

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)

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**REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023**

8:15 Worship Attendance = 130      9:30 Sunday School Attendance = 79  
 10:45 Worship Attendance = 95      Sunday Evening Service = 181  
 Total Worship Attendance = 225      Wednesday Connection Groups = 97

Financial Giving Breakdown				
Weekly Giving	General Fund	Other Designated	CCDR Debt Reduction	Week Total
3-Dec	\$11,547.01	\$0.00	\$2,374.00	\$13,921.01
10-Dec				\$0.00
17-Dec				\$0.00
24-Dec				\$0.00
31-Dec				\$0.00
<b>Dec Totals</b>	<b>\$11,547.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,374.00</b>	<b>\$13,921.01</b>
<i>Req Monthly for Budget</i>	<b>\$26,575.05</b>		<b>\$4,604.28</b>	<b>\$31,179.33</b>
Past month's Income				
November	\$25,707.61	\$1,921.80	\$5,989.00	\$33,618.41
October	\$34,559.31	\$2,375.05	\$4,741.00	\$41,675.36
September	\$28,109.02	\$1,375.00	\$5,188.00	\$34,672.02
Nov Online Giving	to GF:	\$7,475.00	to CCDR:	\$1,440.00
<b>CCDR Debt Balance</b>		<b>\$566,128.47</b>		

**Reminders and Upcoming Events:**

- 12/11: Elders meeting at 5:30 pm, Church Council at 7:00 pm**
- 12/13: Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm**  
**Cantata Choir Practice 6:30 pm**  
**All Connection Groups begin at 7:00 pm**
- 12/14: Happy Helpers 11:30 Newville Dinner**
- 12/16: Men's Prayer 8:00 am**
- 12/17: Members Received into Membership-Newsletter Deadline**

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# Newville First Church of God

## The Connection Place

December 10, 2023  
 Second Sunday of Advent



**Pastor Wayne A. Good, Lead Pastor**  
**Director of Visitation: Pastor Dick Reese**  
**Director of Youth Ministry: Pastor Shawn Peale**  
**Interim Director of Children's Ministry: Kathy Hewitt**  
**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**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**8:15 am & 10:45**

**Musical Prelude – a Time of Preparing to Worship**  
**Invitation To Worship**

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

**8:15 Service**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymn # 277**  
**Angels We Have Heard on High Hymn #278**  
**Midnight Clear, Chris Tomlin Video**  
**You Are Welcome Here Choir**

**Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

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**10:45 Service**

**Blessed Be Your Name**  
**How Good Is He**  
**Light of the World**

**Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

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**Advent Reading of Peace 8:15 Jeff & Mona Holtry**

**10:45 John & Pat Bailey**

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Series: A Savior Is Born**

**Message: "The Sacrificial Love of Jesus"**

**Pastor Wayne Good**

**Text: Luke 2:1-7, Philippians 2:5-11**

**Prayer of Sending**

**Musical Postlude**

Christmas is the fulfillment of hundreds of years of prophecy about the coming of the Messiah. People held onto the HOPE that God would fulfill his promise. With JOY they anticipated the arrival of the Christ child. Today we will learn how Jesus LOVED all whom he encountered from the cradle to the cross. **We are happy to have you worship with us today!** May your hearts be filled with the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christ!

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

*Phyllis Webber – Centerville Rd., Newville, PA 17241*

*Allen & Linda Weller– 30 Zion Rd., Newburg, PA 17240*

*Tom & Kim Bailey – 110 Woods Rd., Newville, PA 17241*

The Church Office hours are **Monday 9:00 am-12:00 pm** and **Thursday 10:00 am–1:00 pm.**

Are you ready to make The Connection Place your church family? We would love to have you as a part of our family through membership. If you would like to **become a member** or if you would like more information about our church and its ministry, join our informational meeting **TODAY, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** Members **will be received into the church on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

All new council members are asked to attend **the December 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting at 7:00 pm.** The **Elders will be meeting at 5:30 pm.** Thank you for being faithful in serving God's church.

Thank you to all who attended the Hanging of the Evergreens Meal and Service and to the many who served and prepared for this evening. What a beautiful evening to begin our Advent Season and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We challenge you to take each day and learn more about Jesus as we lead up to the celebration of His birth.

**Deadline for the January 2024 Newsletter articles is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please have your information into the church office by this date. Thank you.**

The Wednesday Night Connection Groups will not be meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Parents – Please Note: The Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> for both services. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Webber (choir director) or Kathy Hewitt, (Children's Director).

**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  
 Funeral Planning  
 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

Names of Children \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following will be the schedule for **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**. Come and worship our Savior's birth in music and in sharing the experience of His birth through scripture. **The morning service will be held at 9:30 am**. In the evening we will celebrate at **6:00 pm with a cantata of beautiful music by our Choir**. Then join us for an evening of **worship at 8:00 pm** as we travel back in time 2,000 years ago to find the **true meaning of Christmas**.

It's time once again to restock the canned vegetables for **Paw Packs**, the school feeding program that our church supports. Our goal is 500 cans of corn, green beans and peas. So when you head to the grocery store, pick up a few cans and help us keep the Paw Pack shelves stocked. You can put your vegetables in the lobby of the Welcome Center. Let's do it for the kids in our community.



Each year we give a special offering as a **Birthday Gift for Jesus**. And each year the gifts are given to various needs, projects and organizations. This year's Birthday Gift for Jesus will be divided three ways with two ministries and one project here at the church.

Paw Packs – a feeding program for children in our community

Neighbors in Christ – a community organization that helps those with financial needs.

All Purpose Building Roof replacement

**Right-Now-Media** is a free resource that is available to all who attend our church. You will receive free access to a huge, streaming, online, access-on-any-device library of over 10,000 video Bible studies, leadership videos, kid shows and more. Resources to help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship and more. Simply go to [www.tcp.church](http://www.tcp.church) and click on Online Resources and then Right-Now-Media.

## *Christmas Worship*

**The Third Sunday of Advent - December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm – Christmas Concert by the  
Shippensburg Swing Band**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

**9:30 am Worship Service - Family Worship**

**6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service**

**with Choir Cantata**

**8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Service**





*Christ* the savior  
is born.

December 10, 2023

Advent Season Sermon Series - A Savior is Born

8:15 and 10:45 am

December 10 The Sacrificial Love of Jesus

December 17 The Prophetic Peace

December 24 9:30 am The Gift of Waiting

6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Cantata

8:00 pm - Christmas Eve

Contemporary Service

The Cradle to the Cross. The life of Christ is bookended by similarities.

1. He was rejected by men  
📖 Luke 2:7 & Mark 15:15
2. Myrrh was present at both  
📖 Matthew 2:11 & John 19:39
3. There was darkness  
📖 Matthew 2:10, 14 & Matthew 27:45
4. His body was wrapped in cloth  
📖 Luke 2:7, 12 & Mark 15:46
5. **HEROD** the Great (at birth), **HEROD** Antipas (at crucifixion)  
📖 Matthew 2:7 & Luke 23:7
6. Times of worship (first was genuine, second was mocking)  
📖 Matthew 2:11, Luke 2:13-14 & Mark 15:19
7. Wise Men recognized his deity  
📖 Matthew 2:1, Mark 15:39 & Luke 23:41 - 42
8. He was hailed as King (first was sincere, second was in jest)  
📖 Matthew 2:2 & Mark 15:26,32
9. Chief Priests and Scribes were involved  
📖 Matthew 2:4-6 & Matthew 27:1
10. Birth surrounded by shepherds, death surrounded by criminals  
📖 Matthew 2:4-6 & Matthew 27:1

Jesus' birth signaled the start of His journey of selflessness and sacrifice for the people of the world. On the cross, Jesus fulfilled the journey with unconditional love. The birth of Jesus was a gift to the world. His death was the ultimate gift of redemption.

### Nursery Volunteer Schedule

December 10: Roger Woltz & Elijah Reall	(8:15 service)
December 10: Ashley Lay & Ginny Weaver	(9:30 Sunday School)
December 10: Alee Long & Pat Martin	(10:45 service)
December 17: Kristy Warren & Cathy Johnson	(8:15 service)
December 17: Katie & Shay Kane	(9:30 Sunday School)
December 17: Kathy Biscuit & Brooke Bobb	(10:45 service)

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### Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 10th

#### 8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Miriam Dull

Teacher: Emily & Wade Reall

#### 9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Dave & Jeanne Young

Teacher: Angie Anderson & Linda Pletcher

#### 10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Will & Janelle Lloyd

Pre-School: Pastor Heidi & Levi Guyer

Elementary: Kathy Hewitt & Deb Whisler

### Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 17th

#### 8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Amanda Webber

Teacher: Steph & Jordyn Weller

#### 9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Michael Copenhaver

Teacher: Angie Anderson & Linda Pletcher

#### 10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Alan Guyer

Pre-School: Amber Brown & Linda Gehrett

Elementary: Tracey Cook & Yvonne Shannon



Text Giving – If you would like to Text Give your tithes and offering, simply text the amount and add General or CC DR (Connection Center De**u**lt Reduction) to 717-910-6400. Example: 10 General

The Advent Season is quickly approaching. It's a time when we reflect on our love for our Savior and ponder on the gift that He gave us. To help lead us through this Advent Season, we prepare each week with special readings during our Sunday worship. **If you are interested in being a reader**, please contact Pastor Wayne (717-448-6994) or make a note on the bulletin Communication Slip and give to the Pastor. A reading will be given to you and the Advent candle will be lit at that time. Maybe you'd like to do it as one, or as husband and wife, or as a family or as friends. Thank you in advance for serving and making this a special celebration during our worship.

The Women's Ministry will sponsor their **Second Annual Mitten Tree**. Please bring new gloves, scarves, hats, and socks to put on the tree. Both children's and adult sizes are needed. The donations will be delivered after Christmas to replace all the lost mittens received for Christmas, just in time for Pennsylvania's Real Winter! We hope to provide these items to Rachel's Closet at Big Spring Middle School, Bethany House of Cumberland County, Inc, and The Harbor in Shippensburg. The Mitten Tree will be in the entry way, and donations will be taken until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank You!

**Choir News** – Regular choir practices are every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Join us for **Christmas Eve Cantata** practice on **Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to sing. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Webber.

**Happy Helpers** will be meeting on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30 am** at the **Newville Diner**. Come join in the fellowship around the table. There is a sign-up sheet in the Connection Center Lobby on the information desk. Any questions see Sheri Houser or call her at 717-776-5632. Hope to see everyone!

Do you hear "Jingle Bells", would you like to "Deck the Halls", are you wishing for a "White Christmas" or a "Silent Night". Come listen to the **Shippensburg Swing Band as they perform a Christmas Music Concert here at our church**. The concert will begin at **6:00 pm on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**.