



# *Tidings*

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## **Church will be open for prayer every Saturday night from 7 to 8 pm**

Jesus told his disciples if they would meet and agree together for anything, he would grant their request in **Matthew 18:19-20**. This declaration came on the heels of his teaching on resolving conflict. In times of disruption and disagreement, the church could always find assurance of the presence of God in an attitude of prayer. Prayer includes thanks and praise for what God has done in the past and presenting our needs and longing of our hearts before the Lord for God's loving and just answer. All of this is done with an eye of furthering the loving and renewing reign of God. So, we are asking for God's just leading in our lives today and together as his church.

**From now until September**, the doors of the church will be open on **Saturday Evenings at 7 PM** for those who need prayer or a place to pray.

## **Donations needed for Mini-pantry**

The Mini-pantry is a huge success. We are feeding those in need in our own neighborhood. Some families in our church and a community organization have helped to fill the mini-pantry, but we need your help. There is a great need to keep the pantry filled. You can drop off food in the pantry, in the outside collection box, or inside the church. Thank you for supporting this important mission. (See p. 4 for a photo and information about one community organization that helps to support the mini-pantry.)

## **Summer Sunday School**

Please Join us for Summer Sunday school! Our summer lessons begin at the beginning – the story of Creation in Genesis.

Children age 4 through completed 4th grade are invited to attend. Children are dismissed to class from the 9:30 am worship service.

Summer SS will run through June and July. We will take a break in August and resume after Labor Day.



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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that this summer season finds you happy and well. I am writing to you a few days after my birthday. I have received many well wishes from many of you, and I am thankful for all your blessings. But, enough about me.

May is always an interesting month since both Ascension of Christ and Pentecost are celebrated in the same month. Christ is raised and received at the Father's side, while God's Holy Spirit is sent to the church to unite and empower us for the great work of ministry in the world. In the Book of Acts, the church begins with excitement and spreads not just through the disciple's home nation but to others throughout the world. But note that the spread of the ministry did not begin until the disciples spent time to "wait on the Lord." They relied on the Spirit to initiate their efforts, and as Paul affirmed, the Spirit gave them the words to say and directed their efforts to share the Gospel.

Friends, if we look at the entirety of the world and the world's needs and try to decide how to fill them on our own, without the direction of the Spirit, we become quickly overwhelmed, and many efforts fail. Even the needs present in our neighborhoods can become overwhelming very quickly. Yet, Christ calls us to love our neighbors and use every blessing God has made available to us to help others. To address these needs, God enters the world through Jesus Christ, making his loving Spirit available to every person.

Over this last season, we spent many prayer-filled hours and shared many ideas thinking of ways we, as a church, can be a blessing to our neighbors. So many thoughts were shared that we needed to organize them and ask about their possible effectiveness in addressing the needs of the community. We narrowed them down into five categories of how we believe God is leading us in this season, and we are asking for your support:

- B**uild on our vital youth and family events and missional activities.
- L**everage our resources for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth.
- E**ngage our neighbors.
- S**erving others with Love openly and consistently.
- S**urrounding it all in prayer.

These are broader categories in which specific ongoing and future ministries and events will be planned for the foreseeable future at YUMC.

**What we are asking from you:**

- Pray that God will continue to guide this church in this new season of growth.
- Support the people, property, and events of YUMC in whatever capacity you can.
- Share your experience of our loving God here at YUMC with your friends, family, and neighbors.
- Mainly to love others as you have seen love exhibited to you.

We want to empower a community of collaboration here that is fully informed by the love of God and others because we believe that is what truly transforms the world for the better.

Thanks again for your support and heartfelt prayers,  
*Pastor Lee Corpier*

## Birthdays in June

01 Susan Kellenbenz	19 Lukas Azzati
02 Cherron Crane	20 Adrienne Frye
04 Kathryn Ortolf	22 Mitch Harris
06 Sona Baker	24 Nancy Coles
09 Erica Lipton	24 Lily Griffin
10 Jeanette Leonhauser	25 Michael Lipton
10 Pam McCreery	26 Makayla Frye
15 Andrew Grace	30 R. J. Cox
17 Shayna Winters	

## Birthdays in August

01 Nicholas Lefebvre	14 Richard Edwards
02 Dale Van Aken	15 Kevin Heilig
04 Samuel Kaiser	19 Ken McDaniel
05 William Binder	20 Kevin O'Keeffe
05 Everett Haas	22 Jane Rooney
05 Evan Luce	24 Carolyn Richards
05 Doris McDaniel	24 Rebecca Van Aken
06 Marge Quallis	27 Emma Menzel
06 Lauren Moody	27 Anjali Baker
08 Kathleen O'Keeffe	30 Cooper Winters
09 Alaina Seifert-Cocco	
10 Marsha Snyder	
13 Harrison Laba	

## Birthdays in July

03 Susan Hunt	17 Lisa Hammelman
04 Lisa Grayson Zygmunt	18 Hank Zygmunt
09 Nancy Roberts	20 Alexander Schettino
10 Henry Rooney	21 Scott Sanford
11 George Isaacson	23 Janet B. Smith Tolbert
11 Thomas Habgood	25 Adam Van Aken
12 Betsy Sanford	27 Lamar Frye
13 Mollie Mitchell	27 Linda Heilig
14 Nancy Binder	29 Eva Haas
16 Pat Roth	30 Eduardo Azzati
17 Joyce Lee	31 Patricia Coiante



notes  
from the  
Belcher Room

## Capital Campaign Update

Thanks to the generous contributions from many people to the Capital Campaign, the building repairs have continued. This month most of the outside windows trim has been covered with white aluminum, the kitchen fire suppression system has been updated, our backflow preventer has been replaced, and the final touches on the Steeple repair has been done. This is all in addition to the projects last year which included an update to the fire alarm system, 8 windows replaced, some elevator items that needed replacement, our slate roof repaired and one of the A/C units replaced. We still have some more outside work that will be done later this year which includes replacements of some doors, painting the wooden soffit and trim, and some parking lot repairs, so stayed tuned for the next update!





**The Mission Committee would like to thank** the many people who stayed after church on Sunday, April 23 to wrap utensils for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. We worked together to wrap 1,000 sets of utensils to send to TASK. Good work, YUMC.



### **Help 21st Century Learning Center in Morrisville put a new book in a child's hand this summer.**

21st Century Learning Center is a state-run program that provides after school academic enrichment opportunities for children, Kindergarten through 8th grade. To purchase a book, you simply go to the Amazon link which will have a list of books, purchase a book, and it will be sent to the church. Last year Yardley United Methodist Church sent 250 new books home with children. Let's do it again this year. Please purchase books by June 30, 2023,

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32R6XTHAA8TM5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32R6XTHAA8TM5?ref=wl_share)



### **Donations received for Mini-Pantry**

YUMC is grateful for the donations of food for the mini-pantry from Floral Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Yardley. Michelle Spencer, their Community Resource Director, has delivered two car loads of groceries to the church so far. Michelle puts food donation boxes out at Floral Creek's monthly community events.

Check out their "Let's Flamingle" flyer at the lobby bulletin board. Floral Creek is holding a Friends and Family event on Saturday, June 17th from noon to 2 pm. All are invited for Food, Fun and Entertainment. Rsvp by June 14 to 215-497-3003 or [michelle.spencer@sincerisl.com](mailto:michelle.spencer@sincerisl.com)

Thank you Michelle and Floral Creek for helping our community by supporting our Mini-Pantry!

## MyCalling! A year to trust God and Follow

Yardley UMC will be hosting our 8th My Calling! Mission Trip this summer from July 9-13th.

We are expecting around 30 youth & adults to call our church their home away from home for 3 days of awesome service and 4 nights of amazing worship. Youth groups will be attending from 4 churches across 3 states!

We are securing worksites and we are getting excited for where God is leading! We are excited to be in our building to worship, work and live together for 4 days! This is a life changing experience for youth and many adults.

We are excited to invite you to be part of this life changing 4 days! We invite you to pray, volunteer and/or donate:

**Pray!** Pray for registrations as they come in. Pray for the churches coming to us that they travel safely. Pray for our leaders as they make plans. Pray for the participants to grow deeper connections and begin a lifetime of service. Pray for those we serve.

**Volunteer!** Each worksite needs 1-2 adults to stay with the site while the crews rotate daily. We need to feed around 30 people each day – could you help with meal prep for the week, or even just a day? We also have tasks to do before and after MyCalling! if that week is not open for you.

**Donate!** We will be looking for baked goods for lunches, supplies for meals and more. We will share a list of needs this June on our Website.

We have no doubt God has called and led us to this year! We hope you will join us on this exciting journey!

If you have any questions, see Denise Harris.



*Scenes from last year's MyCalling!*

# 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?** Go to the youth website at [www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events](http://www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events)



## Check out our QR CODE!

Scan this code and it will take you to our youth events page. You can sign up for events, ask questions or see more details about each event.



## The Golden Plate Awards! Sunday, June 4th 6:30pm

What a year we have had together! Let's celebrate all God has done and look forward to the summer activities!

**ALL God Squad kids, Youth, families and YUMC Adults are invited** to Yardley UMC for a night of celebration!!

We will celebrate with dessert.

All God Squad kids & Youth will receive a Golden Plate Award and we will celebrate our seniors. Join us for a night of celebration and dessert!

Sign Up by going to [www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events](http://www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events) or use the QR code above

*Young Adults continue to meet each Wednesday night on Zoom. Contact Denise for Zoom invitation.*



*Congratulations to our High School graduates:*

*Pablo Azzati  
Emilie Croggon  
Dalima Lappia  
Reagan Ward*

**Get ready for MyCalling! July 9-13.** Sign up for MyCalling! at [www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events](http://www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events) or use the QR code above! See page 5 for how you can help.



*Last year's MyCalling! Missioners pray and get ready to embark on their mission projects.*

**WE ARE GOING CAMPING! June 9 -11** Youth, Young Adults and Families are invited to head to French Creek State Park for a weekend of outdoor fun! There's a limit to our space. Please sign up early! The cost is \$35 per tent plus \$25 for food. Questions? Interested in helping plan? Sign up today!





*Some of the YUMC ladies at the Tea Party. There were men in attendance as well!*

*The Tea Party on May 6th was well-attended, enjoyable and a success! Many YUMCers and even community members enjoyed the day. Thank you to all who helped organize this event which benefits the youth mission trip.*



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Every Sunday  
9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
11 am Worship on Zoom

Every Wednesday 5:30 pm Youth Group & God Squad, 9:30 pm Young Adults

#### **June**

4 Golden Plate Awards, all invited, 6:30 pm  
4 Peace with Justice Sunday  
9-11 Youth & Young Adult Camping Trip  
12 Finance Committee

#### **July**

9-13 MyCalling! Mission Experience

#### **August**

13 Backpack Blessing  
27 September Newsletter Deadline

