

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – October 16, 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."

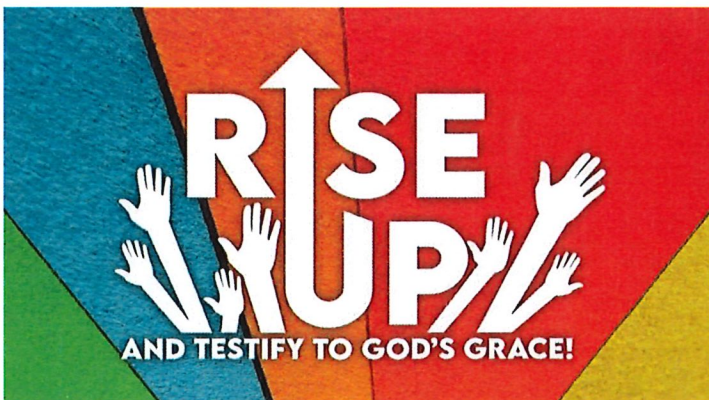
Join me in making an intentional commitment to love our neighbors by demonstrating intentional acts of loving kindness each and every day. We'll use this space over the next few weeks to share different ideas and extend invitations. I hope you'll have some ideas to share as well. I'd love for you to 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!



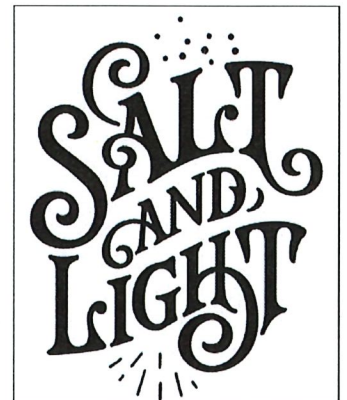
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate food for the food box. | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a prayer walk in your neighborhood and pray for each house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rake your neighbor's yard. | <input type="checkbox"/> Give a gift card to a drive-thru restaurant worker or store checkout employee – or just tell them they are awesome and you appreciate them and the work they do! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up a nearby park or stream. | <input type="checkbox"/> Surprise a neighbor with freshly baked treats. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a thank you treat for your mail carriers, delivery drivers and sanitation employees. | <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone load their groceries in their car. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk a sidewalk with positive messages. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Next time you buy a cup of coffee, buy someone else one too. | |

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.



*This Sunday is Laity Sunday!
I'm grateful to Renay Oberholtzer and Cheryl Faust for sharing their messages about being salt and light!*





This week our PreK classes had their first enrichment experience. Mrs. O led us in playing some games and we made apple donuts; sliced apples with cream cheese and lots and lots (did I say lots) of sprinkles.



INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

Adult Study Invitation:

To anyone interested in learning more about the Bible, please join us on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. ***The first study session will be on Sunday, October 16 when we will discuss what study will be done.***



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

We will meet in Room D1 on the lower level.

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!



We are doing a non-perishable food drive to make sure we can keep the food box in front of the church stocked. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the crates located at the front of the altar. Donations can be made on Sunday mornings or throughout the week during office hours. Let's show Pastor our love for her by pouring love into our community.

In appreciation.
Your SPR Team

(Laura Arndt, David Almond, Alan Oberholtzer and Emily Kopp)



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)



We are looking for trunk hosts and candy purchasers! Contact Pat Moore at patriciajrn@verizon.net or at 484-340-0676.

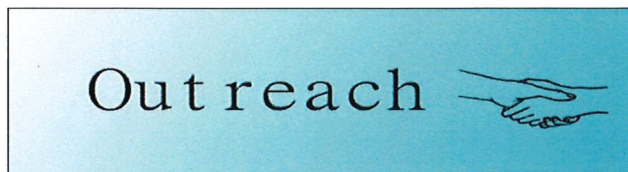
Fall is here...

having arrived on Thursday, and my mind turns to the things I love about the season: cooler weather, mums, football, and **Trunk or Treat!**

Our favorite fall children's event takes place this year on Saturday, October 29 from 1-3 PM in the church parking lot with the Worship Center as our rain backup. As with last year, our event coincides with Caln's Halloween event so that the children can have an even more exciting day of celebration.

Last year we served 138 children, and this year we have the potential for even more since we have more children in the preschool. Our twelve trunks were great, but we would love to have more this year in order to make it an even better experience for the children. Thank you to Theresa O'Neill for already volunteering a trunk; I can't wait to hear from even more of you. Candy donations are always welcome and needed as well.

Dust off the pumpkins and costumes and start to pray for the event. We are the church on the corner in Caln Township and are there for the purpose of showing Jesus to all by giving of our time and talents in the community.



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



Thank you for living the Lord's Prayer by providing a basic need for the children at Caln. They are so grateful for your donation of socks and underwear.

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 Sunday, October 30.**



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



THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU. Together we collected **157 pounds of food** over 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.

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.

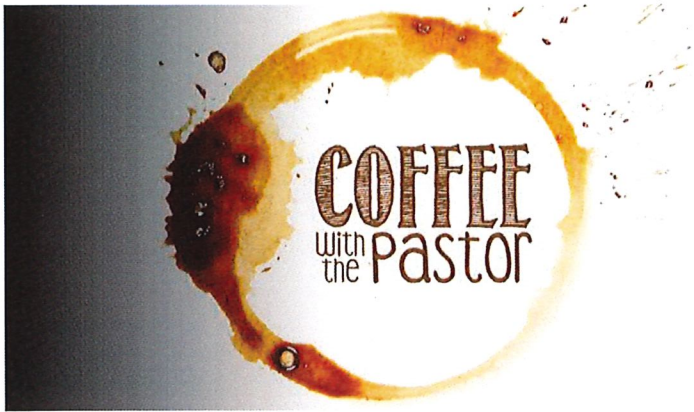
Upcoming Birthdays:

10/17 – Diane Maldonado
10/21 – Amy Clark
10/30 – Julie Smith

10/19 – Nancy Ochar
10/24 – Stefanie Smith

10/29 – Martha Champlain





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 a 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.

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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 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



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 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.

We have received a THANK YOU letter from Keith Wilburn, Executive Director of Coatesville Kids to College. His letter is attached to the end of the newsletter.



Saturday, October 22 @ 2PM, see the invitation at the end of the newsletter about the historical link between Centralia UMC and Exton UMC.

Believers are Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men.

You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father in Heaven.



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

- The beautiful moon last night.
- Many unexpected surprises.
- Seeing the leaves starting to change.

Condolences: Hare, Venezia and Pennell families.

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.

Praise/Thanksgiving:

- Evelyn's 7th birthday.
- Birth of Harrison F.
- For teamwork.

Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

- Continued chemo treatments for Fran.
- For co-worker's husband waiting for heart transplant.

Traveling Mercies:

- Amir Vicki from shore.

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: Josh Dwyer

Other:

- Lara & Amir & Reaves family. Memorial service on 10/10 for loss of baby.
- So thankful for all the blessings that we have received.
- For caretakers of ailing parents.
- Puerto Rico and Canada as they recover from Hurricane Fiona
- Help all those caught in Hurricane Ian now dealing with their losses and recovery operations.
- People of Ukraine & Russia
- Peace and comfort for the Hare, Pennell, Venezia and Wescott families.
- Ukrainian people, for peace and for evil to be conquered.
- John R. for a proper diagnosis of a finger wound.

Healing

Wayne Barrows	Philip Byers	Donna
Dennis-knee pain	Caiden (cold)	Tony
Sara F.-postpartum problems	Tom Zynn	Josh Dwyer
Jesusine (bone marrow transplant)	Val-relief of pain	Sam Wilson
Those with COVID	Jason F.	Sharon W.
Chuck (Holly's cousin)	Barb Byers	Tom G.
Fran O'Neill	Lara and Amir	David Dwyer
Jim VanHorn	Nancy VanHorn	Lyle & Leone Norrbom
Nancy & Ken McDowell	Carl & Ivan Purcell	Lee & Shirley Carroll
David Dwyer		

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

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A Pipeline of Promise from Pre-K to College

October 4, 2022

Thorndale United Methodist Church
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Dear Thorndale United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your recent donation to our organization. We have had a great start to the school year with the relaunch of our Bright Beginnings Preschool and our I-Rise After-School Programs, and your generous support will enable us daily to provide our over 60 students with the academic, emotional, and spiritual empowerment they need to be successful in the new school year.

One example of how your support is providing opportunity is in our middle school I-Rise After-School Program. Our middle school program has grown this year, and we are excited that we will be able to provide our students with exciting educational opportunities that will prepare them for learning and working in the 21st century. This year we are incorporating a course in circuitry and computer programming; a two-hour weekly program in creative arts that incorporates virtual reality, digital design, and videography; and an entrepreneurship program that will not only teach them the foundational principles of running a business but will give them hands-on experience of actually operating a real soap business. All of these opportunities are beyond our students' financial reach, but because of you, we are able to provide them at no cost to the children and youth we serve. You are enabling Coatesville students to have the experiences they need to reach their full potential and be successful.

THANK YOU for believing in Coatesville Kids to College and joining us as we ensure that children and youth in the city of Coatesville have a great school year full of meaningful learning opportunities, nurturing emotional support, and life changing spiritual empowerment . You are a great encouragement to our organization, and we are grateful for your and continued partnership.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Wilburn".

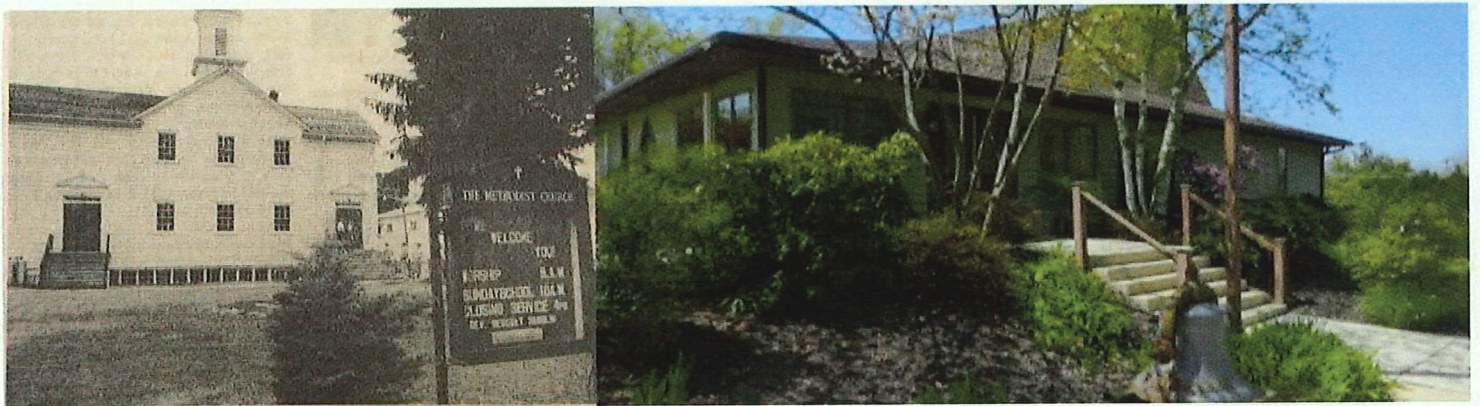
Keith Wilburn
Executive Director

This is not an official receipt. Hope Beyond Borders, Inc., our parent 501c3 non-profit organization, will send you your official gift receipt for your income tax records.

ARISTES ZION & EXTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCHES PRESENT

"From Ashes to Rebirth"

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - 2 pm
Aristes Zion UMC
1383 Wilburton Rd., Aristes, PA 17920



Former Centralia UMC & present-day Exton UMC

Join Pastors Meagan Ackerman of Exton UMC and Rose Marquardt of Aristes Zion UMC, as they join (once again!) to tell the history of Centralia UMC, which was and is the foundation of present-day Exton UMC in Chester County. Join them as they take a look at how Centralia UMC still lives today! They will also be joined by author Dave DeKok of "Fire Underground The Ongoing Tragedy Of The Centralia Mine Fire."

A time of fellowship to follow.



The event will also be live-streamed on
Facebook- Exton United Methodist Church