

the Messenger



August 2022
Pentecost



In accordance with the CDC guidelines, MASKS are now **OPTIONAL**.

To read the Messenger **online**, scan this code with your phone or visit godslovenewtown.org/connect/newsletters. Find all the signups at godslovenewtown.org/signups.



Volunteer Opportunities

Each week we are highlighting opportunities to get involved in service through various ministries here at church. You can sign up to volunteer on the church website at GodsLoveNewtown.org/signups or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons after worship on Sunday. There will be someone there to provide information and assistance in signing up.

Remember the pastoral challenge:

Sign up for *at least one* thing!

Put your gifts into circulation!



This Week's Highlight:

Opportunities to serve during worship services.

Volunteers can read the lessons, assist with communion distribution, serve as an usher, serve as an acolyte, or serve on altar guild.

Many of these roles are appropriate for either youth or adults, and no experience is needed—training will be provided at your convenience.

The July 500 Canned Goods Challenge

LAST CHANCE to make our goal. **397** to date. **We've got this!**

The ERA Food Pantry is reporting an increase in the number of people they serve due to increased prices at the grocery store. God's Love is stepping up our collection of non-perishable food items. Our goal is to **collect 500 items** during the month of July! Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** ♥. **Questions?** Contact **Janet and Eric Nordberg**.



SUMMER
WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Continues through
Sunday, September 4
ONE SERVICE at 9:30am

August Highlighted Collection:

God's Love Annual Back-to-School Supplies Drive

During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for local education programs and schools that serve children in need. For this collection, YOU get to decide what items to donate, so watch for those inevitable back-to-school sales!

We will happily accept and all new school supplies including notebooks, binders, folders, paper, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, markers, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, and backpacks.

Donations will be collected **through the end of August**. If possible, we would greatly appreciate efforts to place donations in the **Lobby of Love** ♥ **by August 21**. This will enable distribution prior to the start of the school year.

Questions? Contact the Webber family



requests your prayers and presence
at the Service of

— Ordination and Installation —
of

Brandi Jean Hebert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
10:00AM

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

791 NEWTOWN YARDLEY RD
NEWTOWN, PA 18940

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Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

Scripture Readings
August 7

Genesis 15:1-6
God's promise for
Abram and Sarai

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Abraham's faith in a new home

Luke 12:32-40
The treasure of the kingdom

Christmas in July ELCA Style – Last Chance

Sunday, July 31, is the last day to donate to the Christmas-in-July collection for the ministries of the ELCA.

To participate, choose a heart ornament corresponding to the ministry you would like to support from the Christmas tree in the **Lobby of Love** ♥. Make a donation by check [payable to God's Love], place it in the offering plate or mail/deliver to the church office. Please return the heart with your donation or write which ministry you are supporting in the check memo section.



Can't decide which ministry to support? Consider the [ELCA Fund for Leaders](#) which provides scholarships for seminary students. This year is the 25th anniversary of the fund, and every donation will be matched, up to \$25,000. **Your gift will be doubled!**



Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

LAST CHANCE—Payment due July 31

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Trenton Thunder versus the West Virginia Bears
Saturday, August 13 • 6:30pm



Join us for a night of baseball with fireworks after the game.

Tickets are \$8.00 per person and will be given to you prior to the game so we can meet at the ballpark. [SIGN UP HERE](#), visit the **Signup Hub**, or call the church office. Place your payment, checks payable to *God's Love* and marked *Trenton Thunder*, in the offering plate or mail to the church. Friends and family are welcome.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

CAN2 Update

And there was light! Last week's **CAN2** work crews installed and connected lights inside the container then began to install the floor. Many thanks to **Don Ginelli** for donating the LED light fixtures and to *Holland Flooring* in Newtown for their generous donation of vinyl plank flooring. Floor installation and mural painting will continue in the weeks ahead. Know of a business that would donate? Contact the church office.

[SIGNUP HERE](#) for a volunteer work crew or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons. Friends and family are welcome! Follow our progress at [GodsLoveNewtown.org/CAN2](#). Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Together we CAN2 make a difference!

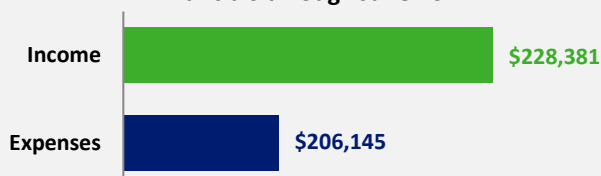


The lights are on!



Floor installation

Financials through June 2022



Pastor Dan has updated the *Ministry Resource Table* for the month August. On loan resources are available centering on the life, thought, and continuing relevance of Martin Luther's Christian witness.

Don't hesitate to borrow one of these resources as a travel companion to the mountains or the shore!



Ministry
Resources

Red Cross Blood Drive Follow-up

Thank you to all who supported our most recent blood drive on July 21! The Red Cross was very pleased by the outcome. There were **37 pints** of blood collected and **2 double Power Red** collections for a **total unit collection of 41!**

Our next blood drive is **Tuesday, December 6**.

Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](#) or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons. Thank you for your life-giving donation!



Good Neighbor Garden Update

Many thanks to **Robin Pecuch** and **Linda Sartor** for helping to keep the garden watered during the heat wave and to **Sarah Ludwig** and **Valerie Greaud** for checking on the crops and pulling weeds. We are picking ripe vegetables every week now. The latest harvest included cucumbers, green peppers tomatoes, and green beans, all of which were donated to a local food pantry.



Would you like to be a garden angel? Use [THIS LINK](#) or visit the **Signup Hub** to select a week that best fits your schedule.

HOPE Laundry Ministry

The HOPE Laundry Ministry is slowly growing! Each Tuesday evening, we send volunteers to Express Laundry Center in Bristol to meet those in need of laundry services. We provide detergent, dryer sheets, money for the machines, and caring conversation while the guests do their laundry. There are volunteer opportunities open in August and September.



Please use [THIS LINK](#), visit the **Signup Hub**, or visit GodsLoveNewtown.org/signups. All the details are listed on the sign-up. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**

HOPE • September

People experiencing homelessness feel the pinch of inflation, too, and the need for meals has increased. The HOPE program provides 25 bagged meals each Wednesday and a hot supper each Sunday for people.



Please use [THIS LINK](#), or visit the **Signup Hub** in the Commons to choose a day to help. Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** ♥.

- **A Woman's Place** sent recognition of receipt for a donation of \$250 on July 8. This charity organization, located in Doylestown, assists those experiencing domestic violence or abuse. The organization was selected by Kay Rozolis, honoring her Spirit of God's Love award.



- **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** in Coatesville, PA sent an acknowledgement of a gift in memory of Pastor Susan Lynch for \$250. [This gift was approved by council on June 16, 2022].
- **Redeemer Lutheran Church** in Pennel sent us a thank you letter. "Thank you very much for your donation of \$250 for our food pantry. We have been seeing more people coming to the pantry lately...your donation will buy chicken, hamburger, and eggs to give to our friends."
- **Emergency Relief Association** of Lower Bucks thanks our church for 892 pounds of food donated in the quarter ending June 30.
- **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** thanks our congregation for:
 - \$425 to Lutheran Disaster Response
 - \$906 to ELCA Good Gifts (including piglets, chicks, honeybees, and goats)



There are a few spots available for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact director, **Nikki Hendricks**, 215-497-0506

God's Caring Stitchers

Friday, August 19

1:00pm – 3:00pm • Room A1/A2

In the summer, our group meets once a month. All are welcome to join us. We continue to create afghans, lap robes, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and more to give to our neighbors in need. We are working towards a blanket blessing in time for the holidays.



Questions? Contact **Cindy Sundstrom**.

Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

Saturday, October 8 • 11:00am

We have reserved a group of tickets for the October 8 11:00am performance of "[David](#)". If you have never seen a Sight and Sound play you are in for a treat!

The cost is **\$84.55 per adult, \$39 for children 3 – 12** and free for children under 3 (on lap).

To sign up [CLICK HERE](#). Submit payment separately by placing a check in the offering plate or mail it to church (please indicate "David" on your payment). You can also find the signup at GodsLoveNewtown.org/signups.



Transportation to Lancaster will be on your own, but if you would like a ride or carpool, please indicate that on the signup. There is also a space to indicate whether you plan to stay for lunch after the show at the Hershey Inn, next to the theater.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

The Water of Life

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life.



So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

Congregation members and friends can dedicate **Altar Flowers** in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person or occasion on any Sunday of the church year. Visit GodsLoveNewtown.org/signups or [CLICK HERE](#) to select your desired Sunday and indicate your dedication text.

Please send a **donation of \$40 for each week** you select. Place a check, payable to God's Love with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line, in the offering plate, mail or drop off at the church office.



Summer is flying by! Looking ahead to September, here are some important dates:

- Regular worship schedule resumes (8:45am and 11:00am) – Sunday, September 11
- Confirmation Orientation – Sunday, September 11 at 10:00am
- Youth Spirituality Program begins – Sunday, September 11 at 5:00pm
- Sunday School Rally Day (students and parents) – Sunday, September 18 at 10:00am
- Adult Faith&Life Class begins – Sunday, September 25 at 10:00am

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Laundry Ministry 5:30pm	3 Christian Ed 6:30-8pm	4	5	6 CAN 9am-Noon
7 Worship 9:30am	8	9 Laundry Ministry 5:30pm	10	11 COVID Team 7pm	12	13 CAN 9am-Noon Quilters in mods 10am-3pm Trenton Thunder game 6:30pm
14 Worship 9:30am Worship Ministry 11am	15	16 Staff Meeting 11:15am Laundry Ministry 5:30pm	17	18 Church Council 7pm	19 Knit & Crochet 1pm	20 CAN 9am-Noon
21 Worship 9:30am	22	23 Staff Meeting 11:15am Laundry Ministry 5:30pm Mutual Ministry 7:30pm	24	25 Gals' Book Club 7pm	26	27 CAN 9am-Noon Steen Memorial 2pm
28 Worship 9:30am	29	30 Staff Meeting 11:15am Laundry Ministry 5:30pm	31	<p>“Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than how you think it should be.” ~Wayne Dyer</p>		



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