

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

8:30 Worship Attendance = 116 9:30 Sunday School Attendance =
10:30 Worship Attendance = 111 Wednesday Night Connection =
Total Worship Attendance = 227

Financial Giving Breakdown General Fund

Sunday School \$138.00
Loose \$2,271.00
Envelopes \$2,305.00
Total General Fund **\$4,714.00**
Weekly General Fund offering needed for budget = \$6,241.85

CCDR Offerings (Mortgage)

CCDR \$155.00
Card Ministry \$39.50
Total CCDR **\$194.50**
Weekly CCDR offering needed for mortgage = \$1,062.55

NOTES: Current Mortgage Debt = \$599,750.49
 Monthly Mortgage = \$4,604.28

Other Designated Giving

Copier \$860.00
APB Roof \$100.00
Total Other Designated Giving **\$960.00**

Total Weekly Offering:

\$4,714.00 + \$194.50 + \$960.00 = \$5,868.50

NOTES:

- (1) The offerings listed above **do not** include Online Giving.
- (2) **Online Giving** for October was:

GF – \$6,845.00 + CCDR + \$1360.00 = \$8,205.00

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

12/08: Women's Ministry Meeting
12/10: Youth Ministries Party 5-8 pm
12/11: Annual Congregational meeting 9:30 am
12/12: Happy Helpers Lunch 12:00 pm
12/13: Paw Packs Meeting
12/16: Anchored Christmas Party
12/21: Last Choir Practice 6:00pm
12/24: **Christmas Eve**
12/25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Karate School meets Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:00 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

December 4, 2022

"For to us a child is born, to us
a son is given; and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6



Pastor Wayne A. Good

Director of Visitation: Pastor Dick Reese
Director of Youth Ministry: Pastor Shawn Peale
Director of Children's Ministry: Katie Kane
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

November 27, 2022

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Musical Prelude – *A Time of Preparing to Worship*

Songs of Praise and Worship

8:30 a.m. Services

"O What A Glorious Night!"

Video

"Adore"

Video

"Away In A Manger"

Hymn #262

10:30 a.m. Services

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"Forever"

"Light of the World"

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hearing from God's Word

Series: The Heart of Christmas

Message: Finding Peace in the Heart of Christmas

Text: Luke 2:8-14, Colossians 1:19-22

Musical Postlude – *A Time of Reflection*

Send a "Thinking of You" greeting card. A few individuals who could use some encouragement this week are:

*Jim Witter – 1000 Northfield Dr, Brookville Heathcare Center
Chambersburg PA*

*Evelyn Hockensmith – 91 Doubling Gap Rd Apt 2022, Newville PA
Walter + Peggy Coover – 18 Beidler Dr, Shippensburg PA*

Date Change: The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday morning, December 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to bring in a special ornament for the Christmas Tree this year.

The proposed 2023 budget is available for review. There is a copy on the bulletin board and extra copies in the mailroom if you would like to take one. Questions, see Kevin Miller.

Doubling Gap is hosting "Travel to the Inn" for **Christmas** this year. Tuesday **December 6th come out to Doubling Gap at 6:30 pm** to witness the miracle of Christmas! **It cost \$16.** Please bring one of the following for the homeless: adult cold medicine, hats (any size) or ramen noodles. Please make checks out to **CGWM and give to Jean Sponenberg by November 16th.**

A **Mitten Tree** will be placed in the church this year by the Women's Ministry for donations of gloves, hats and socks. The donations will be given to the Big Spring Area Food Bank. Hats, mittens, and socks may be placed on the tree or in the back in the entryway. Donations brought in will be going to the foodbank.

The annual Christmas covered dish dinner of Happy Helpers will be held on **Monday December 12th at 12:00 pm** in the all-purpose building. Everyone who is 55+ years old is invited. Chicken table service and beverages will be provided. Please bring one dish to share. Sign up in the welcome center if you plan to attend.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 will be placed in your mailbox in the next few weeks. If you do NOT currently have offering envelopes and would like to begin using them, please put a note in the offering plate or in Jean Sponenberg's mailbox.

The Women's Ministry will be meeting December 8th at 6:30 to prepare Christmas Cheer Boxes for shut-ins. If you would like to donate small useful items to be included, or donate money toward fresh fruit, please talk to or call Mary Beth Miller at 717-440-2111.

Happy Helpers will be meeting on December 12th at noon.

Instead of giving gifts to each other, we will be collecting monetary donations and boxes of cereal for paw packs. If you would like to contribute it would be greatly appreciated!

If you would like to make a gift towards the purchase of the replacement copier for in the church office, you can place your gift in an envelope in the pew and place it in the offering plate. The cost of the copier is \$5,200 and to date we have received \$1,260 towards the total cost. **Write "Copier" on the envelope.** Thank you!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

December 4th: Fran Shoemaker (8:30 service)
December 4th: Brandi & Tobey Lay (9:30 Sunday School)
December 4th: Tracey Cook & Sarah Fisher (10:30 service)

December 11th: Roger Woltz & Elijah Reall (8:30 service)
December 11th: Kathryn Griffith (9:30 Sunday School)
December 11th: Suzanne Witter & Pat Martin (10:30 service)

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 4th:

8:30 Jr Church

Check In: Kevin and Laura Lay

Junior Church: Emily Reall & Wade Reall

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Jeanne Young

Teacher: Tracey Cook & Barb Hoover

10:30 Jr Church

Check In: Will & Janelle Lloyd

Toddler Church: Stacie Nickel & Nadia Griffith

Junior Church: Daniel & Julianna Bender

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 11th:

8:30 Jr Church

Check In: Miriam Dull

Junior Church: Sylvia Miller & Kate Lay

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Alan Guyer

Teacher: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

10:30 Jr Church

Check In: Pastors Andrew & Kathryn Griffith

Toddler Church: Stacie Nickel & Amber Brown

Junior Church: Katie Kane & Deb Whisler

NO Connection Groups will be held at the church on Wednesday December 21st.

We have an **IMMEDIATE NEED** for teachers for our children's ministry Sunday mornings. If you love children, or have a talent teaching, we are requesting you use your gifts to volunteer some Sundays to help our children. **Please contact Katie Kane (717) 448-9218 or Pastor Wayne (717) 448-6994 to volunteer.**

The Genesis Fellowship Class invites you to join the class for two special Christmas lessons by Pastor Ron Dull. **Sunday December 4th Luke 2 - The Christmas story according to Luke. Sunday December 18th Matthew 2 – The Christmas Story according to Matthew.**

Look for the sign Invitation to Christmas to enter the classroom.

Congratulations to Greg and Becky Myers who got married November 26th! Many blessings for your union in marriage.

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Worship Services? Red and white flowers will be available in both 6" and 4 ½" sizes. You can pick up a form and envelop for your payment in the Connection Center. **TODAY** is the last day to place orders for poinsettias.

Our Advent Worship Service times:

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Worship,

Combined Worship Service – 10:00 am (No Connection Groups)

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day Worship, **Combined Worship Service** – 10:00 am (No Connection Groups)

These three dates will be Family Worship Services. Children will join the worship service in the main sanctuary. The nursery will be open for nursery needs, but not staffed.

A special THANK YOU goes out to all those who helped with all the preparations, the meal, and helping in the program for the Hanging of the Greens service. **Thanks to Katie Kane and the children's volunteers** for the joyful telling of the Christmas Story by the children. It was a beautiful and inspiring night of worship in God's house!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pastor Heidi, Alan and the family. Pastor Heidi's grandfather, Joseph Bistline went home to be with the Lord on November 24, 2022, at the age of 97 years. He loved the Lord and faithfully served in the Landisburg Church of God most of his life. Mr. Bistline also helped with Child Evangelism Fellowship ministries for over 50 years.

The Paw Packs meeting will be on Tuesday **December 13th**.

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING IS COMING IN JANUARY 2023!

The first will be some adjustments to our Sunday Worship service times. Sunday mornings here at The Connection Place are very busy, and there isn't time for any fellowship to meet new attenders or to catch up with friends between our various services, without taking time away from one of our worship services or Connection Groups.

There are two options we looking at for our future Sunday schedule. **The worship committee and church council members would like your input to help guide the decision for our future service times.** Please look and pray about the two options below. There will be a survey form for you to complete on Sunday, December 4th for you to share your thoughts. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Worship Committee members (listed below) for more information.

OPTION 1

- 8:15 - First Worship Service
- 9:30 - Connection Groups (Sunday School)
- 10:45 – Second Worship Service

OPTION 2

- 8:30 - First Worship Service
- 9:45 - Connection Groups (Sunday School)
- 11:00 – Second Worship Service

The second item will be our new Family Sunday. Beginning in January, the fourth Sunday of the month will be a time when families can enjoy worshipping together. On Family Sunday, the pre-school and elementary children will in the sanctuary with their parents for the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services.

Children's Sunday School classes will still be held at 9:30 on Family Sunday in their regular classroom area, and, **we will still have nursery care during all services** as long as we have volunteers to help in the nursery.

Worship Committee: *Pastor Wayne, Pastor Ron, Pastor Shawn, Pastor Kathryn, Brandi Lay, Elaine Good, Sarah Long, and Stephanie Wall.*



December 4th: Find **PEACE** in the Heart of Christmas
Luke 2:13-14

December 11th: The Heart of Christmas brings **JOY**
John 1:14

December 18th: The Heart of Christmas is **LOVE**
Galatians 4:4-5

December 25th: **JESUS** is the Heart of Christmas
John 3:16

Service times: 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday mornings
Christmas Eve Service: 6:00 & 8:00 pm
Christmas Day Service: 10:00 am Combined Worship





December 4, 2022
Find PEACE in The Heart of
Christmas

Luke 2:8-14, Colossians 1:19-22

THINK: Jesus' birth offers you PEACE in your difficulties and stress.

FEEL:

- Hope is not the _____ of conflict and struggles
 - Hope is the _____ of God
- Peace is not the _____ of conflict and struggles
 - Peace is the _____ of God

1. The Peace of God is for all People

- Who do you identify most with from the Christmas story?

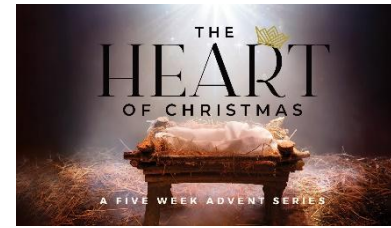
2. Jesus Reconciles Us to God

- *"Peace does not mean you won't have any problems. Peace means that your problems won't have you."* Dr. Tony Evans

3. Peace Is Our Purpose

- *"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."* Matthew 5:9

DO: Take time to share with God the stresses of your life and trust that His favor is on you today, and, **He longs to bring you HOPE and PEACE.**



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4. The Peace of God is for all People

- Who do you identify most with from the Christmas story?

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