

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – October 23, 2022

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Dear TUMC Family of Faith,

We find ourselves in an election season once again, and we're seeing vitriol spewed from all sides. It is disheartening to say the least. I want to encourage us all to remember that Jesus is the ruler who reigns in our hearts and lives. He is the one we follow. He has set for us the example for how to be light in this dark world of such discord and division. He is the one who teaches us to how to live and love, and how to be kind and compassionate. He is the one who calls us to love our neighbor, even and especially those with whom we disagree.

Each and every one of us can make a difference in our homes and workplaces by demonstrating the love and kindness Christ calls us to share. Throughout the next few weeks, we'll join with our United Methodist brothers and sisters throughout the community in a different kind of campaign, the "Campaign for Kindness."

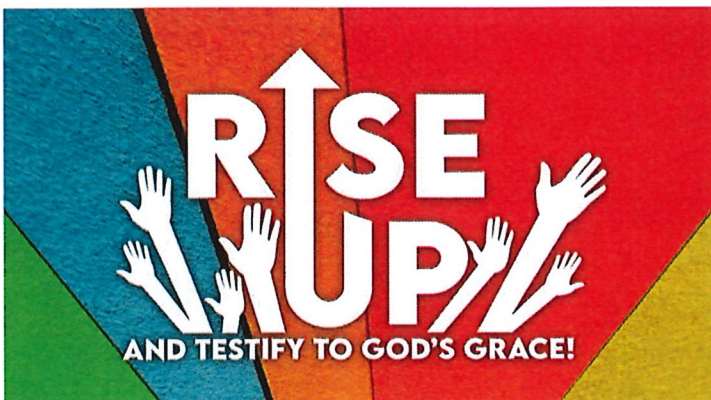
Join me in making an intentional commitment to love our neighbors by demonstrating intentional acts of loving kindness each and every day. We'll use this space over the next few weeks to share different ideas and extend invitations. I hope you'll have some ideas to share as well. I'd love for you to send them to me so we can share them here too. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in this good work with you!



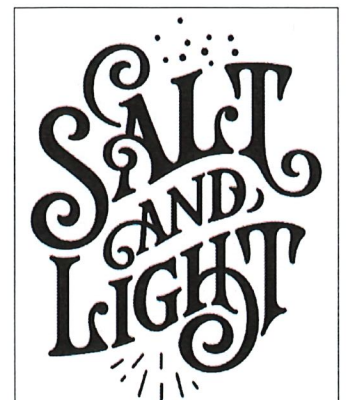
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for each member of your family a different day each week. | <input type="checkbox"/> Write a LinkedIn recommendation for someone you know.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a bigger tip for your next server.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate blood.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write or email a teacher who made a difference for your life.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone under 30 the strengths you see in them.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compliment the first 3 people you meet in a day.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Send a thank you note to your local fire dept.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post something positive and encouraging on social media.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Buy a sweatshirt or sweater for a child at Caln Elementary School. |

This is the kind of campaign we need right now. How will our neighbors know we are Christians? By our love, and by our kindness each and every day—let us pray...

**Loving Lord, in the way you see us, know us, extend grace to us, and forgive us—you are kind to us in ways we can only hope to understand. Help us cultivate your spirit of kindness in ourselves and reflect to others what you have given freely to us. Amen.**



*Last Sunday was last Sunday!  
I'm grateful to Renay Oberholtzer and Cheryl Faust for sharing their messages about being salt and light!*







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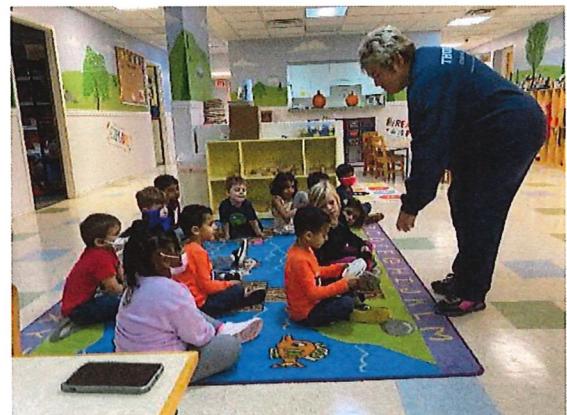
**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**

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On Monday, the Thorndale Fire Department visited our preschool. Firefighter Tom showed the children all the tools and equipment on the truck. We learned how the different types of equipment help the firefighters fight fire. The highlight of Firefighter Tom's visit was letting everyone get into the fire truck and look around! Firefighter Kim also visited us. She talked about the history of fire prevention week and fire safety at home. We learned how to check to see if your smoke detector is working and we were able to reach push the test button. We learned about stop, drop, and roll and that we should sleep with our doors closed. She concluded her visit by giving everyone a coloring book and a fire helmet. We all learned a lot and had a great time. We are looking forward to seeing them again at Trunk or Treat!





**THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU to all who have brought in non-perishable food items for both our CYWA collection and our outside food box. Keep those lights shining!**

## **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.*



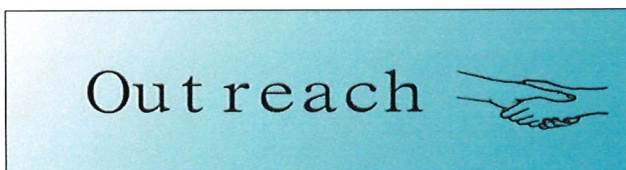
**October 29, 2022**  
**1:00-3:00 pm (Rain or Shine)**

It's almost here, and we are close to ready! We have fifteen trunks lined up as well as the fire truck and a balloon station. Candy donations are coming in so now we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the children.

It is not too late to sponsor a trunk or to donate candy, though. Please contact me to let me know about your trunk or donate your candy in the basket in the lobby of the Worship Center or to the office during office hours. We never have too many trunks or too much candy.

Please continue to pray for the event, that the weather might be good and that the children might have an amazing time.

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Coordinator of Children's Ministries  
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## **OUTREACH**

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

### **October Donations for Caln School – Zip-up Sweatshirts and Cardigan Sweaters**

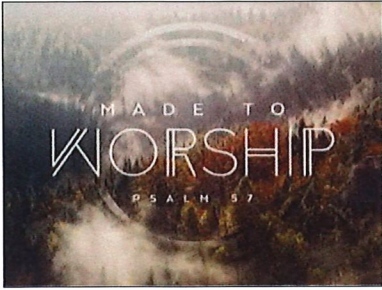
*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40 NIV*



Because of the generosity of online donations for Caln School, which are used to provide for unexpected or emergency needs, we were able to purchase several pairs of pants which were delivered along with our September collection.

Our collection for October will be **new zip-up sweatshirts and cardigan sweaters** in children's sizes 4T-16. ***If you purchase a pullover sweater or sweatshirt, please make sure it does not have a hood.***





## INSPIRED WORSHIP

*Out of our devotion to God we gather for worship, offering weekly services and other opportunities to praise God through song, prayer, giving and gratitude.*

This week we begin a new four-week series titled, "Releasing God's Blessings." We often think of blessings as things we receive. While it is true that God, by grace, freely gives us all that we have, we are not just passive recipients of God's blessings! Just as God blesses us through people in our lives, so does God promise to bless others through us. When we live from a place of gratitude for God's gifts and trust in God's provision, we can be agents of God's blessing in our world.

This week's scripture is 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 and our theme is "I Know Who I Am". Join us at 9:15 AM in -person or live streamed or watch at your convenience.

We will celebrate **All Saint's Day** with Communion on Sunday, November 6 at 9:15.

If you have lost a loved one this past year you will be invited to come and light a candle on their behalf during worship.

We will also offer drive thru communion at 12:30 PM



## INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

*Jesus commands us to make disciples, by teaching and encouraging all to grow in their faith.*

### Adult Study Invitation:

A new Bible study is beginning on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am. The class will be studying the book of Hebrews. We will meet in Room D1 on the lower level.

No experience or prior knowledge is needed to participate in the fellowship of learning more about God and Jesus. Contact David Dwyer at 610-383-7485 or [dedwyer3@gmail.com](mailto:dedwyer3@gmail.com) or Renay Oberholtzer at 610-873-7537 or [roberhol@verizon.net](mailto:roberhol@verizon.net)

### Dear TUMC Family,

October is Pastor Appreciation month, and we have a lot of reasons to show our appreciation. Pastor Shauna does so much to inspire, motivate, teach, guide, and share her love with our church and our community. Let's take this month to honor her and her love of mission work!



October is also Tackling Hunger Month, a time set aside each year to raise awareness of food insecurity. Not familiar with the concept of food insecurity? It refers to the fact that millions of people (two million in PA alone) don't know where they'll get their meals from each day.



If you are able to donate in October, 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, October 30.**



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



## **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.

**THANK YOU, Amazon Shoppers.** During the first six months of the year, Amazon has **donated \$35.80** from your on-line shopping and designating Thorndale UMC as your non-profit recipient. Keep on shopping! You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to TUMC by shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch23-7408418](https://smile.amazon.com/ch23-7408418) or with your AmazonSmile ON app.



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4. Review and submit your gift by clicking "submit."

From your Vanco online account, you can review your giving history, manage recurring donations, or update payment information. If you have questions about using Vanco Online, please contact the office. **Information is also available at the Welcome Center.**



## HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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

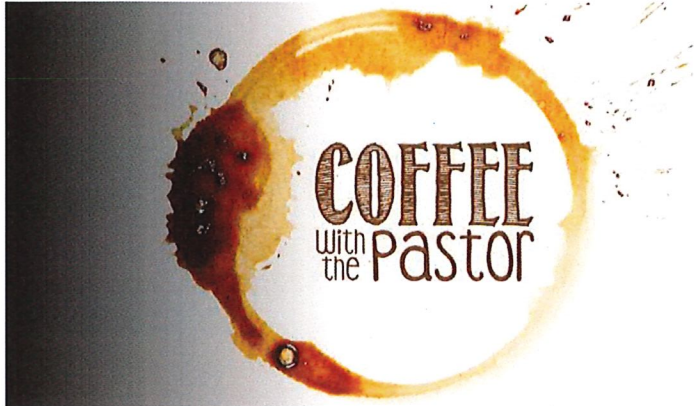


### **Upcoming Birthdays:**

10/24 – Stefanie Smith

10/29 – Martha Champlain

10/30 – Julie Smith



**OCTOBER 30 1:00 PM**  
**NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!**

Learn more about the mission and ministry at TUMC.

Downstairs in the conference room.

The Chester County Health Department launched its Community Health and Wellness Survey! They are very eager to start receiving responses.

The survey is conducted every three years. The purpose of the survey is to gather opinions about health and wellness needs in our community. It is open to everyone 15 years and older who lives, works, or goes to school in Chester County. The results will help them identify community strengths, prioritize health needs, and guide the development of community health improvement plan. All responses are confidential and anonymous.

**CHESTER COUNTY**  
**Community Health & Wellness Survey**

TAKE OUR QUICK SURVEY AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Open to everyone 15 years and older, the survey results will help focus our efforts on community health issues and initiatives that are important to you.

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**Please spread the word about the survey to your network.** This may include taking the survey yourself and then forwarding the survey link to your colleagues, friends, and family.

**Survey links:**

<https://bit.ly/HealthyChesco2022> (English)

### **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  
Richard Bohot  
Gretna Crossan

Hickory House, 3120 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA 19344  
St. Martha's Villa-Room 10, 490 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335  
Newport Meadows, Birch Unit, Rm. 206, 41 Newport Avenue  
Christiana, PA 17509

Dot Johnson  
Ivan Purcell  
Carl Purcell  
Shirley Hammons

Harrison House, Room 111, 300 Strode Avenue, East Fallowfield, PA 19320  
66 Willow Place, Newark, DE 19702  
193 Canterbury Road, Milford, DE 19963  
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.

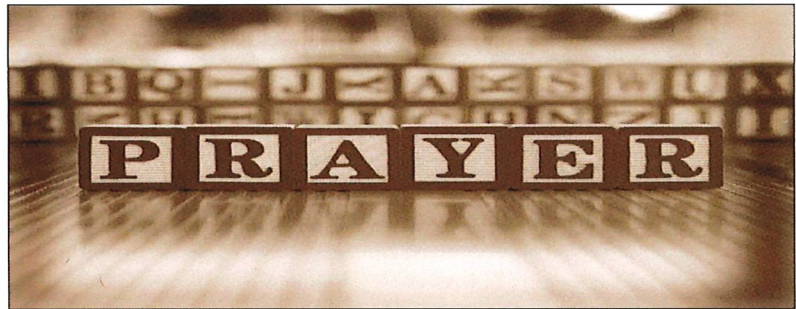


## **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 8.  
Get out and vote or mail in your ballot early.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1



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

- In the good weather and the beautiful fall colors.
- Being in God's word.
- Beautiful change of season
- Ability to help family.
- Fun day with preschool enrichment program.
- Safety through the Hurricane

### **Condolences:** Hare family on the death of Megan.

*Services for Megan hare are as follows:*

*October 28 – visitation from 6PM-9PM*

*October 29 – visitation from 9AM-11AM. Memorial service to follow at 11AM.*

*All services will take place at the Harris-Mountain Funeral Home in Coatesville.*

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society:*

*[www.cancer.org/SaveMoreLives](http://www.cancer.org/SaveMoreLives) or mailed to P.O. Box 896 Hershey, PA 17033-0896.*

- Family of Tom Zynn
- Family of Helen Pennell

### **Praise/Thanksgiving:**

- Jonathan & Hannah Wynne Wedding
- Birth of Jack Michael Jones. (*Grandnephew of Daryl & Holly Orr*) and great-grandson of Lois Jones.

### **Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:**

- Corrine
- Francis



**Traveling Mercies:**

- Cheryl to VA
- Almond Family (10/21)

**Pray for our Ministry Team:** Worship Planning Team (*Pastor Shauna, Renay Oberholtzer, Josh Dwyer, Terry Moore, Holly Orr, Pat Moore, Cheryl Faust*).

**Pray for our Outreach Ministry:** Trunk or Treat

**Pray for our Staff:** Whitney Phelan

**Pray for our TLC Students:** Aashritha Akella, Lorenzo Anderson, Yuhana Keswani, and Shrinika Aravind.

**Other:**

- Coatesville Area School District
- Thank you for all the love and prayers and good wishes.
- For caretakers of ailing parents.
- Help all those caught in Hurricane Ian now dealing with their losses and recovery operations.
- People of Ukraine & Russia
- The person who was accidently killed in the Giant parking lot this past week.
- Friend looking for a new job.

**Healing**

Wayne Barrows  
Jen & John Lafferty  
Cathy  
Boores-COVID  
Josh Dwyer  
Jason F.  
Chuck (Holly's cousin)  
Fran O'Neill  
Nancy VanHorn  
Carl & Ivan Purcell

Philip Byers  
Mary (co-worker)  
Ally  
Dave & Linda-COVID  
Sam Wilson  
Sharon W.  
Barb Byers  
David Dwyer  
Lyle & Leone Norrbom  
Lee & Shirley Carroll

Donna  
Tony  
Diane  
Glenn P-cardiac health issues  
Jesusine (bone marrow transplant)  
Jacob  
Tom G.  
Jim VanHorn  
Nancy & Ken McDowell  
Matt S.

**Pastor Shauna is off on Mondays.**  
She may be reached via email at [pastor.shauna@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:pastor.shauna@thorndaleumc.org)  
or by phone at 610-662-5679.

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM**

***Almighty God, thank you for giving us so many reasons to rejoice as we celebrate who You are, what You've done, and all You've promised to do.***

