



# Tidings

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## Welcome aboard Nick!

We want to welcome Nick Mynyk as our new Music Minister/Director of Music at YUMC. Oct 1st was his official first day. Those of you in church in September have heard his great skill as our Sunday worship keyboardist.

Nick comes to YUMC with a lot of wonderful experience in church music. He was the Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Newtown from 1999-2022 where he was organist and directed the choirs. He has been leading the orchestra and string program at St. Andrew's School since 2019 and was a music teacher and accompanist at the George School 2006-17.

Nick received his BM and MM from Westminster Choir College and has completed his coursework for his PhD at Temple University. On a personal note he taught piano for Scott at the Westminster Conservatory for a number of years.

We welcome Nick's open and "let's do it" personality and his musical gifts. It is lovely to hear the organ once again in our Sunday services.

Please come to welcome Nick and introduce yourselves at the **WELCOME COFFEE HOUR on October 22nd** following the 9:30 am service at the back of the sanctuary. There will be cake!

*Nancy Froysland Hoerl and SPRC*

*Editor's note: See page 4 for invitations to participate in the music ministry here at YUMC*



## Blessing of the Animals October 8, 1:30 pm

*By Joyce Lee*

On Sunday, October 8th at 1:30 pm, Pastor Lee will hold a "Blessing of the Animals" in the parking lot of YUMC. Bring your pets (carried, on a leash, or caged) and participate in this blessing, as we affirm our pets as gifts from God that deserve our care and respect.

Our pets bring us joy and companionship, ease our pain and loneliness, assist us with tasks, and teach our children a sense of responsibility. If you are unable to bring your pet, you may bring a representation of your pet...a picture or a toy.

We will also welcome donations of dry cat and dog food on that day, to be delivered to animal shelters. The "Blessing of the Animals" event is open to everyone in the community.

Don't have a pet? You're welcome to attend anyway, to enjoy watching as this event unfolds.

Bring a lawn chair, if you wish.

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



Hello, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am sitting here today, there is a chill in the air that is impossible to ignore and brings tidings of the cool fall and winter days. For some, that might be a foreboding statement that brings doom and gloom. Yet, for others like me, that is welcome news as the fall season is my favorite time of the year, bringing warm and cozy moments of reading under comfortable blankets and donning favorite sweaters. Each change of the times can mean something different to each of us as our expectations are either met, leaving us with warm and cozy feelings, or leaving us wanting in frustration. Today, I expect that God will make himself known to you and me, maybe not in a new way, but in a way that will nonetheless bring light to our hearts. You might ask how I can expect this. One, because God tells us in the Scriptures that this will be so. Two, because God had done so in the past when we humbly asked him. Third, because others have witnessed that it is the same with them. We should remember these graces as we rise to meet the challenges of each new day.

I wonder if you have taken the time to examine the events of your life, to look with fresh eyes at where God was at work in your life. This can be a difficult task, but it is essential for us to be confident in witnessing God's love for us and others. This season, we will be reading and discussing Max Lucado's book *"God's Story: When His Becomes Yours"* and using it as a framework to help you begin or further refine your witness of God. When we draw closer to the end of our study, you will have an opportunity to write and share your story in short form to use in daily conversation with others.

If you are not drawn to this study, no problem! Other small groups are forming that might interest you. And, if you are willing to host or be a part of a small group, there are many resources to choose from. If you would like some guidance on leading a small group, come and speak to me when you are able. In the coming days, we will have some basic instructions for leading a small group.

As we head toward our season of Thanksgiving, let us remember God who waits on us, God who provides healing and hope to us, and God who perfects us in showing our love for others.

Peace and Blessings to you!

*Pastor Lee Corpier*

Book Study

*"God's Story: When His Becomes Yours"*

By Max Lucado

Tuesday evenings, start date TBA



## 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	26 Dave Whalen
16 Jack Reed	27 Christi Rowley
16 Richard Edwards	28 Bob Smith
17 Diana Hachoose	30 Emily Grace
19 Daniel Hyland	30 Christine Griffin
19 Nancy Scurlock	



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	23 Ann Skinner
02 Ben Pirog	25 Stephanie Moser
03 Abigail Fernandez	26 Claire Luce
04 Mark Eppley	27 Ryan Ransom
07 Lem Guloy	27 Matthew Lipton
08 Paige Habgood	29 Richard Hachoose
19 Connie Kellenbez	30 Hunter Shaffer
19 Ann Scherer	
23 Steve Kyle	

## Blessing of the Animals October 8, 1:30 pm

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If you can't make it to YUMC on October 8, here are resources for creating your own "Blessing of the Animals" ritual:

- Scriptural references and hymns about God's valuing and caring for animals
- Stories of how your pets, current and past, have added pleasure and meaning to your life
- Prayers for pets who are living in abusive, unsafe, and unhealthy households, and prayers of help for their abusers.
- Prayers for abandoned pets and for their "rescuers" and animal shelters
- Prayers for sheltered pets, fostered pets, and prayers of gratitude for persons and families who adopt or foster them
- Prayers of thanksgiving for persons and agencies that support animal rescue with finances, animal food and supplies
- Prayers of comfort for those who have lost pets from disease or old age

### Sample Prayer:

*God of all creation, we thank you for the precious gift of animals. We cherish our pets and bring them before you today for your blessing. Just as they have blessed our lives, may you bless their lives with quality of life, peace, and love. Help us always to be kind and loving caretakers of our pets and of all animals. Amen*

## Charge Conference is Saturday, Nov 4, 2023



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 is Saturday, November 4, 2023** at St. Paul's UMC, 2131 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.





### Invitation to Join Bell Choir!

Do you love music? Do you want to praise the Lord? Do you want to add a ministry to your life? Bell Choir is for you! Even if you're unsure please come and see, listen and join in fun musical fellowship. **Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday October 4th at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome.**

### Invitation to Join Choir!

There will be a good old fashioned hymn **sing on Sunday, October 8th at 8:30 am** as an introduction to Choir. Think you can't sing or read music: false!!! Join us on the 8th in the Choir Room to see how much fun it is to be in a choir, just bring yourself and call out your favorite hymn!

Questions? Contact our new Music Director, Nick, at [nmynyk@yahoo.com](mailto:nmynyk@yahoo.com)



### Weavers of Wellness is resuming!

All interested should contact Peg Boysen or attend a short meeting at the front of the church after the worship service on October 8.

Recently Bob and Janet Smith delivered 24 prayer shawls to Dunwoody Village, a continuing care retirement community in Newtown Square where Janet's friend works. They were very grateful for the delivery. We also sent five prayer shawls to Floral Creek in Yardley and will be delivering some to members of YUMC.



### Diaper drive and bundling event

Mark your calendars for a fun October mission experience. Join with the mission committee for a Diaper Drive and bundling event. The drive is easy, just pick up diapers when you are shopping and bring them to the church by October 15. Maker's Place has a need for newborns, sizes 4,5,6,7 and pullups. **On October 15**, volunteers from the church and community will bundle the diapers following the 9:30 service. What is bundling, you may ask; it is breaking down large boxes of diapers and dividing them up into smaller containers to be given out to people in need in the Trenton area. The diaper program is only one of many ways that Maker's Place helps the Trenton community.



### Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 21 at 9 am.

The men of YUMC will gather for breakfast and time of fellowship at Turning Point of Newtown (15 min from the church). We will gather for a great breakfast and some great discussion. My hope is that we can gather together more in future to support each other in our Christian walks and lives. Rsvp by Friday, October 13 to the office or me. In His Loving Service, Brian Huber 267-237-3136, [grateful4god41@gmail.com](mailto:grateful4god41@gmail.com)



## ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR PUMPKINS

**YUMC is raising funds for mission:**

**Pumpkin Unloading October 14, 3 pm**

**Pumpkin Patch:  
October 15-31 noon to dusk**

**Sign up to help by calling the church office ,  
signing up on the clip board after church or go  
to:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10C084BABAF2FA2F94-44327260-  
pumpkin#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BABAF2FA2F94-44327260-pumpkin#/)**



*Many hands made light work of unloading the truck last year. Would you spare some time on October 14 to help this year? Join Denise and Pastor Lee that day!*

Our annual Pumpkin Patch opens on Sunday, October 15th at 12 noon and will be open every day from noon to 6 pm through October 31st . **Eight hundred (800) pumpkins of all sizes, shapes and colors will arrive on Saturday, October 14th at 3:00 pm**, and many helpers are needed to help unload the truck and set up the Patch in preparation for Opening Day on Sunday the 15th. Then, volunteers will be needed to serve in 2-3 hour shifts to sell the pumpkins and meet and greet members of the community who come to buy them.

There is an online sign up for volunteering at the Patch at **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BABAF2FA2F94-44327260-pumpkin#/>** or call or email the Church Office at 215-493-3345 or yumcoffice@gmail.com, or sign up on the clipboard after church. Proceeds from the sale will help fund the church's two summer mission trips. An added benefit of serving in the Pumpkin Patch and supporting our Youth Ministries program is the opportunity to meet and build relationships with members of our community.

The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico, providing year-round employment for Native Americans in an area of the country with very high unemployment.

Donations of non-perishable foods will be received at the Pumpkin Patch and delivered to Penndel Food Pantry again this year. Protein-rich foods (canned meats and fish, canned and dried beans) are especially needed. A receptacle for your donations will be located at the Patch. At all times of the year, two year-round receptacles are stationed in the church's parking lot; one, a Mini-Pantry where patrons may either take what they need or donate to it what they can. The second receptacle is a utility bin located under the tree in the parking lot, with donations delivered to the Penndel Food Pantry.

Thank you for whatever you can provide!

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.yardleyumcyouth.org)



**Pumpkins arrive Oct 14, 3 pm!**

**Pumpkin Patch Oct 15-31**

**Sign up for all things pumpkin at**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BABAF2FA2F94-44327260-pumpkin>

Or go to the youth website

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

**Your participation benefits  
your mission trip**



**The PUMPKINS are coming! Join Denise & Pastor Lee for pumpkin unloading! On Saturday, October 14 at 3 pm, a large truck will arrive at YUMC. We will need lots of hands to unload the pumpkins! So, plan to be there if you can. Also, invite your friends, neighbors and anyone else you can think of. Service hours can be given.**

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

*Wednesday Nights  
resume October 11*

**October 11 at 5:30 pm: 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 that night!

**SPEED CHATTING**—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, irreplaceable or not yours. If you have something you can't bring in, please take a picture of it and share that!







## The Blessing of the Pets

Bring your animals to YUMC on **Sunday, October 8 at 1:30 pm for the Blessing of the Animals.** If you can't bring your pet, bring a photo or toy to represent them. We will collect pet food to donate to shelters. All are welcome with or without a pet!



## BIG GAME NIGHT & pot luck dinner is Sunday, October 22, 6 pm-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.



## Youth will serve at GRACE CAFÉ on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2:30 -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.



**FRIENDSGIVING is Wed, Nov 15**  
Bring something to share for dinner!



*Last year's  
pumpkin  
unloading*

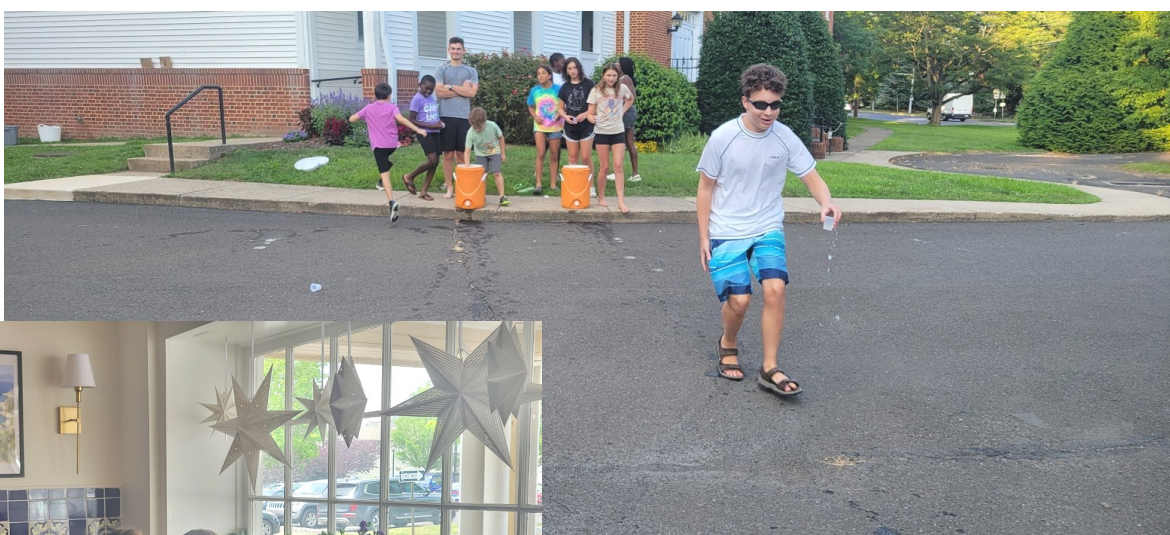


# GOD SQUAD

## God Squad resumes Wed, Oct 11!

Come to YUMC 5:30-7:30pm for a night of Pizza, Games, Discussion and Old & New friends! Dinner is FREE that night!

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*God Squad and youth group  
fun this summer*





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

Featuring "Heart Cry" leading  
the music

Join us for meaningful worship

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300 Langhorne Road  
Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## 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 & God Squad meet each Wed at 5:30 pm starting Oct 11**

### October

- 4 Yoga Small Group, 5:30 pm
- 4 Bell Choir, 7:30 pm
- 8 Choir Hymn sing, 8:30 am
- 8 Blessing of the Animals, 1:30 pm, outside
- 9 Finance Meeting, 7:30 pm, Room 004
- 11 Youth Group & God Squad resume
- 14 Pumpkin Unloading 3 pm
- 15-31 Pumpkin Patch
- 15 Trustees, Zoom 12:15 pm
- 15 Diaper Bundling, 10:30 am
- 16 Ad Council, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 21 Men's Breakfast, 9 am, Turning Point of Newtown
- 22 Nick Mynyk's Welcome Coffee Hour, 10:30 am
- 22 Parents/Youth/Children BIG GAME NIGHT, 6:00 pm
- 29 Worship Night, 4:30 pm

### November

- 1 Pumpkin Chuckin'
- 4 Charge Conference, 11 am, St Paul's UMC
- 12 Trustees Zoom, 12:15 pm
- 12 Youth at Grace Café
- 26 Newsletter Deadline

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