

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 NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

8:15 Worship Attendance = 121      9:30 Sunday School Attendance = 99  
 10:45 Worship Attendance = 98  
 Total Worship Attendance = 219      Wednesday Connection Groups = 109

Financial Giving Breakdown				
Weekly Giving	General Fund	Other Designated	CCDR Debt Reduction	Week Total
5-Nov	\$7,648.50	\$300.00	\$1,970.00	\$9,918.50
12-Nov	\$6,398.00	\$200.00	\$1,885.00	\$8,483.00
19-Nov	\$4,902.11	\$495.00	\$538.00	\$5,935.11
26-Nov	\$6,759.00	\$926.80	\$1,596.00	\$9,281.80
				\$0.00
<b>Nov Totals</b>	<b>\$25,707.61</b>	<b>\$1,921.80</b>	<b>\$5,989.00</b>	<b>\$33,618.41</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				
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
August	\$25,659.00	\$2,179.00	\$5,340.00	\$33,178.00
Oct Online Giving	to GF:	\$7,303.00	to CCDR:	\$1,240.00
<b>CCDR Debt Balance</b>		<b>\$566,128.47</b>		

**Reminders and Upcoming Events:**

- 12/4: Trustees meeting at 7:00 pm**
- 12/5: PAW Packs meeting at 6:30 pm**  
**Ladies Christmas Dinner at camp 6:30 pm**
- 12/6: Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm**  
**Cantata Choir Practice 6:30 pm**  
**All Connection Groups begin at 7:00 pm**  
**Membership Class at 7:00 pm**
- 12/9: Men's Prayer 8:00 am**  
**Women's Ministry Cheer Box Prep 9:00 am**

Contact Information

*Pastor Wayne Good, Lead Pastor*      Cell: 717.448.6994  
*Pastor Dick Reese, Director of Visitation*      Cell: 717.961.0074  
*Pastor Shawn Peale, Director of Youth Ministry*      Cell: 856.553.3221  
*Kathy Hewitt, Interim Dir. Of Children's Ministry*      Cell: 717.530.5281  
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# Newville First Church of God The Connection Place

December 3, 2023  
First 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 3, 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**

**How Great Our Joy**  
**Joy to the World!**

**Hymn # 269**

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

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**10:45 Service**

**We Praise You**  
**He Shall Reign Forevermore**  
**Living Hope**

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

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**Advent Reading**

**8:15 Scott & Heidi Metzger**

**10:45 Shannon, Katie, Shay**  
**and Karter Kane**

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Series: A Savior Is Born**

**Message: "The Joy of Anticipation"**

**Pastor Wayne Good**

**Text: Luke 1:39-56, Luke 2:8-20**

**Prayer of Sending**

**Musical Postlude**

The season of Advent has arrived and we are glad to have you as part of our worship experience. It is our hope that you will experience the excitement and joy of Jesus in your life as you prepare for this Christmas season. If you are new to us today or if you have a specific prayer need, be sure to complete the Communication tab on the side of the bulletin and hand it to Pastor Wayne after the worship service.

Joy to the World, a Savior has been born!

**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.**

Our heartfelt love and sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Johnson who passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023. Please keep Olive, Tim and Diana and their family in your prayers.

Our heartfelt love and sympathy is extended to Becky Mentzer and family on the passing of Richard Mentzer on November 25, 2023. Remember to keep Becky and her family in your prayers.

A BIG thank you to the many people who came out on Monday evening to help prepare the church for the Advent Season. The fellowship of laughter, the professional tree fluffers, the high ladder climbers, those who gave the final touches, the sounds of Christmas and cookies made for a great evening.

I'd like to take this time to say a huge **Thank You** to the person(s) who gave me such a beautiful and heartwarming fall wreath! It brightened my day! Thank you, Angie Anderson

Please **add** to your **December Newsletter** an Anniversary that was missed! **Ronald & Shirley McDonald 1/16 (65 years).** Our apologies for the oversight!

The **Trustees** will be meeting on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm.**

**Paw Packs** will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30.** Come see how you can be a part of this special program for feeding children of our community.

**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.*

### Nursery Volunteer Schedule

December 3: Jeff & Stephanie Pittman	(8:15 service)
December 3: Garry & Stephanie Wall	(9:30 Sunday School)
December 3: Tracey Cook & Sarah Fisher	(10:45 service)
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)

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### Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – December 3rd

#### 8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Kevin & Laura Lay

Teacher: Linda & Amanda Webber

#### 9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Kevin Miller

Teacher: Angie Anderson & Barb Hoover

#### 10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Deanna Rhinehart

Pre-School: Delaney Rhinehart & Sherry Aby

Elementary: Daniel & Julianna Bender

### 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 & Barb Hoover

#### 10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Will & Janelle Lloyd

Pre-School: Pastor Heidi & Levi Guyer

Elementary: Kathy Hewitt & Deb Whisler



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

There is no better way to start off the Christmas Season than by attending the traditional **Hanging of the Evergreens Service**. This event begins at **5:00 pm TODAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, with a covered dish dinner. Roast beef will be prepared by North Mountain Butcher Shop and will be served. Place settings, rolls, drink and desserts will be supplied. Don't let the covered dish keep you away. There are lots of things you can buy to bring or come empty handed. We want you to join in. The Hanging of the Evergreens Service begins at 6:30 pm.

- Please bring a **Christmas ornament** to place on the tree in the sanctuary as we decorate the church.



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!

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 one of the informational meetings on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm**, **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 am** and on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00 pm**. Members **will be received into the church on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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>**.

**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.

All ladies are invited to come to the church All Purpose Building on Saturday morning, **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** to put together **Cheer Boxes** for our shut-ins. Maybe you would like to deliver one or two, that would be a big help and a great chance for a visit from a new face. See Mary Beth Miller with any questions you may have or contact her at 717-440-2111.

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.

**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!

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**.

**Offering Envelopes** for **2024** will be placed in mailboxes soon. If you currently do not receive envelopes but would like to have them, please indicate on the Communication Slip on the side of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in Jean Sponenberg's mailbox.

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.



Advent Season Sermon Series - A Savior is Born

8:15 and 10:45 am

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
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