

Shippensburg First Church of God



Fourth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2022



Attendance: Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:30 a.m.	129	Sunday School	168
11:00 a.m.	90		
Total	219		

Community Night Attendance

Wednesday, March 30, 2022		
AWANA	Ladies in	
Crossing Yo.	Fresh Start	
Kinetics	Total	0

Greeters & The Gathering Place Hostesses

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

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. Today, the following children will be presented by their parents:

Child

Parents

Owen Scott
Wesley Samuel /
Isabelle Grace

Christopher & Sally Hershey
Tom & Charlene McKibben

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 **today** 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 Ken & Bridgette Gettel in loving memory of her mother, Gretchen Kegerreis' birthday.

Next Sunday—Palm Sunday

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

Pastor Tom will continue his series, *Responding to God* and will bring the message, *Rejoice Greatly* taken from Zechariah 9:9-17.

Baptism is being planned.

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 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.

Altar Flowers



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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 you 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:

1:00 p.m. — Card Making in the Annex. We will be making cards for Easter and the month of May. Please join us for this time of fellowship as we make them for our Friends at Home members and friends. Questions? Contact Elaine Sampson or Lois Breneman.



6:30 p.m.—Personal Enrichment Seminar with DeVan Franklin. See page 4 for more details.

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).

✦ **Fresh Start** meets in Room 105 studying *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman. It's 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:

9:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study at Jesse Frey's.

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

Missions Prayer

Focus

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



Missions Prayer Focus

Friends at Home Ministry

📖 We have no April birthdays. But we encourage you to choose one of our Friends at Home and send them a card. Need an address, call the church office at 717-532-8421.

📖 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.





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.

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!

Baptismal Service

We are planning a Baptismal Service for April 10th. If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up in The Gathering Place.



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.

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!

Cookies Needed

Sign Up to Bake Cookies for College Students

Needed on Sunday, April 10th



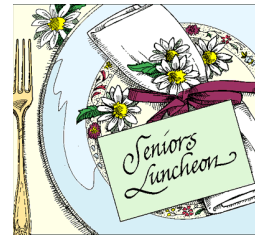
Our church has the opportunity to reach out to the Shippensburg University Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers. They will be performing the Monday night after Easter, April 18th at 7:30. We would love you to enjoy this concert and show your support.

The Outreach Committee is asking you to bake cookies for their rehearsal the week before, which will be the 11th 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—Coconut Cream Pie



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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 baked pie crust | $\frac{1}{2}$ salt |
| 2 cups milk | 3 eggs, separated |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coconut |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cornstarch | |

Pre-heat oven to 350°F. Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Add the beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Put milk and butter in a 2-quart saucepan. Add the egg yolks and sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat till thick, stirring constantly. Add coconut and stir till well blended. Pour into baked pie crust and cover with meringue. Sprinkle coconut over the meringue and bake till golden brown.

+Christian Symbol+

Doorposts

The image of a doorframe marked with blood comes from the Old Testament Passover account, when the Israelites prepared to flee slavery in Egypt. God directed them to slaughter lambs for a final meal and paint their doorposts with the blood. God sent the Angel of Death to kill the firstborn sons of Egypt, but the blood on the Israelites' doorposts served as a signal that the Destroyer should "pass over" those homes. Likewise, the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves us from eternal death.



Shippensburg University's
Concert Choir &
Madrigal Singers'

Spring Concert
under the direction of
Dr. Elizabeth Lins
Shoenfelt

Monday, April 18, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Shippensburg First
Church of God
121 E. King St.
Shippensburg, PA

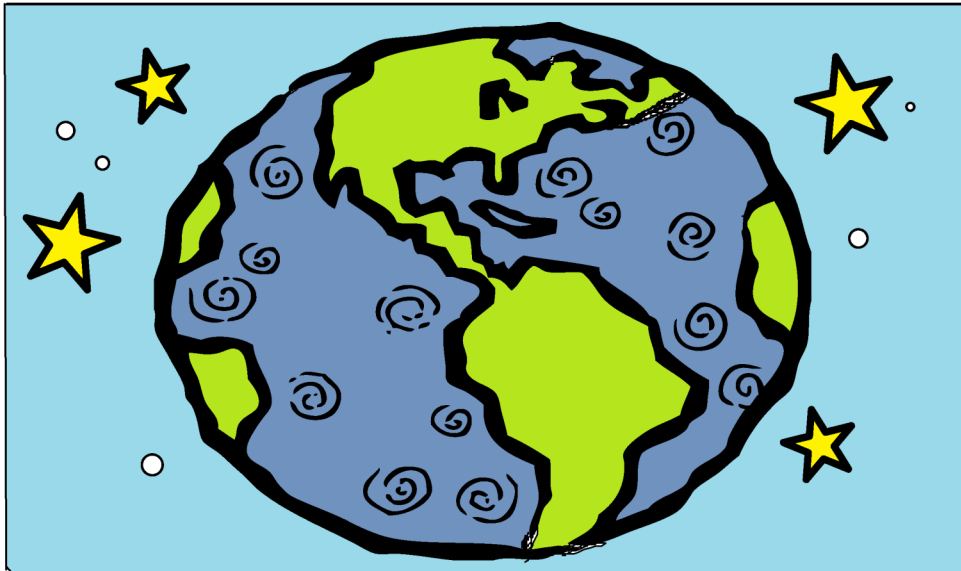


A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV