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*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship passionately, Love extravagantly,
and Witness boldly"*

The Bible: IS The Word Of God – Jesus: IS The Only Way To Salvation
Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission

October 2026

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND APPRECIATION: As you know Darryl Graham went to be with the Lord on September 2nd. The Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday September 19th to a full and beyond capacity. The Ladies Aide Society and others in the church served a delicious meal following and people had the chance to visit and share memories of Darryl

Then on Sunday September 20th as the Church shared its memory of Darryl we sang all of his favorite hymns and read his favorite Scripture passages. Diana and Penny then played a duet "How Great Thou Art" even though we had sung it earlier in the service. It was a most moving and inspirational moment for all of us. Darryl will be greatly missed but as a man of great faith in Jesus he is now with His savior in heaven. Remember always his Sunday morning invitation was: "I'd like to invite you to Snyder's Church." That is our invitation to you today. Memorial gifts are to be sent to the church.

NEW FRONT AND REAR DOORS have been installed at the church. The cost of these new doors is equally shared by the Ladies Aide Society and the Building Fund of the Church. Thanks to all who have made this wonderful addition.

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(This list is found on American Legion Website)

Ahead of the 2017 observance of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, CNN compiled a list of statistics around the attacks and their aftermath.

19: Hijackers of four fuel-loaded U.S. commercial airplanes bound for West Coast destinations

2,977: People killed in New York City, Washington, D.C., and outside Shanksville, Pa.

2,753: People killed at the World Trade Center (WTC) site in Lower Manhattan

343: New York City firefighters who died in the initial attacks and subsequent collapse of the WTC towers

23: New York City police officers who died

37: Port Authority officers who died

2: Age of youngest victim

85: Age of oldest victim

184: People killed when hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon

40: Passengers and crew killed when United Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa.

1,641: WTC victims' remains positively identified as of August 2017

\$500,000: Estimated amount of money it cost to plan and execute the attacks

\$123 billion: Estimated economic loss during the first two to four weeks after the WTC towers collapsed in New York City, as well as decline in airline travel over next few years

\$60 billion: Estimated cost of the WTC site damage, including surrounding buildings, infrastructure and subway facilities

3.1 million: Hours of labor to clean up 1.8 million tons of debris

\$750 million: Total cost of cleanup

22: Governmental agencies rolled into a single Department of Homeland Security, including the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Coast Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after 9/11

HELP WANTED AND NEEDED: Bev is retiring [health reasons to slow down] as the President of the Ladies Aide Society at the end of this year. Linda Morrow is also retiring as the secretary and treasurer of the Ladies Aide Society. We are in need of replacements and if you are being led by the Lord to be of service to Snyder's Church, please speak to Bev or call her at 717 582-4000. Thank-you. And of course make sure you express appreciation to Bev and Linda for their faithful service to the Lord and Snyder's Church that is so much appreciated.

CHOIR will resume on a new night and time beginning Monday October 5th at 6 pm. We welcome former choir members and new ones to join us as we begin preparation for the holy season of Advent and Christmas.

GAME NIGHT BEGINS ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 10. Bring your favorite fall food or snack and we will eat at 4 pm and then at 5 pm the games begin. Please bring your Sequence game board and other games for the little ones. There will be a craft for the kids. Also bring a decorated pumpkin for judging prettiest, ugliest and most original. Great time to invite a neighbor and friend. The next game night will be a Taco Night on November 21st.

SHOPPING SUPPORTS YOUTH: If you shop at Karn's you can buy Gift Cards and a percentage [5%] stays at the church. See Sherry Duncan if you would like to purchase these cards that generally are available the first Sunday of each month. Increments of \$25/50;100 and they are brought to you here at the church.

SODA TABS – Save your soda tabs off the aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald's House and deposit them in the orange container just outside the church office. Thank-you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is here. Millions of boxes will be packed with fun and love. The Samaritan's Purse project is only possible with our continued help and Snyder's Church has a long history of support. Sandy Graeff is our contact person and there will be short video clips shown in church over the next several weeks. Plan to bring your completed boxes [empty ones are available] and place them at the front of the church before Thanksgiving Sunday – our deadline is November 15th when we will dedicate those we've collected and then Bob and Sandy will see they get delivered to the next drop off station. Start collecting items now for this great project.

OUR PRAYER CHAIN has Sue Reisinger as our contact person. You can call her at 717 834-5221 or email your request to: Sunflower64@gmail.com

LADIES ADVENT RETREAT – PREPARE HIM ROOM with Melissa Spoelstra. Worship and teaching Angel Encounters, Angel Proclamations on Saturday December 5th at 10 am beginning with brunch followed by Prepare Him Room. Sign up sheet will be available soon and ladies are encouraged to invite a friend to attend.

LADIES AIDE will be replacing the counter top in the kitchen with a new one from Mark Leinvach from Loysville for a price of \$3,599. In October the Apple Dumplings for the price of \$5 each. This will take place during the week of October 26 thru 30th. Kitchen will be closed. A clip board will be available to sign up orders and Bev has the apples.

Ladies Aide Bazaar is November 14th from 8 am to 3 pm. The kitchen will be closed November 9 till the 14th to set up and preparation. A clip board for donations will be available soon.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND STATE POLICE MEAL: The ladies of the church with help from some of our men will serve a delicious meal free to the members of the County Sheriff's Department and the PA State Police of Perry County on October 14th. This is an annual event and greatly appreciated by all.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE: The Annual Church Conference for Snyder's Church is Sunday November 8th at 8 AM in the Large Adult Classroom. Pastor Bill will preside over the annual meeting. Following the meeting there will be a very brief Church Council meeting. All reports for the Church Council are to be to Lisa no later than Sunday November 1st to be included in the packet of reports. Our Annual Church Conference is open to all members of Snyder's Church with voting power. Non members are welcome but have no vote.

The Sweetest Sound

There is a story that Hebrew families tell their children to help them understand the fourth commandment. The fourth commandment reads, "Six days you shall labor but on the seventh you shall rest." The story is called, "The Sweetest Sound." The main character in the story is King Ruben. It goes something like this.

The king asked his royal subjects, "What is the sweetest melody of all?" Early the next morning they gathered all sorts of musicians. The sound awoke the king and all morning he listened to their tunes. But, after listening to all of them he could not tell which was the sweetest sound. Finally, one subject suggested they all play together. It was so noisy the king couldn't think.

About that moment a woman, dressed in her Sunday best, pushed to the front of the crowd and stepped forward. "O, king," she said, "I have the answer to your question." The king was surprised since she had no instrument. "Why didn't you come earlier?" he asked. She replied, "I had to wait until the setting of the sun." The musicians were still playing and the king told them all to stop.

The woman then took two candles and placed them on the king's balcony rail. She lit them just as the sun continued to set. The flames glowed in the evening darkness. She then lifted her voice and said, "Blessed art thou, O Lord, Our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us with the commandments and commanded us to kindle the Sabbath lights." She then said, "He who has an ear, let him hear."

Everyone was completely still. "What is that?" asked the king. "He could not hear a sound. The woman then replied, "What you hear is the sound of rest, the sweetest melody of all."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This is also the sweetest sound any of us can hear.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Matthew 21: 23-32

There is a familiar gospel song that breathes with both the pain and the urgency of Jesus' pleading challenge in these verses. Thomas Dorsey was born in 1899 with music in his soul. He was known as "Georgia Tom," entertainer and blues singer. When he became a Christian, his music took on more depth as Dorsey explored the profound spiritual blues of scripture.

In 1938, Dorsey was scheduled to be the lead singer at a series of revival meetings in St. Louis, Missouri. His wife was pregnant, and Dorsey grew more hesitant to leave her as the due date approached. But she knew the impact of his ministry, and urged her husband to keep his musical commitments for the sake of those who were seeking God. So he traveled the long road from Chicago to St. Louis.

On the first night of the revival, while Dorsey was already on the platform and the service was in progress, a telegram came. Dorsey's wife had died in a sudden and serious childbirth complication. Dorsey left for Chicago immediately, and found his infant son barely hanging onto life. The child died a few hours later. In a moving funeral service, Thomas Dorsey buried his beloved wife and tiny son in the same casket.

Despondency set in. The great blues singer wandered in a depression that seemed to know no limits. A friend took him in for a while, just to care for his physical needs. One evening, Dorsey wandered over to a piano and began to improvise on the keyboard. A melody gradually emerged, and the words soon followed. It sings in the heart of every person who has started the steps of faith that begin at the point where the resources of self prove insufficient:

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near -
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall -
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears,
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.