

A Newsletter of Yardley United Methodist Church

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The following letter was given to Pastor Barb Seekford on July 1st, her first day as our new pastor.

WELCOME PASTOR BARB and family!

It was so wonderful to see you and talk to you, your husband and your adorable dog when you came to be part of the Farewell Drive-by for Pastor Cyndi and her husband Dave! We had a glorious day and were so happy to know that you were a part of it.

We are in a "liminal" time; in the doorway, on the threshold, the "crossing over" space between two worlds, the leaving behind and the moving forward...saying good-bye to Pastor Cyndi and welcoming you as our new pastor at this time.

You, too, are saying good bye to old friends, people who have been important to you in your church family and in your life. But we want to say **WELCOME!** We are excited that you will be leading us into a "new world" of church. None of us know what to expect. Will we be able to gather soon (perhaps outside at first in good weather), then finally together to feel the presence and Spirit of God in the faces of the people we love and that have been a part of our church family?

This is what we all long for: to feel God's spirit moving among us and guiding us together as we move into this new universe of worship.

And this is what we, as the SPRC, and members of church can offer you. We will be there to help with preparations for moving forward and finding new ways to gather, to help introduce you to your congregation and forge a new unity, to show up and do God's work! We are a vibrant church, loving each other and reaching out into the community to show our love and offering up our building as a "sanctuary" for outside groups to come into and be safe and active in their own ways.

"God is good, all the time" as the youth say! He is with us as we gather to move forward. He is with you as you begin this new journey in your spiritual life.

He is with all of us as we forge a new path at YUMC.

BLESSINGS *** WELCOME. ***. PAX

The Members of SPRC and YUMChurch

The word "**liminal**" comes from the Latin root, limen, which means "threshold." The **liminal space** is the "crossing over" space – a space where you have left something behind, yet you are not yet fully in something else. It's a transition



Welcome to YUMC Pastor Barb and Andy!

Our new Pastor and her husband have moved into the parsonage! Pastor Barb led worship via zoom and served Communion for the first time on Sunday, July 5, 2020.

She preached on Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30, focusing on Jesus' invitation to us to come and find rest and also what yokes might be nourishing our journeys and which yokes might be hindering us. "You have been invited by the Holy One himself...Are you tired?...Jesus will show you how to take a good rest...Jesus' love is so big, it can handle any mistake...he offers comfort and refuge." She told us that we will often hear her say, "If you want to know God, get to know Jesus...We should learn from Jesus-hang out with him – live in his presence-listen for his voice throughout the day. Watch and imitate the master...Are you willing to accept the invitation? What do you need to lay down at Jesus' feet?"

If you would like to listen to Pastor Barb's sermon, go to YouTube and search for TheYUMC (no spaces). You will find videos of all Sunday sermons there. Join us on **Zoom at 10 am** starting July 19!



Letter from the Pastor

New Sermon Series – Starting July 12

On July 12 we will begin a new sermon series based on the book *Gospel Discipleship*. As Christians, we know that two of our mandates are: to help reach others for Jesus and to grow in our own faith journeys. *Gospel Discipleship* helps us to do both. Just as each individual brings a unique skill set and gifts, most congregations also have a

unique mission field and way of doing discipleship. This series will help us as individuals learn our particular style and help us discover Yardley UMC's particular calling.

I am hoping this series will also help me get to know each of you better and help us as we discern the next steps for Yardley UMC.

There is a short assessment that we are asking each individual to take. Follow this link for the assessment - https://www.ministrymatters.com/gospeldiscipleship

The goal of the Gospel Discipleship Assessment is to aid in self-awareness. It helps to name things about us that allow us to grow and learn. What is distinct is that this assessment is geared around and grows out of Scripture, and is aimed specifically at helping us grow in our faith journey. Probably the most familiar similar type tool would be a Spiritual Gifts test. However, while a Spiritual Gifts test reveals particular skills you bring to the table as a disciple, this assessment reveals how you live out that discipleship. You will use your spiritual gifts in that journey, and to some extent your spiritual gifts are probably shaping which type you are drawn to, but this assessment helps you map out what the journey looks like. It helps you take the next step, and the next step, and the next step toward Jesus. (Michelle Morris, *Gospel Discipleship*, © 2020)

Once you take the assessment, will you email your results to Pastor Barb (<u>bjseekford@gmail.com</u>) and the church office (<u>yumcoffice@gmail.com</u>)? We will be compiling a list of all of our results.

Join us each Sunday as we discuss what it means to be a Markan, a Matthean, a Lukan and a Johannine! If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at the above email or at 610.310.8349.

Thanks everyone, Pastor Barb



We have a new District Superintendent

Bishop Peggy Johnson appointed the Rev. Andrew Foster III to replace the Rev. Tracy Bass as the East District DS. Rev. Foster has been Superintendent of the Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts District since 2017. He re-

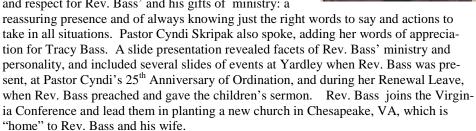
turns home to Eastern PA, where he was previously the pastor of Janes Memorial UMC in Philadelphia.

A native Philadelphian, he formerly served Grace Community UMC in Chester, where he founded the church's Resource & Empowerment Center, Inc. And he was the first African American pastor to serve at Clearview UMC, a cross-racial/cross-cultural appointment. Foster is a trained ministry coach and mentor, who has served on many committees and has taught Certified Lay Ministry classes.

The East District of the Eastern Pennsylvania

Conference celebrated the ministry of the Reverend Tracy Bass, our D.S. for the past 6 years, at an online Farewell Tribute on June 20.

The afternoon was informal and joyful, where both laypersons and fellow pastors spoke with deep affection and respect for Rev. Bass' and his gifts of ministry: a



A letter expressing this congregation's congratulations appreciation for Rev. Bass's leadership was sent to his new home in Virginia. It read:

Dear Reverend Bass,

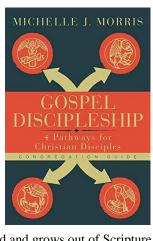
We join the "chorus" of voices from the Eastern PA Conference in celebrating your gifts of ministry and leadership, shared so freely and joyfully with us during these past 6 years as our District Superintendent, and wish you "Godspeed" as you leave us to 'plant" a new church in Chesapeake, Virginia.

We will certainly miss you, but, at the same time, we are happy to know that God's people in Virginia will soon have the same spirited leadership and blessings of ministry that we have enjoyed as your "flock" here in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your visits to Yardley church, to share in both our joys and concerns; to celebrate Pastor Cyndi Skripak's 25th Anniversary of Ordination in 2016 and again, to preach during her Renewal Leave in 2018, and for your counsel during times of conflict.

We will remember you with warmth and gratitude.

With our blessings for a successful ministry ahead, The Congregation at Yardley United Methodist Church





Dear Yardley UMC,

It is an honor to partner with you in mission work, as we help the hungry have food, and as we give the gift of compassion. Thank you for bringing food to our food ministry. We never know from week to week who might come to our door, or how deep the needs are. Bags of groceries; gift cards for fresh food needs; school supplies; help with a utility bill—all are helpful when given with the love of Jesus. Together, we will all get through this!

Pastor Wendy MUMC

From the Mission Committee: Bucks County Housing Group Donations for School Supplies

As an unusual school year comes to an end, we think ahead to what will or might happen in September. Some things will not look or seem the same, but students will continue to need supplies to help them prepare for their new school year. Again this year, before everyone goes into summer mode, please consider making a donation to help kids in the Bucks County Housing Group. Checks can be sent to the church or donations can be made online via the website. Be sure to put "School Supplies" on the check or in the notes section of your online giving.

TASK Continues to Serve Meals, with Community Support In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a

closed dining room since March 16th, the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen has continued to serve meals daily to hungry persons and families in the Trenton area. At its main

building at 72 ½ Escher Street, TASK workers distribute take-home meals and hygiene products to patrons, at noon-time each day. TASK's 13 satellite locations operate in a similar manner.

YUMC has a small team of TASK volunteers who serve lunch at TASK on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Now that food is not being served in the dining room, the team has been working at home to assemble Take-Home Meals bags and hygiene bags for TASK patrons. And, we welcome you to participate in this effort from your own homes. **Completed bags are to be placed in the bin at the top of the ramp entrance to the church,** and will be transported to TASK by the volunteer team. The Dollar Store is a convenient and economical source for hygiene products.

Purple bags are back!

Penndel Pantry is once again accepting food donations to stock their pantry. So many are in need of food at this time that the missions committee has placed a bin by the ramp door of the church to collect your donations.

When you go shopping, please think about those in need. Thanks in advance for your support.

Thank You!



TAKE-HOME MEALS BAGS – Include an entree of easy- open can of spaghetti or ravioli, tuna or chicken salad with crackers; a juice box or water bottle; a 4 oz. tub of canned fruit (no fresh fruit please); a snack/ health bar; plastic utensils and a napkin,... all in a brown paper lunch bag.

HYGIENE KITS - travel or full-sized toothpaste, tooth brush, bar of soap, deodorant, shampoo, and one disposable razor in a gallon-size, clear plastic zip-loc bag.

Questions? Please contact Joyce Lee at joycewlee@aol.com or call 215-295-3940



Birthdays in July

- 03 Susan Hunt
- 04 Lisa Grayson Zygmunt
- 05 Diana Carlson
- 07 Patrick Diamond
- 09 Nancy Roberts
- 10 Henry Rooney
- 11 Marge Wagenvoord
- 11 George Isaacson
- 11 Thomas Habgood
- 13 Mollie Mitchell
- 14 Nancy Binder
- 16 Pat Roth
- 17 Joyce Lee

- 17 Lisa Hammelman
- 18 Hank Zygmunt
- 18 Michael Dileo
- 20 Alexander Schettino
- 23 Janet B. Smith Tolbert
- 23 James Beckelman
- 25 Adam VanAken
- 27 Lamar Frye
- 27 Linda Heilig
- 28 Amy Gonzalez
- 29 Eva Haas
- 30 Eduardo Azzati
- 31 Patricia Coiante

Birthdays in August

- 01 Nicholas Lefebvre
- 02 Stefan Skripak
- 02 James Anderson
- 02 Dale Van Aken
- 04 Samuel Kaiser
- 05 William Binder
- 05 Everett Haas
- 05 Evan Luce
- 05 Doris McDaniel
- 06 Marge Quallis
- 06 Lauren Moody
- 08 Kathleen O'Keeffe
- 08 Sharon Lavish-Ijdo
- 10 Marsha Snyder
- 10 Jennifer Kimock

- 14 Richard Edwards
- 15 David Fernandez
- 15 Kevin Heilig
- 18 Larry Day
- 19 Ken McDaniel
- 20 Kevin O'Keeffe
- 21 Donald Heasley
- 22 Jane Rooney
- 23 David Breen
- 24 Carolyn Richards
- 24 Rebecca Van Aken
- 26 Joanna Chassen
- 26 Kimberly Walker
- 27 Emma Menzel
- 27 Anjali Baker
- 29 Deborah Corey
- 30 Cooper Winters

"I Hope ..."

For several weeks now, I have heard people say, "I just can't wait for things to be back to normal." I may have said that a few times myself.

But, as I've thought about our current situation, I have realized how much I don't want things to go back to exactly the way they were before.

Here are some of my reasons. Perhaps you can add some of your own.....

- -I hope that the next time a friend approaches me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their presence and that embrace.
- -I hope that when school resumes and I'm attending the next school program for parents, I'll take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to my family.
- -I hope that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant, I'll look around at the smiling faces and loud voices, and be more appreciative of the gift of community.
- -I hope that when I am at the supermarket that I take a moment to acknowledge the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
- -I hope that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the beach, a restaurant or a movie, etc.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I hope that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few months and create a new normal of appreciation. My hope is that we love harder and truly appreciate the daily abundance of all that we do have, that we have sometimes so easily overlooked during the past few months.



Thank You
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GENEROUSLY

Thank you to all who have made their tithes and gifts by mail or on line. Please continue your regular giving to the church during this difficult time. Your checks can be mailed to this address..... Yardley United Methodist Church, 300 Langhorne Rd, Yardley PA 19067.

You can also make online gifts by going

https://giveinjoy.givingfuel.com/yardleyunited-methodist

Please continue to be in touch with the church. You can email the staff at pastorbarb@yardleyumc.org denise@yardleyumc.org eduardo@yardleyumc.org office@yardleyumc.org

Your ongoing support makes possible our ministry to each other and to our community, especially in this time of crisis. God bless you.

Music Ministry groups take the lead...

By Eduardo Azzati

On June 24 members of our Music Ministry groups had their first in-person physically-distanced (yet very close in friendship) gathering on the church lawn since the start of the Covid-19 health crisis.

It was a beautiful evening and we all enjoyed seeing each other in 3-D, a wonderful time of fellowship and animated conversation and the church trees.

The gathering was circumscribed to the church lawn as the church building remains closed, and guidelines of social distancing and face covering when needed were observed.

Thirteen people were in attendance and it was a great success. Who would have ever thought that something as simple as having a church group meet up outdoors for a fellowship gathering would become a project and an event to celebrate? But, as we all know and given the current circumstances it is indeed something to celebrate!

The last few remained there way after dusk in the company of the fireflies, a few mosquitoes and the occasional bat flying by and then said goodbye until the next time we will have another opportunity to be together in person.





God was certainly present in our fellowship, our sharing and the beauty of creation!



July 26-29, 2020 High School Mission Trip!

We will serve in a food assembly warehouse, hold firepit discussions, worship and share joy to others.

Join us for a week of serving and growing closer to God and one another!

Sign up by July 17th!

Questions? Email denise@yardleyumc.org







Mend The Nets

Youth Group Zoom July 1

Summer Theme: Mend the Nets

"When Fishermen can't go out to fish, they stay home and mend their nets"

Currently, we are sitting by the water, watching the rough seas and praying they would calm down so we can head out. It has been a long 4 months and there's no set date in sight.

So, we sit. However, while we are sitting, we can be prepar-

ing. Eventually, life will return to normal. Our schedules will fill up and we will return to the busy pace of life.

Before we do, we will take some time to mend our nets within the Youth Ministry. We will take a look at the holes and tears in our nets and work to make them better. We will strengthen relationships, set the groundwork for active listening and support and we will seek answers and growth in our relationship with God.

So welcome to the summer of "Mending our Nets"! This focus will include small group discussion, book groups and more. We are spending this summer working to heal and prepare for the time when we are back to "normal".

Initial plans include:

- -A small group of youth and young adults reading "White Fragility", "Be the Bridge" and "The Hate You Give"
- -Parent Check-in Calls going through "Growing With" Small Group curriculum for parents of youth and young adults.
- -Weekly Youth Group Small Groups will discuss the Questions of our Faith. What do we believe and why?
- -Devos will focus on building our relationship with God.



MyCalling! : Extreme Home Edition 7/12-16

This unique, social distanced mission experience is happening as we go to press on this newsletter. **We invite the congregation to join us for zoom worship each night through Wednesday at 7 pm** - zoom info provided in church wide emails.

We have worked to create a safe, well rounded Mission Experience. It's going to be a year to remember, for sure! We are meeting on zoom for meals, service projects, games and sleep outs. We will meet in person for a lunch devotion, prayer walk and serving at Snipes. Some of the mission projects we are doing include Decorating the church parking lot with positive sayings and expressions of love (Faith in Action—photos below), Sign Making, Rock Painting and working at Snipes farm doing weeding and cleaning.



Messages of Hope, faith and love for our community: "Faith in Action" Art Show"



#GRAD

YUMC High School Class of 2020! Congratulations!

By Denise Harris

One of the highlights of the year for me is sitting at the graduation of all our High School youth. I cheer them from the stands and then I find them on the field to talk a picture with them.

I post the pictures on my grad wall in my office and in recent years, I have posted our pictures on Instagram and Facebook with a message for each graduate. I wasn't be able to see these young men graduate this year, but I still want to celebrate them and remind them they are loved and supported by their Youth Director and their church! Let's celebrate them!

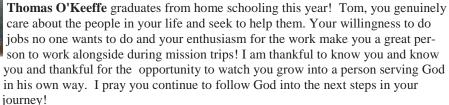


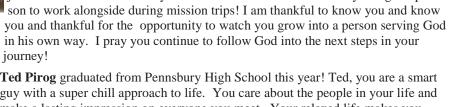
Lukas

Lukas Azzati graduates from Liberty High School this year! Lukas, you have always been the guy to look people in the eye, talk to your peers and adults with respect and see the value in others. Your sense of humor keeps people going when things get tough. (Mission Trips and All Night Game Nights come to mind) I am thankful for the chance to get to know you. No doubt you will continue to do great things and make a difference in the lives of people around you! I pray you seek God's call and leading in your life!

Will Binder graduates from Holy Ghost this year! Will, you have always been a servant worker, willing to do the work no one else wanted to do. You are humble when you are in the spotlight and resilient when life knocks you down a bit. I am so thankful to know you and I can't wait to see the great ways you will continue to influence the world around you! I pray you continue to seek The Lord as you begin the next steps in your journey!

Matt Croggon graduates from Pennsbury High School this year! Matt, you are a smart, funny guy. Your ability to solve problems makes you someone people can turn to when they are lost. Your quiet, confident approach to everything you do gives people comfort as you work to solve their problem. I am so thankful to know you! No doubt, you will continue to use your skills to help others. I pray you would seek God's leading as you enter into the next part of your journey!





guy with a super chill approach to life. You care about the people in your life and make a lasting impression on everyone you meet. Your relaxed life makes you approachable, especially for those younger than you. I am thankful to know you. You have taught me a lot about not taking anything too seriously. I know you are going to be happy and make people around you happy in anything you do! I pray you will follow God as people continue to follow you!



Will

Tom

Lukas, Will, Matt, Tom, Ted, you have each made a lasting impression on this church, the youth ministry and me. We are better because of you and we continue to pray for you and cheer you on!

Congratulations!!



Matt

Ted

We also congratulate these fine young people on graduating with a degree in higher learning. (pictured left to right)

Kirsten Binder Thomas Habgood Catie Rymer Stefan Skripak Noah Smith













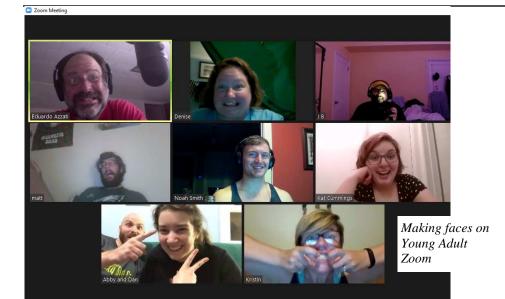
Ken McDaniel has been taking care of the flowers at the ramp entrance of the church. He also preached on zoom on June 21. Thank you for your hard work Ken!

The Griffin family hiked to pulpit rock in PA. They write, "We got an RV this year. We camp every other weekend. Right now we are in VA. Basically social distancing in a travel home. The girls are loving it."



to know each other and did some planning for the summer.

Denise & Jessie ham it up for a selfie.





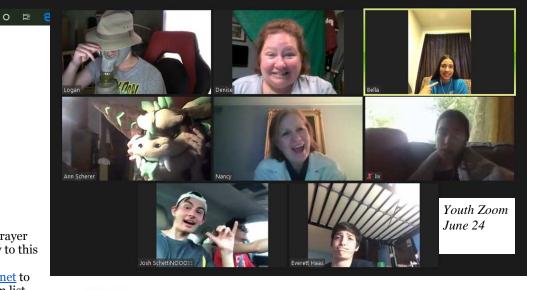


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If you would like to add a prayer to our prayer list, you may reply to this email. You can also email cathleenhyland@verizon.net to add the name to our prayer team list for ongoing prayer, and as always, you may email

pastorbarb@yardleyumc.org

Please pray for: The family of Albrecht Englert, friend of the Scherer family; Silvio Azzati; Linda Heilig; Kara Howard, friend of Diane Kreger; Hayley & Magnolia Lower, niece of Sharon Abbott; Brennan family, friends of Merricks; Mike, friend of Edwards family; Tyler, grandson of Margaret Moshinsky & friend of Edwards family; Papp family, relatives of Quallis family; Dave Mock, brother of Lee Ann Mock; Cassie, friend of Edwards family; Josh, friend of Ruth Logan; Jill Dillard & family; Jean Deitterick; Josh Carty; Michael, friend of Diane Kreger; Jeanette Cole, friend of Jennifer Ehrhardt; Alicia Olmo, friend of Lenore Martin; Kim Schettino's father, Donald Redman; Ryan Thompson, friend of the Grace family; Alice Sidener; Julia Ransom.





At Home VBS held July 12-17!

Introducing Knights of the North. A virtual at Home VBS...watch future issues for a report on the fun and learning that happened!

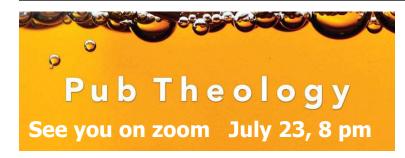
Children's Sunday school is happening online.

The theme for the month of July is: Communities Change and Grow Bible Verse: The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Pray together: Dear God, here we are. We are ready to serve you. Help us to look for ways to share your love. Help us pay attention to the needs of others. Help us do your work in your world. Amen

Lessons are emailed out each week, if you would like to be on the email list, send a request to ljransom@comcast.net







There are volunteer opportunities with Caring for Friends. They just redeveloped the volunteer program, and launched a brand new Volunteer

Portal (https://

caringforfriends.volunteerhub.com/) where you can sign up for a bunch of different opportunities!

They went from 1,400 seniors served weekly to over 5,500 in three weeks. They also went from providing bulk food to 40 community pantry partners to over 200 a week! And these numbers continue to grow.

They completely understand that the world is struggling right now, and people are rightfully not feeling too great, or uncomfortable with leaving their homes. With that being said, if you are no longer able to volunteer- it is OK! We are thankful for your consideration in the first place and hope you are all doing well. (There are virtual/from home opportunities on our website)

For more info. email:

volunteeropportunities@caringforfriends.org)

Annual Conference being held virtually, October 13th and 14th, 2020

Bishop Peggy Johnson has announced that the bulk of our Annual Conference session this fall will be virtual, and not in person. She explained, "The continual rise in COVID-19 cases, the threat of a second wave in the fall, the age of most of our constituents, and the budgetary challenges we are facing has led me to this decision."

The theme: Engaging Communities for Christ The schedule is as follows:

- -Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9:00 am 11:00 am: Clergy Session (virtual/live streaming). There will be no laity session.
- -Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1:00 pm 5:00 pm: Annual Conference (virtual/live streaming).
- -Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:00 am: Memorial Service (at a local church yet to be confirmed). This will be in person but by ticket only with limited seating and live streaming available.
- -Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2:00 pm: Ordination Service (at a local church yet to be confirmed). This will also be in person but by ticket only with limited seating and live streaming.

Bishop Johnson acknowledges that this is a huge change from what we are used to doing, but many annual conferences across the country have opted for virtual sessions with great success, so we will be able to learn from their experiences. More about this, as plans become more definite.



AHTN Seeks Permanent Space for Code Blue

The Board of Directors of Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) is looking ahead to the upcoming 2020-2021 Code Blue season, and anticipates an increase in the number of persons needing safe, warm beds and hot meals during the coldest months of the year. Now beginning its 11th year of operation, Code Blue is traditionally held in houses of worship during December, January, February, and March, providing a welcoming and safe overnight shelter and hot meals when temperatures outside reach 26 degrees F. and below. But, this year those houses of worship are currently closed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the date for reopening is uncertain. In addition, it is likely that the space available for Code Blue guests will not be adequate to meet the growing need for an emergency shelter space large enough to meet the CDC requirement

of placing sleeping cots 6-9 feet apart.

So, AHTN staff is currently looking for ONE space for all 4 months, where cots can be set up and kept in place for the entire four months. And, they are asking us to help in locating such a space.

If you are aware of a VACANT SPACE that might be a viable solution for Code Blue's needs for overnight housing and meals, please call or email Karen Mineo, AHTN Managing Consultant at office@ahtn.org or 215-550-3868.

Here are the collective thoughts of the staff at AHTN on the requirements for a new permanent space for Code Blue:

- -The space should be larger than any of the Code Blue host sites currently used: The staff anticipates increased numbers of homeless persons this winter, as people become unemployed and not able to pay rent. They estimate needing space for 50-70 individuals per night.
- -Restrooms are necessary.
- -A kitchen would be ideal, but if that is not available, they may be able to have meals "to go" made by other houses of worship or restaurants willing to help.
- -The space is needed from December 1 through April 1 (Ideally, November 30th to move in).
- -May need to have access to the building by 7:00 pm and, if possible, not have to leave early in the morning to accommodate a day care or similar program.
- -It would be ideal if the space was donated, but Bucks County may have money to lease the space for AHTN.

Are there empty schools, houses of worship, warehouses, retail spaces, etc. that you know of? If you have a suggestion, please contact Karen Mineo, AHTN Managing Consultant with any ideas or leads that you think might be helpful. Thank you.

Tidings of Yardley United Methodist Church 300 Langhorne Road

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Greetings Friends!

In an effort to reach the entire congregation during the pandemic, we are snail mailing this newsletter. We hope it makes you feel more connected with YUMC! If you do not receive our emails with links to worship, please email office@yardleyumc.org

Stay connected with us this summer! You can call the church office and leave a message: 215-493-

3345. We will call you back!

Or email us:

pastorbarb@yardleyumc.org denise@yardleyumc.org eduardo@yardleyumc.org office@yardleyumc.org



Let us know how we can serve you. Are you in need of prayer? A friendly conversation? Contact us!

We are praying for you!

-the staff of YUMC