

# TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – December 16, 2022

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
From all of us to all of you!

The teachers, staff and students of Thorndale Learning Center



When JOY  
is Our Song

Romans 12:17-21

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES



“Joy is the steadfast assurance that God is with us. God is with us yesterday, today, and tomorrow. One of the most profound things about our Advent discipline is peace, hope, love, and joy’s relationship with time. Love is an expression of the past...Peace is our work in the present...Hope projects us into the future.... Joy in its timelessness brings all three together at once.”

(Matt Rawle author of “the Heart that Grew Three Sizes.”)

*This week’s theme is “When Joy is Our Song.” Our scripture is from Romans 12:17-21.*

## INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Looking for your monthly devotionals? The Upper Room (Jan/Feb 2023) and Our Daily Bread (Dec/Jan/Feb) have arrived. They are at the front door for easy pick-up.**



Our preschool is currently seeking to hire part-time teachers and aides. We are looking for someone with prior preschool experience and prefer the individual to have prior experience as a classroom assistant.

We are also hiring assistant teachers.

For a more detailed job description or to apply contact Laura Venezia at 484-356-6328 or at [tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:tlcdirector@thorndaleumc.org).

Preschool tuition discount is available.

Spread the word. Share the posts from Facebook.

**Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



### **OUTREACH**

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

### **Cain Elementary School**

*"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 to everyone for your patience in waiting for tags and your willingness to shop in a shortened time frame. Because of your kind hearts, which are already three sizes large, we were able to help make a happy Christmas for 19 children and their families. Gifts will be delivered to the school on Tuesday.

Check back next week for details about our January collection.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.  
Merry Christmas.

**Holly Orr, Cain**

**School Coordinator**



*Invite someone  
who needs to hear  
good news  
to join us for worship  
on Christmas Eve.*

Christmas Day we will have a pre-recorded message that will be sent out and posted on-line.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS to our reverse advent mission project. Our food tree is growing!** Reverse Advent is a new concept for TUMC but one that is being implemented increasingly by other churches. It means that while waiting for the birth of Jesus, we use some of that time to reach out to others in a new way. In addition to our Calhoun school giving tree, we will be collecting canned goods for CWYA. Again, this week, the last page of the newsletter has a list of suggestions for giving. Of course, you need only bring your donations in weekly, not daily, and as we collect the non-perishable items, we will be building a canned goods Christmas tree in the Worship Center so that we are all able to have a visual of the impact that we are making in our community. You can find the list of suggested items at the Welcome Center.



## **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. Purchases can be made on Sunday morning or during office hours during the week.



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***making a difference with your AMAZON smile shopping. We recently received a \$16.21 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation for the third quarter.***

The **2023 Flower calendar** has been posted to the bulletin board outside the office. 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.





## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE**

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

### **Upcoming Birthdays:**

12/17 – Jennifer Eaton

12/22 – Ryan Jackson

12/25 – Mary Sweeney

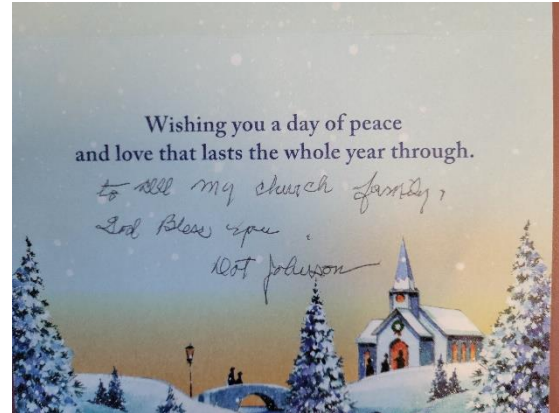
12/19 – Jennifer Lafferty

12/23 – Cyndy Weiner

12/30 – Cheryl Faust

12/30 – Julian Williams

Dot Johnson's Christmas card mailed to her church family.



### **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



*Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy, and my delight.*  
*Psalm 43:3-4*

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

- Visiting our niece.
- In small group and Sunday School Bible study.
- We had a nice vacation.
- In the children's Christmas program on Wednesday evening.

### **Praise/Thanksgiving:**

- Praise and thanksgiving for Esther's sharing her gift of music.
- For all prayers and caring people helping Lara
- Jacob G healing from his concussion.

**Condolences:** Karen Moore on the passing of her dad, Rev. Kenneth Dearstyne.  
*Cards of condolences can be sent to Mrs. Karen Moore, 149 Davis Road, Coatesville, PA 19320*

**Traveling Mercies:** Karen & Stan going to CA Thursday through Monday.

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

- David Dwyer-kidney stone-12/13
- Peter (surgery)

**Pray for our TLC Students:** all students as they conclude the first half of the year with their Christmas program on Wednesday evening.

**Pray for our TLC Staff:** For all staff that they can find rest during their break. Also, for the new staff for the new school year.

**Pray for our Staff:** Cheryl Faust

**Other:**

- Coatesville Area School District For caretakers of ailing spouses/parents.
- People of Ukraine & Russia Discernment for the mission and ministry of TUMC.
- For the homeless. Those suffering with COVID.
- For those struggling with grief. Fred & Doris Kramer
- For all those experiencing financial difficulties.
- For TLC's Christmas program on Wed. evening.
- Glad that Diana is in extended acute psychiatric care.
- Stauffer family on their losses in a recent fire.

**Healing**

Wayne Brennan-cancer diagnosis	Brian F-herniated disc.	Chuck Moore
Wayne Barrows	Shelia Fields-cancer	Diane H.
Tony D.	Phil Byers	Barb Byers
Avery G.	Chuck M. (Holly's cousin)	Sharon W
Andy	Josh Dwyer	Jesusin
Janice	Sam Wilson	Fran O'Neill
Jim VanHorn	Nancy VanHorn	Lyle & Leone Norrbom
Nancy & Ken McDowell	Carl & Ivan Purcell	Lee & Shirley Carroll
Janice F.	Matt S.	Samantha O
Kirk and Julie Smith		

**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**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday, Dec 26 – Closed**  
**Tuesday, Dec 27/ Wednesday, Dec 28/Thursday, Dec 29 – 9am-2pm**  
**Friday, Dec 30 – Closed**  
**January 2 - Closed**





# Candelight Services

December 24

11:00 AM-Sanctuary

4:00 PM-Worship Center



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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Join the Bridge of Hope  
team!



Bridge of Hope Chester County is seeking a director who will engage churches in partnership toward our mission of engaging Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love. This position will also build housing partnerships in the community to enhance access to affordable housing for families. This remote/office hybrid position begins January 1, 2023.

Who do you know that might share a passion for our mission? Pass this email on, we'd love to hear from them!

More information about this important position is advertised on Indeed.com and available here: <https://bridgeofhopeinc.org/job-opportunity-church-engagement-and-housing-director/>