

Make a 'Connection' with



The Connection

Newville
First Church of God

March, 2016



On Easter Morning, the Tomb was



You are invited to come join us for an Easter Celebration!

March 20 th	Palm Sunday	
Choir Cantata:	"Day Three"	8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
March 24 th	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	
Message:	"Empty Promises"	7:00 p.m.
March 27 th	Easter Sunday	
Sunrise Message:	"The Empty Tomb"	7:00 a.m.
Sunrise Breakfast		7:45 a.m.
Gathering Music		9:00 a.m.
Easter Message:	"Empty Lives"	9:30 a.m.

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Come join us on April 3rd as we continue the sermon series:

AGENTS OF BABYLON

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Thank you to the very generous and faithful giving to our 2015 Birthday Gift for Jesus Offering. The gifts you gave to Jesus helps to greatly support these ministries. The totals that came in this year are as follows:

Building Expansion Fund = \$8,180.51

Helping Hand Fund = \$3,132.24

The Gathering = \$4,180.50

Total BGFJ Offerings = \$15,493.25

Also we are thankful to the person who donated the Artificial Flower arrangements for the Silent Auction and the Live Pine baskets to raise funds for the Building Expansion Project. A total of \$1,250 was received for the building fund.

On behalf of the Church Council, we want to thank everyone for their contribution of the many individuals who invest great amounts of time and for the financial giving of our church family to the work of the Lord in our church and community to reach more people for Jesus. As leaders of your church, we share the words of the Apostle Paul who writes: I (we) thank God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:1-6).

Let us continue serving together to win more people to Christ and to grow God's Kingdom in the world we live!

To My Church Family,

Thankyou all for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and the beautiful prayer blanket. It is such a comfort to know there are prayers being lifted for my recovery from the surgery. God is Good!

Blessings, Jeanne Young

Thank you for remembering my birthday. I was very much encouraged by the beautiful cards and kind messages in them.

Pearl Dull

I would like to thank everyone who participated in and helped with the "Painting for a Purpose". We raised \$1,322.00 for the Paw Packs Ministry. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you so much! Laura Fleagle

Church Congregation,

We are so grateful and blessed to be a part of this family at Newville First Church of God. Thank you so much for all the phone calls, visits, food, cards, and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital and recovering at home. Thank you for all the help your provide my family. May your kindness be blessed.

Love to all, George Barrick and family

Newville First Church of God,

We are thankful for your generous donation to the children and families at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Thank you for your generous donation! We appreciate your support!

(Donation of knit children's hats)

Sincerely, The Child Life Staff

Building Expansion Project Update: We want to update you on the proposed schedule for the building expansion. On March 10th, the final pricing of the project is to be submitted to the church council for review and discussion. A Congregational Meeting is being planned for Sunday, March 20th at 9:30 a.m. to share the final pricing with the church family and to answer any questions you may have. A final vote to proceed with the building project will be taken on April 3rd. If everything is approved and we meet our financial goals, we anticipate breaking ground for the project by mid May.



As of February 21st, we have reached the 90.4% mark, leaving a total of \$34,475 to meet our goal to begin construction. We will be taking a special Easter Offering trusting the Lord to provide the remaining funds needed to begin the project. Thank you for you prayer and financial support of this project. Please be praying about what God would want you to give towards the Building Expansion Fund this Easter season.

Building Expansion Project

March 20th at 9:30 am - Presentation to congregation of final plans and final cost.

April 3rd - Final vote to proceed with project during both worship services

Mid May - Proposed Ground Breaking



The Paw Pack Ministry has been blessed with the continuing growth of partnerships within the local churches in our community.

We appreciate your continued support in collecting “single serving microwavable” packages of corn and peas. (Display in the back of the sanctuary)

Saylor’s has graciously agreed to sell us any bulk food items at cost. We would like to “Thank” everybody for supporting “Painting for a Purpose”. We raised \$1,322.00. There were 63 participants and it was a great day filled with fellowship. The next Paw Pack Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 pm. “May the Lord continue to Bless You as you have blessed this ministry.”

Easter flower orders with payment are due by Sunday, March 6th. Order forms are on the table in the Welcome Center.



NO CONNECTION GROUPS ON MARCH 23rd.

Good Friday Community Cross Walk on Friday, March 25th at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Parking Lot.



All women and young girls are invited to our Sacrificial Breakfast on Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 am.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 am.



Community Lenten Lunches are each Friday at 12 Noon (through the season of Lent) at the First United Presbyterian Church on Big Spring Avenue. Invite a friend to attend one or all of the meals and enjoy the food, fellowship and time of devotions.

WORSHIP NIGHTS



Everyone is welcome to come to A Night of Worship and Spontaneous Prayer in the All Purpose Building at 7:00 pm on March 4 & 18 and April 1 & 22. Contact Bob & Shelby Feldman with questions.

“Night of Prayer”

on Sunday, March 13th at 6:30 pm.



Newville First Church of God Youth Retreat at Doubling Gap Center Begins Friday, March 11 at 5:45 pm & ends Sunday, March 13 at Noon!



Cost is \$80 per person for the whole weekend - meals included! Bring a friend and your cost is \$50 each!
 Activities include **WORSHIP** **games** **CAMPFIRE** breakaway activities
pizza night **MOVIE NIGHT** **dodge ball** **AND MORE!**

CWS (Church World Service) Sunday is March 13th.



Special offering envelopes will be in church mailboxes on March 6th for anyone wishing to help with a gift of a blanket in time of need.

Cost is \$10 for 2 blankets.

The gift of a blanket can warm the heart as well as the hands. CWS Blankets are versatile and can provide shelter and warmth or act as a stretcher in a disaster (and more). They are also a symbol that someone cares for those with the deepest needs.

10th Annual Newville Rural Festival ~ June 4, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.


Ladies - All Aboard The Bus To Cape May! JUNE 14-16, 2016.
The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. For further information, contact Kim Bailey at 776-5989 or 448-5141 (cell) or email grasshopper125@aol.com.

CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

(717) 776-5281 www.campyolijwa.org Check out the 2016 schedule! Contact YoliJwa Staff [Buy YoliJwa Gift Certificates](#)
 Find schedule of events, forms, brochures, promos & videos. www.Facebook.com/campyolijwa Sign up for the newsletter!

Help us get Camp ready!

Spring Work Day
April 16




CAMP STAFF
 Give a hand! You **could be a ...**
 Week-long Counselor,
 Day Maintenance Helper,
 Week-long support staff (kitchen or maintenance),
 Call camp if interested & available!

Wilderness Cabin Camps



Looking for adventure?
 Attend one of our Wilderness camps. Programs for Jr. High & Sr. High. New for 2016 is our Sr. High Wilderness Camp.

HIKE-N-ROCK-R-THON
 May 14
 Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the Camp. You could earn up to a FREE week of 2016 camp when you participate.




Open House
 June 11
 1-5 pm
 Carnival games, Crafts, Pool, Hayrides, Camp activities.
Camp's famous Chicken BBQ!

CAMP HOPE
 June 5-10



For intellectually disabled adults (age 16+)
 Call Camp for a registration brochure.
 Male & Female Counselors needed!

FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR MARCH

8:30 AM Worship Service

Greeters: Bernie & Marylyn Allen family
Nursery: Marylyn Allen, Cindy Finkenbinder, Roger Woltz

9:30 AM Connection Groups

Nursery: March 6: Elaine Good, Emma Shughart
 March 13: Marylyn Allen, Cindy Finkenbinder
 March 20: Palm Sunday - Elaine Good, Teresa Hockenberry
 March 27: Easter - No Connection Groups

10:30 AM Worship Service

Greeters: Dave & Laura Fleagle, Chip Shughart, Jerry & Phyllis Hershey
Acolyte: Cameron Lay
Toddler Church Helpers: March 6: Angie Anderson, Katlyn Hoskins
 March 13: Stacie Nickel, Rebekah Nickel
 March 20: Angie Anderson, Heather Wolf, Katlyn Hoskins
 March 27: Easter Worship at 9:30 am - Stacie Nickel, Rebekah Nickel

Nursery: March 6: Ashley Snyder, Brooke Roberts
 March 13: Norma Barrick, Ruth Clark
 March 20: Palm Sunday - Kathy Biscuit, Kacey Biscuit
 March 27: Easter Worship at 9:30 am - Kristina Kephart, Emma Shughart

Junior Church Teachers: March 6: Jr. Church Children begin in the sanctuary; Brian & Julie Lay
 March 13: Brian & Julie Lay
 March 20: Brian & Julie Lay
 March 27: Easter Worship at 9:30 am - Brian & Julie Lay

Wednesday Night Connection Group Nursery: March 2: Elaine Good, Kellene Parthemore
 March 9: Judy Greenawalt, Pat Martin
 March 16: Roger Woltz, Linda Woltz
 March 23: No Connection Groups
 March 24: Maundy Thursday Service
 March 30: Marylyn Allen, Elaine Good





	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
General Fund Income				
Birthday Gift for Jesus Income	977.00	977.00		
Building Rental Income	105.00	105.00		
Envelopes Income	15,248.00	15,248.00		
Interest on Account	4.58	4.58		
Loose Offering Income	10,594.08	10,594.08		
Miscellaneous Income	433.00	433.00		
Missions Income	345.00	345.00		
Online giving	773.60	773.60		
Stamp & Tape Fund Income	25.58	25.58		
Total General Fund Income	<u>28,505.84</u>	<u>28,505.84</u>		
Money Market Income				
Building Fund Income	4,742.00	4,742.00		
Money Market Interest Account	25.42	25.42		
Total Money Market Income	<u>4,767.42</u>	<u>4,767.42</u>		
Total Income	33,273.26	33,273.26		
Expense				
Total Administration - Other	765.70	765.70	13,300.00	5.76%
Total Administration - Staffing	12,446.99	12,446.99	128,232.70	9.71%
Total Benevolences	4,346.65	4,346.65	58,710.00	7.40%
Total Christian Education	-198.00	-198.00	18,950.00	-1.04%
Total Church Life Activities	100.65	100.65	1,900.00	5.30%
Total Property Management	3,806.61	3,806.61	36,150.00	10.53%
Total Stewardship & Finance	170.00	170.00	1,350.00	12.59%
Total Worship & Evangelism	203.50	203.50	4,170.00	4.88%
Total Expense	<u>21,642.10</u>	<u>21,642.10</u>	262,762.70	8.24%

The Church Council will meet on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm.

Community Events & Senior Center News is on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center.



STORM WATCH & CANCELLATION OF SERVICES - Please listen carefully to the cancellation announcements to see if one or all of the services are being cancelled on a particular day. As always you can call Pastor Wayne at 448-6994 or Buz Anderson at 776-4734. As always, please use sound judgment as to whether or not to attend services during inclement weather. **BE SAFE!**



ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Beth Shen	3/18
Tom & Kim Bailey	3/18
Timothy & Alexis White	3/19
Dave & Jo Schoonover	3/25
Tony & Chelsea Jackson	3/26
Dave & Shirley Bishop	4/3
Gary & Vonnie Lay	4/3
Chip & Pat Shughart	4/4
Don & Vonnie Mowery	4/8
David & Jeanne Young	4/8
Kevin & Jenn Killian	4/11
Kelly & Kris Hall	4/14
Richard & Judy Daihl	4/19
Ken & Lisa Baer	4/20
Roger & Sue Russell	4/21
Ryan & Nicole Hall	4/24
Pastor Brian & Denay Ocker	4/25
Leon & Doris Deihl	4/26
Tobey & Brandi Lay	4/27
Chad & Julie Greenawalt	4/27
Brian & Julie Lay	4/30

BIRTHDAYS

Michael Hippensteel	3/1	Anna Lehman	4/1
Mick Hutchinson	3/1	Emily Ramsey	4/1
Joel Hill	3/2	Pastor Wayne Good	4/2
Kelly Biscuit	3/3	Ethan Piper	4/2
Richard Mentzer	3/3	Seth Anderson	4/2
Scott Parthemore	3/5	Jo Schoonover	4/2
Sharon Diehl	3/5	Grant Hockenberry	4/2
Vonnie Mowery	3/6	Mason Thrush	4/3
Carla Grimes	3/10	Jason Kephart	4/6
Janis Jones	3/11	Chad Greenawalt	4/6
Addison Lay	3/12	Gerald Kelley	4/6
Ashton Thrush	3/13	Brian Franklin	4/9
Bernie Allen	3/13	Tyler Koser	4/10
Thai Diep	3/14	Darbie Armolt	4/10
Tyler Witter	3/15	Abigail Nickel	4/10
Erica Diep	3/16	Brooke Bobb	4/10
Charles Johnson	3/16	Sue Russell	4/11
Micah Weaver	3/16	Lisa Newswanger	4/11
Breanna Fickes	3/16	Jane Shriner	4/11
Krystal Boyles	3/17	Sheri Houser	4/12
Don Mowery	3/17	Ken Lay	4/14
Larry Wilhide	3/17	Drayson Gayman	4/14
Evan Diep	3/18	Pastor Ronald Dull	4/16
Katlyn Hoskins	3/18	Pastor Brian Ocker	4/18
Linda Woltz	3/21	Tiffany Myers	4/19
Russell Groff	3/23	Bryce Koser	4/19
Twyla Stouffer	3/26	Donna Flory Kuhn	4/21
Dave Schoonover	3/27	Skylar Diehl	4/21
Phillip Barrick	3/28	Collin Roberts	4/24
Carson Lay	3/29	Tina Hutchinson	4/25
Annabelle Allard	3/29	Barb Finkenbinder	4/26
Janelle Lloyd	3/29	Brian Ramsey	4/26
		Ben Shughart	4/26
		Deborah Wakefield	4/27
		Jason Darhower	4/29
		Janet Frantz	4/29
		Jean Lay	4/29
		Wayne Peters	4/30
		Will Lloyd	4/30

Donate your used printer ink cartridges to benefit Pregnancy Ministries Inc. Please place them in the **basket marked "PMI Ink Cartridges" in the Welcome Center.**

Don't forget your Big Spring Area Food Bank Donations. Collection Box is in the Welcome Center. Especially needed are peas and other non-perishable food items.



We extend our Christian love, prayers and sincere sympathy to the family of Nancy Mixell who passed away on February 1, 2016. She was the Aunt of Cindy Finkenbinder.



1. Praise God if you have good health. So many are battling serious issues, so it's not hard to look around and see others with worse afflictions.
2. Pray for those who feel they have no value or suicidal thoughts, that they will let Jesus take over their thoughts and minds.
3. Pray for the safety of our troops and their families as they endure separation and unusual circumstances. Pray for their families as they are separated, too.
4. Pray for those in areas where they are not allowed to worship Christ openly or be persecuted or killed. Pray they will be able to keep God in their heart.
5. Praise God for music and how it enriches our lives. Also, for those who play, sing, etc. for our worship services.
6. Pray that the media will be unbiased in their reporting, that TV and movies will stop portraying Christians as fanatics, evil or stupid people and be fair.
7. Praise God that He does not give up on us when we grumble and growl. He does have a plan, we just can't always see what it is. That's where the faith comes in.
8. As the primary elections are taking place, please pray that there will be someone with common sense who will step up to run for offices. Pray that the most Godly person will win, the one who will honor God and do what it takes to make this a great country again.
9. Pray for the ladies and girls of our church, for good health and growth in all areas of their life.
10. Pray for the youth retreat coming up this weekend. Pray that lives will be touched and hearts will be given to Christ/ relationships renewed.
11. Pray for those in nursing homes, especially those who get no visitors, that they will find Jesus and feel Him there with them.
12. Praise God for the happy memories He allows you to look back on, good times you have enjoyed and memories you are making now.
13. Today is Blanket Sunday. Who would guess how much a simple blanket could mean to someone who has very little? It has so many uses, including the joy the recipients of the blankets feel, that someone cared enough to provide for them. It could be a witness to them of God's love.
14. Pray for our church council as they meet to discover God's will for our church and its outreach.
15. Pray for those involved with missions, everyone from the givers to those who go and those who hear the message, that it will not fall on unhearing ears.
16. Pray for all the men and boys of our church, for good health and peace, yet a spirit that searches after God's ways
17. Pray for those going through medical treatments, that they will be successful with no side effects of nausea, etc.
18. Pray for those who are traveling in whatever way, that everyone will be safe with smooth comings and goings.
19. Pray for ALL those expecting babies, that they will be born happy, healthy and easily. Good health and well being for the entire family. Pray that these women will not give in to pressure to abort their little ones, for whatever reasons. God has a plan for every life.
20. Hallelujah! Spring is here. Warm weather has to be coming soon. Praise God you made it through the winter. It is also Palm Sunday, when everyone was praising Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Pray that we will not turn from Him as that crowd did in less than a week.
21. Praise God that the days are getting longer, more time to be outside enjoying the new growth, Spring colors, etc.
22. Praise God that even though you might not realize it, others do care about you and appreciate the difference you have made in their lives.
23. Praise God for firemen, police, EMTs, etc. who go out on emergency calls. Many of us do not have the ability that is so important. Pray for their safety.
24. Pray that those who have big decisions to make will seek God's will and wisdom to make their choices.
25. Remember what Jesus went through on this day, so many years ago, specifically for YOU. Praise Him for enduring, and pray for salvation for all those you can think of. The price has been paid, we just all have to accept this gift.
26. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and the rest of their family as they serve among us. Pray for their complete well being in all areas. Include all the other pastors and their families in a prayer for these blessings, too.
27. Happy Easter!!!! He is risen indeed, the sign of our true Savior and Son of God. A huge praise that if we accept Him as our Lord, we will get to meet Him face to face and live with Him forever.
28. Praise God for starting all the new Church Plants that have been taking off, including the Gathering. There are so many out there who don't know about Jesus love for them personally. Pray that others will be drawn in to these meeting places where they can be exposed to His love.
29. Pray that as we get so wrapped up in all we have to get done, we never forget to watch out for those who have been placed in our care. They trust us to be there for them, just as God does.
30. Praise God that there is more light, brighter days that give warmth and encouragement.
31. Pray for those who are having financial problems, especially who have lost their job, that something good will become available for them.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Family Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:30 am Worship Service	7 6:00 pm Karate School 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting	8 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Women's Ministry Meeting	9 6:00 pm The Gathering 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Connection Groups 7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz 7:00 pm The Gathering Bible Study	10 6:00 pm Karate School	11 Noon Community Lenten Lunch	12 Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour tonight 8:00 am Men's Prayer YOUTH RETREAT UNTIL 3/13
13 5th Sunday of Lent CWS Blanket Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Connection Groups 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Night of Prayer	14 6:00 pm Karate School 6:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Teen Bible Study & Fellowship 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	15 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	16 6:00 pm The Gathering 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 6:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice 7:00 pm Connection Groups 7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00 pm Karate School	18 Noon Community Lenten Lunch 7:00 pm Worship Night	19 8:00 am Men's Prayer
20 Palm Sunday Easter Cantata First Day of Spring 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Connection Groups & Congregational Meeting 10:30 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Scout Blue & Gold Banquet	21 1:00 pm Happy Helpers 6:00 pm Karate School 7:00 pm Mission Meeting	22 GIGGLES Ladies Lunch Ministry 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	23 NO CONNECTION GROUPS	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing and Youth Event	25 Good Friday John Winebrenner Birthday 7:00 pm Community Cross Walk	26 8:00 am Men's Prayer 8:00 am Women's Sacrificial Breakfast 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
27 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 7:45 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Praise & Worship 9:30 am Easter Worship Service	28 6:00 pm Karate School 6:30 pm Teen Bible Study & Fellowship	29 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	30 6:00 pm The Gathering 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Connection Groups 7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz	31 6:00 pm Karate School		



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The Newville First Church of God exists to exalt God by showing His love through the fellowship of believers for the purpose of making more and better disciples.

UPCOMING EVENT

- 3/1 PAW Packs Meeting, Cub Scouts meet each Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- 3/3 Karate School meets Monday and Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- 3/4 Community Lenten Luncheon each Friday at Noon through 3/18, Worship Night at 7:00 pm
- 3/5 Men's Prayer meets each Saturday at 8:00 am**
- 3/6 Family Sunday, 4th Sunday in Lent
- 3/7 Trustee Meeting
- 3/8 Women's Ministry Meeting**
- 3/11—3/13 Youth Retreat
- 3/12 Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before bed tonight
- 3/13 5th Sunday in Lent, CWS Blanket Sunday, Night of Prayer at 6:30 pm
- 3/14 Elders Meeting, Teen Bible Study & Fellowship, Church Council Meeting
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 3/18 Worship Night
- 3/20 Palm Sunday, Easter Cantata, Congregational Meeting at 9:30 am
- 3/21 Happy Helpers at 1:00 pm, Mission Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 3/22 GIGGLES Ladies Lunch Ministry
- 3/23 NO CONNECTION GROUPS
- 3/24 Maundy Thursday Communion & Footwashing and Youth Maundy Thursday Event at 7:00 pm
- 3/25 Good Friday Community Cross Walk at 7:00 pm
- 3/26 Ladies' Sacrificial Breakfast at 8:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am**
- 3/27 Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, Breakfast at 7:45 am, Praise & Worship at 9:00 am, Worship Service at 9:30 am
- 3/28 Teen Bible Study & Fellowship



Worship Service

8:30 am

Nursery Care

Ages under 2

Connection Groups

9:30 am

Adult Electives

lecture or discussion

Children's Classes

Nursery thru High School

Post High School Classes

Worship Service

10:30 am

Junior Church

1st - 5th grade

Children's Church

Ages 2 - Kindergarten

Nursery Care

Ages under 2

Join us each Wednesday at 6:00 pm for Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 pm for Easter Cantata Practice and at 7:00 pm for Connection Groups, Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz