

Newville First Church of God
December 24, 2023 – FAMILY SUNDAY
Christmas Worship 9:30 am

Musical Prelude – *A Time of Preparing to Worship*

Invitation To Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love and the Christ Candle

Ron and Sheri Houser

Song of Praise and Worship

I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day

Hymn # 267

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:28-35, 38

Music Selection "Mary Did You Know?"

Becky Myers

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn # 250

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:1-5

Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 4)

Hymn # 270

Kidz Chat

Kathy Hewitt

Away In A Manger

Hymn # 262

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Reflection

The Gift of Waiting

Pastor Wayne

Song of Christmas Celebration

Light of the World

Worship Team

Prayer of Sending

Musical Postlude – *A Time of Reflection*

Narrators: Pastor Wayne and Elaine Good

Scripture Readers: Pastors Andrew and Kathryn Griffith

Merry Christmas Eve!!! What an exciting day to gather to worship our Savior, Jesus the Messiah! We are glad to have each person who has joined in with us for a time of worship. If this is one of your first times here with us, please be sure to tell us a little bit about who you are on the Communication Slip on the side of the bulletin. You may place the slip in the offering plate during the service today or hand it to one of the ushers after the service. If you do not have a place where you regularly worship, we hope you will come back to join us any time.

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

Kaydi Coover – 19 Beidler Drive, Newville, PA 17241

Norma Dexter – 1425 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201

Norm & Connie Dittman – 210 Big Spring Rd., Newville, PA 17241

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24th
Christmas Eve

6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
with Choir Cantata

8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Service
Join us for an evening of worship as we travel back in time
2,000 years ago to find the true meaning of Christmas.



The Church Office hours this week are **Tuesday 9:00 am-12:00 pm** and **Thursday 10:00 am-1:00 pm**.

The Wednesday Night Connection Groups **will not** be meeting on **December 27th and January 3rd**.

Parents – Please Note: The Children’s Choir will be singing on **Sunday, December 31st 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
- 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.

Photo Area: Be sure to stop at the photo area in the Connection Center lobby and have your photo taken with family and friends. Remember to post to social media using **#newvilletcp**.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

December 24: THE NURSERY IS OPEN BUT NOT STAFFED

Service is being live streamed in the nursery

December 31: Emily Reall; Stephanie McCullough (8:15 Service)

December 31: Tracey Cook (9:30 Sunday School)

December 31: Hannah Orris (10:45 Service)

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 24th –FAMILY SUNDAY

There is only one service today at 9:30 am

Nursery will be open but not staffed

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 31st

8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Dave & Jo Schoonover

Teacher: Kathy Hewitt

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Amanda Webber

Teacher: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover

10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Deanna Rhinehart

Pre-School: Katie & Shannon Kane

Elementary: Kathy & Brian Hewitt



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

Thank you to our Connection Youth for helping out Paw Packs by packing bags for families in our community on Wednesday night. We have some fantastic students!

We would like to welcome into the fellowship of our church family the following people who joined our church last Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Jay Bear
Robert Chestnut
Zach and Andrea Dubbs
Nancy Leisher
Tony and Minche Leisher
William and Janelle Lloyd
Andrew, Valerie, Amanda and Jacob Mansberger
Stephanie McCullough
Scott and Heidi Metzger
Mason Peters
Amos and Deborah Yohe

Congratulations to Cody and Kelsie Ocker who were united in marriage on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**. May God bless you both with much love and happiness. Cody is the son of Pastor Brian and Denay Ocker.

GIGGLES will be having their post-Christmas luncheon on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at noon**. They will be meeting at **Bongiorno Conference Center**, Carlisle. The cost is \$30.00 which includes tax and tip. Please pay by cash or check. Checks are to be made out payable to Peg Hoover or Sue Russell. The sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. This is a catered event so **you must be signed up by TODAY, December 24th**. Please check your church mailbox for more information or the church bulletin board.

The Women's Ministry is sponsoring 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 31st. Thank You!

Coming Soon! SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 28, 2024

Everyone who volunteers

The CHURCH STAFF is hosting a special recognition banquet for everyone who volunteers in the ministries of our church! That means everyone who volunteers to do anything from watering flowers, greeters, classroom facilitators, helpers, musicians, and much more ... everyone who volunteers your time for any ministry around the church, this is for you!!! It will be a night to show our appreciation to everyone who serves in some capacity no matter how large or small. The Appreciation Banquet will be held on January 28, 2024 (snow date February 4, 2024) at 5:00 p.m.

Our church is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Director of Children's Ministries. This position would assist in coordinating opportunities to lead our nursery to 5th grade children into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to disciple them in growing in their faith. The position would involve an average of 15 hours per week. Candidates should have prior experience working with children in that age range and program development, as well as being self-motivated to provide leadership to volunteer staff. The position is available as of March 1, 2024. Interested parties should contact the Personnel Committee by texting or phoning Bob Cormany at 717-636-5158 or email at rcormany@aol.com to obtain a full job description and/or schedule an interview. Applications must be received by January 20th.

The Couples Connection group will be offering Valentine grams again this year. You may sign up for them before and after services on January 14, 21 and 28. Bouquets will be with either red, white or pink carnations. Also available will be small boxes of Hershey kisses. Be watching the January bulletins for more information.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is being held on Wednesday, December 27 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 51 West Main Street, Newville. More information is on the poster at the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

PRAYING YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary:

In Memory of my Husband and Father, Gary Martin
From: The Martin Family (red)

In Memory of Rodger Diehl Sr. and Raymond Moser
From: Rodger, Sharon and Skylar Diehl (red)

In Memory of my Dad
From: Gale Mellinger (white)

In Memory of Bryn Jarusewski
From: Jenny Jarusewski and Family (marble)

In Honor of Steve & Michael Copenhaver
From: Sons, Love Colton & Caleb Copenhaver
(marble)

In Honor of our amazing parents, Lester & Edie Kitzmiller
From: Pastor Wayne and Elaine (pink)

In Honor of Frank Egger
From: Jenny Jarusewski and Family (red)

In Honor of my Family
From: Gale Mellinger (red)

In Honor of Carolyn Diehl and Betty Moser
From: Rodger, Sharon and Skylar Diehl (red)

