



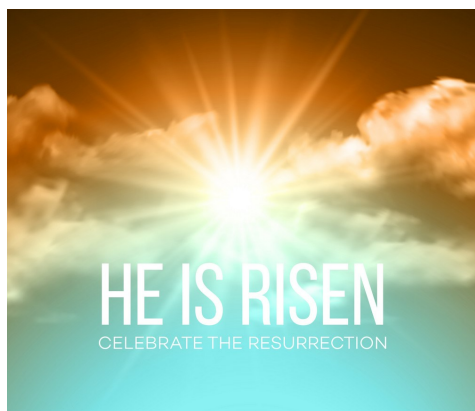
Tidings

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Come Alive...and You'll Never Be the Same

Over 2,000 years ago, God's plan of redemption altered the world. The power of sin and death was broken through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ that first Easter Morning. Death was defeated. True life triumphed! And today, we continue in God's story of love as our everyday lives and world are renewed with hope.

You're invited to join us for a special series of services on **Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday**. Bring a friend or neighbor, and we'll discover together what it really means to be a new creation in Christ at **Yardley United Methodist Church**.

Check out **YardleyUMC.org** for more details of our **Come Alive** series and Easter Morning activities, including our **9:30 AM Easter Service** and **Easter Egg Hunt at 10:45 AM**. **Nursery for infants and toddlers will be available.**

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023
9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary, Facebook
11 am Zoom

Good Friday April 7, 2023
7 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023
9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary, Facebook
10:45 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt
No Zoom today

Please join us! ***Easter Egg Hunt*** ***Easter Sunday***

For children ages toddler through 5th grade
At 10:45 am Easter worship service

Rsvp to office@yardleyumc.org for planning purposes



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Friends, Happy Spring!

Springtime brings lots of thoughts of growth and life as we see the color of grass and leaves changing from brown to green. When new flowers release their color and energy across the fields, it's as if God painted anew upon creation. Each new day brings warmer air, bright sun, and drifts of new seeds. As I am writing this, we are also coming to April, a month known for its rain showers, and to receive that rain, there must also be clouds. Hopefully, there are not be too many clouds in our future because, if you feel anything like me, you are anticipating the sun and warmer weather.

FROM THE PASTOR

Life opens up to new possibilities in the Spring, and we are also looking toward new possibilities in the life of the people who gather for worship at Yardley UMC. We have been anticipating a new direction by the leadership informed by our fall book study and recommendations from The Planning Team. Over the past two seasons, we have been coming to terms with how Yardley church and our community have changed over the past few years, including the influence of COVID-19. Some of those changes were subtle and caught some by surprise, while others happened very quickly, yet they all inspired us to adapt to our current circumstances. We certainly know that none of these things surprised God. We have been taking the time to prayerfully discern a new vision and focused mission for the church at Yardley. So, keep an ear out for leadership to communicate that vision in the coming days.

The Psalmist points to the faithfulness of God springing up from the earth and God's righteousness looking down from heaven as goodness that brings new life. (*Psalm 85:11-13*) And Paul reminds us that God is faithful in bringing what is good, and sometimes it takes prayerful discernment to see beyond the circumstances with patience to see the potential harvest better. (*Galatians 6:9*) God has planted new seeds of faith; let us pray that God will send us as compassionate and hopeful laborers to draw others to our loving and faithful God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Lee Corpier

The Planning Team for the Post-Quarantine Church has started its work!

The team has started meeting to review the suggestions made in response to our study of "The Post-Quarantine Church" to see what we can do as a church to better prepare for the changes we've seen. The team is reviewing the suggestions, discussing possibilities, and reporting its thoughts to Administrative Council for consideration. There have been several areas where we believe that God is drawing our focus in responding to the needs of our neighbors in Yardley and Lower Makefield Township. We anticipate that you will soon hear more details about the renewed vision of Yardley UMC.



Birthdays in April



01 Franklyn Cox	17 Patrick Merrick
01 Michelle Findley	17 Pablo Azzati
01 Christopher Lefebvre	17 Valentin Hurni
02 Robert Heilig	18 Samantha Reed
02 Trevor Hart	19 Roman Hurni
02 Angela Fernandez	19 Megan Luce
06 Emily Abbott	22 Kirsten Binder
06 Dorothy Chreitzberg	22 Angelina Hachoose
07 Jeffrey Pirog	25 Cathy Hyland
09 Mary-Kate Findley	27 Natalie Chassen
10 Carolyn Sherman	28 Mary Ellen Eckman
13 Knisley Kooker	30 James Lefebvre
13 Taylor Winters	
16 Andrew Laba	

Birthdays in May

04 Kevin Shaffer	23 Jennifer Hammelman
04 Stacey Eppley	23 Ruth Ann O'Keeffe
07 Dennis Laba	25 Mariel Edwards
08 John Richards	25 Nacia Lipton
10 Denise Harris	26 Evelyn Ebert
12 Devon Skinner	28 Rosaline Cox
13 Alec Nunziato	29 Elizabeth Beavers
14 George Kurz	29 Kelly Mitchell
15 Abby O'Keeffe	
19 Kim Schettino	
22 Ryan Ward	



On March 19, 2023 we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on behalf of Avery Jordan Adams, daughter of R.J. and Victoria Adams and baby sister of Quinn. Avery is the granddaughter of Ron and Sue Richardson.



From the Freemans who resided in our parsonage for the last year and a half....

To our friends at Yardley United Methodist Church

Now that much of the dust has settled and we are getting settled in our new home we wanted to extend our thanks to YUMC for sharing your home, benevolence and welcoming spirit with us. We certainly have been able to see how God has moved to provide and continues to provide the things we need which, of course, He has promised to us in his Word. Thank you for allowing us to be a benefactor of your extended kindness. It has had a profound impact on our family; the boys especially, who continue to love coming to youth group and have even shared that love by inviting friends to youth group as well. Even our youngest eagerly awaits to be old enough to join! Being able to stay at the Scammel property allowed us to set roots in the neighborhood where we continue to reside. We purchased a beautiful home in the area and are happy to continue to allow our boys to enjoy their experiences at youth group. The youth group team and program have been excellent. Thank you for your love and support.

In Love,

The Freemans (Chaz, Christa, Cristian, Cross, and Sebastian)

Mission Project is April 23

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen serves over 8,000 meals a week to those in need, no one is turned away. So to help them with this incredible task, YUMC will have a utensil wrapping event on April 23 following the church service. Come get your coffee, snack, and find a seat and join others as we wrap utensils and share fellowship together.



Utensil wrapping at a previous mission project.



notes from the Belcher Room

The Lees have moved into the parsonage! A big thanks to Dennis and Janice Laba who worked very hard to get the home ready and to Keith Ransom for cleaning the carpets. Also, a repair to the HVAC unit was needed where it had been leaking into a bedroom ceiling and Matt Pashley was able to patch and repaint the ceiling.

Matt has been keeping busy with some plumbing issues we are experiencing in one of the basement women's bathrooms as well as a radiator in the sanctuary. We also made a necessary repair to our elevator control panel.

Lastly, this month a contractor will start replacing the outside wooden window trims with new aluminum trims.

Stay tuned, as we move into Spring, the Trustees will be planning an outside cleanup day to keep our property welcoming to our members and the community.



Photos of the parsonage.



Becky and I are grateful and humbled by the opportunity to live in this beautiful parsonage while appointed here at Yardley UMC. It has been a part of God's vision for us to use the parsonage not just as a stable home for our family but also a space for ministry with our beloved extended family of God. Thank You.

-Pastor Lee



Please join us for an afternoon
Tea Party
to support our youth missions



Indulge in scrumptious treats while socializing
 with our Yardley community and wearing a hat!

When: Saturday, May 6, 1-3 pm

Where: YUMC Fellowship Hall,

300 Yardley Langhorne Road

How: Purchase tickets by April 26,

\$10 Adult, \$8 Child, \$40 Family



You are invited to a concert honoring the late Elisabeth Kurz on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:15 pm at Pennswood Village in Newtown. The concert will be classical music by a group called The Casimir Trio: Nancy Bean, violin; Lloyd Smith, cello; and Marcantonio Barone, piano. They will be playing Salut d'Amour by Sir Edward Elgar; Violin Sonata in A Minor by Ralph Vaughan Williams; and Piano Trio in D Minor by Dame Ethel Smyth. George Kurz says that he and Elisabeth enjoyed these three musicians over the years as they frequently played with the Lenape Chamber Ensemble in Doylestown.

People attending must stop at the gatehouse to get a visitor pass. Parking is limited, so arrive early and/or carpool.



Dennis Laba sent in this photo of the items in the "Lent in a Bag" that he received for his grandchild. He was "amazed!"

Thank you to Laura Ransom for putting the bags together for Holy Week and delivering them to families.



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?
 Email denise@yardleyumc.org or text 267-980-6054
 Sign up for events at www.yardleyumcyouth.org/events



BOWLING/LASER TAG NIGHT FRIDAY APRIL 28th, 6:30 pm

Grab your friends and get ready for a crazy fun night! We are going Bowling and to play Laser Tag! Meet at YUMC at 6:30 pm. We will head to Colonial Bowling in NJ. We will bowl, play laser tag then have pizza together before spending time in the arcade. A seriously fun night!



WE ARE GOING CAMPING! June 10-12
 Youth, Young Adults and Families are invited to head to French Creek State Park for a week-end of outdoor fun! We have plenty of space, but there's a limit to our space. Please sign up early! The cost is \$35 per tent plus \$25 for food. Questions? Interested in helping plan? Sign up today!



Youth group fun



Golden Plate Awards Sunday June 4th 6:30 pm

Come to the church for dessert and drinks. We are celebrating all that God has done this year. ALL God Squad Kids and Youth will receive a super fancy Golden Plate Award! In addition to awards, we will celebrate our Seniors and welcome our new 6th graders! We will end the night praying over the end of the school year and the summer ahead! All God Squad Families, Youth Group Families, Leaders & Church Members are invited to join us for a fun night of dessert & celebration!

**The Flamingos are
COMING BACK!**

**JUNE 5-19TH
INVITE THEM TO YOUR HOME
OR
MAKE A DONATION
TO PROTECT YOUR LAWN!**

WWW.YARDLEYUMCYOUTH.ORG



MISSION TRIPS 2023

By Denise Harris

In my opinion, Mission Trips are one of the best things we get to do as a youth group! The opportunity to step out of our comfort zone, to focus on others and spend time with God . . . What a gift!

We participate in two different Mission Trips each summer.

July 9-13th is our mission trip for our Middle School Youth.

We stay at YUMC and eat, play and worship from our very own building! We go out to sites in Bucks County, Philadelphia and NJ during the day.

Our High School Youth participate as leaders & participants. The cost is \$195 per participant.

July 23-29th is our High School/Young Adult Mission Trip to Boston!

We will head to Boston for a week of serving and learning! This trip is open to all youth that have graduated 8th grade by June 2023.

The sign up deadline for both trips is May 3rd.

Friends are welcome to join us on these trips! Check out our Mission Trip Page on our website for more information and our packets!

This article is being re-printed from the January 2002 issue of Tidings. It is still relevant!

Things I've learned at YUMC...

By Dennis Laba

- Never underestimate the power of prayer.
- Jesus comes to us in many disguises.*
- If you look, you can see the face of God in little children.
- Children do have more energy than older people.*
- God Bless Sunday School Teachers.
- Musical gifts were given to be shared. (Thanks for sharing!)*
- Some days you just need a hug.
- Praising God should be everyone's full time job.*
- People are willing to listen to suggestions.
- Working together can be fun.*
- Everyone is at a different place in their spiritual journey.
- Everyone is unique.*
- All hymns aren't boring, and all contemporary music isn't irreverent.
- Our God is an AWESOME God.*
- Every new face is an opportunity to meet a new friend.
- Babies make everyone smile.*
- Healing happens.
- We ALL have gifts to share.*
- It takes a lot of people working together to keep a church alive.
- Different worship styles touch different people.*
- Even adults like snacks after church.
- Everyone is a child of God.*
- Kids love to run.
- In troubled times, people pull together.*
- It's amazing what can be accomplished through committed people.
- We have an amazingly spiritual organization posing as our youth group.*
- Stewardship comes in all shapes and sizes.
- Pot Luck Dinners are usually Lucky.*
- We all have more friends than we know.
- There's a lot of hard work that goes on "behind the scenes."*
- Volunteers are always welcome.
- Sunday is, and always should be, a special day.*



American Red Cross

We had another successful blood drive Tuesday, March 28 here at the church. Thank you to our lovely volunteers Sally Haywood, Sally Edwards, Pam McCreery, Robert Scherer, Jenny Lefebvre, and Tom Lefebvre. Thank you to the donors also. We had three new donors, which we love to see, and many who have been with us many other drives. We collected 26 units of blood.



Youth Group



Some of our many Wednesday leaders



Youth Group &
God Squad
wednesday
nights



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Spring 2023

Every Sunday

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary & Facebook Live
11 am Worship on Zoom

Every Wednesday 5:30 pm Youth Group & God Squad

April

2 Palm Sunday

7 Good Friday Service, 7 pm

9 Easter Sunday

9:30 am Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary &
on Facebook Live

10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

No Zoom today

10 Finance Committee, 7:30 pm

17 Administrative Council, 7 pm

23 Utensil wrapping for TASK

28 Youth Bowling/Laser Tag, 6:30 pm

May

8 Finance Committee, 7:30 pm

14 Trustees on Zoom, 12:15 pm

15 Administrative Council, 7 pm

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