

# Shippensburg First Church of God

FOURTH  
Sunday in Lent



Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 2022



**Attendance:** Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:30 a.m.	122 Sunday School	154
11:00 a.m.	69	
Total	191	

**Community Night Attendance**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022		
AWANA	36 Ladies in Step	9
Crossing Yo.	14 Fresh Start	3
Kinetics	15 Total	77

**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

**April 2022**

**Greeters**  
Anita Rickabaugh  
Connie Heberlig  
**The Gathering Place**  
Bonnie Frey

**Greeters**  
Zach Asper  
**Youth Greeters**  
April 3rd  
Rylan Asper—Jordon Nell  
**The Gathering Place**  
Chris Barnes

**This Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

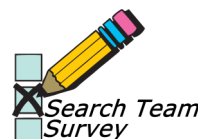
Pastor Tom will continue his series, *Responding to God* and will bring the message, *Revolutionary Lifestyle* taken from 2 Timothy 3:1-17.



**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.

**Search Team Survey:** At the end of both worship services a brief survey will be distributed to you. This survey will help us determine what personality characteristics we should look for. The start of Sunday School will be delayed until 10:00 a.m. so you will have enough time to complete it. The survey will also be available during the Sunday School hour and on Wednesday night, March 30. Additionally, it will be emailed next week for those who are not able to attend any of these times. We are very interested in your input, and we will use the survey results as we finalize the criteria for our pastoral search. Thank you, and as always, please share any insights with us.



**Next Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Worship Services** at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Pastor Tom will continue his series, *Responding to God* and will bring the message, *Praising God for Today* taken from Ezra 3:8-13.



**Child Dedication** during both morning services. If you'd like to have your child dedicated, please sign up in The Gathering Place if you have not



already done so.

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

**Get Connected Class:** Lisa Murphy leads this class in Room 206. It deals with helping you to learn more about our church, get connected to a Sunday School class, Care Groups, and other ministries our church has available.



Membership Class

**Church Membership Class:** If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, there will be a membership class in Room 205. Please sign up in The Gathering Place if you have not done so already.

**Pregnancy Ministries, Inc. Sunday:** If you would like to give towards the \$300 commitment we have made towards monthly rent for our local PMI, please place it in an envelope found on the back of the pew, mark it "PMI", and drop it in the offering basket in the center of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to *First Church of God*.

**CV Mission Offering.** The entire Sunday School offering next Sunday will go to the Cumberland Valley Missions Celebration for their special projects which all go to missions. More info about the celebration will be forthcoming.



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

**Today's Flowers** are presented by Garry & Delores Delancy and family in honor of the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 31<sup>st</sup> of mother and grandmother, Esther Creamer.

### Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers

We have many blank spaces on flower chart—a lot during April and May. We would encourage you to sign up on the chart posted in The Gathering Place. The cost is \$20/vase. You can order just one or both. Write your name on the calendar beside the date that you want and then complete a form and place it in Glenda Bistline's Church Secretary mailbox. Make checks payable to *First Church of God* and place it in Nancy Fritz's mailbox.



## Happenings This Week

### Monday:

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

### 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**

✦ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

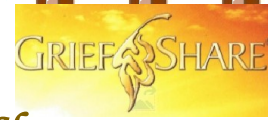
### Thursday:

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

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







## 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.



**April's Mission Focus** is Lois Ann Glessner who is Bible Adventure/CIA Training & Curriculum Coordinator at Joy El.

## 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 ESTHER CREAMER**  
C/O SHOOK HOME  
RM 202  
55 S SECOND ST  
CHAMBERSBURG PA  
17201`  
**March 31, 1924**



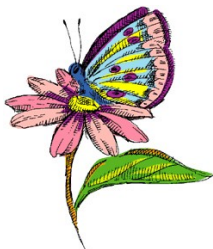
Has your class or care group signed up to make a meal for our Friends at Home? The Outreach Committee as well as some classes and care groups have been making a meal for our Friends at Home on the second Friday of the month?

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 Beverly Shumway 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.

## 2022 Souper Bowl Overtime Collection Challenge Results



**Thank you** for your generous support of our **Souper Bowl Overtime Collection Challenge** that supported the ministry of **Hound Packs**.

God will be blessing children in our community through your generosity in the 1,809 food items of soup and oatmeal packets donated.

Congratulations to the **Living Holy in Christ Sunday School Class** who donated 407 food items and to the **Berean Sons and Daughters Sunday School Class** who donated 298 food items. These two classes were the top contributors.

**A special thank you to the Outreach Committee** in their provision of a wonderful meal and time of fellowship.

We also want to **thank Cathy Eiswert** for her many years of sacrificial giving of her time and heart while leading this Committee.

**Beverly Shumway** will now be serving as the new chairperson.

## Prayer for Our 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](mailto: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](mailto:search_committee@shipfcog.org).

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

## 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!

## New Members, Baptism, & Child Dedication



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. The dates are as follows:

### April 3rd

- ✦ **Child Dedication**
  - ✦ **Church Membership Class**
- will be held during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. in Room 205.

### April 10th

- ✦ **Baptismal Service**



## From the Church Office



Just a reminder that if you give up your landline phone and are using cell phones only, please contact the office either by phone (717-532-8421) or Email to [secretary@shipfcog.org](mailto:secretary@shipfcog.org).



## Scholarship Fund

Were you aware that the church has a Scholarship Fund? The following is some information:



### Qualifications

- ✦ Applicant must testify to the fact that he or she has had a personal experience of salvation.
- ✦ Applicant must be active in the life of the Shippensburg First Church of God.
- ✦ Applicant must be a full-time student in a curriculum leading to full-time Christian service.
- ✦ Applicant must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average and submit the appropriate document to show the academic standing.
- ✦ Applicant must apply every year and may not qualify for scholarship for more than four years.
- ✦ Applicant must be planning to enter full-time Christian service after graduation.

### Application process

- ✦ Scholarship application will be processed only after the applicant submits the completed application to the Scholarship Trust Fund Committee by June 15.
- ✦ Applicant should be available to meet with Scholarship Trust Fund Committee for an interview between June 15 and August 1.
- ✦ Scholarship Trust Fund Committee will present to Christian Education Committee recommendations for scholarship recipient(s).
- ✦ The Christian Education Committee will then review the recommendations and make the final decision.
- ✦ Each scholarship recipient will be awarded up to \$800 depending on the availability of funds.
- ✦ An additional award is available for Church members. This amount will be determined by CEC.
- ✦ Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified of decision by August 15.
- ✦ New application must be submitted for each year the applicant desires to be considered for scholarship.

If the scholarship recipient is not in full-time Christian ministry after graduation, we encourage them to donate to the Scholarship Fund supporting future scholarship recipients.

Applications can be found in The Gathering Place in the drawer marked as such or you can call the church office.

## Personal Enrichment Seminar

You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on **Monday, April 4 from 6:30-8:00 pm** to hear his presentation on DVD.



**DeVon Franklin**, Producer, Author, Speaker; CEO of Franklin Entertainment

DeVon Franklin is an award-winning producer, best-selling author and spiritual success coach. *Beliefnet* named him one of the Most Influential Christians Under 40. He is CEO of Franklin Entertainment with 20th Century Fox and has produced the hit films *Miracles from Heaven*, *Heaven is for Real* and *The Star*. A *New York Times* best-selling author, his latest book is *The Truth About Men: What Men and Women Need to Know*. Franklin is dedicated to using his leadership and the media as a powerful tool to encourage millions of lives around the world.

God made you different than anyone else He created. It is okay to be different. DeVon wants to challenge us to embrace our difference and become all that God created us to be!

## On Vacation

Pastor Gary and Joyce are taking a vacation. Pastor Gary will be out of the office until March 30th. Please be in prayer for them as they travel.

**PASTOR'S  
VACATION  
DATES**

**March 22-  
29, 2022**



**Cookies Needed**

## Cookies Needed

**Sign Up to Bake Cookies for College Students Needed on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our church has the opportunity to reach out to the Shippensburg University Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers. They will be performing the Monday night after Easter, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We would love you to enjoy this concert and show your support.

The Outreach Committee is asking you to bake cookies for their rehearsal the week before, which will be the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

We thank you in advance for your support. You may take your delicious baked goods downstairs to the kitchen.

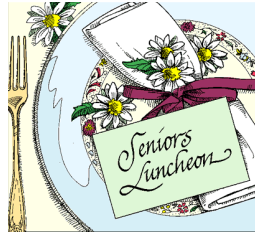
The Outreach Committee

## Busch Trust Fund Community Luncheon

On Saturday, April 23rd at 12 noon, there will be a free luncheon for seniors 60+ at South Newton Volunteer Fire Company, 16 Firehouse Road, Walnut Bottom. Attendees must be 60 or older and you must pre-register by April 17, 2022. The meal is funded by the Albert P. and Anna Busch Trust Fund.

To register, sign up in your classroom or in The Gathering Place or you can call the office. We want to give the church family the opportunity to attend before opening it up to the community.

Questions? Contact Pastor Gary.



## Recipe—Yum-Yum Pudding



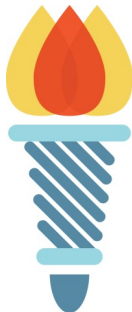
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| 60 Ritz crackers,    | 1½ cups milk         |
| crushed into         | 2 quarts vanilla ice |
| crumbs               | cream, softened      |
| ¼ lb. butter, melted | 1 (9 oz.) ctn. Cool  |
| 2 sm. pkgs instant   | Whip, thawed         |
| pudding              |                      |

Mix together cracker crumbs and butter to form a crust. Spread into a 9x13" cake pan. Mix milk and pudding until thick. Add ice cream into pudding mixture. Spread over top of cracker crust. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Spread Cool Whip on top before serving.

## +Christian Symbol+

### Torch

The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because He was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light. The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.



## True Friendship

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.



—William Arthur Ward

**APRIL**  
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**DAY**  
**Friday, April 1st**



## MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD



People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.



**Directions:** Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



- |                             |   |         |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|
| A type of horn              | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> | MURTEPT |
| Played by King David        | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _                              | PRHA    |
| Plucked to make sound       | _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _                        | IGSNSTR |
| Similar to a tambourine     | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _                        | MRBELIT |
| A type of harp              | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>                              | ELRY    |
| Blown through to make sound | _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _                              | EPPI    |
| A percussion instrument     | _ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _                        | YBLACMS |

Le\_ everyt\_ing tha\_ has \_r\_ath  
\_raise the \_ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV