

Make a "Connection" with



# The Connection

Newville  
First Church of God

November 2021

## It's Electric!



**Greetings Church!** Many of you know I grew up on a farm. It was a small farm, yes, but replete with all the necessary trappings to be able to call it a farm. We had pigs, cows, at one time chickens, fields of grain and summers making hay. I didn't really care for the work then, but I miss it now. There was one part that I do not miss. The electric fence. I can remember, quite clearly, becoming intimately aware of the power of that electric fence. Trust me, one does not forget such a shocking experience. (Sorry, I had to.) Dad even told me he didn't have it set as high as other farmers. I know some farmers fences you could hear the snap of the electric coursing through the wire. The electric fence was a lesson I learned early and unfortunately, too often. As a child I learned one basic lesson about electricity. Electric goes from it's source (the red ticking box on the barn wall), through a conductor of some sort (water, metal, my finger) and keeps going until it comes back around to the red box, or something stops the electricity dead in it's tracks (like wood or rubber). That's not the sort of conductor I had thought about back then.

The past couple of months we've been taking a good, hard look at discipleship. And we've discovered a lot!

- We're called by Jesus to make disciples. Matthew 28:18-20
- Discipleship can be messy.
- Discipleship is drawing people to Christ.
- It's done best through relationships.
- We can't disciple if we aren't being fed.
- We need to be grounded and growing in the Truth.
- We grow in discipleship by living life together.
- It's as simple as having dinner with our kids as often as possible.
- Start small.

Discipleship can seem daunting. It seems like a huge theological word. But it's really not. It's very simple. Believe it or not electricity can give us a brilliant picture of the simplicity of discipleship. In discipleship as in electricity we have our source, God, and we are merely conduits for His truth, love and gospel. We allow what we've learned and experienced in our walk with Him to flow through us to others. Sometimes that 'current' will come from another believer, such as a pastor, teacher, a book perhaps that we're reading on scripture. But our ultimate source for that truth is from the Word of God and time spent with Him through prayer. We need a constant supply of Him in our lives. Why? Isn't what the pastor reads on Sunday mornings enough? Um, no. I knew I could touch that electric fence the moment Dad shut off the box and I wouldn't be hurt because the source wasn't accessed. The same is true with God. He has given us the means to be in constant contact with Him through the daily reading of His word; through memorizing scripture and meditating on it throughout the day; and through talking with Jesus. Here's a few ideas on how to access your source throughout the day:

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The PAW Packs Program provides supplemental food for weekends to families in the Big Spring School District who could use a little extra help. The food is being picked up at the Newville First Church of God on **Friday's from 9 - 11 am for the school year**. The Newville Community Garden Group will be providing fresh vegetables for families when they are available. Parents can sign up for the program at [www.pawpacks.org](http://www.pawpacks.org)

With the expanding number of families starting to participate, we are looking for new folks to be part of the PAW Packs Program. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Soup Sale - November 20th (9 am - 1 pm)**



The Soup Sale will be Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be Chicken Corn Soup, Beef Noodle Soup and Ham/Bean Soup. We will be taking prepaid orders and the cost is \$8.00/quart. Order forms will be available November 1st and must be turned in no later November 14th. Contact Jean Sponenberg or Pat Whilhide for more information

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.

**The next PAW Pack meeting will be Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm.**

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

*Remember when ordering your Christmas gifts this year through Amazon Smiles that PAW Packs is now listed as one of the charities that you can chose. If you already have chosen a charity and want to make a switch, there is a link to do so under the account info. Thanks to Kevin Miller for setting this up.*



**The Paw Packs ministry would like to thank everyone who came out to support our spaghetti dinner and silent auction last Saturday evening. Once the final figures are in we will have made over \$3,000. Our church's support of this program is a blessing to these children and our community. With heartfelt thanks, the PAW Packs Volunteers.  
Pat Wilhide**



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- **Set your alarm for 20 minutes earlier to spend time in His word**
- **Keep a notecard with a verse on it to read throughout the day to memorize**
- **Download the YouVersion app on your phone so that a handy version of the bible is always available to read while waiting**
- **Practice the presence of Christ. Keep in the back of your mind that Christ is with you throughout everything you experience in the day. Acknowledge His presence in the major and mundane things that you go through.**

**Those are just a few of the many things one can do to keep Christ with you all the day long. With a constant supply of Him and His Word you'll certainly remain charged and ready to disciple whomever God sends your way.**

*Pastor Kathryn*

## Promise Kids Volunteer Schedule - November 2021

Date	8:30 Junior Church	9:30 Sunday School	10:30 Junior Church
November 7	Check In: Kevin and Laura Lay Teacher: Linda Webber & Amanda Webber	Check in: Jeanne Young Teacher: Gina Meals	Check In: Deanna & Cameron Rhinehart Pre-School: Pastor Heidi Guyer & Delaney Rhinehart Elementary: Katie Kane & Barb Hoover
November 14	Check In: Heather & Ben Fickel Teacher: Linda Webber & Kate Lay	Check in: Alan & Pastor Heidi Guyer Teacher: Angie Anderson	Check In: Michael Copenhaver Pre-School: Stacie Nickel & Sherry Aby Elementary: Katie Kane & Shannon Kane
November 21	Check In: Dave & Jo Schoonover Teacher: Linda Webber & Emily Reall	Check in: Brandi & Tobey Lay Teacher: Gina Meals	Check In: Miriam Dull and Shannon Kane Pre-School: Stacie Nickel & Rebekah Nickel Elementary: Katie Kane & Yvonne Shannon
November 28	Check In: Mark & Sarah Long Teacher: Katie Kane & Kennedy Sherriff	Check in: Kevin Miller Teacher: Angie Anderson	Check In: Pastors Andrew & Kathryn Griffith Pre-School: Nadia Griffith & Stacie Nickel Elementary: Katie Kane & Linda Gehrett

Thank you to those who volunteered to help serve in our children's ministry. If you are willing to give an hour or two a month to help with Promise Kids, please contact Katie by email ([katie@tcp.church](mailto:katie@tcp.church)) or phone (717-448-9218) as soon as possible! Thank you!

## Nursery Volunteer Schedule - November 2021

### 8:30 Service

- Nov 7th - Ashley Lay & Stephanie McCullough
- Nov 14th - Rebecca Fickel & Stephanie McCullough
- Nov 21st - Kristy Warren & Cathy Johnson
- Nov 28th - Erica Reall & Elijah Reall

*Thank you to those who staff our Nursery during the 8:30 am worship service. If you are willing to give some time to serve the Lord in the nursery for either worship service times, please contact Kristy Warren as soon as possible and she will get you connected!!*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX COLLECTION

Remember to bring your shoebox full of love for a child in need with you to worship on Sunday, November 14th.

The Shoebox Supply House at 709 Marden Avenue, Shippensburg will be open November 1 (Mon), 4 (Thur), 8 (Mon), 13 (Sat), 15 (Mon), 18 (Thur-final day) from 9 am - noon.

Cash or checks only. No cards.

**National Shoebox Collection Week is November 15-22**



Reminder for those who made reservations, on Wednesday, **November 3rd**, **Happy Helpers** will travel to **Hickory Bridge Restaurant** in Orrtanna for our Thanksgiving get together. The menu will include turkey and ham, side dishes, beverage (coffee or tea) and dessert. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and will be served family style.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm for our **Christmas Cantata practice**.  
Contact Linda Brenize with any questions!



**Join us: Thursdays 6-8**

**Beginning November 4th**

**With Pastors Heidi & Kathryn**



**Grief Share is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Check out a brochure in the welcome center for more info!**



**Don't forget to** set your clocks back on Saturday evening, November 6th.

**Happy Thanksgiving**



Thursday, November 25th  
Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no Connection Groups on Wednesday, November 24th.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**"I think that there is a better thing than thanksgiving: thanks-living. How is this to be done? By a general cheerfulness of manner, by an obedience to the command of Him by whose mercy we live, by a perpetual, constant delighting of ourselves in the Lord, and by a submission of our desires to His will." – Charles Spurgeon**





## Attention All Ladies!!

Celebrate the Season of Joy at  
Doubling Gap Center

## "A Candy Cane Christmas"

**Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30  
pm**

Cost is \$16.00 per person.

Money is due to Jean Sponenberg  
by November 14th. Checks to be made  
payable to CGWM.

To share joy with others, please bring  
one of the following for babies:  
baby wash,



Veterans' Day - November 11th

We will be recognizing our  
**Veterans**  
on Sunday November 14th.

Thank you for your service!



Hanging of the Greens  
will be  
Sunday, November 28th.  
Please watch the  
bulletin for further  
details.



## ANNIVERSARIES

William & Donna Brobst 11/6  
 Petra & Steven Smith 11/16



Gregory & Sherry Aby 12/8  
 Benson & Patricia Stake 12/17  
 Bradley & Gina Meals 12/19  
 Larry & Mindy Walter 12/23  
 Pastor Ron & Miriam Dull (50th) 12/26  
 Charles & Olive Johnson 12/28  
 Bob & Chuch Burns 12/30  
 Galen & Linda Brenize 12/31

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY



Mary Jones 90, of Newville, passed away on Tuesday October 12th. Mary was the mother of Larry Jones. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Jones family.



## BIRTHDAYS

Peg Hoover 11/1	Charlie Wenger 12/1
Larry Ocker 11/2	Austin Schoonover 12/2
Katie Ocker 11/4	Eber Leisher 12/3
Luke McCullough 11/4	Lois West 12/3
Mary Beth Miller 11/4	Jim Elliott 12/5
Olive Johnson 11/4	Jim Orner 12/5
Walter McCullough 11/4	Kim Bailey 12/5
Alahna Rostad 11/5	Mike Hoover 12/5
Dane Metcalf 11/5	Ron Houser 12/5
Jeremy Gehrett 11/5	Gabriella Schoonover 12/7
Evelyn Hockensmith 11/6	Kyrie Guyer 12/7
Carl Sponenberg 11/7	Donna Hollenbaugh 12/8
Elijah Reall 11/7	Roman Long 12/8
Jacob Lay 11/7	Steven Mixell 12/10
Jim Witter 11/8	Walter Coover 12/10
Yvonne Shannon 11/8	Pat Wilhide 12/11
Andrew Witter 11/11	Janice Farner 12/12
Kevin Miller 11/11	Kevin Lay 12/12
Wayne Hockensmith 11/11	Bev Gordon 12/13
Austin Long 11/12	Dottie Shoff 12/13
Grant Long 11/12	Ava Garner 12/16
Clara Bender 11/14	Delaney Rhinehart 12/16
Debbie Barkley 11/17	Isaac Fogal 12/17
Pastor Kathryn Griffith 11/17	Larry Jones 12/17
Leon Deihl 11/18	Jeff Myers Sr. 12/18
Brooks Snyder 11/20	John Shannon 12/18
Debbie Drumheller 11/21	Ashley Jones 12/19
Judy Greenawalt 11/21	Shawn Peale 12/19
Mark Witter 11/21	Nickie Fickel 12/20
Kellene Parthemore 11/22	Deanna Rhinehart 12/21
Alan Guyer 11/24	Eli Parthemore 12/23
Andrew Walker 11/24	Todd White 12/23
Bruce Hockensmith 11/24	Dennis McLaughlin 12/24
Laura Lay 11/24	Miriam Dull 12/24
Ashton Warren 11/25	Petra Smith 12/24
Deb Yohe 11/15	Shaun Jones 12/24
Katrina Long 11/25	Wayne Nickel 12/24
Robert Cormany 11/26	Gary Bardo 12/25
Sarah Long 11/26	Natalie Miller 12/27
Dave Drumheller 11/29	Andy Brown 12/28
Jennifer Shutt 11/30	Erica Reall 12/28
	Karen Lay 12/28
	Garry Wall 12/29
	Alison Brown 12/31
	Becky Mentzer 12/31
	Steph Weller 12/31





1. **Pray for those dealing with depression/anxiety. It can cause so many different problems. Pray for their peace and healing.**
2. **Today is Election Day. As Christians, it is our duty to vote in the way that will result in our country being run by Godly leaders and judges. Pray for the Lord's wisdom as to who those individuals should be.**
3. **Pray for better communications among families, for what is said to be what is meant, and for that to be what is heard so there are less fights.**
4. **There is a new ministry starting tonight, a grief share group. If you or someone you know is having a rough time dealing with loss, please try talking with them or find someone to talk to. Maybe talking with others sharing the same grief will help you to not feel so alone in your loss. And pray for those who are involved.**
5. **Praise God that you are part of many families. Part of your own clan, your church family and God's family. You are definitely wanted and loved! Can you show that love to others so they all feel wanted?**
6. **Praise God for that extra hour of sleep you should get tonight as you set your clocks back. So you may be extra refreshed for worship tomorrow.**
7. **Pray for those with major heart/lung problems, that they will be healed and spend many more healthy years with their loved ones. Also, that they will stay calm when they are not able to breathe so easily.**
8. **Pray for our council members as they meet to discover the plans God has for our church. They are a dedicated group who covet His wisdom for all choices made.**
9. **Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their entire family, that all will be well with them, as they get back into a normal routine. Pray too, for all the other pastors of our church and their families. They all work together to keep things going smoothly.**
10. **Pray for those who are in difficult job situations. Remember that each day is an opportunity to witness to others. Pray they will be able to stand strong for their convictions.**
11. **Praise God for those who have made sacrifices with their time and lives so that we can be free. If you know a veteran, say "thanks" today. Also, pray for those who are in the military serving now, that they will get the chance to be veterans. Pray for their families too.**
12. **Pray for those who deal with chronic pain/degenerative diseases, that God's healing will be on them and in their hearts.**
13. **Pray that we can each examine our lives for pride/arrogance and see others as God sees them.**
14. **Today is Shoebox Sunday. Pray for all who come in contact with the boxes, that each one will find Jesus and feel His love. Pray that each child will receive the exact box containing a sign that God has provided it just for them.**
15. **Pray for those who have recently found out that they have cancer or some other horrible disease, that they will successfully make it through the treatments/mastectomies and have complete healing from God in all ways.**
16. **Pray for those in the "sandwich generation" who are taking care of everyone else, for strength, patience and courage.**
17. **Praise God for our senior members, for their dedication to the church and all they teach us about living as a Christian.**
18. **Pray for those who are struggling to break free from addictions. Pray they'll turn to Jesus for help and strength, and will have the support to beat the temptations.**
19. **Pray for all the youth in our church, that they'll come to know Christ and become stronger in their faith. They can be such a great witness to their friends and others.**
20. **Pray for the babies and small children of our church, that they'll grow up knowing they are loved by God and us.**
21. **Pray for God's leading when you vote in the congregational meeting today. It is an important job. God has a plan for each person's life and specific individuals He wants in place, at this time.**
22. **Pray for those with colds, flue or other illnesses, that they can beat it and return to good health quickly.**
23. **Pray for those who are killed or persecuted for believing in Jesus as their Lord. There are many more of those situations in the world than we realize. It seems to be getting more common by the week.**
24. **Praise God that people of our community are free and wanting to be together to give thanks to God for our blessings.**
25. **Praise God for all the blessings He has put in your life. If you look honestly, there are so many more than you can count.**
26. **Pray that those shoppers will be especially kind and calm today, understanding what the Christmas season truly means.**
27. **Pray for world leaders to do God's will, even if it's not a conscious decision.**



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, and cards. You all mean so much to us. We are truly blessed to belong to this church family. Please continue to pray, because prayers DO work, as Grant begins this very aggressive treatment. God Bless You All.  
Love, Teresa & Grant Hockenberry



A heart felt thank you to everyone who prayed for me, called, me and other acts of kindness during my recent eye surgery! A special thank you to Pastor Reese for the prayers, phone calls, and visits! May God bless each and everyone of you!

Steve Lehman



Dear Church Family, My Mother, Sister and I want to thank all of you for your cards, words of sympathy, and kindness at the passing of our father/husband, Carl Maters. Your thoughtfulness has touched each of us. May God's blessing be upon each of you.  
Sharon Keebaugh



**Congratulations to Nicholas Walter who received his Eagle Scout Award on October 2, 2021. He is the son of Larry and Mindy Walter.**



## Congregational Meeting



**We will hold our annual Congregational Meeting on**

**Sunday, November 21st at 9:30 am.**

**During the meeting, we will be voting on new council members for**

**2022 and also discussing the 2022 budget.**

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28. Praise God for the beginning of the Christmas season. (I know, how can it be that time again?) Hanging of the Greens is a beautiful service that shows the holiness of the next month's events.
29. Pray for all the First Responders, police, fire personnel, EMT's, all of them. They put their lives on the line every day for people they don't even know. The very least we can do is pray for their safety physically, mentally and emotionally.
30. Pray for those who are expecting babies, especially those who have been told there may be a problem. Pray for their faith and that the little ones will be born happy, healthy and safe.



The Shoebox Supply House in Shippensburg will be open the following dates: November 1, 4, 8, 13, 15, 18 (final day) from 9 am to noon

Karate School meets on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm

Cub Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Girl Scouts will meet on Mondays at 5:30 pm



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



	Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21	Annual Budget	% Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>General Fund Income</b>				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	0.00	305.00		
Building Rental Income	75.00	1,650.00		
Envelopes Income	8,170.00	97,637.00		
Helping Hand Income	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Interest on Account	0.00	26.93		
Loose Offering Income	4,718.00	56,060.93		
Miscellaneous Income	12,000.00	16,611.56		
Missions Income	5,251.00	8,919.62		
Online giving	2,387.57	37,843.85		
Sunday School Income	388.00	2,077.00		
The Gathering Income	100.00	1,800.00		
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>38,089.57</b>	<b>227,931.89</b>		
<b>Money Market Income</b>				
CCDR Income	2,385.00	51,239.18		
Kennedy Camp Fund Income	4,000.00	4,608.00		
Memorial Fund Income	0.00	2,680.00		
Money Market Interest Account	0.14	2.12		
<b>Total Money Market Income</b>	<b>6,385.14</b>	<b>58,529.30</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,474.71</b>	<b>286,461.19</b>		
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Total Administration - Other</b>	2,276.80	8,106.56	13,625.00	59.50%
<b>Total Administration - Staffing</b>	14,380.66	128,197.41	178,476.50	71.83%
<b>Total Benevolences</b>	4,118.81	37,348.96	66,900.00	55.83%
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	373.67	7,229.06	13,800.00	52.38%
<b>Total Church Life Activities</b>	301.68	2,188.14	3,300.00	66.31%
<b>Total Mortgage</b>	4,715.28	45,573.95	71,051.76	64.14%
<b>Total Property Management</b>	2,419.15	29,853.43	47,900.00	62.32%
<b>Total Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	20.00	1,129.24	1,375.00	82.13%
<b>Total Worship &amp; Evangelism</b>	288.99	1,361.81	3,200.00	42.56%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>28,895.04</b>	<b>260,988.56</b>	<b>399,628.26</b>	<b>65.31%</b>

The Church Council will meet on Monday, November 8th at 7:00 pm

Community Events & Senior Center News is on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

**Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center.**

## CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

(717) 776-5281 www.campyolijwa.org Facebook Page: Doubling Gap Center, Camp Yolijwa

Fall Cabin Stay  
Contact Camp to find dates for your small group or family to spend some quality time in one of our wilderness cabins. Fall weekends are available.



**WINTER RETREATS**  
Learn more of Jesus, see summer friends & enjoy winter activities.  
Jr. Blast - Dec. 3-5  
Jr. Hi Breakaway  
Dec. 10-12  
Sr. Hi Bash  
Dec. 17-18

Winter Picnic  
January 30, 2022  
Games, Open gym, Winter sports  
Bring a side dish or dessert to share at supper. Meat & drink provided by camp. Join in the spirit by dressing for the theme!



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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.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/1 **Women's Ministry Meeting at 6:30, Trustee Meeting at 7:00 pm**
- 11/1 Karate School meets Monday & Thursday at 6:00 pm
- 11/1 Girl Scouts meets every Monday at 5:30 pm
- 11/2 Cub Scouts meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- 11/2 Paw Packs Meeting at 6:30
- 11/3 Happy Helpers to Hickory Bridge Restaurant
- 11/3 Adult Choir Practice at 6:00 pm each Wednesday; Cantata practice at 6:30 pm
- 11/3 Promise Kids, Youth and Adult Connection Groups at 7:00 pm each Wednesday
- 11/6 **Men's Prayer Group meets each Saturday at 8:00 am**
- 11/8 Elders Meeting at 6:00 pm & Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 11/11 **Veteran's Day**
- 11/14 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
- 11/16 GIGGLES Ladies Lunch Ministry
- 11/20 Paw Packs Soup Sale
- 11/21 Congregational Meeting
- 11/23 Pastoral & Family Care Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/28 Hanging of the Greens



## Sunday Services

**Worship Service**  
**Nursery Care**  
**8:30 am**  
**Junior Church**  
**Ages 3-Grade 5**

**Connection Groups**  
**9:30 am**  
**Adult Electives**  
**Children's Classes**  
**Ages 3 - Grade 5**  
**Youth Connection**

**Worship Service**  
**10:30 am**  
**Junior Church**  
**Grade K-5**  
**Toddler Church**  
**Pre-school**

Wednesday Nights: Adult Choir Practice at 6:00 pm, Cantata Practice 6:30  
 Promise Kids, Youth Connection & Adult Connection Groups at 7:00 pm.