

TUMC WEEKLY NEWS – December 2, 2022

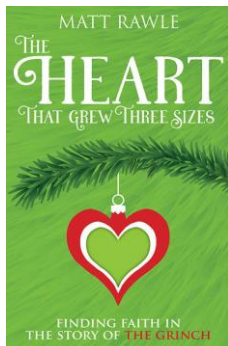
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What if God is working through one whose heart is two sizes too small? What if it's been our heart all along that needed to grow? Join us this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in-person or on-line or later at your convenience as we continue in our worship series, "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding our Faith in the Story of the Grinch." This week's theme is, "When Christmas Isn't Christmas". Our scripture comes from Mathew 3:1-12.

We will celebrate Communion this Sunday, December 4 in worship at 9:15 a.m. and during drive thru communion at 12:30 p.m.



INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

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

ADVENT GROUPS:

- Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.
- Thursday afternoons at 2:30 PM in the Conference Room.

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

Outreach



OUTREACH

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

Caln 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 for your generous donations of hats, gloves, and scarves, some of them beautifully handmade. I know the children will appreciate their new winter accessories. Because of the generosity of the online donations for Caln Elementary, which are used to provide for unexpected or emergency needs, we were able to purchase eight Giant gift cards to accompany Thanksgiving baskets provided by the school.

Once again, we have the opportunity help the families at Caln Elementary provide a happy Christmas for their children through **our angel tree project**. Trees are set up in the Welcome Center and the East Narthex. Please take an angel tag from one of the trees and make a child's wish come true by purchasing the gift indicated on the tag. Wrap your gift (no bows please) and securely attach the angel tag to the package. Tags are color coded by family, so please see me if you lose your tag. Due to allergies which may be unknown to us, **please do not include any food items with your gift**. Place the gift under one of the trees or in the bin which will be located at the top of the stairs from the main parking lot. Gifts are **due no later than Sunday, December 18**.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for these families and for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

Holly Orr, Caln School Coordinator



Two weeks ago, our church assisted several individuals who are homeless. It was heart breaking to hear their stories. It broke my heart to hear one woman say to me that folks won't even look her in the face as if something was wrong with her. After asking for help for what seemed to be like such a small request one individual asked if we could possibly provide any blankets. She indicated where they had been staying during those cold bitter evenings. During our small group discussion on Sunday about the grinch and how isolated he must have felt from the larger community I shared about the individual who came seeking our assistance in their own isolation. After much discussion within the group on how we can help we have taken on a special project. We are collecting blankets and winter coats which we will get to those in need during the upcoming winter months. If you have any extra blankets or winter coats that are "hanging around" please drop them off at the church. For now, we are placing them in the coat rack area located outside the church office. For the past two weeks I cannot stop thinking about the scripture from Matthew 25:40, *"And the King will answer them, I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for me."* Cheryl Faust

NEW FOR ADVENT: Reverse Advent is a new concept for TUMC but one that is being implemented more and more 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 Caln 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. See the list of suggested items at the Welcome Center.

ATKINSON REPORT

"Give us this day our daily bread and inspire us to share it." – the Upper Room.

On Friday, November 25th, Team 2 made and delivered the following meal to the Atkinson Homeless Men's Shelter in Coatesville: Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes with Butter and Sour Cream, Corn, Tossed Salad with dressing and rolls and butter. Their dessert was apple dumplings. Sweet Tea and Diet Tea rounded out the menu.

An extra meal for another day included a Kielbasa Stuffing Casserole, Vegetable soup with Crackers and Bread with butter. Dessert was Pineapple topped vanilla cake and vanilla cream pie. Drink was various sodas.

Team 3 will make and deliver a meal on December 23rd.

As always, please keep the residents and staff and team members in your prayers.

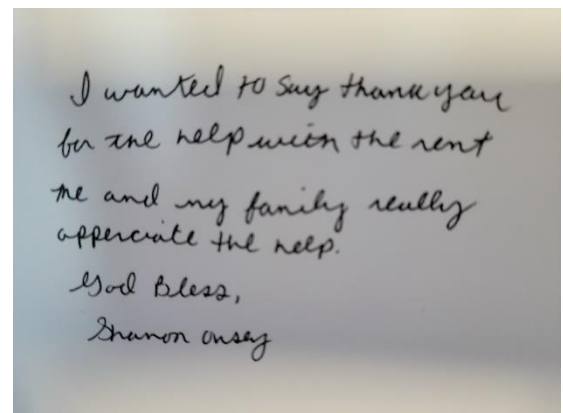
"God calls me to share my gifts joyfully." – the Upper Room.

Take Care. God Bless. Bobbie Polovina



Join Pastor Shauna on Sunday evening at 5pm for Caln Township's Tree Lighting. Come and represent TUMC in and to our community.

We received this thank you note from a woman from our community who we were able to help with rental assistance. Your "extra mile" giving to our discretionary fund helps make assistance such as this possible.





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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HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

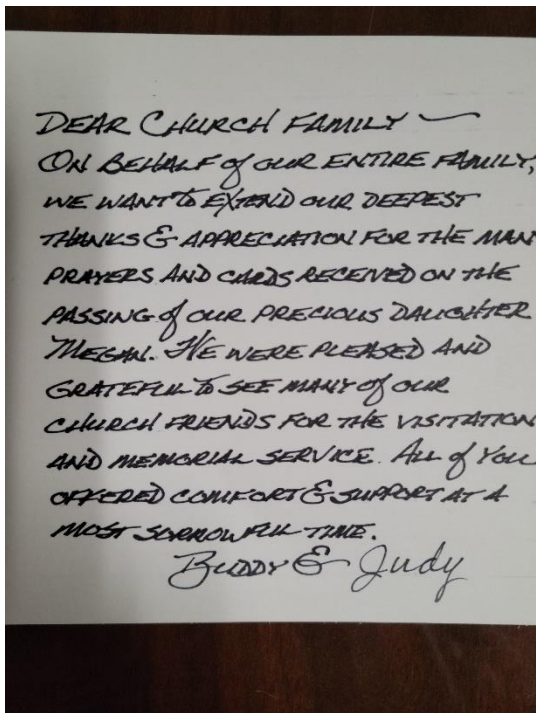
12/4 – Kim Campbell (TLC Staff)
12/10 – Lindsay Bennett
12/12 – Jayne Scotti

12/4 – Pat Donnon (TLC Staff)
12/11 – Daryl Orr
12/17 – Jennifer Eaton

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.



This past week, we received the following thank you note from
Buddy and Judy Hare :



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 Canterbury Road, Milford, DE 19963
Shirley Hammons	Newport Meadows, Room 108C, 41 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



35th Chester County Messiah Sing-along

Friday, December 30th. 7PM

Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church

1121 Octorara Trail, Parkesburg, PA

Information is on the bulletin boards and at the Welcome Center.

<https://messiah-singalong.org/>



But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.
 2 Cor. 12:9

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

- Free golf on Thanksgiving Day. In all of God's daily blessings.

Condolences: Family of Erin Gatier

Traveling:

- Gwyer family.
- Going on a vacation for a week.
- Christine Moore

Praise/Thanksgiving: That Thanksgiving was such a nice day.

Hospitalizations, Treatments, Tests & Surgeries:

- Emily Kopp-12/4
- Shelia Fields-biopsy on 12/1
- David Dwyer-kidney stone-12/13
- Rev. Dr. John Inghram-Elam UMC
- Kirk Smith

Pray for our TLC Students: Sara. Gianna. Max. Mitchell. **Pray for our TLC Staff:** Diane Maldonado

Pray for our Staff: Whitney Phelan

Other:

- Coatesville Area School District For caretakers of ailing parents.
- People of Ukraine & Russia Steve
- For the homeless. Those suffering with COVID.

Healing

Wayne Barrows	Mary (co-worker)	Chloe
Shawn	Diana	Andy
Jim Baughman	George Bodnar	Lauren Beauchamp
Friend, Ruth-brain injury	Charmaine R-ICU	Josh Dwyer
Brian F.-herniated disc	Sam Wilson	Jamie B.
Jesusine	Jason F.	Sharon W.
Philip Byers	Fran O'Neill	David Dwyer
Jim VanHorn	Nancy VanHorn	Lyle & Leone Norrbom
Nancy & Ken McDowell	Carl & Ivan Purcell	Lee & Shirley Carroll
Matt S.	Glen P	Kirk Smith

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