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# The Connection

Newville  
First Church of God

January 2021

## 2021 - LIVE RESILIENT!

The Pastor's Corner



I think we are all thankful that 2020 has just about come to an end . . . but will 2021 be any better???

**I hate to say it, but I don't think January 1, 2021 will be a magic date that everything begins to turn around. I'm not being negative . . . just realistic!**

**With that being said, "Happy New Year"! I like everyone else is looking for things to turn around and get back to what everyone is calling "normal"! I'm not even going there, because normal can mean so many different things for different people!**

**I was driving down the road a few days ago, and the word "resilient" came to my mind. Actually the first time I recall hearing this word was several years ago when an Army Chaplain was talking about having resiliency in our lives. It was an interesting term and concept that had me thinking about how resilient is my life?**

**If you don't know what it means to be resilient, the simplest explanation I've read came from Psychology Today, and it said:**

***"Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows some people to be knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever. Rather than letting failure overcome them and drain their resolve, they find a way to rise from the ashes."***

*In a nutshell, resilience can be defined as the ability – and tendency – to "bounce back."*

We can look back at 2020 and all of us could come up with long lists of complaints, struggles, losses of material things, loss of spiritual connections with the Lord and with the church, and the loss of loved ones.

As you are tempted to do that . . . I want to encourage you to be RESILIENT! Crumple up the negative list, take a piece of paper and begin to list how God has blessed you, your family, and this world through the hardships of 2020. I know this will be hard for some because of the pain you are feeling for your losses . . . but I hope today you will give those hurts to Jesus.

As you look forward to what 2021 will bring to you, look ahead with a positive attitude. Allow Jesus to heal the hurts of the past and fill you with HIS BLESSINGS of the future. Be resilient . . . bounce back . . . and when you do, land on your feet and take off running towards what God has in store for you.

Luke 1:78 tells us, ***"A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful."*** The song 10,000 Reasons by Matt Redmond says, ***"The suns come up; it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul!"***

So as you close the books on 2020 and begin the new chapter in your life named 2021, let me leave you with these words of encouragement: 1) Dig into your Bible and search out the verses that talk about trusting God and about his promises to care for you, 2) Pray, Pray, and Pray some more, 3) and follow the words of Winston Churchill who said, **"Never, never, never, give up"!**

**Always remember, "you are loved, live loved"! May you have a blessed and Happy New Year!**

Loving and praying for you,

*Pastor Wayne and Elaine*



## The PAW Packs

The PAW Packs Program provides supplemental food for weekends to families in the Big Spring School District who could use a little extra help. Until school is back in session on a five day schedule, the food is being picked up at the Newville First Church of God on Friday's from 3-5 pm. We currently are passing out food to approx. 40 families representing about 120 students.



Parents can sign up for the program at [www.pawpacks.org](http://www.pawpacks.org)

On the back burner for now is the discussion of moving into the High School this year in the form of a "Grab and Go".

We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to provide food to the families during this difficult time and continue to grow our program by reaching into the High School this year. This would then mean that we are helping out in all 5 buildings.

**May the Lord continue to Bless You as you have blessed this Ministry!**



*Dear Church Family, We want to thank all of you for the ways you have blessed us, the cards, the gifts, the words of encouragement and most of all the prayers! Thank you for making our family a part of your family. May God continue to bless you as we all grow in love and grace together. Love, The Griffiths*

*Neighbors in Christ thanks your congregation for their gift to our ministry efforts. Your check is a real blessing. More families are coming for financial assistance with bills they can't pay since unemployment is ending and the government is delaying stimulus plans. We appreciate your confidence in our ministry to use every donated dollar wisely for the greatest good of our clients. So far this year, we have interviewed 111 clients and financially helped 89 of them. Local Christians have generously funded our efforts. Thank you, Kathy Day Corresponding secretary*

*Hey Church, Words cannot express how thankful and grateful I am for everyone's donations and gifts in these last couple of months. Just to put it into perspective, for the past two months, the only grocery shopping I have had to do is produce and meats and that is because of all of the groceries and gift cards. This has been a huge blessing for me as I transition into this role at the church and am blessed to be a part of such a generous congregation and supportive leadership. Thank you all! Love, Shawn and Dodger (woof)*

The Newville First Church of God is so very blessed with out-standing people! People who give from the heart, people who step up to give a hand where they see help is needed even during a pandemic like this past year. The Greeters Ministry has some of those people too!! We have been blessed to have people step up and offer their help, and we can't begin to "thank you" enough! We hesitate to ask, because we know "we are on the front lines" so to speak, and we want no one to feel they must Greet people if we ask! So if you really don't want to help - it's fine. We want everyone to feel safe, and stay healthy! It's our continued prayers to keep a shield of protection around everyone at all times, especially while Greeting everyone here! So, we can't thank each of you enough from the very bottom of our hearts for helping Greet everyone throughout this year and until..... May God continue to Bless you with good health, peace of mind, and a shield of protection always! Love in Christ, Jerry & Phyllis Hershey

## In Christian Sympathy

*Joe Piper Sr, father of Christine Michaels, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please cover Ed & Christine and family with prayer.*

*Janet Woltz, a long time member of our church and community, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, December 1st. Please keep the Woltz family in prayer.*

*JoAnn Darrah, mother of Pastor Stan Darrah, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 19th. Please keep Pastor Stan and the family in your prayers.*



## ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Kathryn Griffith 1/3  
 Ronald & Shirley McDonald 1/16  
 David & Eileen Parthemore 1/23



Don & Shirley Heishman 2/3  
 Melvin & Debbie Bigler 2/14  
 Larry & Janis Jones 2/18  
 Jerry & Phyllis Hershey 2/27

Merry  
 Christmas



THE KOPP FAMILY  
 Tommy, Joanna, Teddy, & Thatcher

Dear Newville Church of God,  
 Merry Christmas! We are praying for you during this difficult year. May you all experience the love + peace of our Savior. We will be celebrating Christmas in Spokane this year. We will miss seeing our family + all of you, but we are trying to make fun memories with the boys. Thank you for all of your prayers + support!

Shutterfly  
 Love, Tommy, Joanna, Teddy, + Thatcher

## BIRTHDAYS

Madelyn Conner	1/1	Michelle Snyder	2/2
Mary Jones	1/2	Michael Conner III	2/2
Betty Lehman	1/3	Ciarah Elder	2/3
Blake Rostad	1/3	Lynn Finkenbinder	2/4
Scott Bullock	1/4	Abby Stitt	2/4
Jess Burkholder	1/4	Robert Woltz	2/4
Carolyn Diehl	1/4	Melvin Bigler	2/5
Terry Snyder	1/5	Keara Burns	2/5
Gordon Simmers	1/7	Tiffany Lehman	2/6
Amanda Weaver	1/8	Philip Warehime	2/6
David Fleagle	1/12	Tammy Barrick	2/7
Darlene Lindsey	1/12	Brodie Alleman	2/7
Jeff Holtry	1/13	Pat Shughart	2/7
Ken Seibert	1/13	Cherie Darhower	2/8
Stephanie Wall	1/13	Wyatt Jones	2/8
Cleo Hosler	1/14	Vonnie Lay	2/9
Holly Michaels	1/14	Sharon Bitner	2/10
Brittney Greenawalt	1/15	Helen Fisher	2/10
Kelly Hall	1/15	Steven Lehman	2/10
Frances Kennedy	1/15	Jason Weller	2/14
Levi Forney	1/16	Edward Hall	2/15
Sue Walker	1/16	Edward Kessler	2/15
Peggy Coover	1/17	Braxton Allen Stitt	2/16
Nathaniel Lloyd	1/17	Brayden Mentzer	2/18
Michael Bobb	1/18	Tom Griffie	2/19
Colton Copenhaver	1/20	Rebekah Nickel	2/19
Amanda Webber	1/20	Lisa Baer	2/21
Abigail Halac	1/21	Bailey Barnhart	2/21
Evan Shutt	1/21	Thelma Isaac	2/21
Jaxson Bostick	1/22	Mark Long	2/21
Doris Deihl	1/22	Richard Shriner	2/21
Ruth Clark	1/22	Linda Martin	2/25
Adelyn Ramsey	1/23	Stacie Nickel	2/25
Chip Shughart	1/23	Bradley Lay	2/26
Braylon Ocker	1/24	Kaylee Conner	2/27
Richard Daihl	1/26	Ryland Darr	2/27
Jordyn Weller	1/26		
Roger Woltz	1/26		
Pat Martin	1/28		
Bethany Clark	1/29		
Randall Hinkle	1/30		
Mindy Walter	1/30		
Barb Hoover	1/31		
Rachel Newswanger	1/31		

Celebrating  
 -WITH-  
 you

COMMUNION  
 SERVICE

JANUARY 10, 2021



1. Well, you made it through 2020. That is a blessing. So many did not survive. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and those who are not doing well with whatever health issues they are facing.
2. Praise God for this new year with a horizon of opportunities to do our best for Him. How will you use them?
3. Pray for those dealing with depression. The glow of the holidays is past and if our focus is not on the warmth of God's love, it can be quite a letdown.
4. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family. We are thankful that God chose them to lead our congregation. Pray they will be blessed with good health and safety in all areas. Likewise, pray for the other pastors of our church and their families.
5. Pray for your family members, especially the unsaved ones. But be grateful for each one.
6. Praise God for the music in our church and other sources, especially songs that praise God. We have been very blessed to have musical talent in our congregation. Pray that the limits will soon be lifted and voices will be able to flow more freely.
7. Pray for people who are single and lonely. Some people are happy to live alone. But for the others, pray they will find a Godly spouse or someone else to share their days with. Of course it has been much more complicated recently but nothing is too hard for Him.
8. Pray for all the men and boys in our church, that each one will be healthy and grow in their love for Jesus.
9. Pray that when there are icy, snowy road conditions, people will be very careful this winter so there are no falls, wrecks or serious injuries.
10. Praise God for making YOU. Each one is unique, made with a specific mission in God's plan. Only you can fulfill your part. YOU are special, never an accident.
11. Pray for our church council as they meet to take care of running our church. Pray that every word spoken will be in kindness and thought out before speaking. Pray that God's wisdom will be front and foremost.
12. I recently saw a phrase that said, "Throw kindness around like confetti". Pray that God will lead you to those who really need to have someone show they care, then how to follow through. It does not have to cost anything but a few seconds of your time.
13. Praise Jesus for what He has done for us. We just celebrated His birth, but we need to keep that as well as His sacrifice foremost our minds.
14. Pray that in these days of political unrest, that people will treat others with respect even if they disagree with opposing viewpoints. No rioting, looting, etc.
15. Pray for people who physically or mentally abuse others, that their eyes will be forced open to the pain they cause others and they get help to end the meanness and persecution permanently.
16. Pray for those being abused, whether physically, verbally or emotionally. Pray they will find strength and a way to escape the abuse and someone to help them.
17. Pray for those dealing with unexpected pregnancies, that they will understand how precious these lives really are and give birth at term, safely. Pray they will choose life.
18. Praise God for His wonderful imagination, to create so many millions of beings and have each one be different in some way is amazing.
19. Pray for those having chemo, dialysis, radiation or other treatments, that the procedure will not make them sick, but be effective.
20. Pray for those who live in areas where there is a lot of violence, that they will be kept safe and peace will take over.
21. Pray for those in the world with no source of clean water. We take it for granted, yet it can mean the difference between life and death.
22. Pray for those who have put their faith in Jesus, but are having doubts, that they can see just how real He is in their lives. Pray also for those who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. The problem is spreading and many are being murdered because they proclaim Him to be their Lord.
23. Praise God for the outreach ministries of the area churches to help others in need. Even in "normal" times there are those in need of food, warmth, etc. In these crazy days, the needs are magnified. There are service opportunities to help with Paw Packs, Food bank, Neighbors in Christ, Salvation Army, etc. The need continues on, and God loves a cheerful giver. What you have done for the least of these, you have done to Me, says Jesus.
24. Pray that we are not quite so quick to judge others. Sometimes words and tone of voice may not be meant as we perceive them. There can be circumstances we do not see or know about. Feelings get hurt and walls are built up by what might have been done unintentionally. Don't let a wound become infected by a misunderstanding unresolved.
25. How are your relationships with your spouse? Family? Close friends? Is it all you would like it to be? How about praying for them specifically every day and maybe speaking a blessing to them? Why not try it and see how things have changed by this time 6 months from now?
26. Praise God for those who do jobs in our church, that we take for granted. From those that run the sound system, do the bulletins/newsletters, plant and weed flowers, mow, snow removal, cleaning to name a few. They do it for God's



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 20</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General Fund Income</b>				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	595.00	595.00		
Building Rental Income	0.00	562.00		
Christmas Offering	0.00	442.00		
Envelopes Income	15,615.00	130,508.56		
Helping Hand Income	0.00	200.00		
Interest on Account	3.99	66.37		
Junior Church Income	5.00	6.00		
Loose Offering Income	7,488.00	77,392.19		
Miscellaneous Income	340.00	9,671.92		
Missions Income	220.00	4,082.00		
Online giving	4,644.90	42,568.21		
Sunday School Income	440.00	2,326.05		
The Gathering Income	100.00	2,765.00		
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<u>29,451.89</u>	<u>271,185.30</u>		
<b>Money Market Income</b>				
CCDR Income	5,600.06	49,129.11		
Memorial Fund Income	400.00	1,955.00		
Money Market Interest Account	0.25	7.30		
<b>Total Money Market Income</b>	<u>6,000.31</u>	<u>51,091.41</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	35,452.20	322,276.71		
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Total Administration - Other</b>	538.06	10,156.55	13,225.00	76.80%
<b>Total Administration - Staffing</b>	14,190.83	142,276.52	163,356.50	87.10%
<b>Total Benevolences</b>	3,791.37	50,176.74	66,900.00	75.00%
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	310.64	4,735.90	13,800.00	34.32%
<b>Total Church Life Activities</b>	0.00	1,598.85	3,300.00	48.45%
<b>Total Property Management</b>	7,900.56	34,130.06	47,900.00	71.25%
<b>Total Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	0.00	1,257.15	1,375.00	91.43%
<b>Total Worship &amp; Evangelism</b>	41.29	1,670.80	3,200.00	52.21%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>26,772.75</u>	<u>246,002.57</u>	<u>313,056.50</u>	<u>78.58%</u>

**Elders will meet on Monday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center. Copies can also be mailed on request.**

## PRAYER CALENDAR

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glory, not their own. Pray they will receive a special blessing. Nothing looks quite the same these days, but these people keep on serving God to the best of their capabilities.

27. Pray for those who have to work outside or are homeless, that they will find some warmth and not get frostbite.
28. Pray for those awaiting organ transplants, that they can hold on long enough, as well as for the donors and their families (that they know Christ).
29. Pray for all the women and girls of our church, for good health and safety as they strive to live their lives for God's glory.
30. Pray for those who feel "that their luck will never change", that it's all hopeless. Pray they will recognize God's power and control in their lives, that everything does work together in the end.
31. Pray for those who have a problem telling the truth, that they will understand that lying is not acceptable and very much against God's commands.

### Deadline dates for 2021 Newsletters:

January 24, 2021	April 18, 2021	July 18, 2021	October 24, 2021
February 21, 2021	May 23, 2021	August 22, 2021	November 21, 2021
March 21, 2021	June 20, 2021	September 19, 2021	December 19, 2021





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## Newville First Church of God

www.tcp.church 717- 776- 5223 Church office hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 am to noon

*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.*

### Sunday Services

#### Worship Services

**8:30 am**

**Children's Church (8:30 am)**  
 Ages 3 and up with Linda Webber,  
 Jenn Shutt, Betsy Shughart

**10:30 am**

**Children's Church (10:30 am)**  
 Ages 3 and up with Pastor Heidi

**Nursery Care**—At this time, the  
 nursery is open for parents to use  
 but will not be staffed.

#### Connection Groups

**9:30 am**

**New Life Group**  
 Young Adults  
 Friendship Class, Genesis Class,  
 Prayer & Bible Study  
 Middle & High School Connection

**Children's Classes**  
**Kindergarten—2nd grade**  
 with Jeff & Natalie Miller

**3rd-5th Grade**  
 with Wayne & Stacie Nickel

### Weekday Connection Groups

#### Wednesday 7 pm

Bible Connection, Couples  
 Connection & The Power  
 Connection

Ladies Connection Circle  
 Young Adults

Middle & High School  
 Connection

**The Gathering**  
 with Pastor Kelly & Kris  
 Hall

**Nursery Care**—At this time, the nursery is open for  
 parents to use but will not be staffed.

#### Tuesday Evening:

Men's Connection  
 with Jeff Miller

#### Thursday Evening:

Rooted  
 with Bradley & Ashley Lay

Church Office Hours:  
 Mon - Thursday 9 am - 12 noon.



**STORM WATCH & CANCELLATION OF SERVICES** - Please listen carefully to the cancellation announcements to see if one or all of the services are being cancelled on a particular day. As always you can call Pastor Wayne at 448-6994 or Buz Anderson at 776-4734. As always, please use sound judgment as to whether or not to attend services during inclement weather. **BE SAFE!**

