



# The Connection

April, 2023



## Three Pillars to Live By

All too often, we only hear about the negative things our young people are involved in. Here is something positive to say about the boys on the Big Spring JV and Varsity baseball team.

On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, our church was blessed to have 25 students from the JV and Varsity Big Spring Bulldogs baseball team and four coaches for a workday at our church. Head coach and 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher Jesse Bortner, contacted me last September see how the Bulldogs baseball team could help do something in the Newville community or for our church.



Coach Jesse shared with me his passion to teach these high school boys to learn what it means to become young men and serve in the community . . . not just baseball.

Coach Jesse, along with coaches Ryan Kelley, Jerry Kelley, and Wes Reall want these young men to learn that there is more to life than just their passion to play baseball! In that process, the coaches strive to teach three pillars (values) to help the team to be prepared for whatever comes their way during the baseball season, but to also help them learn how to live life off the field in a way that impacts not only their own lives, but the lives of others around them. The three pillars are:



**1. Be Insatiable – never being content, never be satisfied with things the way they are.** They need to work hard to improve all areas of life, actively seek opportunities to improve themselves mentally and physically, and to hold themselves, and others, accountable to championship standards and expectations.

*“For every minute you are sitting around, someone else is getting better than you.”*

*“How you do anything is how you do everything.”*

**2. Be resilient – being able to recover quickly from adversity.** As players they need to be mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually tough. They need to block out the distractions and focus. They must be teachable and show confidence while being ready for the unexpected obstacles that eventually will come their way and be prepared to overcome those things that try to trip them up.

*“Tough times breed tough people.”*

*“Everything you want is on the other side of hard.”*

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Special Points of Interest  
this Month:

- Palm Sunday with Chiz Rider - April 2
- **Pastor Wayne’s Birthday** April 2
- Easter Services - April 9
- New Outreach Ministry Starting
- Happy Helpers stuffed Easter Eggs

**3. Be Altruistic – having a selfless concern for others.** Understand that the team comes first and make good decisions with the team in mind. Accept the roles you are assigned, because not everyone can be a starter on the team. Treat others with respect and be humble. Speak using good manners and be ready to assist your teammates, peers, elders, and those less fortunate!

*“We are at our finest when we take care of each other.”*

*“The best way to become successful is to make others successful.”*

What great life lessons to teach these young men . . . and in all reality, these are good life lessons for each of us to learn to live by. Many passages of scripture teach us how to live by these same three pillars. I challenge you to think about how you are living out these pillars in your own personal life! Here is just one verse for each:

- **Insatiable** – *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* Col. 3:23-24 (ESV)
- **Resilient** - *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Phil. 3:13-14 (ESV)
- **Altruistic** - *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* Phil. 2:3-4 (ESV)

**I encourage you to keep all our students in your prayers as they learn to live by these pillars.** They face many tough challenges in life. Pray for our school teachers, leaders, and support staff as well. It is great to know that there are those in our school systems who are doing their best to teach our students how to live a moral and respectful life.



**So . . . a big thanks to the baseball team for helping to beautify our church grounds. A special thank you to the Trustees and other adults who assisted. Thanks to those who provided the mulch. And a special thanks to Dave Schoonover’s Connection Group for supplying donuts and drinks for all the workers. They were enjoyed by all!**

You are Loved, Live Loved,  
*Pastor Wayne*

## **Christian Schools**

Have you ever thought about Christian Education for your child or teenager? We have several excellent Christian schools located around Newville. There are options when making choices for your children's education that shapes them academically, spiritually, and in their worldview and skills. At Christian schools, the faculty and staff are equipped to address the developing areas of your child's life and education from a Biblical perspective to help them reach their God-given potential.

At the present time, we have two children from our church that attend Shalom Christian School and one child that attends Cumberland Valley Christian School (CVCS), and possibly others that I am not aware of.

If you would like to know more about how a Christian school could benefit your child’s future, contact me. I also have available a \$500.00 scholarship to CVCS for any first time enrollment to the school for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact me if you are interested.

~ Pastor Wayne





## Community Cross Walk

The Cross Walk will be held this year on **Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.**

## Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:15 and 10:45 am

Special Music by Chiz Rider

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm

Special service of Communion and Feet Washing

Easter Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service at 7:00 am

Breakfast at 7:45 am

Worship Gathering Music at

9:00 am

Easter Family Worship Service at

9:30 am

## Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 8th

Children from birth - 5th grade

Registration at 9:30 am

Egg Hunt at 10:00 am

Photos with the Easter Bunny

Bring a friend



## Family Easter Photos

We are offering you the opportunity to have Easter photos taken. Check out the Connection Center Lobby for the location.

Gather the family, grab some friends and take some candid and fun shots.

If you'd like, you can share them on our Facebook Page or Instagram.

Use **#newvilletcp**



The PAW Packs volunteers want to thank all of you who have brought in canned vegetables for us to share with the families in our drive thru program. During the month of February we handed out 498 cans of corn, green beans, peas, and kidney beans. As the spring planting season begins, we pray that the gardeners in our church will plant a little more this year and share some fresh vegetables with these families as well. We all know that fresh vegetables are a healthy addition to put on the table.

PAW packs is participating in a “**Bags to Benches**” program in which we collect plastic bags to be recycled into benches. It takes 500 pounds of plastic to make one bench. We have a recycle bin in the APB if you want to add grocery bags to it.

Upcoming events:

The next PAW Pack Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**



**April 22, 2023** - The First United Presbyterian Church is hosting a Chili Cook-off to benefit PAW Packs. The church says there are some “hot prizes for the best chili.” There are some flyers about the cook-off on the PAW Packs stand located in the Welcome Center.

**May 20, 2023** (tentative date) - PAW Packs will be hosting a drive thru sale of yummy meals from Redemption BBQ at Newville First Church of God. The meals will include your choice of a pulled chicken, pulled pork or brisket sandwich with mac & cheese, shanty beans, and bottled water. This is a great chance to support PAW Packs and a local business as well.



Join Us:

Thursdays 6-8:00 pm

(except April 6)

With Pastors Heidi & Kathryn

GriefShare is a video series on grief and recovery from a biblical perspective, along with support group discussion of the materials.



Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with the soup sale! Your help was greatly appreciated.

We sold 129 quarts of soup!

**The G.I.G.G.L.E.S. (Girls In God Growing Laughing Eating and Sharing) group is a Ladies Lunch Ministry that meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.**



The **GIGGLES Ladies' Lunch Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, April 25th at 12 Noon at the Bonanza, 1635 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA. There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center nearer to the date! And as always, if you wish to carpool or need a ride, please be at the church by 11:15 am. Hope you can attend! If you have any questions, please call Peg Hoover at 717-701-8070 (h) or 961-9328 (c).

**April 9th** - Sunrise Easter breakfast. We will have Mim's donuts, bagels, variety of fruit, etc.

**April 16th** - Blanket Sunday, Focusing on Babies. Handmade, bought, or monetary donations are welcome!

**April 22nd** - Women's Ministry will be making blankets. Watch bulletin for time!



## Congratulations to Team Chili!

Our church was represented and participated in the Big Spring Post Grad Chili Cook-Off which benefited the Class of 2023. A **SECOND PLACE** award was given for the delicious chili made by Heather Fickel. Thank you to all those who participated.



## Blended & Blessed (for blended families)

Blended & Blessed, hosted by Family Life Ministries is the only one-day live event and live stream just for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families.

On **Saturday, April 29, 2023**, you can join this event on-line in your home or with a group of friends, bringing together couples for one incredible day of teaching, music, and humor! Over 30,000 people from 22 countries have experienced the event over the past six years.

To get more information on this event, go to: [www.blendedandblessed.com](http://www.blendedandblessed.com)

FamilyLife Today®



Greeting Card Ministry - Did you know there is a display of Greeting Cards for all occasions in our Connection Center. The cards are hand made by Jeanne Young along with handmade bracelets. They are there for anyone to use free of charge, however a donation is appreciated. All donations are used towards our debt reduction of the Connection Center. Thanks Jeanne for your donation of time and talents!

Encourage a Shut-in - Use a card from the Greeting Card Ministry or use one of **your own creations to send a note of encouragement or "Thinking of You" to a shut-in!** We have many shut-ins from our church family, and others who are going through some difficult times and could use some encouragement and would appreciate receiving cards from our church family. Be sure to write a brief note in the card to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Check the bulletin for name suggestions, or choose your own person to encourage!

## Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule - April 2023

Date	8:30 Junior Church	9:30 Sunday School	10:30 Junior Church
April 2	Check In: Kevin & Laura Lay Teachers: Emily Reall & Kate Lay	Check in: Alan Guyer Teachers: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover	Check In: Deanna Rhinehart Pre-School: Stacie Nickel & Delaney Rhinehart Elementary: Katie Kane & Yvonne Shannon
April 9 Easter	Easter Sunday: Combined Family Service at 9:30 am Children ages 3-grade 5 worship in sanctuary. The nursery is open for families, but not staffed.		
April 16	Check In: Heather & Ben Fickel Teachers: Sylvia Miller & Mary Beth Miller	Check in: Kevin Miller Teachers: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover	Check In: Will & Janelle LLOYD Pre-School: Nadia Griffith & Amber Brown Elementary: Pastor Heidi Guyer & Deb Whisler
April 23	<b>Family Service</b> Nursery only Check In: Miriam Dull	<b>Junior Choir Practice</b> Check in: Steph Weller Teachers: Linda Webber & Katie Kane	<b>Family Service</b> Nursery only Check In: Pastors Andrew & Kathryn Griffith
April 30	Check In: Mark & Sarah Long Teachers: Linda Webber & Amanda Webber	Check in: Jeanne Young Teachers: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover	Check In: Michael Copenhaver Pre-School: Stacie Nickel & Sherry Aby Elementary: Tracey Cook & Pastor Heidi Guyer

Wednesday Night Clubs

## April's Monthly Memory Verses

Sunday Jr Church

**"The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."**  
Psalm 145:8

**"But we are citizens of heaven. And we can hardly wait for a Savior from there. He is the Lord Jesus Christ."**

Philippians 3:20

## Nursery Volunteer Schedule - April 2023

### 8:15 Service

Apr 2nd - Fran Shoemaker; Anna Leaphart  
Apr 9th - Nursery open but not staffed  
Apr 16th - Kristy Warren; Cathy Johnson  
Apr 23rd - Emily Reall; Stephanie McCullough  
April 30th - Emily Reall; Steph Weller

### 9:30 Nursery

Apr 2nd - Stephanie & Gary Wall  
Apr 9th - Nursery open but not staffed  
Apr 16th - Katie & Shay Kane  
Apr 23rd - Brandi & Tobey Lay  
April 30th - Ginny Weaver & Pastor Heidi Guyer

### 10:45 Service

Apr 2nd - Tracey Cook; Sarah Fisher  
Apr 9th - Nursery open but not staffed  
Apr 16th - Kathy Biscuit; Brooke Bobb  
Apr 23rd - Sara Witter; Suzanne Witter  
April 30th - Suzanne Witter; Pat Martin

**Children's Choir** will sing on April 9, Easter and April 30

**Please meet in the Children's Center for a brief practice.**

April 9 - meet at 9:15 am

April 30 - meet at 8:00 am

All children ages 3 - grade 5 are welcome to be part of the choir. We practice on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. Please join in!

## *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](mailto:fickelh@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more information!**

## 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 found in your offering envelope box, or you can find an Easter Offering envelope in the bulletin or in the pews. Please bring your gift in anytime up through April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



To Our Church Family, the family of Leon Deihl would like to say thanks for all the prayers, cards, acts of kindness showed to our family during Leon's passing. Special thanks to Pastor Wayne for a great service at Hoffman's Funeral Home, along with Pastor Dick's message, Tom Griffie, Buz Anderson, Sheri Houser and Nurse Amy from Chapel Pointe, memories of our "Special Leon". Thanks for all acts of kindness from visitors at the funeral, the money donation from our S.S. class in Leon's name, the Christmas basket, the fruit basket for our family and the many memories of Leon, The Chapel Pointe visits and cards were all appreciated. Many thanks! The hole in our hearts from Leon's passing is hard and will take time to deal with. We know he is in a better place, but it's hard.

Love Doris, Mike, Chris, Grandkids and all our family members

Neighbors in Christ wants to thank you, the congregation for faithfully supporting their ministry effort in this community. Your generous donation of \$1,500 was deeply appreciated.

Kathy Day, Corresponding

Dear Members of First Church of God, The Big Spring Area Food Bank strives to provide a variety of nutritious food for it's clients each month. With food prices continuing to rise your generous donation of \$500.00 from Missions will be a great help to sustain these high standards. In His Service Debbie Sweger



Please keep Jerry & Phyllis Hershey in your prayers. Jerry's brother, Richard "Dick" Hershey passed away, Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Church.... Wow.** Even as I write this letter, I am choking up. The past month or so has not been easy for Bethany and me. We needed time off to work on some things in our family and myself personally. In that time away, while we experienced a lot of clarity, peace, refreshing, and healing, we were incredibly overwhelmed by the love, encouragement, support, and prayers of the church. There were so many texts, calls, messages, prayers, and letters! **We probably had enough letters to cover 5 fridges let alone 1!** From the very beginning of my time here on staff, I have felt loved and cared for beyond just a worker, but more like family, which truly makes this body so special.

While we are back to attending and I am back to serving as your youth pastor/worship leader, we would ask for continued respect and privacy regarding the leave of absence. When the time comes, our story will be shared with all of those who need to hear it to glorify God. Just know, that God is good. *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* ~James 1:17 NIV Neither one of us has ever felt so loved by a congregation and brought us to the realization that THIS IS WHAT CHURCH IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE. We look forward to continuing to serve you. We love you. We're praying for you. *Thank you for letting us serve you and Thank you for your love.*

Love, Pastor Shawn and Bethany Peale





## ANNIVERSARIES

Chip & Pat Shughart	4/4
Barry & Cathy Johnson	4/7
Dave & Jeanne Young	4/8
Kelly & Kris Hall	4/14
Dick & Judy Daihl	4/19
Ken & Lisa Baer	4/20
Roger & Susan Russell	4/21
Ryan & Nicole Hall	4/24
Brian & Denay Ocker	4/25
Tobey & Brandi Lay	4/27



Josh & Abby Stitt	5/2
Tom & Vicki Griffie	5/3
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
Kevin & Mary Beth Miller	5/22
Scott & Heidie Mentzer	5/23
Dick & Sharon Reese	5/26
John & Carol Shaffer	5/27
Tom & Lois West	5/27
Philip & Ashley Warehime	5/28
Wayne & Stacie Nickel	5/30
Jim & Terri Elliott	5/31

## BIRTHDAYS

Anna Lehman	4/1
Gale Mellinger	4/1
Ed Michaels	4/1
Emily Ramsey	4/1
Pastor Wayne Good	4/2
Jo Schoonover	4/2
Mason Thrush	4/3
Edie Kitzmiller	4/4
Emily Reall	4/5
Cathy Johnson	4/7
Brylee Bobb	4/8
Mike Conner	4/9
Brian Franklin	4/9
Brooke Bobb	4/10
Abigail Nickel	4/10
Lisa Newswanger	4/11
Sue Russell	4/11
Jane Shriner	4/11
Sheri Houser	4/12
Ken Lay	4/14
Ron Dull	4/16
Brian Ocker	4/18
Tiffany Myers	4/19
Skylar Diehl	4/21
Barb Finkenbinder	4/26
Brian Ramsey	4/26
Ben Shughart	4/26
Jay Weller	4/26
Deb Wakefield	4/27
Sylvia Miller	4/28
Jason Darhower	4/29
Owen Carter Warehime	4/29
Will Lloyd	4/30

Bud Bitner	5/1
Dot Boudier	5/1
Nick Greenawalt	5/1
Teresa Hockenberry	5/4
Stephanie McCullough	5/4
Amos Yohe	5/5
Benjamin Fickel	5/7
Lloyd Newswanger	5/8
Rylei Anderson	5/10
Emma Dubbs	5/10
Tim Hoover	5/12
Norman Miller	5/12
Jeff Shughart	5/12
Kathy Biscuit	5/14
William Brobst	5/15
Patricia Stake	5/15
Daniel Bender	5/16
Michael Witter	5/16
Branden Newswanger	5/17
Dan Rhinehart	5/17
Brent Witter	5/18
Sara Witter	5/18
Norma Barrick	5/19
Kennedy Sheriff	5/19
Bill Drawbaugh	5/20
Laura Fleagle	5/20
Debbie Bigler	5/26
Richard Brown III	5/28
Jo Adams	5/29
Jerry Hershey	5/29
Breanna Tennant	5/31



1. If there is a wedge between you and God, this is the perfect time to return to His waiting arms.
2. Praise God that there will eventually be warmer weather and less wind. There will be flowers and gardens and beautiful colors.
3. Pray that people can find balance in their lives, that the simpleness of trusting Jesus becomes our main focus.
4. Pray for those who are planning trouble or violence. Pray they will be stopped before anyone can be hurt and the fear of God will be instilled in their souls.
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, and the courage to stand up and protect them from so much of what they are being taught.
7. Praise Jesus for putting Himself on the line, going through it all so we can have eternal life.
8. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family. What a blessing they are to us! Also, remember to pray for our other pastors for blessings and continued dedication in their service of spreading God's Word.
9. Praise God that we can worship a living Savior, not some lifeless idol, but our Lord who defeated death.
10. Pray for our church council as they meet tonight. Pray that God will make His direction for our church very clear.
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 those who feel threatened. Many times the danger is real. Pray for the protection of God's angels around them.
13. Pray for those having medical treatments, that there will be success with no bad 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 newer members 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, not greed or self serving, but be true people of integrity.
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. Praise God for the older people of our world. They have seen so much history take place and could teach it to younger people so they don't make the same mistakes. Those who have dementia or Alzheimer's have not always been weak or confused. They still deserve to be treated with respect for all the contributions they have made in their younger days.
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, grabs their attention, and keeps them coming back for more.
19. Praise God for all the blessings He has put into your life. If that seems overwhelming, 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.
22. Praise God that He cares so deeply for YOU. We can't always understand why He puts up with us. But loves us to the point of dying for us. We can't even begin to fathom that kind of love.
23. Pray for those who are in war torn areas. We mostly can't imagine what living in those situations would be like. Pray they will be kept safe and the fighting will end soon. Pray they will find Jesus to rely on.
24. Pray for people having marriage problems, that they will turn to Christ 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. This includes each one of us, too.
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. This includes people with young children who won't sleep through the night, too.
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. Or possibly sitting with the person for a bit to give the caregiver a little break, if possible.



Once again, the Happy Helpers enjoyed conversations, laughter and pizza as they filled up a couple thousand eggs with candy for the annual community Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Ron and Sheri for all the creative meetings and events they have for the seniors in our church family. Keep up the great ministry!!



## Vacation Bible School

**Vacation Bible School will be from June 18 - 22 starting at 6:30 pm. Please be in prayer as to where you can help!!!**

**Newsletter DEADLINE**

The office needs your input for the May 2023 issue of **"The Connection"** Newsletter by April 24th!



The Shoebox Supply House in Shippensburg will be open the following dates in April/May:

April 15, 20 & 29

May 1 (6-7:30pm)

May 4, 13, 18 & 27

HOURS: 9 am to Noon

### 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 April 2nd.**

	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 23</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General Fund Income</b>				
<b>Birthday Gift for Jesus Income</b>	0.00	870.00		
<b>Building Rental Income</b>	690.00	990.00		
<b>Envelopes Income</b>	14,493.00	29,581.00		
<b>Interest on Account</b>	5.44	14.58		
<b>Loose Offering Income</b>	6,539.94	16,035.55		
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	1,020.00	3,270.00		
<b>Missions Income</b>	580.00	1,000.00		
<b>Online giving</b>	7,188.73	17,211.81		
<b>Sunday School Income</b>	<u>425.00</u>	<u>797.75</u>		
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	30,942.11	69,770.69		
<b>Money Market Income</b>				
<b>CCDR Income</b>	4,003.00	8,141.00		
<b>Memorial Fund Income</b>	185.00	235.00		
<b>Money Market Interest Account</b>	<u>4.39</u>	<u>7.87</u>		
<b>Total Money Market Income</b>	<u>4,192.39</u>	<u>8,383.87</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	35,134.50	78,154.56		
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Total Administration - Other</b>	474.44	951.62	11,150.00	8.53%
<b>Total Administration - Staffing</b>	14,999.94	28,863.40	169,300.50	17.05%
<b>Total Benevolences</b>	5,340.04	9,755.33	65,650.00	14.86%
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	1,805.30	3,558.91	11,050.00	32.21%
<b>Total Church Life Activities</b>	1,169.26	2,458.18	14,500.00	16.95%
<b>Total Mortgage</b>	4,604.28	9,208.56	56,583.36	16.27%
<b>Total Property Management</b>	2,801.35	7,306.10	43,800.00	16.68%
<b>Total Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	15.00	114.00	1,500.00	7.60%
<b>Total Worship &amp; Evangelism</b>	<u>71.29</u>	<u>71.29</u>	<u>1,950.00</u>	<u>3.66%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	31,280.90	62,287.39	375,483.86	16.59%

The Church Council will meet on Monday, April 10th 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](http://www.campyolijwa.org) Facebook Page: *Doubling Gap Center, Camp Yolijwa*

**HIKE-N-ROCK**  
Saturday, May 6th

Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the camp. You could earn up to a free week of 2023 camp when you participate!



**CAMP HOPE**  
June 4-9

A Christian camping ministry for persons, age 16+, with intellectual disabilities

Call the camp for a brochure.

**MISSION TRIP TO CAMP YOLIJWA?**

**Here's an opportunity** to serve the Lord locally. Volunteer for a week as one of 350 persons who serve on **Yolijwa's staff**. Counselors are needed for every camp week! Applications available at [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org)

**OPEN HOUSE**  
June 10 @ 1-5 pm

Hayrides, Camp Activities. And as always Camps famous Chicken BBQ meal. Email [program@campyolijwa.org](mailto:program@campyolijwa.org)



**YOUTH CAMP**  
June 11-17

For those entering 10th - 12th Grade



# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fools Day
2 Palm Sunday 8:15 am Worship Chiz Rider 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship Chiz Rider	3 5:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting	4 6:30 pm PAW Packs Meeting 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	5 No Connection Groups	6 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 Good Friday	8 8:00 am Men's Prayer <u>10:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt</u>
9 EASTER Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 7:45 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Gathering Music 9:30 am Easter Worship <u>FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY</u>	10 5:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School 6:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	12 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups	13 5:30 pm Karate School 6 - 8 GriefShare	14	15 8:00 am Men's Prayer Anchored Sunday School Volleyball & Picnic
16 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship Baby Blanket Sunday	17 1:00 pm Happy Helpers meeting 5:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School	18 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	19 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups	20 5:30 pm Karate School 6 - 8 GriefShare	21 Earth Day	22 8:00 am Men's Prayer Women's Ministry Blanket Meeting
23/30 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:45 am Worship	24 5:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Karate School	25 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Noon GIGGLES at Bonanza, Chbg. 6:30 Women's Ministry	26 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Promise Kids, Youth & Adult Connection Groups	27 5:30 pm Karate School 6 - 8 GriefShare	28	29 8:00 am Men's Prayer



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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.*

## **QUICK LOOK SCHEDULE of Events**

- Apr 1 - **Men’s prayer Group meets every Saturday at 8:00 am**
- Apr 2 - Palm Sunday with Chiz Rider providing special music
- Apr 3 - Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Apr 4 - PAW Packs meeting at 6:30 pm
- Apr 5 - NO CONNECTION GROUPS
- Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm
- Apr 8 – Easter Egg Hunt - Register at 9:30 am; Hunt at 10:00 am
- Apr 9 – EASTER SUNDAY
  - 7:00 am Sunrise Service
  - 7:45 am Breakfast and Fellowship
  - 9:00 am Gathering Music in Sanctuary
  - 9:30 am Easter Worship Service
- Apr 12 - Choir meeting at 6:00 pm every Wednesday
- Apr 12 - ALL Connection Groups meeting at 7:00 pm every Wednesday
- Apr 17 - Happy Helpers meeting at 1:00 pm
- Apr 25 - **Women’s Ministry at 6:30**

## **Sunday Services**

- Worship Service**
- 8:15 am**
- Nursery Care**
- Ages under 2
- Promise Kids Connection**
- Ages 3-Grade 5
- Connection Groups**
- 9:30 am**
- Adult Electives**
- Nursery Care**
- Promise Kids Connection**
- Ages 3-Grade 5
- Youth Connection**
- Worship Service**
- 10:45 am**
- Nursery Care**
- Ages under 2
- Promise Kids Connection**
- Ages 3-Grade 5