



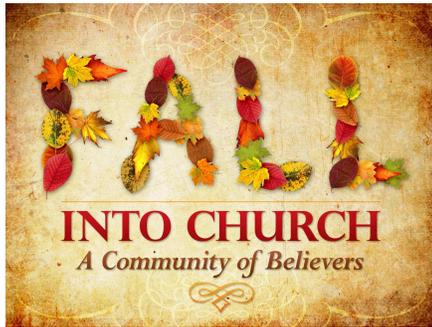
Tidings

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Getting Involved at YUMC!

Friends, many of us have committed with God to love and serve the people of the church and our neighbors. We believe this defines us as disciples who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. We believe that each person is gifted by God for the loving purpose of growing the family of faith. We all grow as we love and serve together in Jesus Christ. We do the most good by working as part of a team. If you are already serving others with love, thank you. The leadership of YUMC is looking for willing and available volunteers to serve on various ministry teams for the coming season, plus local and remote missional opportunities will be provided during the coming year. Please contact Pastor Lee or the Church Office for more information.



Fall Sunday school begins on Sunday, September 11, for children ages 4 through 5th grade.

Children will enter the 9 am worship service with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday school (Room 204) from the worship service.

Celebrate Wonder All Ages is a curriculum that seeks to celebrate spirituality through wonder. Children are naturally curious. Their curiosity and wonder are a model for faith in action. This curriculum seeks to deepen children's faith formation and to create a safe space for children to ask big questions and claim their spiritual identity as children of God. We hope you will come to wonder with us as we celebrate the Spirit of God in the lives of each and every child.

Please complete an updated Emergency information page for your children. (Contact Laura Ransom or the church office.)

GOD SQUAD!

sing! shout! jump!



"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100: 1-2

God Squad begins Wednesday, September 14th

5:30 to 7:00 pm for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade. Games, pizza, Bible lessons, music, and lots of fun! Please join us! A small fee is charged to cover the cost of pizza dinner. Please RSVP/Register in advance to

ljransom@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

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Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 am in Sanctuary
9:00 am on Facebook Live
11:00 am Zoom



Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

I realize this is my first newsletter article for Yardley UMC, even though I have been serving as the pastor for the last two months. It is my great privilege to serve in this capacity by the grace of God and at the counsel of the Bishop and the Superintendent.

Many things happened over those last two months; don't worry, I will not expound upon them all. I was very impressed with the people of YUMC providing mission and ministry opportunities for youth and young adults through the MyCalling And South Dakota trip. I also had the opportunity to help serve MyCalling with my gifts of prayer and technology. Each night we heard about the many ways the youth helped their neighbors through actions of love and service. They worshipped together, giving excited and joyful expressions of God's love at work. What an excellent time to hear of God at work in the world today! Undoubtedly, these worship times served to bring anticipation for each day's missional activities.

What I have just described is part of what worship is supposed to be about, thanking God for how we have seen God at work in the world. Another purpose of worship is supposed to be about thanking God for being the embodiment of love and bringing us along that journey of perfecting love. Sometimes, our faith journey leads us to a place of necessary correction when we have strayed. Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ encompasses both essential aspects of encouragement and correction as the Holy Spirit draws us continually toward perfect love. Methodism started with an understanding that only through committed, accountable relationships can we work out our faith, discern God's direction, and loving correction through confirmation with Scripture and with others.

Over the next few months, we will be reading "The Post-Quarantine Church" by Tom Rainer as a community of faith. This book will help guide our conversations, recognizing how the church has changed since experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine. Some things before the pandemic were barely working or merely tolerated. Other efforts were strangely new but necessarily effective for today. As we enter our new normal after the quarantine, we need to come together and identify which actions are healthy and necessary. Before we can do that, we need to refocus on our mission and clarify the vision for today.

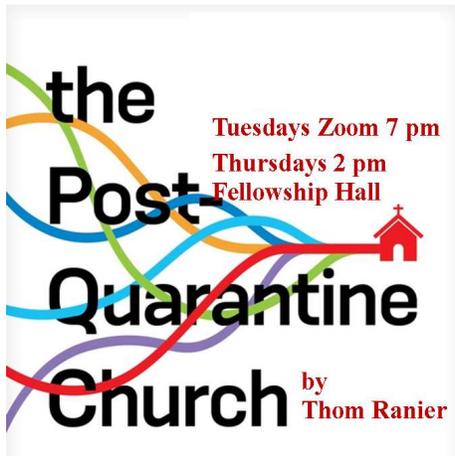
If you cannot join the book study, take one of the books from the lobby and read it, and be in conversation with others about it in any capacity. If you need someone to deliver the book, please let us know. Our conversations together, whether formal or informal, can only help to facilitate our refocus on missional resolve. As a leadership team, we can make no promises that we can or will do everything suggested, even when a passionate argument can be made. Still, it will help leaders to respond to the most significant needs more effectively. The greatest part of an effective response to a need is the willingness of people to engage with giftedness. God meets us where the needs match our gifts and talents as we work to love our neighbors more fully.

Friend, I ask you, how willing are you to respond to the ministry needs of our neighbors?

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In His Service,

Pastor Lee



It's not too late to join the Church wide Book Study! Yardley UMC will be doing a Church-Wide Book Study on *The Post-Quarantine Church* by Thom Rainer. Everyone is encouraged to participate as they are able. All are encouraged to read the materials and participate in the study. The questions and answers the book raises will be considered in future decision-making processes.

One will be on Tuesday Nights at 7 PM by Zoom and another, In-person meeting on Thursdays at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall. Call the church office for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 9th we will hold a "Blessing of the Pets" at YUMC!



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| 09 Willie Mitchell | 24 Becky Corpier |
| 09 Cyndee Ward | 26 John Rymer |
| 09 Christina Jackson | 26 Dylan Kelly |
| 09 Rachel Hammelman | 27 Connor Menzel |
| 10 Matthew Hyland | 29 Susan Croggon |
| 13 Molly Kaiser | |



Hygiene Bag Items needed

Joy Boysen, Adults in Mission, and the mission committee are working together to assemble as many hygiene bags as possible to be delivered to TASK.

We need your help with donating full size: soap bars, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, disposable razors, and toothbrushes. There is a box in the lobby of the church where you can drop off these items. As always, you can also make a monetary donation and items will be bought by the mission committee on your behalf.

Join us on OCTOBER 16 after the 9:00 service, to assemble the hygiene bags.

Charge Conference
 Thursday, Nov 17, 2022
 All are encouraged to attend.



Giving God Thanks for the Summer of 2022

This summer was full of new experiences and new faces. Our goal this summer was to provide activities that build community with our youth, young adults and families.

We went camping...twice!

We were able to get a Young Adult camping trip together! In June, a few Youth Adults met in Cape May for two days of rest, discussion, friendship and fun!

It was a gift to be together IRL, for a group that meets online each week!

Youth & College Students kicked off the summer with a camping trip to Promised Land Park in the Poconos.

Middle school youth, high school youth, college students and adults met at the camp for a weekend of fun! We went swimming and paddling, we saw an eagle's nest, we cooked food over the fire, hiked and we sat around telling stories. On Sunday morning, we had a worship service around the fire before packing up

and heading home. The weekend served as a reminder to pause, breathe and connect.

It was a great weekend and a great way to kick off our summer!

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Youth and young adult camping trips



Giving God Thanks for the Summer of 2022 *(continued from p. 4)*

We held Golden Plate Awards!

We had a great night of families coming together to celebrate all God has done in the past year. It was also a great night to give out awards to all youth and celebrate our seniors! It was a gift to be able to step back and celebrate our year and the amazing people in the youth ministry!

We became ice cream experts!

Every other Wednesday we met at the church parking lot and went to a top secret location. Once we arrived, we got our ice cream and sat together for a time of devotion and discussion. Then we would rate the ice cream place together. It was a different group each time and each time we had a lot of fun!

Here's our official YUMC Youth & Young Adult Ice Cream Tour rating list each is out of 5:

JoJo's Ice Cream 4.4
Purple Cow 4.3
Uncle Dave's 4.6
Zebra Striped Whale 4.5
Adam's Ice Cream Truck & Pool Party 4.7



Ice Cream Tours

We served our community!

MyCalling 2022 was a memorable experience for sure!

43 participants and 25 YUMC adults came together July 10-14th for a week of growing and serving.

This was a special year, because the majority of our participants were new to any sort of mission work.

Additionally, we had 5 college students join as leaders. Each of these college students began attending MyCalling! when they were in middle school.

This year, they returned to do what they could to make sure this year's group of youth had a quality experience.

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Giving God Thanks for the Summer of 2022 *(continued from p. 5)*

The group served at Caring for our Friends (formerly Aid for friends), Anchor House, Snipes Farm, AHTN, White Pine Farms and Furniture Bank.

Each evening we would return for an amazing dinner and a worship service that led us to remember who God says we are (loved) and who God calls us to be.

We couldn't have asked for a better experience!



My Calling! Middle School Mission experience



My Calling! Kitchen crew

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Giving God Thanks for the Summer of 2022 *(continued from p. 6)*

We travelled to South Dakota

Our High School Mission Trip took us to Eagle Butte, South Dakota. There we worked on the *Cheyenne River Indian Reservation*.

Our teams worked to pull up and lay flooring, finish flooring and build a deck and ramp. It was hard work but in the end we were able to help someone and learn more about ourselves and others.

Our evenings were spent in worship where we were encouraged to find the JOY in life and remember that we are all loved unconditionally by a great God.

On our free day, we were able to visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument. We learned more about the stories of the Indigenous people of South Dakota and their often painful journey. While there is more to learn, we were glad for the time to start the conversation.

*Free day in
South Dakota*



We Floated. . . Once.

We scheduled 3 float your boat nights, but two were cancelled due to weather. We were happy to be able to hold the last one at Falls township. It was a great time to hang out with our college students and have fun together.

*Floating our
boats*



We blessed backpacks!

27 people came to the church to start the new year off in prayer. Many of our kids and youth brought backpacks to be blessed and our adults brought calendars!

We ended the time with an optional water balloon fight.

It was a great day to set our minds and hearts on the new year.

We are excited to see where God leads us in this new year!

We pray this school year brings us exactly what Summer 2022 brought us. . . Rest, Laughter, Challenges, Discussion and Worship.

Praise The Lord for Summer 2022!

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Backpack Blessing***Youth Ministry 2022-23!*****Our Youth Ministry theme for the 2022-23 is Re-build: Shedding the past. Embracing your future.**

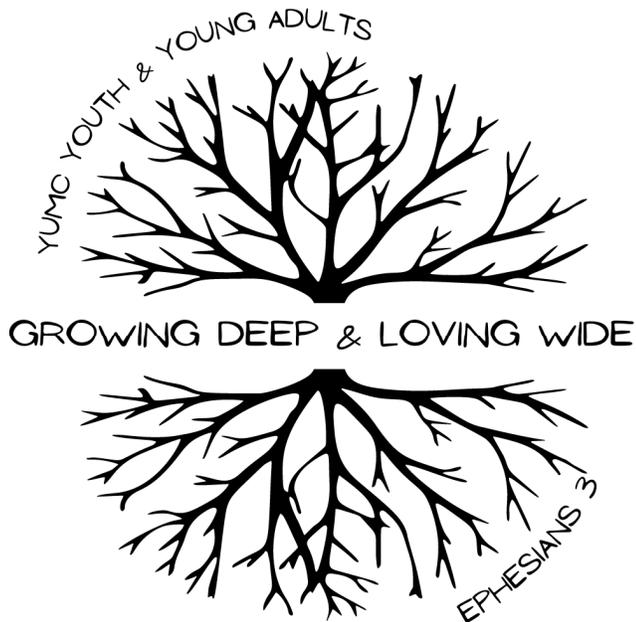
The last few years have been challenging for everyone, especially teenagers. This year's theme focuses on 2 Corinthians 5:17 and the freedom Christ gives teens to rebuild by shedding the past and embracing their future.

We will focus on Rebuilding Ourselves, Our Beliefs, Our Relationships, Our Habits & Our Community.

For September and October our discussion topics include:

- You are not your past
- God meets you in the knot
- You have a future
- You can shed the past.

We can't wait to see how God leads us this year!



After months of work and prayers, I am so excited to share that we will soon be an official Treehouse location!

Treehouse is a ministry that focuses on helping teens find their value and hope. Their mission: To end hopelessness in teenagers. The way they do that is through several grace based ministries we will be leading at Yardley UMC!

Our first focus will be Support Groups. This structure will follow a similar pattern to our Wednesday evenings in the past. We will have games, dinner, a discussion based lesson, then support groups. We will split into small groups led by trained adults. During support groups, teens will check in with their group by sharing their name, rating how their week is going and naming 3 feeling words they are experiencing. They are given time to share. When teens are not sharing, they are practicing active listening and empathy. This creates a safe space where teens feel safe sharing and receiving support from peers and adult leaders.

There are 3 truths we will repeat each week. Our prayer is that teens begin to believe these truths and fully live into the person God created them to be.

Each week we will remind teens they:

- Are Loved, Capable & Worthwhile
- Are Loved without strings and never alone
- Have a future

As we grow in support and leadership, we will add mentorship and coaching programs for teens.

I am so excited about this opportunity! This shift in our youth ministry is something we have been searching and praying for.

Our teens today are surrounded by signs of hopelessness, anxiety and fear. Treehouse exists to offer hope, love and acceptance.

If this sounds like something you would like to hear more about, please reach out to Denise today! I would love to tell you more about Treehouse and YUMC Youth & Young Adult Ministries! If you are interested in getting involved, we welcome you! We currently have opportunities for adults to serve as detail people (Set up, serve pizza, clean up, etc) and as small group leaders.

I invite you to think and pray about where God may be leading you to join this ministry!

Let's talk! Email Denise@yardleyumc.org or call the office 215-493-3345 ext 202

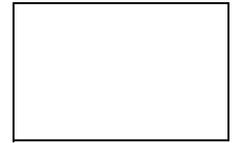
I can't wait to talk to you about this new ministry!

Check out Treehouse website

www.treehousehope.org

Love in Christ, Denise

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Upcoming Events

Worship each Sunday:

9 am in person and on Facebook Live

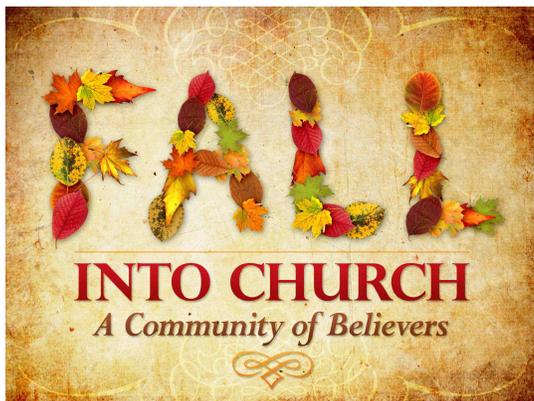
9 am Sunday School (starts 9/11)

11 am on ZOOM

Young Adult Zoom each Wednesday on Zoom, 9:30 pm

Youth Group & God Squad each Wed, 5:30 (starts 9/14)

Book Study Tuesday at 7 pm on Zoom, Thursdays at 2 pm in person



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September

11 Trustees, 12:15 pm via ZOOM

12 Finance 6 pm via ZOOM

14 First Youth Group, 5:30-7:30 pm

14 First God Squad, 5:30-7 pm

19 Ad Council, 6 pm via ZOOM

25 Oct/Nov Newsletter deadline