

Tidings

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Autumn Events!



Congregational Fire pit is Friday, October 29th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to gather outside, relax and catch up with church friends. Hot dogs, salad & dessert will be served. Rsvp by October 27th by calling the church office, 215-493-3345, or by going to the church website: www.yardleyumc.org/events.

Help Needed for Blowing and Raking Leaves on Sat, Oct 30, 9 am to noon

Did you know we have 22 trees on the church property? The trees around the church building will be losing their leaves soon, and on **Saturday, October 30th**, we'll need "all hands on deck" to move the leaves out to the street, so the township can pick them up. The church will be busy that day, since it will be the last day of our Pumpkin Patch (which will also need some volunteers) and the day that we need as many volunteers as possible to handle this leaf movement. Please mark your calendars and come that morning with your rake or leaf-blower to help out from 9:00 to noon. Many hands make light work, and we'll need as many hands as possible to clean up our church's property, so it looks good through the winter.



YUMC is raising funds for mission:

Pumpkin Unloading: Help needed for unloading the truck and setting up the patch. Please sign up and bring wheelbarrow if you have one. Sign up by going to www.yardleyumc.org/events or call the church office at 215-493-3345.

Pumpkin Patch:
October 17-31 noon to dusk

The patch is a fundraiser for both youth mission trips next summer AND local missions through YUMC Mission Committee.



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Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 am in Sanctuary*
11:00 am Zoom and Facebook

*All are welcome to on-site
worship. It has been recommended by
the CDC that all wear a mask indoors.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was recently cleaning out some paperwork when I ran across a code of ethics I had to sign when I was a chaplain. I thought it worth sharing with you.

-I respect the dignity of myself and other persons as the basis of all my relationships.
-I believe that each individual is different, unique, and has something of value to offer.
-I shall, with the help of God, aim to learn from my contact with other individuals and share with them the time and talent God gives me.
-I recognize that my greatest gift to another person is to offer him or her opportunities to develop and exercise their own gifts.
-I shall base my relations with others on their qualities as individual human beings, without distinction as to race or creed or economic or social status.
-I will ask God's help in all these endeavors.

While designed for the hospital setting, I think the code of ethics translates well to us here in the congregational setting. May we indeed ask God for help in all these endeavors!

Please take a moment to mark your calendars for Friday, October 29th at 6:30 pm for fellowship and fun around the fire pit. Everyone is invited to share some hotdogs and get to know one another a little better. I look forward to seeing you there.

And speaking of seeing you there, why do we commit to faithfully attending church each and every week? Because, God is waiting there for us and I believe that corporate worship is at the core of how we know God and one another.

See you at church!
In love and hope,
Pastor Marcia



Birthdays in October

01 Calvin Winters	20 Jessie Shaffer
05 Matthew Croggon	21 Peggy Guenzel
06 William Sands, Jr.	21 Elizabeth Miller
07 Julia Ransom	24 Jennifer Potash
10 Debbie Van Aken	24 Janice Laba
12 Ruth Logan	24 Phil Mitchell
16 Jack Reed	26 Dave Whalen
16 Richard Edwards	27 Christi Rowley
17 Diana Hachoose	28 Bob Smith
18 Emily Heinz	30 Emily Grace
19 Daniel Hyland	30 Christine Griffin
19 Nancy Scurlock	31 Krista Chassen



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 Patrick McBrayer	19 Connie Kellenbez
01 Scott Hoerl	19 Ann Scherer
02 Francesca Beavers	23 Steve Kyle
02 Ben Pirog	23 Ann Skinner
03 Abigail Fernandez	25 Stephanie Moser
04 Mark Eppley	26 Claire Luce
07 Lem Guloy	27 Ryan Ransom
08 Paige Habgood	27 Matthew Lipton
10 Zachary Sawyer	29 Richard Hachoose
18 Brian Bromberg	30 Hunter Shaffer

John Wesley's Rule

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.



Note: Although we traditionally attribute this saying to John Wesley, there is no evidence that Wesley ever actually said it. Still, Wesley's Rule has been a popular saying among United Methodists for decades and serves as a great summary of how to live our lives in response to Wesley's second General Rule, "Do Good."

Charge Conference Nov 10, 2021

Each year, the official business of the church, including the Pastor's salary and the leadership roster is approved at Charge Conference. The date this year is November 10 at 6:45 pm via ZOOM. All are welcome to attend.



Sally, Jenny and Diane were 3 of the volunteers at the blood drive.

YUMC hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on September 28.

Thank you to those who donated blood at the blood drive. Also thank you to the volunteers who helped with the blood drive: Diane Kreger, Sally Haywood, Sally Edwards, Pam McCreery, Jenny Lefebvre, and as always, Nancy Scurlock. We obtained 33 units at the blood drive for those in need of blood.

God is doing amazing things!

by Denise Harris, Youth Director

It's easy to get discouraged in every area of our lives right now. It seems like every time we move forward, we take two steps back. It can be difficult to see anything good when we are surrounded by frustration.

So, I want to pause right now and celebrate the things God is doing in and through the kids and youth ministries.

God Squad has returned! After a very long pause, God Squad is back! We are meeting outside and enjoying every minute of it! One of the greatest things about God Squad on Wednesdays is watching the kids arrive. From the first night back, they are all smiles, happy to reunite with their friends and leaders. Each week, the kids that show up enjoy playing together, eating the best pizza around and learning lessons about God.

Each week, the kids that show up are interacting with their leaders and their peers in a safe place where they can be themselves. As the kids leave God Squad each night, they leave knowing they are valued and loved by their peers, leaders and the church. **God is doing amazing things with our God Squad!**

Youth Group returned the same night. We are back to meeting outside after a little summer break. It is good to be back! Every week we have a different group of teens arrive. Every week, the most amazing thing to watch is the way the youth interact together. Seniors in high school having an in depth conversation with sixth graders, one high schooler playing games with four middle school youth and a youth with social anxiety feeling at home. It is awesome to witness!

Every Wednesday, no matter who comes, the youth can count on playing a game, eating pizza and having discussions about their faith and their every day lives. Every Wednesday, our youth leave knowing that they have been heard and seen by others. **God is doing amazing things with our Youth Ministry!**

God has also brought together an amazing group of adults to lead these kids and youth. It takes a team of eight adults to care for every aspect of meetings during a pandemic. These adults work hard to keep our groups safe and comfortable. These adults are present every week ready to serve and interact with our young people. God is using them to help each young person know their worth each week. **God is doing amazing things through our Wednesday evening adults!**

While the faces may vary each week, there is one thing that never changes.

GOD IS DOING AMAZING THINGS AT YARDLEY UMC! PRAISE GOD!



On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Administrative Council of YUMC voted to approve notification procedures for possible exposure to Covid 19.

If you have tested positive for Covid 19 and have been in our church building at least a week prior to testing positive, please contact Pastor Marcia at 215-499-3351 or Nancy in the church office at 215-493-3345 to let us know.

Your medical information will be kept private.

This notification will be sent to only those individuals who could have been exposed.

Our contact tracing includes maintaining attendance records of who is in worship each and every Sunday.

[Sample] Notification of Possible Exposure

Our church has been notified that an individual who was present at our church on [MM/DD/YYYY] has tested positive for COVID-19. From our records, we are separately notifying everyone we know who may have had close contact with the individual that day about the possibility of exposure. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, or other symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider about COVID-19 testing. If you do test positive, please contact Pastor Marcia or Nancy in the church office, so the church can determine if any other people need to be contacted. As always, YUMC will protect all personal medical information and not use the names of those who have tested positive.

Sincerely,

Yardley United Methodist Church

Covid 19 Policy and Procedures for Yardley UMC 9/20/2021**Objective:**

To define the Policies and Procedures that YUMC will use during the Covid 19 Pandemic to keep staff, church members and visitors safe.

Policy:

Concerning Covid 19 policies, YUMC will abide by the recommendations expressed by the United Methodist Church Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and will take into account the recommendations from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Health Department. Any significant changes to these policies will be brought up to the Administrative Council and decided by a majority vote.

Procedures and Preventative Measures:

1. The building must undergo routine cleaning by a cleaning service or a sexton, who's responsibilities are provided in a job description.
2. When and if masks are mandated by our governing bodies, then we will move to comply. We do still suggest that church service attendees be social distanced from those not in their "family or bubble" group.
3. Masks will be made available for those who have forgotten theirs.
4. Hand sanitizers will be provided in the church pews and at the church entrances.
5. Attendees of church services will fill out the blue cards provided in the bulletin with their names and date of attendance. This will be used as a confirmation of attendance in case someone in attendance is confirmed to have Covid 19, and they will be kept for at least 3 months.
6. If someone does have a positive test for Covid 19, it should be reported immediately to the Pastor, who will initiate the Notification Process to those attendees that have possibly come in close contact with that person. The name of the person who has tested positive will not be released to the general public.
7. Individual Communion packets will be used for Communion and offering plates will not be passed, but will be available at the church exits. Giving online or by mail will be promoted.
8. Speakers will use their individual microphones and they will be properly cleaned after the service.
9. If masks are mandated by our governing bodies, they can be removed by speakers and choir members if they stay at least 6 feet from others.

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10. Signs must be posted at the church entrances concerning any mask or social distancing policies.
11. If someone is not feeling well, they should be encouraged to stay home and attend worship online.
12. When and if masks are mandated by our governing bodies, any outside groups and church groups using classrooms or the Fellowship Hall should wear masks when entering the building. When seated and socially distanced, they can remove their masks.
13. Outside groups should be asked to take attendance at every meeting for contact-tracing purposes and keep the attendance sheets for at least 3 months.

Notification Procedures:

(See notification procedures at the beginning of this article)

Contract tracing of the individual should go back a minimum of one week before the test showed positive results.

The area/s where the person visited should be cleaned thoroughly, using disinfecting wipes for all surfaces, and the area should remain unused for 4 days, to ensure any potential virus has been eliminated.

Questions:

Any questions concerning these procedures should be addressed to the church staff.

Updates:

Updates to this policy will be made as needed, and approved by the Administrative Council.



The Food Drive Continues: No Purple Bags, but yes to food donations for Penndel Food Pantry. In September, through your generosity, a total of 151 pounds of food was delivered to a grateful Penndel Food Pantry. Since 2016, YUMC has delivered 14,432 pounds of food to the food pantry. Even though the country is beginning to get back to normal, many people will still be facing food insecurities. So do not worry about purple bags or when to drop the food off, just bring it with you any time and place it in the shopping cart in the lobby of the church. (If the church is not open when you bring your donations, you may leave them at the top of the ramp.)

Thank you to all who have made their tithes and gifts in person, by mail or on line. During the church worship service, there are offering plates by the door for your offering. Please continue your regular giving to the church during this difficult time. Your faithful giving allows us to continue the ministry of YUMC.

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 to <https://www.yardleyumc.org/give>

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

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? 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. 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

Pumpkins arrive Oct 16, 3 pm!

Pumpkin Patch Oct 17-31

Sign up for all things pumpkin at
www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events

Your participation benefits
your mission trip



All youth, parents and interested adults should join us on **October 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm** on ZOOM to find out about this year's mission trips.

Access the ZOOM link here:

<https://linktr.ee/Yardleyumc>

MyCalling!: Yardley UMC

Our Middle School Students (open to youth 5th grade- high school) and High School Leaders will participate in MyCalling!: Yardley UMC **July 10-14th** (High School Leaders attend July 9). We will sleep, play and eat at YUMC, while spending our days serving in several different project in Pa and NJ. Friends are welcome to join in! **Sign up early to take advantage of fundraisers.**

Next Step Ministries: South Dakota

Our High School students and Young Adults will be going to Pine Ridge Reservation **July 24-30th**. We will spend the week serving the people and ministries of the reservation. We will learn about the past and present stories and people of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe.

This trip is open to all youth currently entering 8th grade-college age.

Parents, Friends and church members are welcome to join this once in a lifetime experience! **Sign up early, to participate in the fundraisers.**

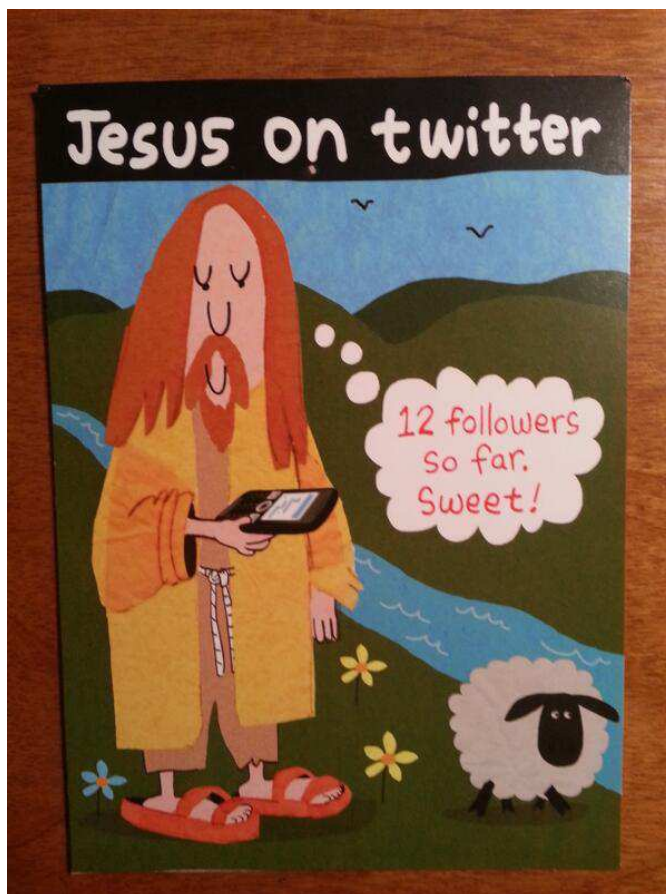
Prayer blanket making will take place at Youth Group and God Squad on Wednesday, November 10. Join us!

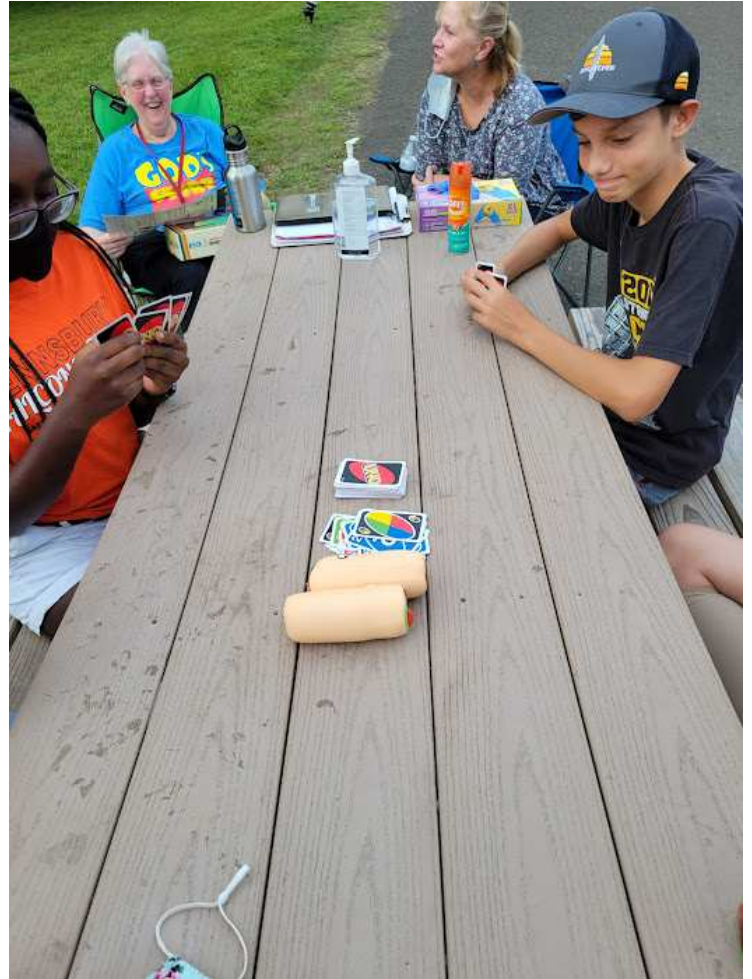


YOUTH GROUP



Sign up to help in the patch so you can raise funds for your mission trip. Proceeds benefit mission trips and missions through our Mission Committee.





YOUTH GROUP MEETS



WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7:30



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events

*Youth Group & God Squad meet each Wed at 5:30 pm

October

- 4 SPRC Zoom, 6 pm
- 5 Mission Trip Info Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10 Trustees Zoom, 12:15 pm
- 11 Finance Zoom, 6 pm
- 11 Faith Formation Zoom, 7:30 pm
- 16 Pumpkin Unloading 3 pm
- 17-31 Pumpkin Patch
- 18 Ad Council Zoom, 6 pm
- 29 Congregational Firepit, 6:30 pm
- 30 Leaf Raking 9 am to noon

November

- 3 Pumpkin Chuckin, 6 pm
- 8 Finance Zoom, 6 pm
- 10 Charge Conference SPRC Zoom, 6 pm
- 10 Charge Conference Zoom, 6:45 pm
- 14 Trustees Zoom, 12:15 pm
- 15 Ad Council Zoom, 6 pm
- 21 Newsletter Deadline



Congregational Firepit

Fri, Oct 29 6:30 pm
Hot Dogs, Salad, Dessert
R.s.v.p. by Oct 24

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