



Tidings

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We Welcome our new Music Director!

We are delighted to welcome Nick Marsola as YUMC's new Music Director. 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. Nick joins us on October 1st. October 5th will be his first Sunday. **Please join us at coffee hour to WELCOME Nick on October 5th!**



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 4th, 1:30 pm

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

We will collect dry pet food to deliver to shelters.



Bible Study starts Thurs, Sept 18

***The Chosen* is the first-ever multi-season television series based on the life of Christ.**

We will gather for discussion for **8 weeks, each Thursday starting September 18th until November 6th @ 7:30 PM.** If you are unable to join us in-person or miss a week, you will be able to watch full free episodes at <https://thechosen.tv> so you can watch at home with your family. Study materials can be ordered @ https://www.amazon.com/What-Does-Mean-Chosen-Interactive/dp/0830782680/ref=sr_1_1 for between \$10-\$15

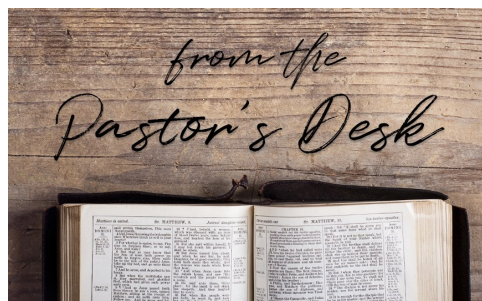
As you watch, you will learn about the historical and cultural settings into which Jesus came. You will also meet the types of people that Jesus chooses to cure, care for, and call as his disciples. As you learn more about your Savior's grace and mercy for all humanity, don't be surprised if you laugh and cry.

***The Chosen* is NOT the Bible** nor does it seek to be or replace reading and studying the Bible. "*The Chosen* is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ; some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. However, all biblical and historical content and artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the gospels." – *Dallas Jenkins, writer and director of The Chosen*

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



Hello again, Siblings in Christ,

I wanted to share an update on our church's financial well-being and an exciting new initiative to keep you even more informed about how your generosity supports our faith community and ministries!

We are drafting a new framework for our financial reports, designed to give you a clearer picture. These new reports will help illustrate how our resources support our various ministries by aiming to split salaries by program, such as Children, Youth, and Adult ministries. We also plan to include crucial details to provide a full financial picture so that all might be informed. These reports will also feature a statement about the use of our reserves and acknowledge any generous gifts.

We believe it's essential to look beyond our financial figures to understand the story they tell about our collective journey. Because of this, we have made a commitment to enhanced financial transparency and regular reporting with compelling narratives. We are working to provide more substantive financial communications, including quarterly reports and updates in our bulletin. Our goal is to connect the dots between our finances and the incredible work happening across our church.

We are dedicated to ensuring you understand how your faithful giving empowers our church's mission. We believe these enhanced reports will not only provide clarity but also tell inspiring stories of our shared commitment and faith.

We have now come to the end of summer, so our fall calendar is coming together. Don't forget to check out our online calendar and event listing in the bulletin for any reminders and to RSVP for events.

Because of the good response we had to using scenes from the latest season of the popular video series *The Chosen*, we are going to be starting from the first episode discussing and studying the Scriptures as they relate to what is depicted. Since the series is available freely online, we will watch independently and discuss them for 8-weeks, starting September 18th at 7 PM until November 6th, in-person only. If you are unable to attend, or unable to watch at home, please speak with me about alternate accommodations.

Blessings to you as you embrace God's Grace in this new season!

Pastor Lee Corpier





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A thank you note was received from Artists of Yardley (AOY) expressing gratitude for the use of two upstairs classrooms this summer, along with a generous donation check.

"...Our deepest gratitude to YUMC for, once again, providing a home for our summer adult art classes and open studios while our summer camp took over the center..."



The Slow Path to Wisdom

A 30-Day Devotional for Kids, Youth, Parents & Adults

This fall, we invite our whole church family to take "The Slow Path to Wisdom" together through a 30-day devotional journey in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Life often feels busy, noisy, and rushed—but God invites us to slow down, reflect, and find His wisdom in the everyday. Ecclesiastes reminds us that while so much of life can feel fleeting or confusing, God offers meaning, joy, and hope when we walk with Him.

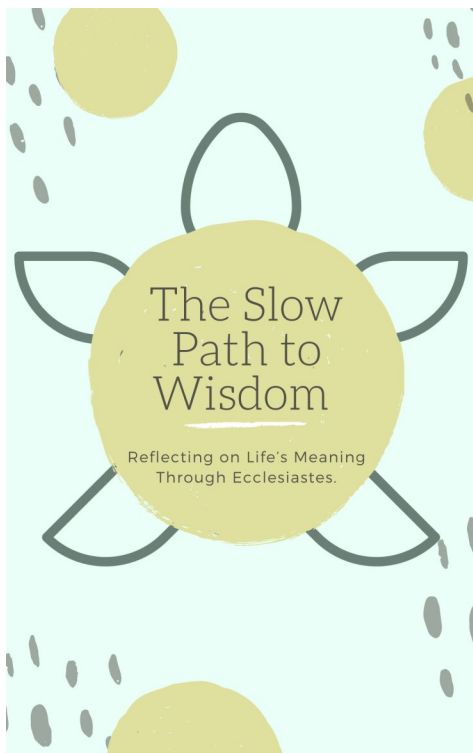
This devotional has been created for every stage of life:

- Kids & Families will enjoy short reflections, Scripture readings, and simple discussion questions designed for family time.
- Teens & Parents will dive deeper with thought-provoking questions that connect faith to real life.
- Adults are invited to wrestle with the Teacher's big questions and discover God's faithful presence.

Each day includes a short Scripture reading, a reflection, and questions to help you pause, listen, and walk more closely with God. Weekly family activity options encourage fun, connection, and faith conversations at home. Copies will be available for pick-up or download beginning Sunday, September 14th.

Join us as we walk together—kids, youth, parents, and adults—down the slow path to wisdom!

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Denise Harris!



Youth Ministry Summer Wrap-Up: A Season of Growth, Courage, and Connection

What a summer it has been for Yardley UMC Youth! God showed up in incredible ways as we laughed, learned, served, and grew together. From pool parties to mission projects, retreats to discussions, this summer was all about building relationships, stepping into new situations with courage, and discovering the joy of friendship and faith.

We kicked things off with **Scorch and Swim**, an evening filled with laughter and swimming together. After swimming, we pulled out a years' worth of school work and burned it. As we burned it, we released the anxiety and stress we felt this year. It was the perfect way to start the summer, bringing friends together to end the year and have some fun!

Next came **Summer Mission: MyCalling!**, where students explored how God calls each of us to serve in our own unique ways. We came together to serve others and grow together. We mucked out stalls, shoveled piles of mulch, made bags for food delivery, cleaned a deck, spent time with memory care residents, built benches, fixed up the gaga pit, took the roof off the shed and put up a brand new one! Through hands-on projects and moments of reflection, our youth discovered that mission isn't just something we do far away—it starts right here, with the people God places around us every day. (See photos on p. 6 & 8)

Our girls had the opportunity to step away for a special **Girls' Retreat to Ocean Grove**. With the beach as our backdrop, we dove into conversations about identity, social media, and what it means to live courageously as young women following Jesus. Bonds were deepened, laughter was abundant, and God's presence was undeniable. (Photo p. 8)

Finally, we wrapped up with **Swim and Send**, celebrating all that God has done and preparing to launch into a new school year. It was more than just fun—it was a reminder that we go forward together, supported by our community and strengthened by God.

This summer, we saw students take brave steps—trying new things, meeting new friends, and sharing more of themselves in community. The courage to show up, the willingness to serve, and the joy of discovering God at work in each other's lives were the real highlights.

As we look ahead to a new season of ministry, we celebrate the ways God has been shaping us and the foundation of faith and friendships built over these past months. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement—you make it possible for our youth to experience summers like this one.

With Love and Gratitude, Denise



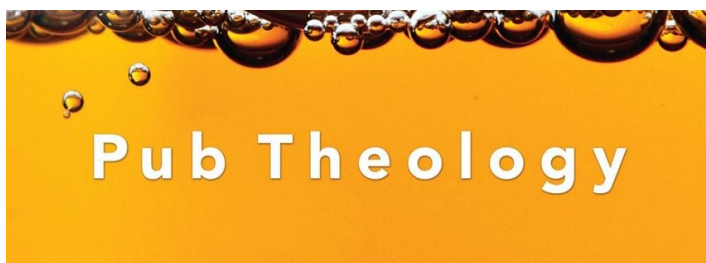


Pumpkins Delivered Oct 11 Pumpkin Patch Oct 12-31

It will soon be pumpkin time again! Join us for pumpkin unloading on Saturday, October 11. We always have a fun time setting up the patch!



The mission of the month for August at YUMC was Backpack Blessing. We collected school supplies and backpacks, prayed over them and gave them out to needy school children in our community including students in Pennsbury school district.



All are invited to the next Pub Theology on Tuesday, September 23 at 7 pm at Continental Tavern in Yardley. Contact Joy Boysen if you are interested.



notes from the Belcher Room

The Trustees have been busy with multiple repairs this summer. The biggest repair this summer has been replacing the pumps and other components of the sewer lift station. This was a major repair that cost the church approximately \$20,000. We also repaired our roof, gutters, and did significant tree trimming and removal. We are currently working to put window well covers on the ground floor windows to prevent them from flooding during heavy rain. These repair costs were largely covered by a very generous donation from one of our members.

To meet Fire Department codes during a series of inspections, we have also replaced the outdated water hook-up valve below the stained-glass window, replaced bulbs and backup batteries in two of our EXIT signs. Thanks to the Ransoms we have a new emergency light in the Belcher room. We also have applied roof truss signs over three of our entrances to be compliant with FD code. Though not a finding from the FD inspection, the Ransoms also repaired broken electrical conduit running to our main A/C unit. Just to repair the A/C conduit took hours identifying the breakers for the unit!

This summer, during MyCalling!, the youth weeded, sanded and re-stained the gaga pit. The youth also replaced the roof on the youth storage shed. A big THANKS to the youth and adult leaders of MyCalling! for making our property look great!

And most recently we had the Nursery outside door lock repaired. Matt continues to work in room 005 and once finished he will turn his attention to some damaged ceiling tile in room 208. There's always something at the church that needs attention.

MyCalling! Mission Experience! Students work to beautify and repair projects on the church property.



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? Check out the calendar on our website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org

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



SWEET MOMENTS

A TURTLE-PACED FAMILY NIGHT

- Build your own dessert turtle
- Play slow motion, hilarious games
- Learn the theme for the year
- Spend time with others and close in prayer for the year ahead!



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st @ Yardley UMC

Wednesday September 17th Welcome Back Wednesday for God Squad, 4, 5 & 6th & Youth Group!

We are back! We can't wait to see you Wednesday September 17th for kick off night!



All are invited!
Sunday September 21st 6:30-8pm
Attention all Kids, Youth, Parents, Siblings & Church Family!



Sunday School Kick Off!!

Children's Sunday school kicks off on Sunday Sept 7th!

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend fall Sunday school. Children enter the worship service with their family and are then dismissed to class from the worship service. We are beginning our fall Sunday school lessons at the beginning - "God creates the world." Children will enjoy engaging lessons, crafts, games, and will have fun learning about God and his beautiful creation. We look forward to seeing you all!



MyCalling! Mission experience teams pray as they get ready to go to their various work sites.



Girls' retreat—Ocean Grove, NJ



MyCalling! Mission experience included a visit to a nursing home to enjoy activities with the residents.

**Sunday September 7th we kick off SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

All kids K-5th grade are invited to a time set aside just for them to learn and discuss stories in the Bible!

Arrive in the 9:30am Worship service and you will be led from there to your room!

Wednesday Sept 10th 5:30pm-7:30pm**Clean up the Youth Rooms & Pray!**

Youth are invited to roll up their sleeves and prepare their space for the year ahead. We will also pray for the building. Pizza dinner will be provided. (We will eat while we clean!)

YOUTH ROOMS**CLEAN UP AND PRAY****Wednesday September 17th 5:30-7:30pm**

Youth Group, 4th, 5th & 6th grade group & God Squad Return!

Sunday September 21st 6:30-8pm**Attention all Kids, Youth, Parents, Siblings & Church Family!****Sweet Moments: A Turtle-Paced Kick Off Night!**

Slow down, hang out, eat ridiculous desserts, and catch the new theme for the year.

Turtle Dessert Bar – all the toppings, no judgment.

Slow-Mo Showdowns – race your friends... slower.

Theme Reveal

Spend time with other youth & families and kick off this year with prayer! Yardley UMC Fellowship Hall

Introducing the Leaders of Our Kids, Youth & Families Ministries!

It takes a creative and amazing group of leaders to lead our kids, youth & families ministries!

We are so excited about the team God has called together for this year!

We always have opportunities to serve on this team! If you would like more information, please ask Denise Harris!

Our Kids, Youth & Families Ministries has a place for YOU!

Please hold these leaders in your prayers as we start this year and as we move forward!

LORD, lead us!

SUNDAY AM TEAM

Laura Ransom

WEDNESDAY TEAM**Registration & Food Leaders**

Pam McCreery, Kim Schettino, Linda Miske, Erica Asare, Sally Edwards, Betsy Sanford

GOD SQUAD LEADERS

Laura Ransom, Mary Ellen Eckman, Paula Nelson

4, 5 & 6th GRADE LEADERS

Christine Griffin, Steve Griffin, Denise Harris

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Nancy Binder, Cindy Pirog, Josh Schettino, Dave Green, Denise Harris



Praying for our schools

Thank you to everyone that showed up or prayed in their own way! Our kids & youth are active in 13 schools: 5 Elementary schools, 4 middle schools and 4 high schools.

During the week of August 18th, each school was visited and prayed for. While we stood in the parking lot of each school, we listed the names of our kids & youth that would be attending this fall. We prayed for them, their parents and all the students, teachers, staff and parents connected to each school.

It was a moving experience to be on each campus as we prayed and to receive emails, texts and phone calls from our congregation sharing that they would be praying!

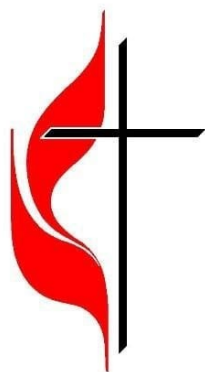
This new school year brings excitement, fear, growth and anxiety. It was a gift to pray for this year and we invite everyone to continue to pray for our schools as this year gets underway!



**PRAYERS FOR OUR
ELEMENTARY KIDS!**



*More photos on next
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Charge
Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be at YUMC on October 28th @ 6 pm with Rev. Gabe Lopez, Director of Social Impact & Belonging. All are encouraged to attend.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events

Worship each Sunday:

9:30 am in person and on Facebook Live

9:30 am Sunday School (starts 9/07)

11 am on ZOOM

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

Youth, 4, 5, 6th & God Squad, Wed, 5:30 (starts 9/17)

September

10 Youth Rooms Clean up & Pray, 5:30 pm

14 Trustees, 12:30 pm via ZOOM

15 Ad Council, 7:30 pm

17 God Squad, 4, 5 & 6th & Youth Group starts, 5:30 pm

18 The Chosen Bible Study Starts, 7:30 pm

21 Sweet Moments Children, Youth & Adults gathering

22 Oct/Nov Newsletter deadline

23 Pub Theology, 7 pm, Continental Tavern

October

4 Blessing of the Pets, 1:30 pm

7 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-7 pm

11 PUMPKINS ARRIVE

12-31 Pumpkin Patch

28 Charge Conference 7:30 pm



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