

Shippensburg First Church of God

SECOND
Sunday in Lent



Second Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2022



Attendance: Sunday, March 6, 2022		
8:30 a.m.	109 Sunday School	142
11:00 a.m.	69	
Total	178	

Community Night Attendance

Wednesday, March 9, 2022		
AWANA	43 Ladies in Step	9
Crossing Yo.	11 Fresh Start	8
Kinetics	13 Total	84

Greeters & The Gathering Place Hostesses

March 2022

Greeters

Don & Linda Tosten
John & Lois Breneman
The Gathering Place
Deb Heefner

Greeters

Jerry Swope & Leah Helm
The Gathering Place
Bernie & Cathy Eiswert

This Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Pastor Tom will continue the *Responding to God* series and will bring the message, *Reality of Ministry* taken from Romans 1:18-32.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. There are classes for all ages—one especially designed for you.

Building Fund Sunday. The entire Sunday School offering goes into this fund for the upkeep and updating of our facilities.

Kids' Worship during the 11 a.m. service in the lower level for children ages 2 and 3 and ages 4-Grade 5.



Youth Retreat: Along with youth from the Greenvillage Church of God, our youth and their leaders are attending a youth retreat at Doubling Gap Center. It will conclude today. The following youth and leaders are attending: **Youth:** Austin Alosi, Rylan Asper, Sara Cramer, Brianna Hall, Victoria Kalp, Peter Massara, Jaden Negley, Jordan Nell, Levi Pelow, Julia Rhodes, Zach Rhodes, Coen Rudy, Brynn Weber, Meredith Weber



Youth Leaders: Heather Negley, Jason Nell, Kelly Rhodes, Trevor Roberts. Please pray that they would draw closer to God and to one another.

Today's Flowers: One vase of flowers is presented by Glenn Lytle and family in loving memory of wife, mother, and grandmother, A. Louise Lytle.

Next Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Pastor Gary will bring the message, *Made to Be More* taken from Ephesians 2:1-10.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. There are classes for all ages—one especially designed for you.

Kids' Worship during the 11 a.m. service in the lower level for children ages 2 and 3 and ages 4-Grade 5.

Super Bowl Overtime Reveal Dinner

will be held at 5:30 p.m. down in the church's lower level. Sign-up sheets are in the classrooms and in The Gathering Place. If you haven't signed up, please do so as we need a count. Questions? Contact Cathy Eiswert.



2022 Easter Flowers Orders



This year, we are giving you the opportunity to order mums, large-flower azaleas, tulips, and daffodils. Sign-up information is on page 5 or you can sign up in the classes and in The Gathering Place. Orders are due by next Sunday, March 20th. If you have any questions, contact George Fritz.



Happenings This Week

Monday:

9:30 a.m.—*Women's Book Study* in the Annex.

6:30 p.m.—*Christian Education Committee Meeting* in Room 110.

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m.—*Outreach Committee Meeting* in Room 110

Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.—*Prayer Time* in Room 9 (lower level). Please consider joining us in this time of prayer. Questions? Contact Joyce Hornbaker.

6:30-8:00 p.m.—*Community Night*

Bringing
Christ
to the
COMMUNITY

- ✦ *Awana* for ages 2-Grade 5 in the lower level
- ✦ *The Crossing Youth* for Grades 6-12 upstairs of Crossroads Station
- ✦ *Ladies In Step* in Room 110. They are studying the book of James. **Contact** Joyce Hornbaker (joycehornbaker@gmail.com).
- ✦ *Fresh Start* meets in Room 105 studying a DVD series, *What on Earth Am I Here For?* by Rick Warren. It's a 6-week study led by Beverly Shumway (Beverly.shumway@yahoo.com).
- ✦ *Kinetics* is an interactive worship and Bible study that meets every Wednesday from August to May from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Annex. Bryce Pelow is leading a study of the Book of Mark.

8:00 p.m.—*Adult Choir Practice*

Thursday: St. Patrick's Day

6:00-8:00 p.m.—*Grief Share* in the Annex. More information can be found on page 3.

6:30 p.m.—*Elders' Meeting* in Room 105

Saturday



9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon—**FREE CPR/**

AED & First Aid Training is

being offered in the Annex. Stan Allen will be the teacher. It is strongly recommended that anyone working with youth and children and all Adult teachers take this training. Others encouraged to take this are Security Team members, and church leaders (Council and Leadership Team). Sign-up sheets are in the classrooms and in The Gathering Place. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Barnes.

1:00-3:00 p.m.—*Children's Ministries Roller*

Skating Party at Blue Mountain Roller Rink.

Children's Ministries is covering the cost for admission and skate rental. If you want snacks, you'll need to purchase them on your own. Questions? Contact Jeanette Roberts.



Missions Prayer Focus

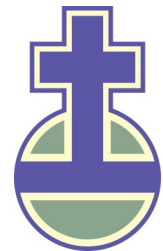


Missions Prayer Focus

March's Mission Focus is Ruth Douglas (a.k.a. Princess Little Feather). Ruth is a retired missionary for the United Indian Mission, Inc.

+Christian Symbol+

CROSS OF TRIUMPH—Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in His kingly office.





Friends at Home Ministry

The following of our Friends at Home will have a birthday in March, and we would encourage you to send them a greeting:



MRS RUTH MILLER
C/O CHAMBERS
POINTE MENNO
HAVEN
1425 PHILADELPHIA
AVE RM 501
CHAMBERSBURG PA
17201

March 21, 1920

MRS JOANNE DIEHL
1525 ROXBURY RD
SHIPPENSBURG PA
17257

March 26, 1934

**MRS ESTHER
CREAMER**
C/O SHOOK HOME
RM 202
55 S SECOND ST
CHAMBERSBURG PA
17201

March 31, 1924



MEALS FOR OUR FRIENDS @ HOME



Has your class or care group signed up to make a meal for our Friends at Home? The Outreach Committee as well as some classes and care groups have been making a meal for our Friends at Home on the second Friday of the month? Our

homebound friends have been so appreciative of the delicious meals.

The Outreach Committee would like to encourage Sunday School classes, committees, and care groups to partner with them and make a meal. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place. Questions may be directed to Cathy Eiswert or Chris Barnes.



Card Making

The next Card Making will be on Monday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex. We'll be making cards to send to our **Friends at Home**. Please join us as we fellowship together while we make cards. Questions? Contact Elaine Sampson or Lois Breneman.



Grief Share

GriefShare meets on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the Annex. It will run until May 19th. Facilitators are Phil and Bonnie Myers and Cherie Finkey. GriefShare is open to anyone experiencing grief due to loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join anytime throughout these dates.

Recipe—One-Dish Chicken Bake



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| 3 cups Stove Top Stuffing Mix for Chicken | 1 (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup |
| 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup hot water | $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sour cream, plain yogurt, or milk |
| 3 tbs. butter/margarine, cut up | |
| 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.) | |

Pre-heat oven to 375°F and grease a 12x8" baking dish. Stir stuffing mix with hot water and butter just until moistened. Set aside. Place chicken in prepared baking dish. Mix soup and sour cream. Pour over chicken. Top with stuffing. Bake for 35 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Makes 4 servings.

2022 Souper Bowl Overtime Collection Challenge—now through March 20th



Just one more week to bring in cans of soup and individual packets or cups of oatmeal only. The donations go to the Hound Packs to help feed those in our **communities!**

The soup drive runs **thru March 20, 2022 at noon. There WILL BE a dinner for our church family March 20th at 5:30 p.m. to reveal the winners. All are invited to eat and enjoy an evening of fellowship.** The Outreach Committee will be providing the meal. Sign-up sheets are located in the classrooms and in The Gathering Place.

FRIENDLY COMPETITION between our Sunday School Classes—
(YOUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES). Cans and oatmeal should be bought in through March 20th by noon. Put your



donations up front of the sanctuary (behind the cross) along the wall. There will be a clip board there, just write the amount you brought in on your classes' tally sheet under the date provided. Or take it to the church office and let them know which class and put the donations in Room 111. Any questions? Please call Cathy Eiswert at 717-860-8620. Thanks for your support! THE WINNING CLASS WILL RECEIVE a trophy and a celebration at a later date.

SCOUTING FOR LITERACY

BOOK DRIVE

Shippensburg, PA

I'm collecting books for my Eagle Scout Project. Help me by donating your new or gently used books!

WHEN: MARCH 1 - APRIL 15
CONTACT: AARON CULBERTSON
717-552-7763

Not Needed:
Encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, or VHS.
Books should be in readable condition
(Please, no ripped pages, mildewed, waterlogged, cigarette odor, or other poor condition)

Eagle Scout Project

Aaron Culbertson, 17, is a Life Scout and a junior at SASHS. He has been in scouting since he was six years old and is currently a Life Scout with Troop 120 in Shippensburg. Scoutmaster is Mike Rhodes. Tony Massara and Troy Shively are some of the other Scoutmasters in the troop.

Aaron's brother Joram earned his Eagle scout in 2017, with the Dykeman Pond Bridge Project.

“**Scouting For Literacy**” will be Eagle Scout Aaron Culbertson's project of a town-wide book exchange that will



FREE
CPR/AED TRAINING

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Annex

Free Training for...

- + Security Team Members
- + Teachers—Adult, Youth, & Children
- + Church leaders—Council, Leadership, etc.
- + Anyone wanting to learn

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Taught by Stan Allen.

Questions? Contact Steve Barnes.

Sign up in your classroom or in The Gathering Place by Sunday, March 20th.

collect, categorize, and make available free books to readers of all ages.

- 📖 Books will be collected through April 15. A bin is placed in the east entrance way (Crossroads Station side of the building).
- 📖 Donors with large quantities of books should contact Aaron directly at 717-552-7763 or Amy Culbertson at 717-446-7673 to arrange pickup.
- 📖 **Not needed:** Encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, VHS.
- 📖 Books should be in readable condition. Please, no ripped pages, waterlogged, mildewed, cigarette odor or damaged.
- 📖 Books will be sorted on April 16.
- 📖 Books will then be transported to all the school buildings. Librarians there will make books available to students.
- 📖 Remaining books will be transported to the Coy Library's Book Nook, which sells the materials at a reasonable price to benefit the local library.
- 📖 Scouting for Literacy is just in time for World Book Day April 23!





EASTER FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET

Please sign below if you would like to order Easter flowers. This year, we are giving you the opportunity to order mums, large-flower azaleas, tulips, and daffodils. Please indicate your preference of flowers and to whom you would like it in memory or honor. Please put one order per line. The cost is \$14.00 for 6"-pot azaleas, \$9.00 for potted mums, \$6.50 for tulips, \$7.00 for daffodils. Make checks payable to "First Church of God" and place check in Nancy Fritz's mailbox. Please place this form in Glenda Bistline's mailbox by March 20th. If you have any questions, contact George Fritz.

NAME	MUMS Assorted colors 6" pot \$9	LARGE- FLOWER AZALEAS 6" pot \$14	TULIPS Assorted Colors 6 bulbs \$6.50	DAFFODILS Yellow 6" pot \$7	IN		NAME OF PERSON IN MEMORY/HONOR
					MEMORY OF	HONOR OF	

Prayer for our Pastoral Search Team



**PASTORAL
SEARCH TEAM**

Pastor Gary and Pastor Tom invite you to partner with two other individuals to pray together once a week for our church and the Pastoral Search Team throughout this process. We ask that you come together

for about 10-15 minutes either in person or over the phone. We encourage you to pray with us in the following three ways:

- ✦ God's will to be done,
- ✦ God's guidance for the Search Team, and
- ✦ God to grant wisdom to the congregation and our leaders.

We ask that once you have selected your two prayer partners, one of you contact the church office (717.532.8421 or secretary@shipFCOG.org) and inform us.

We also encourage you to share with the Search Team things that God lays upon your heart. You are welcome to do that by talking to one of the members directly (Phil Ritchie, Troy Shively, Bethany Massara, Bonnie Myers, Joe Wenger, Staci Wickard, Pastor Tom, or Pastor Gary) or send an email to the entire team at search_committee@shipfcog.org.

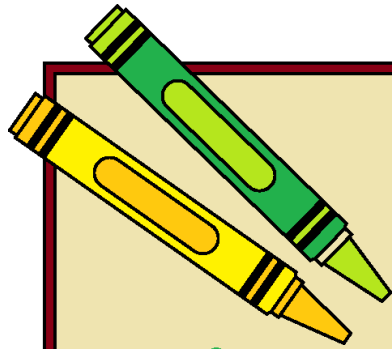
New Members, Baptism, & Child Dedication

In the near future we are planning the receiving of new members, a

Baptismal Service and Child Dedication. If you are interested in any of the aforementioned, please sign up on the sheets provided in The Gathering

Place. As soon as we find out who might be interested, we will set dates. Questions? Contact Pastor Gary.





Just for **KIDS**

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.

