



Tidings

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Please join us this Advent Season

Advent Study Series

"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem"
Thursday afternoons 1-3 pm Dec 5, 12, 19

Hanging of the Greens Service

Sunday, December 8 at 9 and 11 am
Worship with special words, music and symbols in the season of waiting for Christ's birth. Congregational participation encouraged.

Advent Night & Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, December 8 at 4:45 pm
This is a church-wide event, all are invited.

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 15 at 10 am and noon
Fundraiser for Mission Trips

Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Sunday, December 22 at 9 and 11 am

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Family Service

- Carols, stories and candlelighting -
All children who attend are invited to take part in an impromptu Christmas nativity story as an angel, sheep or shepherd.

10:00 pm Candlelighting Service

- Christmas Carols, Choirs and Candlelighting -

Sunday after Christmas

December 29 One Worship Service at 10 am
- One Room Sunday School during service -



Church-wide Advent Night Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, December 8, 2019

4:45 to 7:00 pm

Dinner is at 5:00 pm



Advent season is here! Come celebrate the arrival of this special season with your YUMC family!

Everyone is invited to a fun-filled event for our entire YUMC church family. The evening begins with a pot luck supper. Please bring your favorite dish to share. After dinner we will enjoy group games and crafts. We will also make cards for homebound folks. There will be coffee, dessert and social time. Please join us. There will be fun and fellowship for people of all ages.

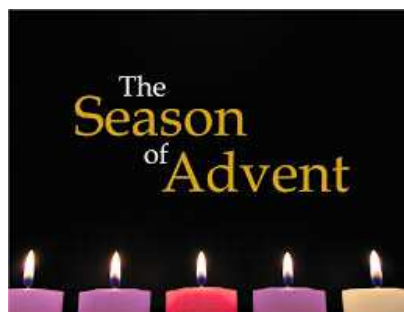


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Sunday Mornings

9 a.m. Celeb. Service & SS for
Preschool to Gr. 5
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour and
SS for Youth & Adults
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service



The shops are filled with Christmas decorations and Thanksgiving is still a week away as I write, but in the church we hold off celebrating Christmas to honor the season of Advent. Waiting is not easy, and we are a culture of people who crave instant gratification, which is all the more reason to discipline our spiritual selves by slowing down and appreciating the time between now and Christmas. As the pace accelerates, resist the trend. Try to savor each aspect of holiday preparation, as simple or elaborate as you make it. If you bake, include a prayer in every stir. If you shop, give thanks for the loved ones who will receive your gifts. If you decorate, enjoy the colors and whimsy of tree ornaments and holiday figures. Remember to include those less fortunate in your budgeted gift giving. Surprise someone who's not expecting a gift or card from you. Pray for everyone who is miss-

ing a loved one this year. In everything you do, honor Jesus, the One whose birth we celebrate. Don't lose sight of the lessons we learn from his humble birth, simple life, expansive love and deep faith. Travel with me towards the manger while we take the time to enjoy the season in a variety of activities and special worship services at church. When the joyful day of Christmas finally arrives, it will have been worth the wait. I wish you and your family a wonderful Advent and Merry Christmas.

-Pastor Cyndi



Honoring the Past...
Celebrating the Present...
Building the Future.

Thank you for your generous response to the fall pledge campaign. During November, the Vision and Stewardship team reminded the church that we should celebrate our illustrious history and the mothers and fathers of our faith who started and helped grow our church. We were invited to give thanks for everyone's gifts in the church that we have in the present. Finally, we were encouraged to lean on God's promises for our future as a vital and significant witness, serving God and God's people in our community and beyond.



Church Keepsake ornaments and mugs for sale

The Trustees have created 3 unique new gifts for you to share with family and friends this Christmas while helping the church with your purchase: two Christmas ornaments and a ceramic mug all showing a beautiful photo of the front of our church. These items will be on sale Sunday mornings in the lobby. The cost will be \$10 for the round, white ceramic ornaments, \$15 for the deluxe gold-rimmed ornaments, and \$10 for ceramic mugs with the church photo. With thanks to George Kellenbenz for his expertise in designing these special mementos of the church we all love.

*Do you need a Pack n Play?
Ginny Lavanish has one that she
is willing to give to new parents
or grandparents. Talk to Ginny or
email her at
vlavanish@verizon.net .*

Birthdays in December



04 David Hunt	19 Doris Wilkes
05 Charlotte Sands	19 Stephen Griffin
06 Linda Rowley	19 William Binder IV
06 Nancy Amweg	20 Latajia Cox
07 Julianna Griffin	23 Peg Boysen
08 Emilie Croggon	24 Eve Moody
09 Catie Rymer	27 Dave Chassen
10 Sara Carpenter	27 Reagan Ward
14 David Green	28 Megan Kyle
14 Christopher Moody	30 Ginny Lavanish
15 Kim Laba	30 Elena Hurni
17 Greg Van Aken	31 Thomas Lefebvre

Need cookies for Christmas?
Come to the Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 16th at 10 a.m. and noon. The mission teams will be busy baking for you! You will receive a container and you will walk around a table full of cookies to choose. Your donation will benefit the youth



ministry and this summer's mission trips.



Birthdays in January

04 Charlene Bray	15 Cindi Harris
04 Ted Pirog	16 Ferdinand Salapong
06 Annelise Zygmunt	21 Margaret Moshinsky
07 Ashlee Smith	21 Kim Hart
07 Andrew O'Keeffe	23 Ian Croggon
07 Peter O'Keeffe	26 Charles Guenzel
07 Raymond Kooker	27 Kristen Marco
10 Dick Jensen	27 Chase Marco
11 Erich Kaiser	28 Chris Ortolf
11 Marian Sitko	29 Maureen Kyle
12 Carol Muller	30 Elizabeth Nunziato
13 Emily Zygmunt	
14 Connor Reed	



POWER Bucks launches campaign for Fair Funding in Education

Over 200 people from more than 20 diverse faith communities in Bucks County, including YUMC gathered recently for the launch of the new campaign for fair funding in education in Pennsylvania. The initiative arose as a positive response to the tragic shooting at the Pittsburgh synagogue last year. POWER Bucks will join an ongoing effort already begun by other POWER chapters to give every child in Pennsylvania an equal chance to get a good education, regardless of where they live. There will be ongoing actions that everyone can do. See Joyce Lee or Pastor Cyndi for information.



*We rejoice with these recently
married couples!*

*Katelyn VanderGast & Matthew Hyland
8/17/19*

*Emily Merrick & Mike Perlstein
9/21/19*

*Ashlee Smith & Robbie Beyer
10/19/19*

*Janelle Richardson & Jonathan Quezada
11/09/19*

GOD SQUAD

The Wednesday night God Squad kids had an amazing November. Our November focus was on thankfulness. The children not only described what they are thankful for, but they also talked about how to find thankfulness in times that are difficult and how to express our thankfulness to others.

God has is showing his faithfulness to our church. In the month of November we have welcomed six new kids on Wednesday nights!





**Fri,
Dec. 6
5-8 pm**



SAVE THE DATE - December 6th...Our second annual **Parents Night Out** will be held on Friday, December 6th from 5-8 pm at the church. Children age newborn to 12 are invited to an evening of food, movie, crafts and games. Pajamas are suggested for this event and dinner will be served. Parents get to have the night off. Make plans to go to dinner, do last minute Christmas shopping, wrap gifts, nap, etc. It is a **FREE** night for you. Your children will be well taken care of by adults in the church. All adults interested in helping, please confirm your availability. Contact Cindi Harris at czharris@verizon.net or 215-499-8140. Parents - Please sign up by contacting Cindi as noted above. We will need to know your child(ren)'s name, age and any dietary restrictions by Monday, December 2nd. We look forward to having even more fun than last year!



Wrap up By the Numbers



- 45** people were in attendance
- 11** different projects were worked on:
- 3** Benches were assembled for outside the Food Pantry
- 25** Blessing Bags were prepared for the needy
- 41** Diabetic Bags were prepared for the sick
- 41** Hygiene Bags were prepared for the needy
- 45** Cards were written for Shut-ins
- 64** Cookie Bags (2 cookies in each one) were prepared for TASK
- 65** Cards were written and colored for the Prisoners
- 71** half-gallon bags of dog & cat food to stretch out the budgets for Food Pantry patrons.
- 175** Ibuprofen packs were prepared for the sick
- 230** Tums packs were prepared for the sick
- 999** packages of Flatware were prepared for the hungry
- 5730** diapers were wrapped for needy families

On October 20, 2019, we gathered in Fellowship Hall for Service Sunday.

Our actions will reach out to many of the needy, the sick, the hungry and those in prisons.

As Jesus would say, "Well done, good and faithful servants!" (Matt 25:23)



For more Service Sunday Photos, see p. 11



Angel Tree

Please help support the families of Bucks County Housing Group this Christmas with a **\$25 Gift Card to either Target or Walmart**. Simply purchase a Gift Card and return it to the church office by **December 15th**. If you would like to add a note or sign your first name to your Angel and attach it to the Gift Card you are welcome to do so! We have promised to provide at least 45 Gift Cards this year, so every donation is appreciated!



Thanksgiving Thanks!

Thanks to all who donated food for Morrisville UMC's Community Thanksgiving dinner...working together creates an abundance of blessings!



YUMC's Mission Committee creates opportunities for our church to live out our faith. We are passionate about mission ministries and the call to serve. This is an Open Invitation to one and all who would like to join us in planning YUMC's mission activities throughout the year! Please see Janice Laba or Kelly Rymer for more information.



We Feed His Flock

Penndel Food Pantry, one of two run by Bucks County Housing Group, continues to receive a lot of support from YUMC. Our next collection of food items for the pantry will be January 5, 2020. Donations to the pantry generally slow down after the holidays but the need stays the same. Please add an item or two during your shopping trips for the purple bag collection in January and February.

Anything you would use in your kitchen is needed, but here are some suggestions:

- canned meats such as tuna, chicken, and salmon.
- canned fruit and vegetables
- beans, canned or dried, split peas and lentils
- grains, pasta, rice, or quinoa
- baking needs: cake mix, flour, or sugar

Donations can be brought to the church lobby.



Winter MyCalling! Jan.17-19, 2019



Yardley UMC will be hosting the 3rd annual Winter MyCalling! from Friday to Sunday of MLK Weekend! Students from a variety of different churches and denominations will spend the weekend living, serving, and worshipping with Yardley UMC as home base. Groups will be invited to attend service with the congregation at Yardley UMC on Sunday morning.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us in worship on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We are still looking for volunteers to serve as Site Directors, Kitchen Staff, food donations, etc. For more information please visit our website at www.mycallingministries.com and click on the winter button. Thank you all for your continued support. God is Good! All the Time!



*Photos from last year's
Winter MyCalling!*

ADULTS IN MISSION

MYCALLING! MINISTRIES

ATTENTION Service minded adults!!

Do you feel called to missions but don't have the time, resources or desire to travel and sleep on floors in order to do that?

We have just the solution for you!

Adults in mission will begin on Martin Luther King Saturday - Jan 18, 2020

What is that you ask?

Adults in mission is a mission project designed for specifically for adults only teams. The locations and projects are TBD but will most likely be inner city.

Participants will get an awesome t-shirt, a delicious bag lunch, and a hearty dinner. All adults can also join the youth for a rousing praise service after dinner...and then go home to their own beds.

All this for only \$20!

Interested??

Visit the website page below for more information and to sign up!

<https://www.mycallingministries.com/adults-in-missions>

If you have any questions, contact Joy Boysen
jboysen145@gmail.com, 609-240-8690



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

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



C H R I S T M A S

**Progressive Dinner
& Lock-in**

Dec 6-7 5:30



We had a blast last year! Don't miss this event!

Progressive Dinner & Lock-in is Dec 6-7. (Lock-in is optional) We'll meet at the church, at 5:30 pm, head out to a nursing home to distribute cookies, then head to houses for appetizers, main course & dessert. We will go back to the church for games, fun, Christians & Romans and a movie. This is a great night to get into the Christmas spirit! Friends welcome! Get out your Christmas sweaters and antlers...the Most Christmasy person will get a prize. Sign up!

Cookie Walk and Bake Sale Dec 15 at 10 am and noon



To get credit for this fundraiser, you must bake at least 2 dozen cookies AND help at the event.



DOING GOD'S WORK
with our hands
Mission Trip

Winter MyCalling!
Jan 17-19 at yumc
(see p. 7)

High School Mission Trip
July 25-Aug 2

MyCalling! Middle School Trip
July 12-16 at yumc



Ski trip Jan 31-Feb 2

Look for packets outside the youth room.



Pumpkin Unloading 2019!



OCT 2019 - All things PUMPKIN! Raising money for mission at home and away at the patch...and reaching out to the community with PumpkinPalooza & Trunk or Treat!





October Happenings



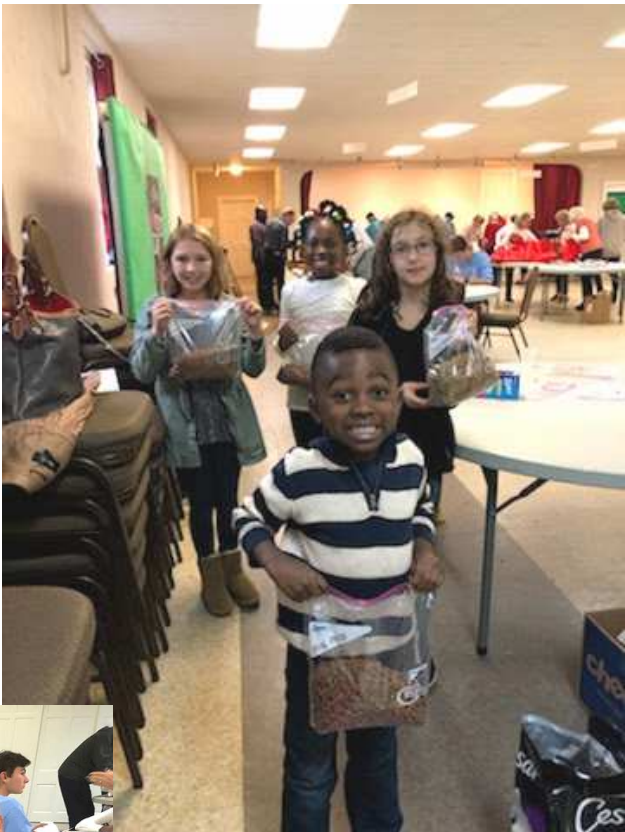
Youth Room
painting



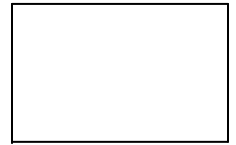
PumpkinPalooza &
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Speed Chatting



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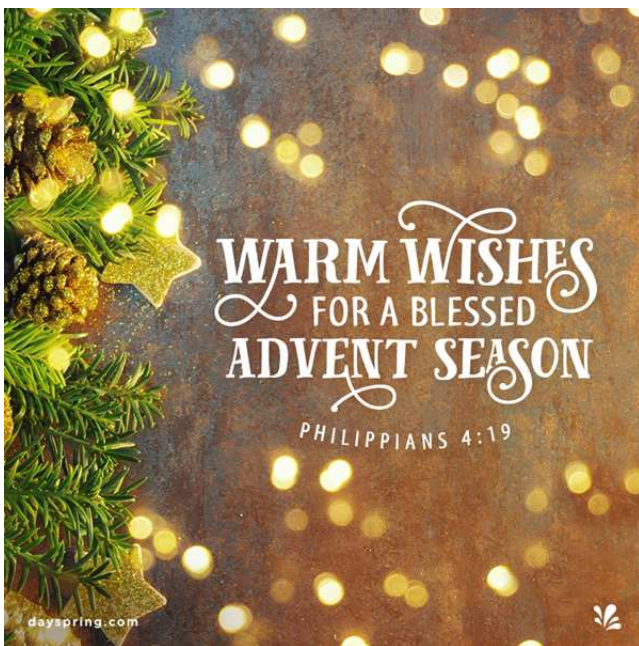
Upcoming Events

December

- 6 Parent's Night Out, 5-8 pm
- 6-7 Youth Progressive Dinner & Lock-in, 5:30 pm
- 8 Hanging of the Greens, 9 & 11 am
- 8 Advent Night Potluck Dinner, 4:45 pm
- 9 Administrative Council, 7:30 pm
- 11 Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, 9:30 am
- 15 Cookie Walk, 10 am & noon
- 19 Pub Theology
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services:
 - 5:00 pm Family Service
 - 10:00 pm Candlelighting Service
- 29 One Worship Service at 10 am
- Children's Sunday School

January

- 8 Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- 13 Administrative Council
- 17-19 Winter MyCalling!
- 18 Adults in Mission
- 30 Pub Theology
- 31-Feb 2 Ski Trip



December 2020