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The Connection

Newville
First Church of God

April 2021

RESURRECTION POWER!

What thoughts come to your mind when you think of the word "Easter"? Egg hunts? Sunrise service? The crucifixion of Jesus? How about, the resurrection of Jesus? What does the resurrection of Jesus really mean to you, to the world?

Perhaps we should begin with those who were closest to that historic moment, what did the resurrection mean to Jesus' disciples. This was not just a moment in history for His closest followers . . . this was an overwhelming, life changing event in their lives.

After the resurrection, the disciples had a completely different understanding of what Jesus said would happen after He was crucified. He conquered death just like He said He would. What was recorded in the Old Testament prophecies about His death and resurrection proved to be true, every detail, just as it was written. Their minds were opened to see Jesus and His mission in new ways. They realized just how powerful Jesus really was!

It is interesting that many people who saw Jesus die, never witnessed His resurrection, never realized the power of Jesus, first of all to conquer death, but because of His death and His resurrection, He had the power to forgive sins . . . my sins, and yours!

For many people, the resurrection remains just a story, or a myth or maybe a legend. Critics allow their minds to be flooded with doubt. Then there are some who say they believe in the resurrection, but remain skeptical, not seeing how it makes a difference in their life.

"I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." Philippians 3:8-10 NKJV

The Bible reveals how the resurrection can transform our lives. As Paul described in Philippians 3, this happens as we focus on Jesus, *when we desire not to just know about Him but to "know Him" and "the power of His resurrection."*

When we believe that this power is real, then everything else must be like "rubbish" so we can *"gain Christ and be found in Him."* This means laying aside doubt and walking by faith. *We must realize that the resurrection demonstrates that Jesus is with us, and the power of His resurrection is available to each of us . . . right now.*

This Easter, I pray you get a grasp on the fullness of God's power in your life. Make His son Jesus your highest priority, laying everything else of this world aside. Seek Jesus with your whole heart and spend time with Him in reading the scriptures and in prayer.

Take a step of faith and believe that in Christ, all things are possible. Jesus is just waiting to unleash that resurrection power in your life! All you have to do is ask Him for it. Go ahead, take a moment right now. Go to Jesus in prayer and just ask, then you can experience the power of Jesus has in store for you!

Praying for power in your life this Easter,
Pastor Wayne



The PAW Packs Program provides supplemental food for weekends to families in the Big Spring School District who could use a little extra help. Until school is back in session on a five day schedule, the food is being picked up at the Newville First Church of God on Friday's from 3-5 pm.

Parents can sign up for the program at www.pawpacks.org

On the back burner for now is the discussion of moving into the High School this year in the form of a "Grab and Go".

We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to provide food to the families during this difficult time and continue to grow our program by reaching into the High School this year. This would then mean that we are helping out in all 5 buildings

**The next Paw Pack Meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:30pm.
May the Lord continue to Bless You as you have blessed this Ministry!**



Do you order online items from Amazon Smiles? PAW Packs is now listed as one of the charities that you can choose. If you already have chosen a charity and want to make a switch, there is a link to do so under your account info. Thanks to Kevin Miller for setting this up.



Happy Helpers

Once again, the Happy Helpers enjoyed conversations and laughter as they filled upwards of 3,000 plastic Easter eggs with candy. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to come back together to enjoy the fellowship and they were even surprised by a special guest! Thanks to Ron and Sheri for the all the creative meetings and events they have for the seniors in our church family. Keep up the great ministry!



Easter Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7 pm
"Are You Willing to Pay the Price?"

Sunrise Service - 7 am
Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday Worship Services
8:30 and 10:30 am
"Come Out of that Grave"



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd at 10 am

NOTE: Egg Hunt Rain date is
Saturday, April 10th at 10 am



SERVANT
GUILTING SINGING
TRANSPORTATION ALZAM
THANK YOU GUILD
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ACCOYTE
VOLUNTEER
YOU LISHERING MENTORING
GREETING
WORKING TOGETHER BEING AVAILABLE
THE HEART OF EVERY CHURCH EVERY WHERE
ANSWERING THE CALL
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS
STEPPING UP
ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS
DISCIPLESHIP
FOOD PANTRY
SAYING
YES

LEADER
SERVING OTHERS
YES TEAMWORK
READER
GIVE

We are in need of VOLUNTEERS to help with Promise Kids! Contact Katie Kane for info about teaching, helping, or substituting in Children's Ministry for ages 3 thru 5th grade.



Connection Youth Retreat



April 2021



Hosted By: Newville First Church of God

When: April 23-25, 2021

Register By: April 7th, 2021

Cost: \$75 per person (Checks made payable to NFCOG)

FOR MORE DETAILS, contact:

Shawn Peale
Director of Youth Ministry
Newville First Church of God
shawn@tcp.church
856-689-7736



OR Visit

<https://tcp.church/church/connection-youth> page for where an online registration can be filled out

What To Expect

Camp style lodging

A time to rediscover and understand who God says we are

Growing in our relationship with God and others

Worshiping the Lord through Song (REMIX)

Pizza

Items for purchase at the Camp Store

Electives and free time

Awesome camp food

Devotions with counselors

What To Bring

- Bible
- Pencil/Pen/Highlighter/ Note-book
- Sleeping Bag/Bedding/Pillow
- Clothing
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap/Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Towels/Washcloth
- Flashlight
- Cash for Camp Store



ANNIVERSARIES



Chip & Pat Shughart	4/4
Barry & Cathy Johnson	4/7
Dave & Jeanne Young	4/8
Kelly & Kris Hall	4/14
Richard & Judy Daihl	4/19
Ken & Lisa Baer	4/20
Roger & Sue Russell	4/21
Brian & Denay Ocker	4/25
Leon & Doris Deihl	4/26
Chad & Julie Greenawalt	4/27
Tobey & Brandi Lay	4/27
John & Pam Zimmerman	4/28

Josh & Abby Stitt	5/2
Tom & Vicki Griffie	5/3
Bruce & Evelyn Hockensmith	5/11
Rodger & Sharon Diehl	5/12
Glenn & Cindy Finkenbinder	5/13
Zach & Andrea Dubbs	5/14
Bob & Fran Shoemaker	5/15
Chris & Amanda Weaver	5/19
Kevin & Laura Lay	5/19
Chuck & Jo Adams	5/20
Chuck & Linda Martin	5/21
Kevin & Mary Beth Miller	5/22
Dick & Sharon Reese	5/26
Tom & Lois West	5/27
Philip & Ashley Warehime	5/28
Wayne & Stacie Nickel	5/30
Jim & Terri Elliott	5/31



The Shoebbox Supply House in Shippensburg will tentatively be open the following dates in April and May from 9am -12 each day:

April 10 &24, May 6, 15, 20 & 29.

BIRTHDAYS

Anna Lehman	4/1	Bud Bitner	5/1
Gale Mellinger	4/1	Dot Boudier	5/1
Ed Michaels	4/1	Nick Greenawalt	5/1
Emily Ramsey	4/1	Amber Bostick	5/4
Wayne Good	4/2	Teresa Hockenberry	5/4
Grant Hockenberry	4/2	Stephanie McCullough	5/4
Jo Schoonover	4/2	Cody Greenawalt	5/5
Mason Thrush	4/3	Amos Yohe	5/5
Edie Kitzmiller	4/4	Benjamin Fickel	5/7
Emily Reall	4/5	Harlyn Metcalf	5/7
Chad Greenawalt	4/6	Lloyd Newswanger	5/8
Cathy Johnson	4/7	Rylei Anderson	5/10
Brylee Bob	4/8	Emma Dubbs	5/10
Mike Conner	4/9	Bob Burns	5/11
Brian Franklin	4/9	Travis Garner,II	5/11
Logan Jones	4/9	Norman Miller	5/12
Brooke Bobb	4/10	Jeff Shughart	5/12
Abigail Nickel	4/10	Kathy Biscuit	5/14
Lisa Newswanger	4/11	Hannah Jones	5/14
Susan Russell	4/11	William Brobst	5/15
Jane Shriner	4/11	Patricia Stake	5/15
Sheri Houser	4/12	Daniel Bender	5/16
Eric Hockenberry	4/13	Michael Witter	5/16
Drayson Gayman	4/14	Brenden Newswanger	5/17
Kenneth Lay	4/14	Dan Rhinehart	5/17
Ron Dull	4/16	Kelsey Hinkle	5/18
Sawyer Jones	4/16	Brent Witter	5/18
Brian Ocker	4/18	Sara Witter	5/18
Tiffany Myers	4/19	Norma Barrick	5/19
Skylar Diehl	4/21	Kennedy Sheriff	5/19
Travis Garner	4/23	Bill Drawbaugh	5/20
Collin Roberts	4/24	Laura Fleagle	5/20
Barb Finkenbinder	4/26	Debbie Bigler	5/26
Brian Ramsey	4/26	Joyce Shannon	5/26
Ben Shughart	4/26	Jo Adams	5/29
Jay Weller	4/26	Jerry Hershey	5/29
Deborah Wakefield	4/27	Crystal Fraker	5/30
Sylvia Miller	4/28	Lance Jones	5/30
Jason Darhower	4/29	Breanna Tennant	5/31
Owen Carter Warehime	4/29		
Will Lloyd	4/30		



FINANCIAL STATEMENT



	Feb 21	Jan - Feb 21	Annual Budget	% Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Income				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	0.00	305.00		
Envelopes Income	8,335.00	18,628.00		
Interest on Account	2.98	7.97		
Loose Offering Income	5,348.00	10,442.25		
Miscellaneous Income	10.00	142.00		
Missions Income	250.00	495.00		
Online giving	4,214.82	8,750.53		
The Gathering Income	325.00	775.00		
Total General Fund Income	18,485.80	39,545.75		
Money Market Income				
CDDR Income	3,155.11	9,787.59		
Memorial Fund Income	195.00	2,530.00		
Money Market Interest Account	0.25	0.51		
Total Money Market Income	3,350.36	12,318.10		
Total Income	21,836.16	51,863.85		
Expense				
Total Administration - Other	790.03	1,869.81	13,625.00	13.72%
Total Administration - Staffing	13,140.70	27,759.06	178,476.50	15.55%
Total Benevolences	3,436.55	7,377.46	66,900.00	11.03%
Total Christian Education	837.69	1,385.61	13,800.00	10.04%
Total Church Life Activities	181.31	358.95	3,300.00	10.88%
Total Mortgage	5,920.98	11,841.96	71,051.76	16.67%
Total Property Management	1,536.72	6,229.27	47,900.00	13.00%
Total Stewardship & Finance	0.00	250.00	1,375.00	18.18%
Total Worship & Evangelism	0.00	201.31	3,200.00	6.29%
Total Expense	25,843.98	57,273.43	399,628.26	14.33%

The Church Council will meet on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm.

Community Events & Senior Center News is on the Welcome Center bulletin board.


Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center.

CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

(717) 776-5281 www.campyolijwa.org Facebook Page: *Doubling Gap Center, Camp Yolijwa* Receive weekly updates

HIKE-N-ROCK
And BBQ Chicken
Saturday, May 8th

Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the camp. You could earn up to a free week of 2020 camp when you participate!



YOLIJWA Staff Workshop
For 2021 Volunteer Staff

June 4-5

Be a volunteer!
Contact the camp for more information!

CAMP HOPE
June 6-11

A Christian camping ministry for persons with intellectual disabilities.
Call the camp for a brochure.

33rd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
June 12, 1-5 pm

Activities for all ages!
Don't miss the Camp's famous BBQ chicken!
Plus lots of fun and more!



YOUTH CAMP
June 13-19
For those entering 10th - 12th Grade



1. If there is a wedge between you and God, this is the perfect time to return to His waiting arms.
2. Praise Jesus for putting Himself on the line, going through it all so we can have eternal life.
3. Pray that all those who attend the Easter egg hunt will have a good time, but more importantly will be influenced by the true meaning of the Easter message and will receive the gift of salvation. Maybe they will be drawn to come back for services and learn more.
4. Praise God that we can worship a living Savior, not some lifeless idol, but our Lord who defeated death!
5. Pray for our troops and their families, that they will all be safe and come home soon.
6. Pray for everyone who is raising children, for patience, wisdom and optimism in dealing with them.
7. Praise God for all the loved ones He puts into your life. We often take these great Gifts for granted.
8. Pray for those who feel threatened. Many times the danger is real. Pray for the protection of God's angels around them.
9. Pray for babies waiting to be born, that none will be aborted and all will be loved.
10. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family. What a blessing they are to us! Also, remember to pray for our other pastors and their families to be blessed and continued dedication in their service of spreading God's Word.
11. Praise God that He has provided pastors to the area churches as He planned. They work together well to promote God's kingdom.
12. Pray for our council and all others involved in the meeting tonight, that each one will feel God's blessing and wisdom on them.
13. Pray for those having medical treatments, that there will be success with no side effects.
14. Pray for all the babies, toddlers and babies -to-be, that they will grow up knowing they are loved by God and their church family. Also, pray for the new attenders of our church as they grow in their life with Christ.
15. Pray for the leaders of our country, that they will seek God's wisdom in votes, not greed or self-serving, but be true people of integrity. May that continue all the way down to local leaders.
16. Pray for those with respiratory ailments, that they get relief and can breathe better. This also includes those with allergies. They greatly need relief too.
17. Pray that people can find balance in their lives, that the simpleness of trusting Jesus becomes our main focus.
18. Pray for all those working with the youth of our church, that they will have great endurance, wisdom and creativity in teaching our young people the truths they are not hearing in the secular world, in a way that makes sense and grabs their attention.
19. Praise God for all the blessings He has put into your life. If that seems overwhelming, just think of 4 or 5 things/people you are grateful for.
20. Pray for those who are with unbelievers on a daily basis, that each one will be a good example of God's love, showing that being a Christian is a positive, loving life they'll want for themselves..
21. Pray for rich and famous people. Sounds odd, but are they really happy with their lives? Pray they will truly find Christ and follow Him. Sometimes, they can be a big influence on more impressionable people.
22. Praise God that He cares so deeply for YOU. We can't always understand why He puts up with us. But He loves us to the point of dying for us. We can't even begin to fathom that kind of love.



Thank you church family for all the prayers and cards when I had my recent surgery. Thank you! In Christian love, Louise Hoover

A special THANK YOU to Sharon Bitner for the things she does in keeping our church family informed of prayer needs. We ask that you support Sharon and her family with your prayers during this time of need.

Congratulations to parents Mike & Jackie Keiter on the birth of their daughter, Riley Elizabeth Keiter, born on January 26th.

Riley weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20 inches long!

Congratulations also to grandparents Roger and Sue Russell!



Prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Ed and Christine Piper as **Christine's Nana went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021.**

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bill and Donna Brobst in the Passing of Donna's brother, Calvin.

Pray for the family of Steve and Amy Piper in the passing of Steve's mother, Iva Jean, who passed away on Monday, February 25th, 2021.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Raymond Slavin who passed away unexpectedly on March 11th. Please keep the family in prayer.

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- 23. Pray for all the children and teens of our church, that each one can stand up to peer pressure and grow stronger in their love for Jesus.**
- 24. Pray for people having marriage problems, that they will turn to Chris for solutions, finding new love for each other.**
- 25. Pray for missionaries, wherever they are. That each one will have the courage, wisdom and right words to say when an opportunity arises.**
- 26. Pray for those dealing with cancer or other severe diseases, that they will have courage and hopefully a healing from God.**
- 27. Pray for those with sleep disorders, that they can get the rest they need.**
- 28. Pray for all the adults of our church, that each one will grow more in love with Jesus every day.**
- 29. Praise God for the ability to laugh. God gave us a sense of humor, let's use it for His glory.**
- 30. Pray for caregivers who take care of those who can't fend for themselves. It takes patience and strength. Pray they will stay strong in all ways, trusting God for help.**



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The Newville First Church of God exists to exalt God by showing His love through the fellowship of believers for the purpose of making more and better disciples.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/1 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 pm.
- 4/1 Karate School meets each Monday and Thursday at 6:00 pm.
- 4/2 Good Friday
- 4/3 Men's Prayer Group meets each Saturday at 8:00 am.
- 4/3 Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am.
- 4/4 Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am; Easter Worship Services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am
- 4/5 Trustee Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- 4/6 Cub Scouts meet at 6:00 pm every Tuesday; Good News Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15 pm
- 4/7* Promise Kids zoom at 6:00 & 7 pm; Adult & Youth Connection Groups at 7 pm.
- 4/12 Elders' Meeting at 6 pm; Church Council meeting at 7 pm.
- 4/18 Items for May newsletter due to church office.
- 4/23 Youth Retreat begins Doubling Gap Center thru 4/25.

*Wednesday Nights:
 April 14th, 21st, and 28th
 will be the same schedule as
 April 7th!

Easter Worship Services

**Maundy Thursday,
 April 1st at 7 pm**

**Sunrise Service
 Sunday, April 4th
 at 7 am**

(OUTSIDE WEATHER PERMITTING)

**Easter Sunday
 Worship Services
 8:30 and 10:30 am**

