

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)

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12TH, 2023

8:15 Worship Attendance = 120 9:30 Sunday School Attendance = 72
 10:45 Worship Attendance = 107 Wednesday Night Connection = 127
 Total Worship Attendance = 227

Financial Giving Breakdown					
Weekly Giving	General Fund	Other Designated	On Line Giving	CCDR Debt Reduction	Week Total
5-Mar	\$6,279.00	\$415.00	\$1,678.00	\$2,190.00	\$10,562.00
12-Mar	\$4,901.00	\$1,125.00	\$4,040.00	\$405.00	\$10,471.00
19-Mar	\$3,217.00	\$1,730.00	\$807.00	\$1,160.09	\$6,914.09
26-Mar					\$0.00
					\$0.00
March Totals	\$17,667.00		\$6,525.00	\$3,755.09	\$27,947.09
Req Monthly for Budget	\$26,575.05			\$4,604.28	\$31,179.33
Past month's Income					
February	\$23,274.11		\$7,981.00	\$4,313.00	\$35,568.11
January	\$29,070.36		\$9,948.00	\$4,238.00	\$43,256.36
December	\$31,271.06		\$7,812.00	\$2,892.03	\$41,975.09
February Online Giving	\$6,641.00	to GF		\$1,340.00	to CCDR
CCDR Debt Balance	\$591,506.44				

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

- 3/26: Family Sunday**
- 3/28: GIGGLES 12:00 APB**
- 3/28: Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30pm**
- 3/29: Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm**
 Connection Groups 7:00 pm ("Let's Pray" in sanctuary)
- 3/30: GriefShare Series 6-8:00 pm**
- 3/31: Lenten Lunch 12:00 pm**
- 4/2: Palm Sunday/Chiz Rider will provide special music**
- 4/5: NO CONNECTION GROUPS**
- 4/6: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm**
- 4/7: Community Cross Walk 6:00 pm**
- 4/8: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**
- 4/9: Easter Sunday as well as Family Worship Sunday**

Karate School meets Monday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Girl Scouts meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Newville First Church of God
"The Connection Place"

475 Shippensburg Road, Newville PA 17241 ~ 717-776-5223

March 26th, 2023



Pastor Wayne A. Good
Director of Visitation: Pastor Dick Reese
Director of Youth Ministry: Pastor Shawn Peale
Director of Children's Ministry: Katie Kane
Int. Dir. of Children's Ministry: Pastor Heidi Guyer
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
March 26th, 2023 – Family Sunday
8:15 am and 10:45 am

Musical Prelude – A Time of Preparing to Worship

Songs of Praise and Worship

8:15 Service

When We All Get to Heaven

I'll Fly Away

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn # 772

Hymn # 778

Choir

10:45 Service

Glorious Day

My King Forever

Worship in the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Man of Sorrows

Hearing from God's Word

Series: Let Go and Let God

Message: What Are You Hoping For?

Text: John 11:1-44

United Youth Retreat In Action!

A Prayer of Sending

Musical Postlude

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

Kim Bailey- 110 Woods Rd, Newville PA 17241

Tom & Debb Barkley – 107 Shed Rd, Newville PA 17241

Dorothy Boudier – 410 Pinedale Rd, Newville PA 17241

Paw Packs has a need! Paw Packs is collecting cans of corn, peas and green beans. We are encouraging our congregation to bring in donations once a month to help support our program.

Thank you! A very special thank you to whoever sent me flowers for my Birthday. What a nice surprise! They were very much appreciated! Blessings, Twyla Stouffer

The Church Office hours will be Monday 9-12 and Thursday 9:30-12:30.

A member of our church family, **Norma Dexter, is turning 103 on Wednesday, March 29th.** If you would like to mail a birthday greeting to her, here is her address:

Norma Dexter, Menno Haven Chambersburg
1425 Philadelphia Ave Apt 211
Chambersburg PA 17201

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.** Do you love to sing? Come join them in praising God.

Connection Groups meet on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.** We would love to have you join in with us. For more information on our prayer study, see the insert or talk with Pastor Wayne.

GriefShare will be held this **Thursday, March 30th** from **6-8:00 pm.** Pastors Heidi and Kathryn will be leading this video seminar series, along with support group discussion.

The **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held **April 6th at 7:00 pm.** This is a meaningful and reflective service as we continue to prepare for Easter.

Community Cross Walk
Friday, April 7th, 6:00 pm

Come join with friends from other Newville Community churches for the annual Cross Walk. We will depart from the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot at 6:00, walk to various locations in the community for prayer and then conclude at the fountain on Big Spring Avenue around 7:00. This is a great time for the community to see Christians ministering together in prayer. If you would like more information of about the Cross Walk, reach out to Pastor Wayne.

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

50's 60's 70's 80's 90's

Names of Children

(Living at home & date of birth): _____

Please tear off and place in the offering plate or hand this to the Pastor after the service.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

March 26th: Emily Reall and Stephanie McCullough (8:15 service)
March 26th: Brandi & Tobey Lay (9:30 Sunday School)
March 26th: Sara Witter and Suzanne Witter (10:45 service)

April 2nd: Fran Shoemaker and Anna Leaphart (8:15 service)
April 2nd: Stephanie & Garry Wall (9:30 Sunday School)
April 2nd: Tracey Cook and Sarah Fisher (10:45 service)

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – March 26th FAMILY SUNDAY:

8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Mark and Sarah Long

Junior Church: NURSERY ONLY

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Dave and Laura Fleagle

Junior Choir Practice: Linda & Amanda Webber

10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Pastors Andrew and Kathryn Griffith

Toddler Church: NURSERY ONLY

Junior Church: NURSERY ONLY

Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule – April 2nd:

8:15 Jr Church

Check In: Kevin and Laura Lay

Junior Church: Emily Reall and Kate Lay

9:30 Sunday School

Check In: Alan Guyer

Teacher: Angie Anderson and Barb Hoover

10:45 Jr Church

Check In: Deanna Rhinehart

Toddler Church: Stacie Nickel and Delaney Rhinehart

Junior Church: Katie Kane and Yvonne Shannon

The Community Lenten Lunch is held on **Friday, March 31st** at **12:00 noon** at The First United Presbyterian Church, 113 West Big Spring Avenue, Newville. Everyone is welcome!

Today is Family Sunday and we welcome our children with us in worship. We believe in investing in the children of our church. It is a privilege to be examples to them! The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Please welcome them and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

The Couples Connection Sunday School Class will be beginning a new curriculum, Love Like You Mean It from Family Life, beginning **TODAY**. The Facilitators for this class are Jeff and Betsy Shughart and they meet in the front classroom on the right side of the sanctuary. Please feel free to join in.

Easter flower order forms and money are due **TODAY**. The forms and payment envelopes are located in the Welcome Center. Questions, contact the church office.

We are offering you the opportunity to have Easter photos taken. Check out the Connection Center Lobby for the location. Gather the family, grab a friend and take some candid and fun shots.

What are you doing this afternoon? **Connection Youth Flag Football** begins **today** between 2:00 and 5:00 pm here at our church. Want to be a part of the fun? Be a scorekeeper, referee, be a field mom or dad or relax and enjoy a game while cheering the teams on. We hope to see you there.

GIGGLES will be having a lunch of soup and sandwiches at **noon** this **Tuesday, March 28th in the APB**. Any questions please contact Peg Hoover, 717-961-8070.

The **Men's Prayer Group** meets every Saturday at 8:00 am. All men are welcomed to be a part of this vital ministry. Prayer is the answer.

The Genesis Friendship Sunday School Class will be beginning a new study series, "Relying on the Holy Spirit," beginning next Sunday, **April 2nd**. Please feel free to join us. Any questions, please contact Pastor Ron Dull.

Do you love seeing smiling faces on children and have fun doing that? We would love to have you join us in preparing the **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 8th**. We are looking for volunteers to hide **LOTS** of eggs beginning at 8:00 am. We are also looking for volunteers to welcome families and to host each age group as they gather. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can contact Pastor Heidi at 717-658-2943 for more information.

Adult Fellowship Spring Fling #1 - Registration sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center to hear **Randy Simpson**. The event is **April 14th at 10:00 am** at the Middletown Church of God. Fee is \$15.00 (which can be turned into the church office) which includes lunch & program. If you would like more information, contact the church office. **Deadline to sign-up is April 2nd**.

Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with the soup sale! Your help was greatly appreciated. We sold **129 quarts** of soup!

Let Us Pray

A six-night study on the importance and the power of prayer!



If you were not able to attend, or you would like to go through any of the sessions again, you can use the YouTube link below or scan the QR code to take you to the recorded videos of the services. The weekly handouts are available in the rear of the sanctuary. Be sure to invite a friend to join you next week!



<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLP3xmZ3pUymzUcT5YxO8cddrh48iUtw48>

Prayer nights: March 29th, April 12th, 19th. 7:00 to 8:00.

2023 Easter

- 4/2** ***Palm Sunday Worship Services***
8:15 and 10:45 am
Special Music by Chiz Rider
- 4/6** ***Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm***
Communion and Feet Washing
Special Program for Children
- 4/7** ***The Community Cross Walk 6:00 pm***
- 4/9** ***Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am***
Easter Breakfast 7:45 am
Easter Gathering Worship Music 9:00 am
Easter Family Worship 9:30 am

Loads of Love

We are exploring a new outreach ministry opportunity for our church to reach out to the Newville and surrounding Community!

Buying a washing machine and a dryer is very expensive and many families cannot afford to make that purchase. In addition to that, some families live in small apartments with no washer/dryer hookups.



Laundry supplies are increasingly expensive. Statistics show a family of 4 does 8 to 10 loads of laundry a week. If you're going to the laundromat, that adds up quickly! One standard load costs about \$2 to wash and \$2 to dry at the laundromat, which adds \$30 to \$40 to a family's weekly budget that's likely already stretched thin.

Here is where you and our church family can help. We are looking to begin "**Loads of Love**" at the Newville Laundromat. We would be asking groups from our church to take a set time at the laundromat to "feed quarters" into the washers and dryers, providing them with free laundry services. We would also provide free supplies such as detergent pods and dryer sheets.

The best part of **Loads of Love** is that individuals/groups from our church would be present to provide snacks, activities for children, and have conversations with people as they wait for their laundry to be completed. There may even be opportunities to pray for individuals ... and we would pray for opportunities to share Jesus.

This is a great opportunity for Connection Groups to "host" a Saturday or a weeknight at the laundromat. **If you have any questions, contact Heather Fickel at 717.404.1995 or fickelh@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more information!**

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

Easter is just a few "hops" away and the Church Council is excited to offer you an opportunity to give towards a special 2023 Easter Offering.

50% will go to our Helping Hand Fund. This fund helps people within our church family and community who may be going through some financial struggles. Over the years, the Helping Hand fund has helped many families with a small financial gift in times of need.

50% will go to fund the new **Loads of Love ministry.** This new fund will help pay for people in the community to do their laundry, while at the same time it will open doors for us to reach out to build relationships with those in the community and to share Jesus.

We invite you to use the Easter Offering envelopes for your envelope box, or you can find Easter Offering in the bulletin or in the pews. Please bring your gift in anytime up through April 30th. **You can place your gift in the offering plate or the laundry tub in the Connection Center.**

Another way you can help support the ministry is by bringing detergent soap pods and dryer sheets and place them in the "Laundry Tub" in the Connection Center. You can also deposit quarters in the tub for the washers and dryers.



We will soon be looking for volunteers of all ages to help get **Loads of Love up and "spinning"! Be sure to get signed up to help.**

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18



March 26, 2023
 “What Are You Hoping For?”
 Scripture: John 1:1-44

SERMON NOTES

THINK: *What things are you holding on to in your life that you really have no control over? Are you be willing to let go of those things and Let God take control of them for you?*

What expectations do you have of Jesus?

What God does seldom matches our expectations. He doesn't S_____ U_____ when we expect, he doesn't P_____ what we expect, and he doesn't P_____ what we expect.

What happens when Jesus feels D_____ or A_____ in your life?

When you experience seasons of S_____:
 - Know that Jesus himself experienced deep S_____.
 - And you feel God is absent . . . He's A_____ present.

When you feel life has left you and you're all alone, that is when J_____ calls you by N_____.

DO: *Last week you were encouraged to put a “stake in the ground” and move forward in your life. To do that, you need to “LET GO” of any sin or shame that may be holding you back in your faith journey and “LET GOD” guide your steps.*

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