

MY DECISION TODAY:

- I have some questions and would like the Pastor to call me.

- I am renewing my commitment to Christ.

- I would like more information about Baptism.

- I would like more information about Church Membership.

- I am interested in counseling:
 - Premarital Financial
 - Crisis/Marriage Family

- I would like to receive the 2023 Offering Envelopes

- I would like a church mailbox

Comments, Requests, Prayer Needs:

- For Prayer Team
- For Pastor (confidential)

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26TH, 2023

8:15 Worship Attendance = 134 9:30 Sunday School Attendance = 85
 10:45 Worship Attendance = 10 Wednesday Night Connection = 129
 Total Worship Attendance = 243

Financial Giving Breakdown

Weekly Giving	General Fund	Other Designated	On Line Giving	CCDR Debt Reduction	Week Total
5-Mar	\$6,279.00	\$415.00	\$1,678.00	\$2,190.00	\$10,562.00
12-Mar	\$4,901.00	\$1,125.00	\$4,040.00	\$405.00	\$10,471.00
19-Mar	\$3,217.00	\$1,730.00	\$807.00	\$1,160.09	\$6,914.09
26-Mar	\$5,641.02	\$370.00	\$1,709.00	\$435.00	\$8,155.02
TOTALS	\$23,678.02		\$8,234.00	\$4,190.09	\$36,102.11

March Totals	\$17,667.00	\$6,525.00	\$3,755.09	\$27,947.09
Req Monthly for Budget	\$26,575.05		\$4,604.28	\$31,179.33

Past month's Income

February	\$23,274.11	\$7,981.00	\$4,313.00	\$35,568.11
January	\$29,070.36	\$9,948.00	\$4,238.00	\$43,256.36
December	\$31,271.06	\$7,812.00	\$2,892.03	\$41,975.09

February Online Giving \$6,641.00 to GF \$1,340.00 to CCDR
 CCDR Debt Balance \$591,506.44

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

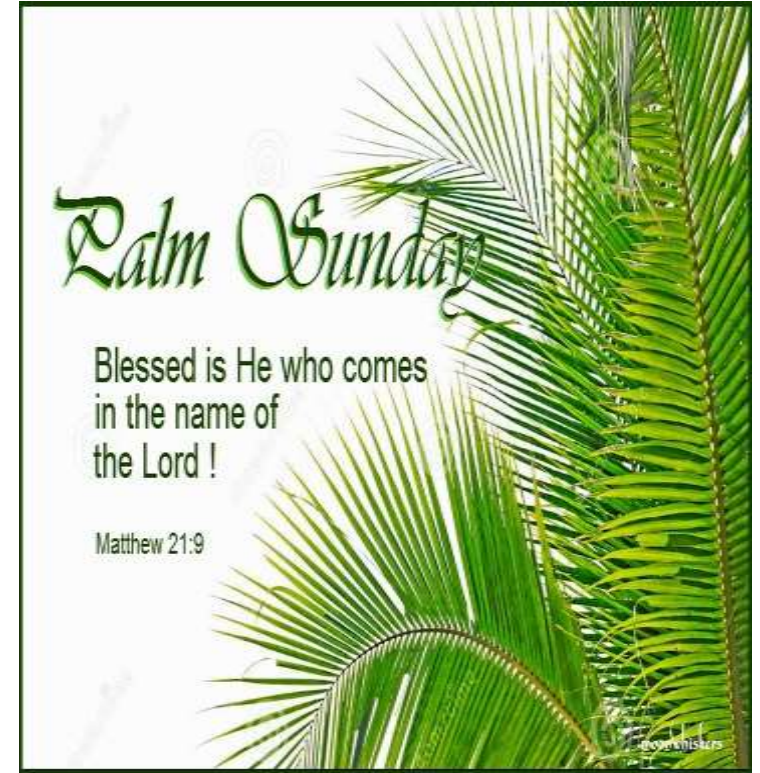
- 4/2: Palm Sunday/Chiz Rider will provide special music**
- 4/3: Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm**
- 4/4: Paw Packs Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 4/5: NO CONNECTION GROUPS**
- 4/6: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm**
- 4/7: Community Cross Walk 6:00 pm**
- 4/8: Men's Prayer Group 8:00 am**
- 4/8: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**
- 4/9: Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am**
- 4/9: Easter Breakfast 7:45 am**
- 4/9: Easter Gathering Worship Music 9:00 am**
- 4/9: Easter Sunday and Family Worship Sunday at 9:30**

Karate School meets Monday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Girl Scouts meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Newville First Church of God
"The Connection Place"

475 Shippensburg Road, Newville PA 17241 ~ 717-776-5223

April 2, 2023



Pastor Wayne A. Good

Director of Visitation: Pastor Dick Reese

Director of Youth Ministry: Pastor Shawn Peale

Co-Director of Children's Ministry: Katie Kane

Co-Dir. of Children's Ministry: Pastor Heidi Guyer

Women's Care Ministry: Pastor Kathryn Griffith

We exist to exalt God by showing his love in the fellowship of believers for the purpose of making more and better disciples

Newville First Church of God
April 2, 2023
8:15 am and 10:45 am

Musical Prelude – A Time of Preparing to Worship
Songs of Praise and Worship

8:15 Service

Victory in Jesus

Hymn # 353

Special Time of Worship with Chiz Rider
Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

10:45 Service

Forever

My King Forever

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Special Time of Worship with Chiz Rider

Hearing from God's Word

Series: Let Go and Let God

Message: Let Go of Your Donkey

Text: Matthew 21:1-11

A Prayer of Sending

Musical Postlude

Send a note of encouragement to people in our congregation and our community. It brightens their day!

Walter, Peggy & Kaydi Coover – 19 Beidler Dr., Newville PA

Norm & Connie Dittman – 33 Cedar Circle, Newville PA

Bill & Connie Drawbaugh – 139 Brick Church Rd., Newville PA

The **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held Thursday, **April 6th** at **7:00 pm**. This is a meaningful and reflective service as we continue to prepare for Easter. We hope you can attend.

Today we are blessed to have a special time of worship with the talented Chiz Rider. He will also be in Junior Church to play and share with the children how he began serving the Lord at the age of seven and how they too can serve at a young age. We would love to have you help support the ministry of Chiz Rider with a Financial gift. You can place your gift in the basket in the rear of the sanctuary. **Thank you for giving to support this ministry!**

The **Trustees** will be meeting on **Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm**.

Paw Packs will meet on **Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 pm**. This group does an amazing job at providing food for our Big Spring students. They would love to have you come see what they do. Reminder: we are collecting cans of corn, peas and green beans to support this program.

The **Adult Choir** **WILL NOT** be rehearsing on April 5th.

Connection Groups **WILL NOT** meet on April 5th.

GriefShare **WILL NOT** meet on April 6th.

Community Cross Walk - Friday, April 7th, 6:00 pm

Come join with friends from other Newville Community churches for the annual Cross Walk. We will depart from the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot at 6:00, walk to various locations in the community for prayer and then conclude at the fountain on Big Spring Avenue around 7:00. This is a great time for the community to see Christians ministering together in prayer. If you would like more information of about the Cross Walk, reach out to Pastor Wayne.

Thank you! Many thanks for all the cards, calls, and visits for my 103rd Birthday. I appreciate and I am so grateful and blessed to have such an amazing church family! Blessings to all,
~Norma Dexter

The Church Office hours will be **Monday** 9-12 and **Thursday** 9:30-12:30.

Newville First Church of God

Communication Tear Off

Date: _____

Visitor New Address
 New Resident to the Area

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: H - _____

C - _____

Email - _____

I came as a guest of: _____

I attend church at: _____

I am interested in music ministries:

- Choir
 Worship Team
 Worship Reader
 Music Instruments
 Serving on Tech Team

I play these instruments: _____

Please Circle your age group:

Teen 20's 30's 40's
50's 60's 70's 80's 90's

Names of Children

(Living at home & date of birth): _____

Please tear off and place in the offering plate or hand this to the Pastor after the service.

Women's Ministry
Blanket Sunday
Sunday, April 16, 2023
Both Services

Baby Blankets will be the focus of this year's Blanket Sunday. Blanket donations will be made to Safe Harbor, Forever In Our Hearts Comfort Blankets, and for new babies in our church family. We will accept:

- Baby blankets newly purchased
- Homemade baby blankets
- Very Gently cleaned used baby blankets
- Donations of fleece to make blankets
- Monetary donations to purchase supplies
- Please choose colors and patterns that can be used for both boys and girls.

On Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am until noon, all are invited to join us in **MAKING** blankets. We will gather in the APB. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own scissors.

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Adult Fellowship Spring Fling #1 - Registration sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center to hear **Randy Simpson**. The event is **April 14th at 10:00 am** at the Middletown Church of God. Fee is \$15.00 (which can be turned into the church office) which includes lunch & program. If you would like more information, contact the church office. **Deadline to sign-up is TODAY.**

Do you love seeing smiling faces on children and have fun doing that? We would love to have you join us in preparing the **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 8th**. We are looking for volunteers to hide **LOTS** of eggs beginning at 8:00 am. We are also looking for volunteers to welcome families and to host each age group as they gather. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can contact Pastor Heidi at 717-658-2943 for more information.

Attention all boys and girls (parents and grandparents) the **Community Easter Egg Hunt** is **Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 am** here at the church. Bring your friends and your basket to join in the fun.

The **Easter Sunrise Service** will be live-streamed at 7:00 am on Facebook and our YouTube channel.

Would you like to be a blessing to someone in our church family? We have occasions when one of our friends is ill or recovering from surgeries or illnesses. It's at those times, a meal would be appreciated to ease the burden facing these folks. If you (or your group, connection group) would be able to provide a meal for someone, there is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can contact Thelma Isaac for more information. (717-963-0147) Thank you!

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Nursery Volunteer Schedule

April 2nd: Fran Shoemaker and Anna Leaphart (8:15 service)
April 2nd: Stephanie & Garry Wall (9:30 Sunday School)
April 2nd: Tracey Cook and Sarah Fisher (10:45 service)

April 9th: **The nursery will be open for families, but will not be staffed.**

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – April 2nd:

8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Kevin and Laura Lay

Junior Church: Emily Reall and Kate Lay

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Alan Guyer

Teacher: Angie Anderson and Barb Hoover

10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Deanna Rhinehart

Toddler Church: Pastor Heidi and Delaney Rhinehart

Junior Church: Katie Kane and Yvonne Shannon

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – April 9th FAMILY SUNDAY:

Easter Sunday – We will have a combined Family Service at 9:30 am. Children ages 3 through 5 grade will worship in sanctuary. The nursery will be open for families, but will not be staffed.

We are offering you the opportunity to have Easter photos taken. Check out the Connection Center Lobby for the location. Gather the family, grab a friend and take some candid and fun shots.

What are you doing this afternoon? **Connection Youth Flag Football** is happening today between 2:00 and 5:00 pm here at our church. Want to be a part of the fun? Be a scorekeeper, referee, or relax and enjoy a game while cheering the teams on. We hope to see you there.

The Genesis Friendship Sunday School Class will be beginning a new study series, "Relying on the Holy Spirit," beginning **TODAY**. Please feel free to join us. Any questions, please contact Pastor Ron Dull.

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

Easter is just a few “hops” away and the Church Council is excited to offer you an opportunity to give towards a special 2023 Easter Offering.

50% will go to our Helping Hand Fund. This fund helps people within our church family and community who may be going through some financial struggles. Over the years, the Helping Hand fund has helped many families with a small financial gift in times of need.

50% will go to fund the new *Loads of Love* ministry. This new fund will help pay for people in the community to do their laundry, while at the same time it will open doors for us to reach out to build relationships with those in the community and to share Jesus.

We invite you to use the Easter Offering envelopes from your envelope box, or you can find Easter Offering envelopes on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring your gift in anytime up through April 30th. **You can place your gift in the offering plate or the laundry tub in the Connection Center.**

Another way you can help support the ministry is by bringing detergent soap pods and dryer sheets and place them in the “Laundry Tub” in the Connection Center. You can also deposit quarters in the tub for the washers and dryers.



We will soon be looking for volunteers of all ages to help get *Loads of Love* up and “spinning”! Be sure to get signed up to help.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
1 John 3:17-18

Loads of Love

We are exploring a new outreach ministry opportunity for our church to reach out to the Newville and surrounding Community!



Buying a washing machine and a dryer is very expensive and many families cannot afford to make that purchase. In addition to that, some families live in small apartments with no washer/dryer hookups.

Laundry supplies are increasingly expensive. Statistics show a family of 4 does 8 to 10 loads of laundry a week. If you're going to the laundromat, that adds up quickly! One standard load costs about \$2 to wash and \$2 to dry at the laundromat, which adds \$30 to \$40 to a family's weekly budget that's likely already stretched thin.

Here is where you and our church family can help. We are looking to begin “*Loads of Love*” at the Newville Laundromat. We would be asking groups from our church to take a set time at the laundromat to “feed quarters” into the washers and dryers, providing them with free laundry services. We would also provide free supplies such as detergent pods and dryer sheets.

The best part of *Loads of Love* is that individuals/groups from our church would be present to provide snacks, activities for children, and have conversations with people as they wait for their laundry to be completed. There may even be opportunities to pray for individuals . . . and we would pray for opportunities to share Jesus.

This is a great opportunity for Connection Groups to “host” a Saturday or a weeknight at the laundromat. **If you have any questions, contact Heather Fickel at 717.404.1995 or fickelh@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more information!**



April 2, 2023
“Let Go of Your
Donkey”?
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

THINK: *It was Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Before he entered, he sent his disciples ahead to bring him a donkey. Have you ever wondered, “where did they find the donkey? Who was willing to give their donkey for Jesus? Be thinking today, “What do you have that you can give to Jesus?”*

SERMON NOTES

DO: *Ask Jesus what he would like you to give to him this Easter Season.*

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Matthew 21:9

2023 Easter

Today *Palm Sunday Worship Services*
8:15 and 10:45 am
Special Music by Chiz Rider

4/6 *Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm*
Communion and Feet Washing
Special Program for Children

4/7 *The Community Cross Walk 6:00 pm*

4/9 *Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am*
Easter Breakfast 7:45 am
Easter Gathering Worship Music 9:00 am
Easter Family Worship 9:30 am