

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – October 28, 2022

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Dear TUMC Friends,

I want to take a minute to share what a joy it was for Holly Orr and I to join the student assembly at Caln Elementary School last Friday. The teachers and their students gathered in the gym to celebrate “Make a Difference Day” after holding a canned food challenge between the classrooms. Together they collected nearly 2500 cans of food—the second graders contributed the most—woo hoo! Each one of those cans will be placed in the food box on our property throughout the year, thanks be to God! They invited us to recognize our partnership with them in making a difference in our community, and to let us know how much they appreciate all that we do for them. They are so grateful for your generosity! It was such a beautiful expression of how much more we can do together. We ended our time, as they do for each assembly, by singing, “Put a Little Love in Your Heart.” Thanks be to God for our partners in ministry, and for the love God puts into each of our hearts so that we can share what we have with others.

Gratefully, Shauna



Friends, 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. Here are some ideas, perhaps you have some of your own. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us in this good work with you!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Send encouraging text messages to 5 people. <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a kind sticky note message to a mirror or car window. <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase new or donate seasonal clothing to a clothing pantry. <input type="checkbox"/> Donate packages of diapers and wipes to a local agency. <input type="checkbox"/> Donate towels and blankets to an animal shelter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Buy coffee, tea or food for the person behind you in line or at a drive-thru. <input type="checkbox"/> Know parents who could use a night out? Offer to babysit for free. <input type="checkbox"/> Call a loved one or someone you haven't connected with for a while. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for government leaders; bless them with encouraging notes. |
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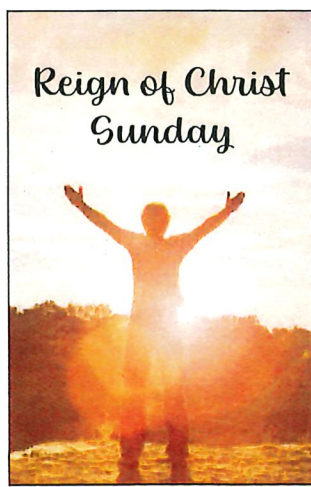
This is the kind of campaign we need right now. How will our neighbors know we are Christians? By our love, and by our kindness each and every day—let us pray...

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.

Here's what's happening in worship the next few weeks—
 New this year—Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 pm.
 We'll gather for worship, join in some hands-on kindness projects and share a simple meal together afterward.



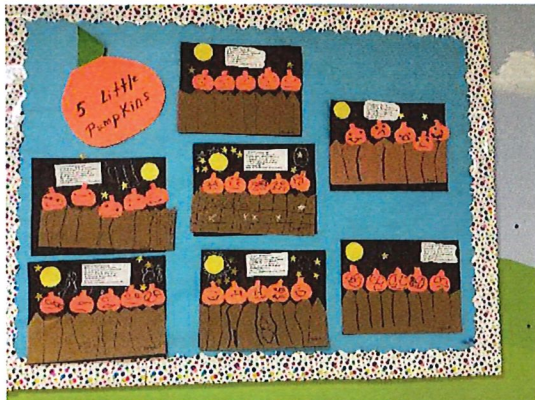
October 23rd—November 13th



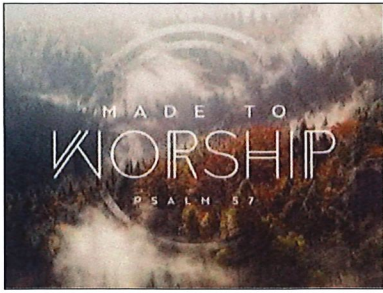
November 20th—Morning



November 20th—Afternoon



It was a busy week at school. We made a lot of different fall crafts, celebrated Gianna's 5th birthday, had hat day and our 3-year-old class had their Halloween Party on Thursday. Looking forward to seeing all the boys and girls at Trunk or Treat on Saturday!



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.

We are looking for kites. Kites of any kind or shape or size are needed for our current worship series. If you have any our Worship Team can borrow, please drop them off in the office during office

hours. Thank you! We continue this week in our “Releasing God’s Blessings” series. 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 9:6-10 and our theme is “The Grace of Increase”. 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, consider joining us on this special Sunday when we remember our loved ones we have lost. You will be invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory 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.

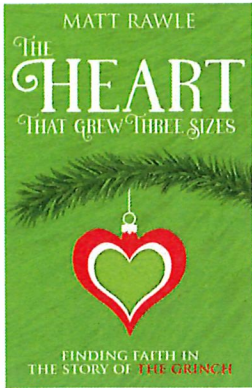
Upper Room Devotionals

The November and December Upper Room Devotionals are in and are at the front door for easy pick-up.

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 or Renay Oberholtzer at 610-873-7537 or roberhol@verizon.net



COMING FOR ADVENT!

“The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch”.

“In his new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* including how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate, is the one thing that changes our life?” Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

We are offering two small-group opportunities for this four week series:

- Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room, beginning Nov. 27
- Thursday afternoons at 2:30 PM in the Conference Room, beginning Dec. 1

Contact Cheryl Faust at office@thorndaleumc.org or 610-384-2433 if interested.



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.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU! 114 pounds of food was collected this past month and taken to CYWA on Thursday for distribution.

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 here! This Saturday is our annual Trunk or Treat 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 to donate candy.

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

Pat Moore
Coordinator of Children's Ministries
484-34-0676

Out reach



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

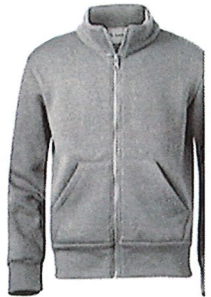
“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40 NIV



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.***

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 this Sunday, October 30.**



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

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.

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 or with your AmazonSmile ON app.





Vanco Online is our e-giving platform. It is easy to use. You can make a one-time gift or set-up recurring donations. There are four easy steps to set-up your on-line giving:

1. Go to the secure website listed here:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJGT/home>
2. Select your funds and amount, and frequency. Then proceed to payment.
3. Enter your payment method. You can enter a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account information. If you sign up for a free account, you can save your payment information for future donations.
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.**

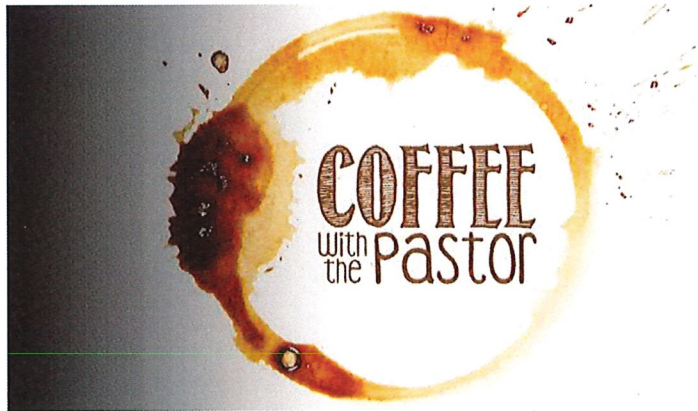
HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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



Upcoming Birthdays:

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| 10/30 – Julie Smith | 11/01 – Mike Monaghan |
| 11/03 – David Dwyer | 11/03 – Stan Reaves |
| 11/06 – Esther Nelms | 11/09 – Nola Barden |



**THIS SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30 1:00 PM**

Learn more about the mission and ministry at TUMC.

Downstairs in the conference room.

SHUT-INS:

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

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| 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 Canterbury 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 November 13.** 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.



Christmas Decorating (ALREADY, you say?)

It is hard to believe, but Christmas decorating is just a few weeks away since Advent begins on November 27. ***This year the big day for decorating is November 26 at 9 AM until finish, and the more hands, the earlier finish it will be.*** If you are only available for part of the morning, please come for whatever amount of time you can give.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 5!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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



Holiday Craft Fair

For those interested in local Holiday Craft Shows we share the following information:

Saturday, November 5
Glen Moore Methodist Church
1920 Creek Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-2324
Hours: 9AM-1PM

There will also be a separate Hoagie Sale

Saturday, November 19
Hibernia United Methodist Church
220 Hibernia Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
Hours: 9AM-3PM

Visit and support
the tables of Daryl Orr and Cheryl VanHorn.

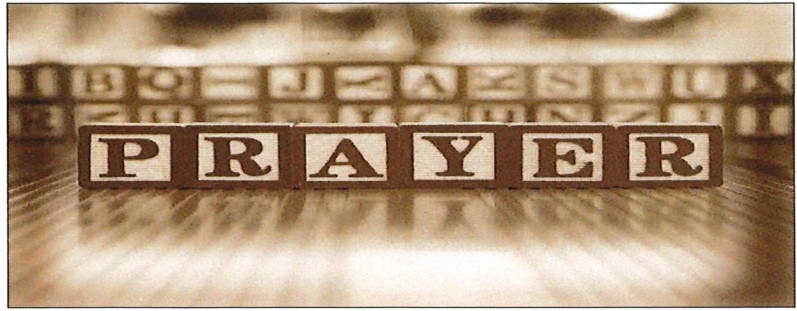
Pastor Shauna is off on Mondays.
She may be reached via email at
pastor.shauna@thorndaleumc.org
or by phone at 610-662-5679.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM



“Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Corinthians 9:6



Where have you experienced God’s presence in your life this week:

- Nice time with relatives last week.
- In all living things.

Condolences: To the following families:

Hare family death of Megan (services this weekend). Zynn family on the death of Tom and Kuhn families on the death of Glenn.

Praise/Thanksgiving:

- Phillies in World Series!
- Caln Elementary “Make a Difference” Assembly.
- For a good trip. For safe travels.

Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

- Kidney stone procedure – David Dwyer Phillip Byers-Paoli Hospital

Pray for our Ministry Team: Lead Team (*Pastor Shauna, Terry Moore, Rosemary Moore, Jim Arndt, Laura Arndt and Cheryl Faust*).

Pray for our Outreach Ministry: Trunk or Treat

Pray for our Staff: Cheryl Faust

Pray for our TLC Students: Evie Brott, Ryleigh Carter, Holden Lunsford and Sathkriti Bharath

Pray for our TLC Staff: Maureen Bellafante

Other:

- Coatesville Area School District For caretakers of ailing parents.
- Help all those caught in Hurricane Ian now dealing with their losses and recovery operations.
- People of Ukraine & Russia
- Thank you for the prayers and good wishes for my husband Phillip and me. Love to you all!

Healing

Wayne Barrows

Josh Dwyer

Sam Wilson

Jason F.

Chuck (Holly’s cousin)

Fran O’Neill

Nancy VanHorn

Carl & Ivan Purcell

Boores

Andy

Jesusine (bone marrow transplant)

Sharon W.

Barb Byers

David Dwyer

Lyle & Leone Norrbom

Lee & Shirley Carroll

For all those who are sick.

Peter

Wayne Kief

Jacob

Philip Byers

Jim VanHorn

Nancy & Ken McDowell

Matt S.