



**Newville First Church of God**  
**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**8:15 am & 10:45 am**

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

**Call to Worship**

**A Time of Praise and Worship**

**8:15 Service**

**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**  
**Onward, Christian Soldiers**  
**You Are My All in All**

**Hymn # 730**  
**Hymn # 731**  
**Hymn # 583**

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**10:45 Service**

**Praise and Worship**  
**Glorious Day**  
**Soul On Fire**  
**Great Are You Lord**

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

**Before The Throne of God Above**

**Shannon Kane**

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Series "Life's Choices"**

**Message: "I Choose To Stand"**

**Pastor Wayne Good**

**Text: Matthew 5:13-16, 26:31-35, 26:69-75**

**Prayer of Sending**

**Musical Postlude**

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**Good Morning! I hope you enjoyed this Spring-like weather this past week. As the temperatures warm, the beauty of the season is beginning to pop out of the ground and buds beginning to open on the trees. I pray that today as we worship, you see the beauty of our Savior blossoming forth in your daily living. If you are a guest with us today, or a long-time attender, may God fill you with His hope, peace, and joy as we worship together!**

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

*Nancy & Eber Leisher – 139 Cleversburg Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257*

*Darlene Lindsay – Green Ridge Lane Rm 110, Newville, PA 17241*

*Ron & Shirley McDonald – 26 Parsonage St., Newville, PA 17241*

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The Church Office hours this week are **Monday 9:00 am-12:00 pm** and **Thursday 11:00 – 2:00 pm**. Pastor Wayne will be in his office on Thursday from 11:00 – 2:00 pm.

The **Kingdom Seekers Connection Group** which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 invites you to join them as they begin the series, "**Love Does - Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World**" by Bob Goff. **The group meets in the Connection Center in the first room off the left hallway.**

**Happy Helpers** – please sign up **TODAY** if you plan on helping with the egg stuffing **tomorrow** at **10:00 am** for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. We will be having pizza for lunch and we need to know how many pizzas to order! Sign-up sheet is in the Connection Center at the information desk! Come join in the fun! Happy Helpers is a gathering of those who are 55+ and like having a fun time.

Individually wrapped **Easter candy** is needed for the **Easter Egg Hunt!** Please help by donating bags of candy and place them in the bins in the lobbies and café by **March 17<sup>th</sup>**! Thank you for your donations.

**Sign-up sheets for food donations** for our **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** are located on the information desk in the Connection Center. Please see how you can help!

Want to have some fun and see lots of smiling faces? We are looking for **volunteers** for help set up, hide eggs and to assist during the **Easter Egg Hunt on March 30<sup>th</sup>**. There are sign-up sheets on the information desk at the Connection Center. For more information on how you can help, see our Children's Director, Kathy Hewitt.

**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.*

### Nursery Volunteer Schedule

**March 17:** Kristy Warren & Cathy Johnson (8:15 Service)  
**March 17:** Katie & Shay Kane (9:30 Sunday School)  
**March 17:** Kathy Biscuit & Brooke Bobb (10:45 Service)

**March 24:** Emily Reall & Stephanie McCullough (8:15 Service)  
**March 24:** Tracey Cook & Ashley Lay (9:30 Sunday School)  
**March 24:** Megan & Hannah Orris (10:45 Service)

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### Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – March 17th

#### 8:15 Jr Church

**Check In:** Dave & Jo Schoonover

**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:** Kathy Hewitt & Yvonne Shannon

### Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – March 24th – FAMILY SUNDAY

#### 8:15 Jr Church

**Check In:** Mark & Sarah Long

**Junior Church – Nursery Only**

#### 9:30 Sunday School

**Check In:** Alan Guyer

**Teacher:** Linda & Amanda Webber

#### 10:45 Jr Church

**Check In:** Pastors Andrew & Kathryn Griffith

**Junior Church – Nursery Only**

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

Our High School and Middle School students are wrapping up their weekend retreat at Camp YoliJwa today. Continue to pray for our youth leaders and the students as they worship on the mountain and learn more about God and how He loves them.

**How is the *Ten Minute Lent Challenge* going? There are more copies of the devotional books available at the Information Desk in the Connection Center. If you missed a day or two or even more, don't give up. God just wants a willing heart that wants to know more about Him. Join us in the challenge.**

**Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, our choir will be providing special music selections to prepare us for Holy Week during both worship services.**

**Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> is our Family Sunday.** We love having our children share in worship with us. **During the 9:30 Connection Groups, the children's choir will be practicing and also have a lesson.**

**Giggles** will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon** at **Miseno's, 598 West High Street, Carlisle.** There is a sign-up sheet in the Connection Center.

**Attention all College Students.** If you are currently attending college, could you please complete one of the papers hanging on our college board in the Welcome Center and place it in Christine Michaels' mailbox or lay it on the church secretary's desk. Thank you!

A **Community Choir** is being formed to sing for the **Four Diamonds Concert** at Zion Lutheran Church in Newville. There will be one **rehearsal on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**, and the **concert is on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**. If you are interested and would like more details, please talk to Mary Beth Miller or call her at 717-440-2111.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to have your information to the church office.

## EASTER NEWS - Mark your calendars!

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – No choir practice or Connection Groups**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service.** You won't want to miss out on this special service of the year. This will be a personal evening



of worship in song, hearing from the Word of God, and joining together for the ordinance of Feet Washing (for those who want to participate) and remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as we share together in the Lord's Table for Communion. **Our Children's Director Kathy Hewitt will be providing a special program for the children age 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under.**

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45 - Community Cross Walk**



Come out and join friends from other community churches for the annual Cross Walk. We begin the evening at 5:45 at the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot for an opening scripture and prayer. The walk concludes around 7:00 at the Fountain on Big Spring Avenue.

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 – Our Community Easter Egg Hunt**

All children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend the Easter Egg Hunt. **This year all the children will gather inside the All Purpose Building for a brief Easter story** and then be dismissed for the egg hunt. Make sure you invite your children's friends and neighbors to attend.



**Sunday Morning, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunrise Service @ 7:00**

**Breakfast @ 7:45**

**Gathering Music in the Sanctuary @ 9:00**

**Easter Worship service @ 9:30**



**Easter Offering and Driveway Repairs**

Over the years things wear out, and that is the case with the one entrance driveway to the church. There are plans to make repairs and improvements to the driveway this Spring. The Easter Offering this year will be placed into the Capital Reserve fund to help with the cost of driveway repairs. More details will be coming.

## Easter Flowers

Remember to order your Easter flowers by **TODAY**, March 17 by completing the form along with your payment. Order forms and envelopes are available at the Information Desk in the Connection Center. Tulips and daffodils are available for \$10.00 each and tri-color tulips for \$12.00. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 717-776-5223.



## Church Office Relocation

Council discussed a variety of concerns of the church office being located in the "hallway" where people pass through regularly to go to the Fellowship Hall. Over the next weeks you will see a switch...the office is being moved to the current library, and the library is being moved to the current office area. The change will provide a more secure area for the office work and provide better access to the church library. Be watching as the change takes place! A big thank you to the trustees and those giving of their time in helping with this project.

## HELP WANTED – SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS

Do you have the skills and desire to design and maintain web pages? Are you gifted in social media communication? We are in need of a person or persons to maintain/update the church web page, to do updates to our Facebook page, and, to communicate with those who connect to our live-stream worship service on Sunday mornings. If you have skills in any of these areas (or be willing to learn) and would like to know more on how you can get plugged in to use your gifts in our Social Media ministries, please contact the church office at [office@tcp.church](mailto:office@tcp.church), or Pastor Shawn at [pastorshawn@tcp.church](mailto:pastorshawn@tcp.church) as soon as possible.

## All Purpose Building Roof Replacement Pledge Cards

You are encouraged to join in the fun of giving in support of the roof project by "buying one pieced at a time!" Be sure to get your pledge card and as an individual, a family, a Connection Group class, pledge to buy some of the roofing materials. Our Children's Ministry has already committed to purchasing 15 boxes of screws! Make your selections soon while there are many choices you can make!



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I Choose to Stand  
Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75, 5:13-16

*“But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 10:33*

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📖 Matthew 26:69-75

2. **Choosing to Stand, Can Change History**

3. **Choosing to Stand, by Salting the Earth**

📖 Matthew 5:13

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4. **Choosing to Stand, by Shining the Light**

📖 Matthew 5:14

📖 We are like a L\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus is the L\_\_\_\_\_

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds, and praise your Father in heaven!*

📖 Two things that can hide your Light

- U\_\_\_\_\_ Sin
- S\_\_\_\_\_

5. **I pray that today you will choose to MAKE GOD FIRST in your life, you will choose the WORD OF GOD to be your truth and guide for your life, and you will choose to TAKE A STAND for Jesus!**

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