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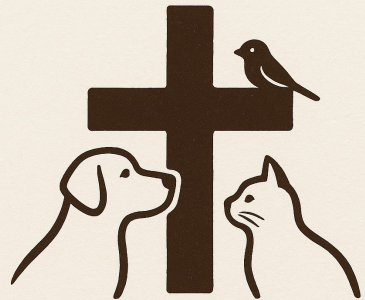


Pumpkin Unloading—Save the date! On Saturday, October 11 at 4:30 pm a BIG TRUCK arrives with 1,000 perfect pumpkins for our patch. We can use everyone's help to unload these pumpkins and place them in the yard. Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Join the fun! Sign up for unloading and shifts on the sign up genius below, or talk to Denise.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA9A823A6FD0-59000873-pumpkin>

And mark your calendar for the **Tough Pumpkin Walk** on Saturday, October 25! More details on page 6.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Oct 4 at 1:30 pm

Blessing of the Pets is Saturday, October 4 at 1:30 pm. Bring your pet or photos. We will be collecting pet food for shelters.



Date: Saturday, October 25th
Time: 11:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Yardley United Methodist Church

Carry the heaviest pumpkin you can handle during the walk. Prizes awarded to the toughest pumpkins!



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Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 am in Sanctuary
9:30 am on Facebook Live
11:00 am Zoom



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

As we move through the beautiful months of October and November, we enter a traditional season of thanksgiving and reflection, and we have much to be grateful for. We want to express deep gratitude for the generous gifts that were received this year, as these unexpected donations have been instrumental in helping the church maintain operations.

We have been privileged to witness God's work through our church's mission and ministry over the past year.

Our efforts in missions and outreach have been vibrant. For instance, the July MyCalling! event was a great success. Several teams completed meaningful service across five sites, including mucking out stalls at White Pine Farms; mulching gardens and rearranging the nurse's office at Sacred Heart in Camden, NJ; cleaning the deck and interacting with those living in the memory care facility at Chandler Hall; and packing food bags at Mercer Street Friends. Additionally, they made improvements right here at Yardley UMC by sanding and painting the Gaga pit and building and painting new benches, and replacing the shed roof. Looking ahead, we are excited about the ongoing MyCalling! ministry and looking to reach out to other's involvement in the coming year.

We have released our Annual Narrative Budget. This document is intended to be a visual guide to the church's mission, finances, and ministry areas. It includes specific notations, such as the desire for a larger and more meaningful missions and outreach budget and full funding for pizza dinners. This document features recent pictures from church events. We trust this comprehensive guide will help all congregants have a clearer understanding of how funds are used to support our mission.

As we approach the close of 2025, we encourage every member to **review your faithfulness toward your giving commitments.** Being transparent about our current financial standing is essential. Through August, our year-to-date income is at 67% of the annual goal. However, to understand our regular giving patterns, it is important to note that without the large, unbudgeted donations received this year, **the actual income from commitments is only at 47% of the annual budget.**

We currently face a **significant projected budget shortfall** for the final months of the year. While we are grateful that the church currently has 28 pledges, however, \$38,250 of pledged income is expected for the rest of 2025. With our monthly operating expenses running at approximately \$33,000, the remaining pledged income is only enough to cover about one month's worth of expenses. **This means we project being short for November, and December.**

We know that many members often wait until the end of the year, or until they receive a statement, to catch up on their commitments. We urgently request that all members make an effort to **stay current on your giving commitments** to support the church through the end of the year. **We are asking the congregation to consider your giving for 2025 to help mitigate the immediate risk of a significant funding gap.**

We encourage all members to examine their giving commitments. If you have further questions regarding our financial status, please direct them to the finance committee. Let us embrace this season with both an attitude of thanksgiving and a commitment to faithful giving to our local family of faith and our mission to create and gather faithful followers of Jesus Christ who love and serve their neighbors.

God's continued blessings upon you,

Pastor Lee Corpier

Editor's note: See page 4 for additional information on the church finances.

Birthdays in October

01 Calvin Winters	20 Jessie Shaffer
05 Matthew Croggon	21 Elizabeth Miller
07 Julia Ransom	24 Janice Laba
10 Debbie Van Aken	24 Phil Mitchell
12 Ruth Logan	28 Bob Smith
16 Jack Reed	30 Emily Grace
16 Richard Edwards	30 Christine Griffin
17 Diana Hachoose	
19 Daniel Hyland	
19 Nancy Scurlock	



Charge Conference is Tuesday, Oct 28 at 6 pm at YUMC

Each year, the official business of the church, including the Pastor's salary and the leadership roster is approved at Charge Conference. This year's Charge Conference will be led by the Rev. Gabe Lopez, Director of Social Impact & Belonging

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Dear Pastor Lee, Nancy & Trustees,
The [lending off] tables was a Godsend for
our Adopt a South African Preschool Yard
Sale!*

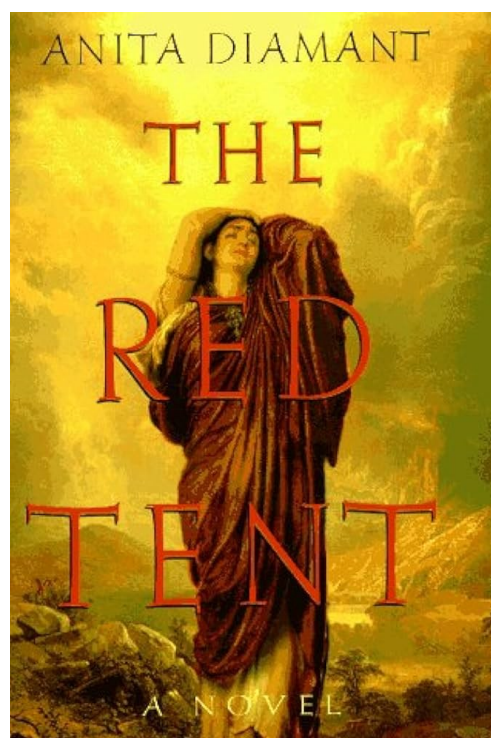
*Many Thanks,
Nancy Schongalla*



Did we miss your birthday?
Sorry! We must not have it on file.
Please email us:
office@yardleyumc.org or call
215-493-3345

Birthdays in November

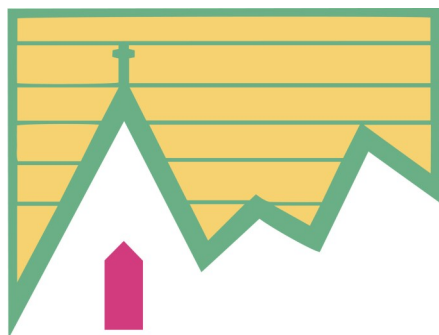
01 Scott Hoerl	27 Matthew Lipton
02 Ben Pirog	29 Richard Hachoose
04 Mark Eppley	30 Hunter Shaffer
08 Paige Habgood	
19 Connie Kellenbez	
19 Ann Scherer	
23 Steve Kyle	
25 Stephanie Moser	
27 Ryan Ransom	



The next Book Club book is The Red Tent.

We will meet on November 7th at 6 pm, Location TBD. Some of us read this years ago, some have never read it. Either way, we agree it's a book worth reading and talking about! We hope you will join the conversation!

YUMC hosts the Red Cross Blood Drive twice per year. The next blood drive is October 7th from 2-7 pm. You can sign up to donate blood at www.redcrossblood.org.



Church FINANCES

Financial Update As of August 31, 2025

Operating	Budget	Actual
Income	244,962	214,564
Expenses	<u>325,687</u>	<u>244,455</u>
Net	-80,725	-29,891

□ Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have received approximately \$100,000 of additional donations to help close this gap.

□ There is still a projected budget shortfall of \$50,000 for the rest of 2025. Although this can be covered by our limited reserves this year, please review your giving to see if you can help with this shortfall.

□ We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving for this year to help fully fund our ministry through the remainder of 2025.

If you would like more details, feel free to ask the members of the finance committee for a more detailed breakdown of the budget.



Ministries

SOCKTOBER

411 Pairs of Socks have been donated!



Socktober! Help our kids and youth help those in need to have warm, dry feet by donating new socks for the month of October. Your sock donations will go to local shelters. People experiencing homelessness are more likely to have foot infections, function limitations, and frost bite. Let's work together to prevent these problems and improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness and those in need.



You have likely seen this announcement in your bulletin or last month's newsletter. We welcome Nick this month!

We are delighted to welcome Nick Marsola as YUMC's new Music Director effective October 1.

Nick is just completing his master degree in Music Education at Westminster Choir College. Nick is a musician from Ewing, NJ, who enjoys playing, reading, writing, writing

about, and teaching music, especially for the piano and organ. His favorite composers are Schubert, Brahms, and Ravel. Nick's skills as a pianist are exemplary; he has studied with some of the great teachers in the area, and he will bring a great energy to the music program in Yardley. He is looking forward to working with the praise singers and handbells. October 5th will be his first Sunday **Please join us at coffee hour to WELCOME Nick on October 5!**

YUMC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry at Yardley UMC exists to share God's love with teenagers, equip them to experience the work of ministry, honor the Lord and enjoy one another.

Do you have questions? Need someone to talk to? See Denise or any youth leader. Or, email denise@yardleyumc.org

Not sure of dates for events? Have a sports event, concert, or other activity that you want your youth ministry friends to know about? Check out the calendar on our website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org. You can add your birthday, activities or even prayer requests by clicking on dates on the calendar.

Need to sign up for an event? You can go to the youth website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org

Kids, Youth and Family Ministry 2025-26 Theme: LIFE AT GOD'S PACE!

We are so excited to begin a new year of Kids, Youth, and Family Ministry at Yardley UMC! This year our theme is “**Life at God's Pace.**”

The world tells us to move fast, stay busy, and keep up with everything. But God invites us to live differently—slower, steadier, and more intentional. Scripture reminds us:

“Be still, and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10

Like a turtle moving at its own pace, we want to help our children, youth, families and leaders learn that walking with God doesn't mean a fast pace. When we slow down, we begin to notice God's presence, hear His voice more clearly, and find peace even in busy seasons.

Why This Theme Matters for families

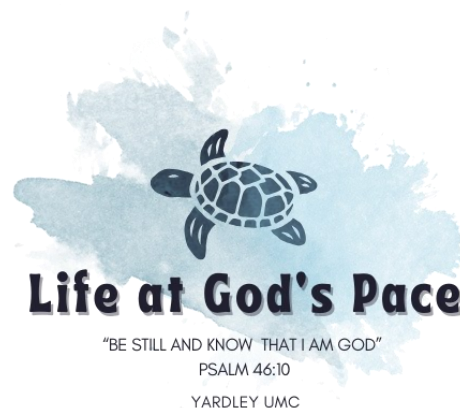
- Kids, Youth & Adults will learn that it's okay to pause, rest, and trust God's timing.
- Parents will find tools and encouragement to bring faith into everyday moments—car rides, dinners, and family conversations.
- Families will discover that small, steady steps of faith can make a big difference over time.

Our Hope for This Year

Our prayer is that every child, teen, and parent will:

- Feel less rushed and more connected to God.
- Experience joy in simple faith practices at home and in all areas of their lives.
- Grow closer together as a family and as part of our church community.

Together, let's walk “Life at God's Pace”—trusting that God is leading us step by step, day by day. We can't wait to journey with you this year!



ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR PUMPKINS

YUMC is raising funds for mission:

Pumpkin Unloading October 11, 4:30 pm

**Pumpkin Patch:
October 12-31 noon to dusk**

**Sign up to help by calling the church office ,
watching your email for the link or go to:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F084FA9A823A6FD0-59000873-pumpkin](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA9A823A6FD0-59000873-pumpkin)**



Many hands made light work of unloading the truck last year. Would you spare some time on October 11 to help this year? Join Denise and Pastor Lee that day!



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Time: 11:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Yardley United Methodist Church**

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Prizes awarded to the toughest pumpkins!**

Tough Pumpkin Walk

**Saturday Oct 25th 11am-3pm
Prizes for ALL ages - 1 to 99!**

**Pick your pumpkin straight
from the patch...
Walk a fun 1-mile course...
Get a T-shirt & a pumpkin to
take home**

**Enjoy fall fun for the whole
family!**

**Bring your friends, family, and
plenty of autumn spirit — eve-
ryone's a winner!**

Praying for Our Kids, Youth & Parents

This year, our church family is beginning a special prayer journey together. Each week, we will be lifting up a few of our children, youth, and parents in prayer. Over the course of 17 weeks, everyone in our kids, youth, and parent community will be prayed for by name.

We believe that prayer makes a difference—not only in the lives of those we pray for, but also in the life of our whole church. As we pray, we are reminded that we belong to one another, and that God's Spirit is at work in and through our community. We invite you to join us in taking a moment during your week to pray for them by name, asking God's love, strength, and peace to surround them.

Together, let's surround our children, youth, and families in the gift of prayer, trusting that God hears and answers in ways that bring life, hope, and joy.

Praying along with you,

Denise

Sample Prayer if you don't know what to pray.

Loving God, thank You for the gift of [names for this week]. We lift them up to You today, asking for Your peace, guidance, and joy to surround them. Be with them each day and remind them of Your deep love. Remind them that they are loved & never alone. AMEN!

KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILIES PRAYER ROTATION

Oct & Nov

October 5-11 : Emily, Hailey, Harrison

October 12-18: Joe, Colin, Jessica, Cebastien

October 19-25: Isaiah, Connor, Madison

October 26-Nov 1: KJ, Sharon, Kelly, Drew

November 2-8: Christa, Chaz, Jean, Nadia, Priya, Shannon

November 9-15: Zellie, Grayson, Cross, Bridget

November 16-22: Jerry, Peggy, Nia, Charlie, Jacob

November 30- Dec 6: Jim, Rebecca, David, Christina

YUMC Wednesdays Friendsgiving

November 19th
5:30-7:30pm

You're invited to bring
a dish to share!
Or just bring yourself!



New 30-Day Devotional: The Slow Path to Wisdom

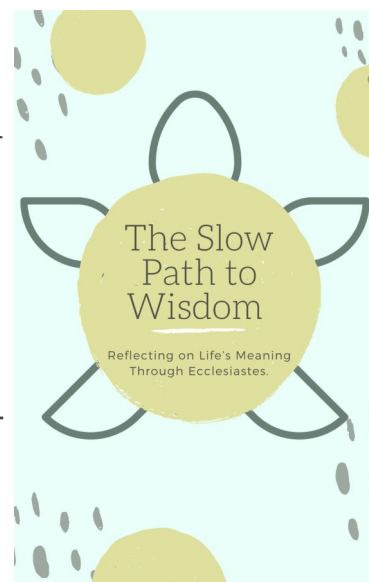
We're inviting families, kids, teens, and adults to join us on a 30-day journey through the book of Ecclesiastes!

We have two options: A Family Style 1 question per day ready to put on the fridge and a booklet that you can use on your own or with family or friends.

Both options include a daily reading and reflection questions—perfect for families to talk about together, or for anyone to use on their own or with friends.

Our hope is that as we slow down, we'll experience God in new ways, see the world with fresh eyes, and discover His wisdom for our everyday lives.

Download from the youth website, www.yardleyumcyouth.org or pick up a hard copy of the booklet at the church.



YUMC Kids & Youth Ministries Wednesdays by the numbers

By Denise Harris

Each month, we have 31 kids & youth that come to our Wednesday evening programming. These kids & youth represent 24 families we get to connect with each month.

We have 16 adults that have leadership in the Wednesday evening programming. Our adult leadership roles range from attendance & greeting, prepping and serving dinner, game leaders, small group leaders, lesson planners and support. Wednesday evenings are a beautiful example of YUMC working & growing together.

Each week, I am in awe of the people God brings to the building and the way we care for one another and our ministries. I wish everyone could experience Wednesday evenings at YUMC!

As we grow, we have new opportunities to bring new leaders along on the journey! Currently, we have opportunities to serve with 4th, 5th & 6th graders, our older youth small group and serving food.

If you are looking for a place to make a difference in the lives of others, we would love for you to join us!

Talk to Denise, Laura, Christine, Kim or any Wednesday evening leaders. We can't wait to see YOU on a Wednesday evening at YUMC!



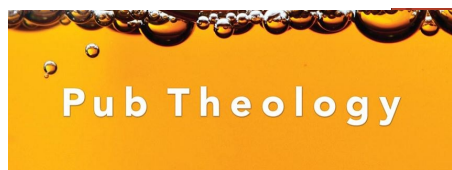
HERE I AM
Lord
SEND ME

Isaiah 6:8





We celebrated the baptism of Sophia Wren in September.



Next Pub Theology is Nov. 11 at 7 pm at Continental Tavern.



Wednesday night Youth Group

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www.yardleyumc.org
www.yardleyumcyouth.org

Upcoming Events

Weekly worship Sundays at 9:30 am in person and on Facebook Live; Children's Sunday School during 9:30 am service; 11 am on Zoom
Youth Group, 4, 5, 6 & God Squad meet Weds at 5:30 pm (No Wednesday night groups on Oct 1)
Young Adult Zoom each Wed at 9:30 pm
The Chosen Bible study meets each Thursday at 7:30 pm (No meeting on Oct 16)

October

- 4 Blessing of the Pets
- 5 Welcome Nick Marsola! Special Coffee Hour
- 7 Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 11 Pumpkin unloading, 4:30 pm
- 12-31 Pumpkin Patch
- 12 Trustees, Zoom 12:30 pm
- 20 Ad Council, 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 25 Tough Pumpkin Walk, 11 am—3 pm
- 28 Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall, 6 pm

November

- 7 Book Club, 6 pm, location TBD
- 9 Trustees Zoom, 12:30 pm
- 11 Pub Theology, 7: pm, Continental Tavern
- 17 Ad Council, 7:30 pm
- 19 Friendsgiving
- 18 Ad Council, 7:30 pm
- 19 Newsletter Deadline for Dec issue



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