



# Tidings

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## Church BBQ is Friday, 9/22, 6:30 pm

Join us for grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring salads, sides or desserts to share. We will have music and fellowship around the firepit.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday October 8th, 1:30 pm

We will hold a "Blessing of the Pets" at YUMC! Bring your pets or a photo.

We will collect dry pet food to deliver to shelters.



## Children's Sunday School starts 9/10

Please join us for Children's Sunday School! Fall Sunday school begins on Sunday, September 10th. Fall lessons begin with baby Moses in the basket and continue with stories from Exodus and the Old Testament. Our lessons' **Big Idea** is: "God has a plan for every person."

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school during the 9:30am service. Children are dismissed to Sunday school from the worship service.



## Youth Group & God Squad begins

Wednesday, October 11th

### "Speed Chatting"

Come to YUMC on Oct 11 for a night of pizza, games, discussion & old and new friends. Dinner is free on the 11th. We will kick off our year with Speed Chatting! Here's how it works...Everyone should bring one item that represents something important about them. Please don't bring anything that is alive or irreplaceable. If you have something that you can't bring in, please take a picture of it to share.

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



It's the end of summer or at least typical summer vacation for families as school starts again. Saying "Happy End of Summer" feels like rubbing salt into a wound. I hope that you have had a restful summer and the opportunity to get away on vacation during the last few months. Rest is a chief value of God, who commanded his people to take at least one day out of seven to rest from their labors and be renewed with purpose for their continued work. Hopefully, you are returning from your time of rest with renewed purpose and hope for what God has for your future.

Welcome Home! Even if you have not been physically away, God and we welcome you home to him just the same. Thank God that anytime we turn back toward God and consider our lives in the light of God, God welcomes us back with open arms. This isn't the natural response of humanity but a grace-filled divine response of God, who is love and life for us.

As we turn toward God come in the flesh, Jesus Christ, we are moved to learn from him who embodied love for God and others. Today, we are reminded of our mission statement:

*Our mission as followers of Jesus is to welcome all as we passionately serve and grow together in our relationship with God and our neighbors.*

To follow a teacher or way of life of another includes learning from them, what they said and what they did, and recognizing how others responded to them. This is what we in the church call discipleship, being a disciple or student of Christ. Since Christ is bodily present in his people, we must learn from others called to serve by teaching and leading. Jesus Christ led an intimate, small group of disciples to whom he entrusted his ministry. In this way, we are given the pattern for discipleship: teaching and serving a small group by living life together.

This fall, Yardley UMC is restarting Small Groups to facilitate deeper discipleship that cannot happen effectively in a worship service setting. To do this takes some commitment from each person who is willing to be discipled and to encourage others to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. Someone will learn from us, no matter what we do, and it is our hope as disciples of Christ that we faithfully follow him and others will follow him through our example.

Please consider how you might become part of restoring the mission of Yardley UMC to follow Jesus Christ for spiritual growth by living, loving, and serving together.

In His Service,  
Pastor Lee

*To connect with a small  
group see info on p. 6*



## Red Cross Blood Drive



*Mark your calendar for the next blood drive  
on Tuesday, October 3 at Yardley UMC.*



01 Steve Pirog	19 Joshua Schettino
05 Priya Babu	21 Jenny Lefebvre
07 Jackson Luce	22 Andrea Scherer
09 Willie Mitchell	24 Becky Corpier
09 Cyndee Ward	26 Dylan Kelly
09 Christina Jackson	27 Connor Menzel
09 Rachel Hammelman	29 Susan Croggon
10 Matthew Hyland	
18 Bill Moody	



*The Sacrament of Baptism  
was celebrated on behalf of*

**Leia Hill**

**July 16, 2023**

*Leia is the daughter of Jessica & Peter Hill  
Siblings are Nicholas Hill, Tristen Roth,  
Tessa Roth, Jackson Hill*

**Harrison Dennis Laba**

**August 27, 2023**

*Harrison is the son of Andrew & Kelly Laba  
and brother of Zellie  
Grandparents are Dennis & Janice Laba  
and Helene & Harry Knorr*

*Thank you... ♥*

*I wish to thank the kind people of my church who  
sent me cards for my 99th birthday. It gave me such  
pleasure to be remembered.*

*-Marge Quallis*

**Dear friends,**

***I am so grateful for your cards and letters  
of encouragement, your prayers, visits, gifts  
of food, flowers and transportation during and  
following my recent hospitalization in June  
and July. Each of those gifts felt like a "giant  
hug" from members of my church family. Lat-  
er in July, birthday greetings and gifts of food  
arrived from you, in celebration of my 87th  
birthday,***

***Thank you, Church Family!***

***Joyce Lee***





## Door Trim Before and After the repairs.

**The use of the Capital Campaign Funds continues to make a difference!**



notes  
from the  
Belcher Room

As you have probably noticed, we've had a lot of repairs going on at the church, thanks to the generosity of many people to the Capital Campaign we ran last year. As of this writing, the repairs to the wooden trim on the outside of the church are still on-going, but you can already see the difference in many places. Walk around the outside of the church when you get a chance, and see how much of the old, peeling paint has been removed and given a new look. The front entrance and the large columns in the front of the church have been painted, all the soffit trim under the roof eaves has a new look, the rotting wood on the entrance ramp has been replaced, and most of the doors already look great! (A couple more doors are scheduled to be replaced soon.) If you haven't already seen all the outside window trim that has been wrapped with white aluminum (even the Sanctuary Windows), then take a look. Our church is Looking Good! Thank you!



## We say good-bye to Eduardo Azzati after nearly 25 years as our Music Minister

*by Nancy Froysland Hoerl*

After nearly 25 years of service Eduardo Azzati has left YUMC. He has been offered and accepted a wonderful full-time teaching position at Muhlenberg College where he will continue to teach voice and also conduct a number of choirs. He began his music career conducting choirs in Argentina, his home, and is coming full circle with this teaching/conducting position.

On Jan. 2, 1997 Eduardo arrived in the United States. Eduardo was attending Westminster Choir College. In February he moved into an apartment and Dave Whalen, a long-time member of YUMC, helped collect and move furniture into that apartment. Eduardo first came to YUMC in February of 1997 to assist the director of music at the time. He began his Music Ministry with YUMC in August of 1999.

Eduardo's wife, Carole, was with us on his last Sunday, July 23rd, and sang a beautiful solo for us all to hear. She has been a big part of his Music Ministry, sharing her beautiful voice. His daughter, Mica, often accompanied the choir and played solos on many Sundays and Christmas Eves on her flute. His two sons, Lucas and Pablo, are now in college. We saw them grow up in the church and participate in youth events.

SPRC planned a party following the church service on the 23rd, with balloons, cake and colorful goodies. We were able to give him a very nice Visa gift card due to the generous contributions of church members who wanted to thank Eduardo for his many years of committed service to YUMC.

Here are some great pictures from the THANK YOU event.  
*(More photos of this day on p. 10)*







## Small Groups at YUMC

Would you like to start or join a Church group this fall? Please let us know if you are interested in leading or participating in any of the following...or start your own! To sign up, you may call or email the church office.

**Book Club/Bible study**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

**Social club**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_  
(something like the dinner club we used to have)

**Pickle Ball/volleyball**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

**Art Group**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

**Men's breakfast club**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

**Gardening group**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

**Yoga**      Lead\_\_\_\_ Participate\_\_\_\_

Is there something else you feel called to lead? Let us know!



## Charge Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
St. Paul's UMC  
2131 Palomino Drive  
Warrington, PA 18976  
All are encouraged to attend.



Mark your calendar  
And save the date!

Special Sunday  
afternoon worship  
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023  
4:30 pm

Featuring "Heart Cry"  
leading the music

Join us for a meaningful  
worship service!



*My Calling! Missioners gather to praise God in our Sanctuary*

## Backpack Blessing August 20<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for our Backpack Blessing. We blessed students' backpacks and prayed for everyone over the new school year. We handed out new backpacks and school supplies to needy families. We had backpacks and school supplies left over and they were donated to the Bristol Borough Food Bank to give to additional families in need. Thank you to all for your overwhelming generosity!



## 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.



*YUMC youth delivered extra backpacks to the Bristol Borough Food Bank.*





# Yardley Youth FALL CALENDAR OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**WEDNESDAYS: YOUTH GROUP & GOD SQUAD** Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm  
Come to YUMC for Games, Discussion, Dinner & Support!  
10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

## NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
1/12 Winter MyCalling!  
5/31 Camping Trip  
7/14 MyCalling! Mission Trip

@yumcyouthandyoungadults



[yardleyumcyouth.org](http://yardleyumcyouth.org)

Oct

**8 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 1:30pm**  
Bring your animals to YUMC for a special prayer. If you can't bring your beloved animal, you can bring a picture.

**11 YOUTH GROUP & GOD SQUAD 1<sup>ST</sup> NIGHT BACK**  
Come to YUMC 5:30-7:30pm for a night of Pizza, Games, Discussion and Old & New friends!  
Dinner is FREE!

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**14 PUMPKINS ARRIVE**  
Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm: 800 Pumpkins will need help getting out of the truck and we need YOU! Anyone you can think of to invite, please do! Sign up on our events page!

**22 BIG GAME NIGHT 6pm-7:30pm**  
Parents will compete against kids in several BIG versions of our favorite games. We will start with a Pot Luck Dinner then move to the competition and end with dessert and prizes for the winning team! Each family should bring a dish to share. Dessert will be provided.

Nov



**1 PUMPKIN CHUCKIN!**  
We will have some fun and get out some stress! Join Youth Group that night for a time of throwing pumpkins!

**12 GRACE CAFÉ 2:30pm-7pm**  
We are heading to Arch Street UMC to participate in serving Dinner to the homeless community. Parents and Youth are invited to join this day of serving.

**15 FRIENDSGIVING**  
Bring something to share for dinner!

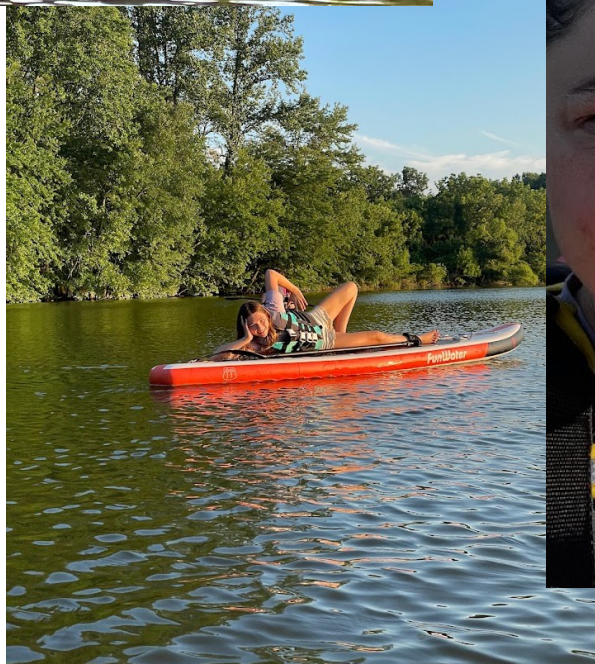
**22 NO YOUTH GROUP & GOD SQUAD  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**







**Pumpkins Delivered Oct 14 @ 3 pm**  
**Pumpkin Patch Oct 15-31**



*Scenes from "Core Creek Nights" this summer*





*Worship on Eduardo's last day with YUMC*



*"Water night" for God Squad and Youth*







***Mission projects during  
MyCalling!***

*Engaging with nursing  
home residents*

*Work on a non-profit  
farm*

*Cleaning beds for the  
homeless*



*Tidings of*  
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Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Upcoming Events

Worship each Sunday:

9:30 am in person and on Facebook Live

9:30 am Sunday School (starts 9/10)

11 am on ZOOM

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

Youth Group & God Squad each Wed, 5:30 (starts 10/11)

### September

10 Trustees, 12:15 pm via ZOOM

11 Finance 6 pm via ZOOM

18 Ad Council, 7 pm

22 Church BBQ, 6:30 pm

24 Oct/Nov Newsletter deadline

### October

3 Red Cross Blood Drive

8 Blessing of the Animals, 1:30 pm

11 First God Squad & Youth Group "Speed Chatting"

14 PUMPKINS ARRIVE 3 pm

15-31 Pumpkin Patch

22 Parents/Kids/Youth BIG GAME Night

29 Worship Night, 4:30 pm



**SEPTEMBER 2023**