinson Teams

Pray for our Staff: Pastor Shauna (birthday 9/22)

Other:

- Peace and comfort for Meg and family.
- Peace for Vickie dealing with a co-worker
- All those who have lost their homes and everything due to fires, floods, earthquakes.
- Help for the people of Ukraine
- Val, recent cancer diagnosis; proper diagnosis and treatment. Family to have peace.

Healing

Wayne Barrows	Steve	Chloe
Libby-eye surgery	Sam Wilson	Tony D'eNardo
Michelle C.	Karen Moore	Peter
Andy	Phillip Byers	Barb Byers
Tom G.	Janet Baucom	Fran O'Neill

Helen Pennell
Jim VanHorn
Nancy & Ken McDowell
Lyle & Leone Norrbom
Deb Moore and family for peace and comfort.
Tom Zynn

Jesusine
Carl & Ivan Purcell
Val
Aggie

Nancy VanHorn
Lee & Shirley Carroll
Daniele
James Wescott
Cheryl

**Thank
you!**

"Thank you" have been words which Wayne Barrows has expressed and wanted expressed to his entire church family. He notes that your kindness has been expressed over and over through your cards and notes, phone calls and visits during this difficult time for him. He sends his love and says he cannot wait to be back in church with his family.

***We welcome the first day of
autumn on Thursday,
September 22***

