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# The Connection

Newville  
First Church of God

**March 2021**

## FROM THE ASHES

*• embracing the full life of God •*

The Pastor's Corner



It is hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner. I'm really looking forward to our Easter Celebration, and I hope you are too. It will be a special time as we continue the "regathering" process of our church family coming back together for in-person worship.

My theme for this coming Easter season is **"From The Ashes, Embracing the Full Life of God"**.

If you ever looked at a home that was destroyed by fire (and sadly some of you may have experienced this), you look at all the memories that are now nothing more than a pile of ashes.

Here are two interesting things about fire when it hits us: 1) fire in our lives can lead us to a state of brokenness and a physical, emotional, and spiritual loss, and, 2) God's Word reminds us that when fires come our way, we should rejoice! ***1 Peter 1:6-7 says, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith . . . of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire . . . may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."***

A fire leaves behind ashes. My prayer is that in this Easter series "From The Ashes" you will come to a place where you allow Jesus to pull you up from the ashes of your life and take you to a place where you can fully embrace all that He has to offer you!

Invite your family and friends to embrace the love of Jesus this Easter season as we begin on March 7<sup>th</sup> to rise up "From The Ashes"!

March 7	<i>Out In The Wilderness</i>	<i>Matthew 4:3-11</i>
March 14	<i>O Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble</i>	<i>Philippians 2:3-8, John 13:1-17</i>
March 21	<i>A Walk In The Desert</i>	<i>Psalms 121:1-7</i>
March 28	<i>Did I Do That?</i>	<i>Luke 15:11-32</i>
April 1	<i>Are You Willing To Pay The Price</i> <b><i>Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.</i></b>	<i>Luke 14:25-33, Luke 19:41-44</i>
April 4	<i>Come Out Of That Grave</i> <b><i>Easter Worship Services: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.</i></b>	<i>Luke 24:1-6</i>

As the Apostle Paul wrote, ***"I want to know (and you to know) Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I/we will experience the resurrection from the dead!"***

**Know You Are Loved . . . Live Loved!**

*Pastor Wayne and Elaine*

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. 47 families representing about 136 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!**

**PAW Packs** has been blessed to receive bread, milk, and eggs from the recent distributions at the Plainfield First Church of God and the South Fairview Church of God to share with our PAW Packs families. Not only were we able to include these items on the days that the churches did their distributions; we had enough to give out the following weeks as well. Families are so appreciative of the food that we hand out for their children. When you hear comments like "You don't know how much this helps.", it really melts your heart. Thank you church family for your continued support.

Do you order online items from Amazon Smiles? PAW Packs is now listed as one of the charities that you can choose. If you already have chosen a charity and want to make a switch, there is a link to do so under your account info. Thanks to Kevin Miller for setting this up.

## Women's Ministry Soup Sale

March 20, 2021

Curbside Pick up from 10 AM until Noon



Beef Noodle Soup  
Chicken Corn Soup  
Ham Bean Soup



Soup is \$8.00 /Quart

Place your order by March 14<sup>th</sup> with

Angie Anderson: 717-448-1473  
Jean Sponenberg: 717-961-1200  
Mary Beth Miller: 717-440-2111

**PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUESTED: MAKE CHECKS TO: CGWM**  
Church members and attenders, please help us reach our goal!

## Big Spring Inter-Church Lenten Lunch & Parking Lot Service

Come as you are and Stay in your CAR!

Each FRIDAY at NOON

March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

In the Parking Lot of  
Big Spring United Lutheran Church  
101 Crossroads School Road



A box lunch will be provided to each person attending the Lenten Lunch.

Tune to Radio 87.9 for the service

Offering will be collected and given to the PAW Packs Ministry.

## Spring

Spring into Action!  
Pregnancy Ministries' Volunteer Training



Training for  
Receptionists and  
Client Advocates!

Two Options from which to choose!

Option 1: March 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 24  
10:00 to 1:00  
In Waynesboro  
(in preparation for our reopening)

Option 2: March 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, April 1, 6, and 8.  
6:00 to 9:00 PM  
Tuesdays and Thursdays in Chambersburg

Call any center to find out more details  
to receive a volunteer packet and pre-register!

Chambersburg Center 717-267-3738    Shipponburg Center 717-532-4446    Greensastle Center 717-597-2447

## Thank You!

Ed Kessler says a BIG "THANK YOU" for all the prayers, birthday cards and cards of encouragement to help get him through his cancer treatments! He is so grateful to be a part of a church family that cares about others!



Who can you call this week or send a "Thinking of You" card to let them know you are thinking of them???

Hey Church!

I just wanted to update you on some things that have gone on lately in the youth ministries. In January, we had our first game night since I came on in October, combined with a dodgeball tournament. Unfortunately, I didn't get to nail anyone with a dodgeball, but we had about 30 students come out for that, and they had a blast. We even picked up one student from that event, and now she is regularly attending the youth group. One of my mentors once told me in regards to youth ministry, "Play with them, and they'll pray with you." Truer words have never been spoken in this regard. We are so excited to continue to meet together and look forward as we keep healing/rebuilding from the pandemic as we close out the 2021 lesson year. In February, our other youth leaders have been bringing the lessons, and it is such a blessing to serve with our team in ministering to these students.

On February 20th, we had our snow tubing event, which also had a turnout of about 30. If any of the students ask, I did NOT fall. It was a blessing to bring the message in January, and I look forward to any more opportunities to serve our church in that way. Our youth worship team played at the 10:30 service the first week in February and is planning on playing together again in March! They are growing so much as a team, and it's an honor to be a part of that. It is also exciting to see faces that I've never seen before these last couple of weeks, as it means more people are coming back to church! One thing I ask of you as a church, continually pray for us. Pray for our students. Pray for our youth leadership team. Pray for me. God is doing some great things in our youth, and I know Satan *hates that and will do anything to stop it. So, please, PRAY.*

*With Love, Shawn Peale*



**March 7 - Youth Group Worship Team Play during the 10:30 Service**

**March 13 - Youth Group Worship Team Workshop from 10 am to 2 pm (tentative in youth room)**

**March 26 - Youth Planning Committee Meeting at 7-8:30 pm (meal outing - Mancino's 7 pm)**

**March 27 - Pole Steeple Hike/Lunch at 11 am to 1 pm**

## Connection Youth Retreat



### April 2021



**Hosted By: Newville First Church of God**

**When: April 23-25, 2021**

**Register By: April 7th, 2021**

**Cost: \$75 per person (Checks made payable to NFCOG)**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, contact:**

**Shawn Peale**

**Director of Youth Ministry  
Newville First Church of God**

[shawn@tcp.church](mailto:shawn@tcp.church)

**856-689-7736**



**OR Visit**

<https://tcp.church/church/connection-youth> page for where an online registration can be filled out

### What To Expect

Camp style lodging  
A time to rediscover and understand who God says we are  
Growing in our relationship with God and others  
Worshipping the Lord through Song (REMIX)  
Pizza  
Items for purchase at the Camp Store  
Electives and free time  
Awesome camp food  
Devotions with counselors  
Games and campfires

### What To Bring

- Bible
- Pencil/Pen/Highlighter/Notebook
- Sleeping Bag/Bedding/Pillow
- Clothing
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap/Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Towels/Washcloth
- Flashlight
- Cash for Camp Store

Junior Church and Wednesday night Promise Kids are for ages 3 to 5th grade.



## Junior Church - 10:30 am Service

Join us for Junior Church during the 10:30 am service. Stop by the check in desk to sign in. We hope to see you there! Mask guidelines & health precautions will be in place.

## Promise Kids Wednesday Nights

On Wednesday, March 3rd, Promise Kids will have two options to learn about God. At 6 pm, Promise Kids Zoom will be offered to any families who wish to participate virtually. Contact Katie Kane to receive the Zoom link. From 7-8 pm, Promise Kids Clubs will meet in-person at the church. Mask guidelines and health precautions will be in place. Questions? See Katie Kane.

## Get Wild with God - Saturday, March 13 at 10:30 am to Pole Steeple

Attention Promise Kids and Families! Would you like to explore God's creation, get some fresh air and enjoy a change of scenery? Join Katie for a devotion and short hike to Pole Steeple on Saturday, March 13th. Meet in the Pole Steeple parking lot (on Old Railroad Bed Road) in Pine Grove Furnace State Park at 10:30 am. We will begin with a brief devotion and then hike to Pole Steeple. This hike is approximately 2-miles round trip. Plan 60-90 minutes for this hike. Be sure to dress for the weather. Contact Katie (717-448-9218 or [katie@tcp.church](mailto:katie@tcp.church)) to sign up or with any questions. In case of inclement weather, call Katie to confirm that this event is on.



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 3**  
**at 10 am**



**NOTE: Egg Hunt**  
**Rain date is Saturday,**  
**April 10th at 10 am**

## Easter Line Up and Other Upcoming Dates

<b>March 13</b>	<b>Promise Kids Get Wild Hike at Pole Steeple, 10:30 am</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Ladies Sacrificial Breakfast, 9:00 am</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Connection Youth, Hike at Pole Steeple, 11 am - 1 pm</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm, for all ages (no feet washing)</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Sunrise Service, 7:00 am</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Easter Worship Services, 8:30 am &amp; 10:30 am</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt, RAIN DATE, 10:00 am</b>
<b>April 23-25</b>	<b>Connection Youth Retreat at Doubling Gap</b>



**The Shoebox Supply House in Shippensburg**  
will be open the following dates in April and May from 9am -12 each day:

**April 10 and 24**  
**May 6, 15, 20, and 29.**



# CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

(717) 776-5281 [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org) Facebook Page: *Doubling Gap Center, Camp YoliJwa* Receive weekly updates

 <p><b>CAMP STAFF</b> Give a hand! You could be a...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Week-long counselor</li><li>*Day maintenance helper</li><li>*Week-long support staff - kitchen or maintenance</li></ul> <p>Call camp if interested &amp; available in 2021!</p>	 <p><b>WILDERNESS CABIN CAMPS</b> Looking for an adventure? Attend one of our Wilderness Camps! Programs for Jr &amp; Sr High</p>	 <p><b>HIKE-N-ROCK</b> Saturday, May 8 Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the camp. You could earn up to a free week of 2021 camp when you participate!</p>	 <p><b>CAMP HOPE</b> June 6-11 A week designed for intellectually disabled adults. Call the camp for a brochure. Consider counseling. Male &amp; female counselors are always needed for this rewarding week.</p>	 <p><b>OPEN HOUSE</b> June 12 1-5 pm Crafts - Pool Hayrides - Camp activities <b>As always, Camp's famous Chicken BBQ!</b></p>
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## Connection Groups and Children's Ministry Reopening Plan Plus Easter Dates

We are excited to announce a reopening plan for some of our adult Connection Groups, Children's ministry and to also present some proposed dates for Easter services. As the conditions of the Covid virus improve in the community, we will be taking steps to reopen some of our ministries. However, we must still be cautious and take protective measures to keep everyone healthy. Mark your calendars for the dates listed below, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Wayne, any of our staff team, or any church council member. **NOTE: Additional teachers/helpers NEEDED to fully reopen our Children's Ministries.**

**The following is the reopening plan approved by our church council in February 2021.**

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reopen Wednesday Adult Connection Groups <i>This will be the modified small groups that started up in September 2020.</i>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reopen Wednesday Awana Clubs <i>Number of classes will be based upon the number of teachers/helpers</i>
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Sacrificial Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. (more details to come)
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	No Groups because of Maundy Thursday
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Maundy Thursday Communion Service, (there will not be feet washing at this service) Adults, youth, and children will each have own services
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise service 7:00 am
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter worship service: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
April ???	Reopening of Sunday Connection Groups sometime after Easter

### OTHER:

- We encourage wearing of masks when entering and moving about the building, and even in classrooms, especially the smaller classrooms
- We encourage attenders to distance in their seating
- Classrooms are to be disinfected after classes meet (high touch items like tables, chairs, door knobs, etc.)
- Nursery: Children are always welcome in the sanctuary for the worship service. However, if you need to use the nursery for any reason, it will be open for Sunday worship services, however it will be unstaffed. A parent or guardian will be responsible to remain with their child. The worship service can be viewed on the TV located in the nursery.



*Dear Christian Friends, Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and visits since my surgery and my complications. Please continue to pray that the infection is totally gone. Once again, thanks for all your love and support.*  
Ed Webber

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, We want to thank you for your prayers and support for the Navaho Churches here in the southwest.*  
In His Path, Toni and John Thumma

*Dear Fellow Christians, Thank you for your most recent donation of \$500.00 to the Big Spring Area Food Bank. Your continued support of our neighbors in need is greatly appreciated.*  
Sincerely, Margi Butts, Secretary

*Neighbors in Christ thank you note excerpt: 'Thank your members for the recent generous donation to our ministry. Your check ...is wonderful! Your gift can be used in many ways to help needy neighbors. NIC purchases gift cards from Saylor's Market and allow families to buy milk, meat, fresh vegetables, and gasoline. NIC is grateful for your generous gift!' Kathy Day, Corresponding Secretary*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Kim Bailey	3/18
Stephanie & Shawn McCullough	3/18
Terry & Michelle Snyder	3/19
Dave & Jo Schoonover	3/25
Dennis & Debbie McLaughlin	3/30



Dave & Shirley Bishop	4/3
Chip & Pat Shughart	4/4
Barry & Cathy Johnson	4/7
Dave & Jeanne Young	4/8
Kelly & Kris Hall	4/14
Dick & Judy Daihl	4/19
Ken & Lisa Baer	4/20
Roger & Susan Russell	4/21
Ryan & Nicole Hall	4/24
Brian & Denay Ocker	4/25
Leon & Doris Deihl	4/26
Chad & Julie Greenawalt	4/27
Tobey & Brandi Lay	4/27



Turn clocks ahead one hour March 13th!

## BIRTHDAYS

Cody Barrick	3/1	Anna Lehman	4/1
Richard Mentzer	3/3	Gale Mellinger	4/1
Sharon Diehl	3/5	Ed Michaels	4/1
Linda Gehrett	3/5	Emily Ramsey	4/1
Sam Howell	3/5	Wayne Good	4/2
Scott Parthemore	3/5	Grant Hockenberry	4/2
Suzanne Lloyd	3/6	Jo Schoonover	4/2
Danielle Rinehart	3/6	Mason Thrush	4/3
Dick Reese	3/8	Edie Kitzmiller	4/4
Greg Clelan	3/9	Emily Reall	4/5
Brandon Lehman	3/9	Chad Greenawalt	4/6
Dixie Nickel	3/9	Cathy Johnson	4/7
Janis Jones	3/11	Brylee Bobb	4/8
Addison Lay	3/12	Mike Conner	4/9
Ashton Thrush	3/13	Brian Franklin	4/9
Mason Burkholder	3/14	Logan Jones	4/9
Danna Howell	3/14	Brooke Bobb	4/10
Tyler Witter	3/15	Abigail Nickel	4/10
Erica Diep	3/16	Lisa Newswanger	4/11
John Ickes	3/16	Sue Russell	4/11
Charles Johnson	3/16	Jane Shriner	4/11
Micah Weaver	3/16	Sheri Houser	4/12
Larry Wilhide	3/17	Eric Hockenberry	4/13
Evan Diep	3/18	Drayson Gayman	4/14
Linda Woltz	3/21	Ken Lay	4/14
Tracey Cook	3/22	Ron Dull	4/16
Faith Burkholder	3/24	Sawyer Jones	4/16
Jason Fraker	3/24	Brian Ocker	4/18
Twyla Stouffer	3/26	Tiffany Myers	4/19
Dave Schoonover	3/27	Skylar Diehl	4/21
Christopher Lloyd	3/28	Travis Garner	4/23
Norma Dexter	3/29	Collin Roberts	4/24
Carson Lay	3/29	Barb Finkenbinder	4/26
Janelle Lloyd	3/29	Brian Ramsey	4/26
Debbie McLaughlin	3/30	Ben Shughart	4/26
Branson Cook	3/31	Jay Weller	4/26
		Deb Wakefield	4/27
		Sylvia Miller	4/28
		Jason Darhower	4/29
		Owen Carter Warehime	4/29





1. Pray that all who enter our church will feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit and choose to do what is right by God's laws. Pray for their strength to put God's will first. Pray we will all be able to make everyone feel welcome as God would welcome them to His house.
2. Praise God if you woke up this morning reasonably pain free, and were able to get up and moving without help.
3. Pray that we can all learn to see problems as opportunities to find new closeness in our relationship with Christ and to see the window that opens when our usual routine is changed and we feel inconvenienced.
4. Pray for those going through a shock in their life. So many hugely unexpected things happen and can be overwhelming. Pray the focus can somehow be on Jesus and His comfort to get them through.
5. Praise God for music and those who make it. What a talent from God! Playing instruments or singing is a wonderful way to give back to our Lord. A special praise when He wakes you up with a praise song in your heart and ears. Our church is very rich in talented people.
6. Praise God for your family (blood or otherwise) and all they mean in your life. They helped to make you the person you are. Pray for their salvation, health and safety.
7. Pray for those who are dealing with mental issues, whether it is depression, bipolar, anger or a host of so many other problems they are dealing with. Some of it may be chemical imbalances, but many times it may be just another circumstance in their life, including isolation from Covid. Please pray for their peace in Christ and physical healing.
8. Pray for our church council and elders - everyone involved in the meeting on church business. Pray that all words and discussions will be spoken with love, patience and wisdom. Especially in these days of weird circumstances, pray that all choices will be clear cut.
9. Pray for all the women and girls of our church, that each one will be a good witness to others of Jesus' love.
10. Praise God if you can eat anything you want. Many have food allergies (which can be a life threatening situation) or no food available to them. It may not be an issue of "Oh, I don't know what to make for supper", but more like "I wish I had some food to fix for my children". Praise God for Paw Packs, but there are so many more out there who don't have a steady flow of nutrition. How can we help?
11. Pray for our troops and their families - for safety, a total well being in their lives and that they can come home soon.
12. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family. Pray for their total well being in all areas of their lives. Keep all the other Pastors (and their families) in our church in prayer too, that they will be blessed, as well, as they serve God by their actions and personal ministries. God has supplied a wonderful team with a variety of strengths in ministries.
13. We may lose an hour's sleep tonight, but praise God that the days are getting longer. More light is a good thing for many people. Don't forget to set your clock ahead so you don't miss church.
14. Praise God for our church family, that we can worship and have fun together. Pray for any needs that enter your mind. God can certainly speak to you in many ways. It's always a good idea to listen and lift others up, even people you may not know, but see in passing. You may be the only one who has ever mentioned their name to God. He knows them, but wants us to pray for these souls.
15. Pray for those suffering from nasty headaches. It is so hard to function with them. Pray for a cure and relief on a long term basis.
16. Pray for those who are having memory problems and those around them. There are so many causes and are very frustrating. Pray for patience and help to heal the problem, for the one suffering and the family and those who deal with the problems.
17. Praise God for technology like phones, email, etc. In past ages, if people moved away, you'd never hear from them again. Now it is possible to stay in touch. Pray that people will use it for good and not evil purposes.
18. Pray for those who want children so desperately, that they will be able to have their own or that God will show them the one(s) they are meant to have as their family. Likewise, please pray for those women who find themselves in an unwanted pregnancy. Pray they will choose to give that child life. If they don't feel they can keep the baby, that they will have the courage to put the little one up for adoption so many lives will be enriched by being a family together. Pray they will choose life!
19. Praise God for all the youth of our church. Pray for their safety in all ways and ability to withstand peer pressure. Pray for all of their leaders, too. This is such an important time in these young people's lives. Pray they will be deeply rooted and can keep growing deeper in His love.
20. Praise God that Spring is here. It may or may not feel like it today, but warmer weather is coming along with the new birth of baby animals and beautiful plants to look at. You don't have to own them to enjoy the sight of them. Look around you at the trees and flowers. Who else but God could have come up with such a variety?
21. Pray for missionaries around the world, wherever they are. Praise God for our missions committee and all decisions they deal with to make it possible for others to spread God's word and make disciples of others. It is an important team.
22. Pray for the nurses, doctors, dietary, cleaning and other personnel who have been working so hard and long hours to take care of those dealing with covid and all other medical conditions. They have put their lives on the line for a long time, now. Pray they will stay safe, physically and mentally and feel the gratitude of the general public for all of their sacrifices.
23. Praise God if you can read. So much of our lives revolves around written language. Pray that those who can't read will have their lives enriched by learning how to do so, and good reading material will be available to all. Especially, the Bible would be available to all.
24. Pray for marriages, that people will take the vows they made to each other and to God seriously and choose to work through any problems, if possible. But please pray that abuse victims will be able to get away.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



	Jan 21	Jan 21	Annual Budget	% Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General Fund Income</b>				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	305.00	305.00		
Envelopes Income	10,293.00	10,293.00		
Loose Offering Income	5,094.25	5,094.25		
Miscellaneous Income	132.00	132.00		
Missions Income	245.00	245.00		
The Gathering Income	450.00	450.00		
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	16,519.25	16,519.25		
<b>Money Market Income</b>				
CCDR Income	6,632.48	6,632.48		
Memorial Fund Income	2,335.00	2,335.00		
Money Market Interest Account	0.26	0.26		
<b>Total Money Market Income</b>	8,967.74	8,967.74		
<b>Total Income</b>	25,486.99	25,486.99		
<b>Expense</b>				
Total Administration - Other	1,048.77	1,048.77	13,625.00	7.70%
Total Administration - Staffing	13,910.69	13,910.69	178,476.50	7.79%
Total Benevolences	3,940.91	3,940.91	66,900.00	5.89%
Total Christian Education	410.13	410.13	13,800.00	2.97%
Total Church Life Activities	34.23	34.23	3,300.00	1.04%
Total Mortgage	5,920.98	5,920.98	71,051.76	8.33%
Total Property Management	4,692.55	4,692.55	47,900.00	9.80%
Total Stewardship & Finance	250.00	250.00	1,375.00	18.18%
Total Worship & Evangelism	153.61	153.61	3,200.00	4.80%
<b>Total Expense</b>	30,361.87	30,361.87	399,628.26	7.60%

**Elders will meet on Monday, March 8th 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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25. Pray for those in hospitals and nursing homes, that they will get good care and be in great health very soon. Pray especially for those who are missing the homes they have lived in for the biggest part of their lives. Homesickness can be a horrible thing to go through. Pray that very soon, the isolation will be lifted and loved ones can be together again.
26. Pray for all the men and boys of our church, that each one will live a life that makes it clear to all who see them, where they stand in their relationship with Christ.
27. Praise God for His grace and mercy. No matter how many times we disappoint Him, He always wants us to come back to Him. And He waits for us all with open arms.
28. Today is Palm Sunday, the remembrance of the day Jesus went in to Jerusalem to so many shouting Hosanna and praising Him. One short week later, they were shouting to "crucify Him". Pray that we will never turn our backs on Him, but will try our very best to serve Jesus and show His love to others, so they will choose Him, too.
29. Praise God for the glorious sunrises and sunsets. Only He could bring those colors to life.
30. Pray for those facing huge medical expenses, that the bills will somehow be covered and they can get the care and treatments needed to survive.
31. Praise God for the EMTs, police, fire personnel, etc. Their willingness to enter life threatening situations is to be greatly appreciated. Pray for their safety an all areas of their lives.



**Newsletter DEADLINE**  
The office needs your input for April 2021 "The Connection" Newsletter by March 21, 2021!

**CCDR Offering Envelopes**  
If you would like to continue using the monthly CCDR envelopes to give towards our debt reduction, you can pick up a set in the mailroom or one of the entrance doors.



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# Newville First Church of God

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*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.*

Please check Facebook and tcp.church for updates!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/1 Karate school meets each Monday & Thursday at 6 pm, Trustee meeting at 7 pm
- 3/2 Cub Scouts meet each Tuesday at 6 pm;
- 3/3\*\* Promise Kids zoom at 6:00 & 7 pm Adult and Youth Connection Groups at 7 pm
- 3/5\* Lenten Lunch at BS United Lutheran Church parking lot at noon
- 3/6 Men's Prayer meets each Saturday at 8 am**
- 3/8 Elders' meeting at 6 pm, Church Council meeting at 7 pm**
- 3/13 Turn clocks ahead one hour
- 3/15 Mission Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 3/21 Items for April newsletter due to church office
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/24 4th Anniversary of The Connection Place
- 3/27 Ladies Sacrificial Breakfast 9:00 am
- 3/28 Palm Sunday
- 3/31 NO CONNECTION GROUPS

**\*\* Wednesday Nights:**  
 March 10th, 17th, and 24th  
 will be the same schedule  
 as March 3rd!

**\* Lenten Lunch & Service:**  
 March 12th, 19th, and 26th  
 will be the same schedule  
 as March 5th

## 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!

