

SNYDER'S CHURCH

1724 New Bloomfield Road - New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania 17068-8038

717-582-7856 E-mail: SnydersChurchOffice@gmail.com

WWW.SnydersChurchNB.ORG



A Global
Methodist Church

A Wesleyan Covenant Association Church
It's All About Jesus! - Mark 1:17 - Matthew 28:19
The Bible: IS The Word Of God – Jesus: IS The Only Way To Salvation
Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission

October 2023

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

Compassion Is a Gift from God

A man named Al Wiener survived the Nazi concentration camps of World War II. He entered a labor camp when he was 15. Years in those camps took their toll. Over time his weight dropped to 80 pounds and he was weak and always hungry. He was slowly starving to death.

In one labor camp he worked in a textile factory. There were German women who worked in the textile factory. They were forbidden from speaking to prisoners like Al. They were not even allowed to look them in the eye. One day a German woman pointed, motioning for Al to go to another part of the room. Al waited until no one was looking and he went to the spot she had picked out. She pointed to a crate and walked away. Al lifted the crate and found a sandwich. A precious, precious sandwich. How we take such riches for granted. Al ate the sandwich quickly while no one was looking.

Every day for two months the woman left a sandwich under that crate for him. She risked her life for him. Al says her sandwiches probably saved his life.

Al believes that God used this woman's heroic and charitable acts to save him so that today he can tell others his story and the story of millions of unfortunate people who were executed by the Nazis.

What would the world be without compassionate people, people who are willing to feel the pain of those less fortunate than themselves? Compassion is a gift from God.

Bill Pipp, Pastor
142 Emerson Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9185
Phone: 717-579-5306 717-350-2287

Jeff Brewster, Assistant Pastor
647 Newport Road, Duncannon, PA 17020
Phone: 717-834-9712

September Prayer

From: Northeast GMC (info@northeastgmc.org)

To: revpippy@aol.com

Date: Friday, September 1, 2023 at 10:22 AM EDT

Join us
in
PRAYER

**"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask,
it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."
(Matthew 18:19, NKJV)**

There is power when God's people pray together in agreement. We want to start a movement called "Pray the Lord's Prayer at Noon for the Northeast GMC." It's a movement in the spirit of agreement, in the spirit of unity, and in the spirit of connection. Imagine people all praying together at noon.... for the same thing at the same time. As you know.... there is power in that. As we prepare to organize the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference, this movement will be one more step in fulfilling the vision of the Northeast GMC to be a prayer-based church down to the local church.

Praying the Lord's Prayer at noon for the Northeast GMC can be done in three very simple steps. First, set an alarm on your cellphone for noon. Second, when the alarm goes off at noon, stop whatever you're doing and pray the Lord's Prayer. Third, keep the Northeast GMC in mind as you pray the Lord's Prayer. For example, you might pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in all the churches of the Northeast GMC region, on earth as it is in heaven." You can add a sentence or two when you pray the Lord's Prayer for the Northeast GMC. It's a very simple three-step process. It only takes 30 seconds.

"Pray at Noon for Northeast GMC" movement will launch on September 12th with Dr. Teykl's blessing. We invite all clergy and laity in the Northeast region.... no matter where you are, every day at noon.... stop whatever you're doing and take 30 seconds to pray the Lord's Prayer for the Northeastern GMC.

Northeast TCAT Prayer Steering Team
Rev. Leo Park, Chairperson
Rev. Kevin Baker
Diana Briselli
Lisi Fisher
Rev. Karen Handy
Daphne Hathaway
Melody Overend
Rev. Joseph Saunders

CHURCH PARKING LOT CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 25 - 28

We have a contract to re-seal the entire church parking lot and re-line and therefore the entire parking lot will be closed September 25 – 28th for this work to be completed, allowing proper drying time. Therefore all activities, etc at the church during this period of time are not scheduled. You will notice elsewhere in this newsletter that choir rehearsals resume on September 26th and therefore it is also cancelled. This re-sealing is part of the extensive renovation/repair work that we have been doing. The new outdoor church sign, the paving stones around the church sign and flag pole, removal of shrubs around the outdoor sign, removal of several trees around the entire church property, new light installed near church office, the extensive electrical update. The parking bumps will be added after the re-sealing is completed. We are so grateful to the Trustees that have been responsible for these various projects. There are other needs that we will accomplish as funds become available. Due to the generous and loving giving of our entire church family over the past several years we have been able to secure CD's that we have used to help with these projects. The CD's also paid for the disaffiliation process that we've completed.

There is another special thank you that we often take for granted. We always notice how beautiful our church property looks. We are blessed that Barry Luckenbaugh takes care of the mowing in the summer and in the winter removes the snow. We also had Joe Luckenbaugh and his helpers with the mulch around the church this summer. And of course several other volunteers tend to things like flowers and weeding of our property. And we also were blessed with a mother bird that birthed two sets of little ones that had their nest in the special door hanging this summer and we watched the eggs develop and the little ones finally being set free.

FAITHFUL FINANCIAL GIVING

Enclosed you will find 2 self-addressed envelopes and one tithe/offering envelope that you can use if you are unable to be with us on Sunday morning. Darryl Graham and the entire Finance Committee appreciate the faithful and cheerful giving of our entire church family that help us meet all of our financial obligations. As we move into the fall and heating season we continue to count on your faithful support. God bless. Now that the fall season is upon us we expect to see our attendance and financial giving to increase. As we continue to understand that we are a new church in a new day we count on your continued faithfulness.

TESTIMONIES IN WORSHIP

We have several in our church family that have agreed to share their personal testimony in Worship Services through the remainder of this year. Several of these will be shared in October. We will hear how these persons came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and what the Lord is doing in their lives now. We are truly a blessed people.

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Linda and I have some special friends in Wilmington that have been spiritual encouragers for many years. From time to time Eston sends me a devotional thought. Here is one that I received just the other day:

"Until we are able to move our people from Comfort to Commitment we are nothing more than a spiritual club for religiously-minded people. A sad commentary for a world in need of a moral compass believing Fairness supersedes Justice, Truth is relative and Self-reliance will save us. To move from Comfort to Commitment is knowing Christ to acknowledging and possessing the Holy Spirit. The answer is the Holy Spirit. It would seem preaching, teaching, small group gathering is enough for a religious club, serving self, but woefully short of fulfilling our purpose. With over 97% laity....laity must be the major part of the solution. Change starts with Awareness to Self Examination, Desire or Despair to Reliance on the Holy Spirit."

**Elsewhere is a notice parking lot closed
September 25 – 28. We've had to change
this due to other work we'll be doing
first. Watch for further information
soon.**

FALL FAMILY NIGHT – OCTOBER 28TH – 4:00 PM

We will not have our annual Trunk or Treat this year due to not having enough host trunks and the cost of treats for all. However we will have a Fall Family Night on Saturday October 28th beginning at 4:00 PM. Pizza, Hot Dogs, Smores and Drinks. Children may dress up and bring a friend. Activities for all. A great opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend.

SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR

The Scouts that use our facilities each month will be having a special Court of Honor on Sunday afternoon October 15th at 5:00 PM in our Sanctuary and this event is open to the public. We are invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF REVELATION
Concluding Study In October

After our summer recess we are resuming with Chuck Bretz and Ron Manley, our study in the Book of Revelation. We will conclude our study in the entire month of October. Monday evening October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Please note the study is 15 minutes longer so that we have adequate time to conclude the study due to other obligations.

If you have been with us for the study up to the present you are encouraged to return and be with us. If you haven't been with us you can really join us now as we conclude this most informative study. Both Chuck and Ron have been wonderful teachers and most helpful is getting us to understand how God wins in the end of time!

Refreshments are provided each week and we encourage you to join us for the remaining five sessions in the month of October in our Fellowship Hall.

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE RESUMED

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM as we meet and fellowship together and as we begin preparations for the Advent and Christmas season. You will be cordially welcomed!

JOIN US IN PRAYER EACH DAY AT 12 NOON

One of the primary goals of the Global Methodist Church is that we are a praying church. One of our clearly defined purposes is to understand that Prayer Is Essential in our growth. The Northeast Provisional Conference of the GMC has called upon all of us to pray THE LORD'S PRAYER each day at 12 noon! This is something we can do and let's covenant together to do this. You are also encouraged to remember the GMC in your daily prayers. We are a new church for a new day! Can you remember what Our PURPOSE is?

- The Bible Is The Word Of God
- Jesus Is The Only Way To Salvation
- Prayer Is Essential
- Evangelism Is Our Mission

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU AGAIN!

During the month of September while Diana and Dan were on vacation we were truly blessed with our accompanist providers. Doug Boyer, Patsy Fisher, Pam Fortney and Elaine Novak provided us with their talent of music and we are truly blessed and most appreciative of their ministry with us.

MISSION COMMITTEE COLLECTING
FOR PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Mission Committee is collecting the items below from now and throughout the school year. There are 4 Perry County Schools with a lot of needs. There are bins labeled in the Narthex. Please donate at any time and as you are able. Thank You!

- **Men's & Women's Underwear (Must be new)**
- **Boys and Girls Underwear (Must be new)**
- **Socks for all ages (Must be clean & no holes)**
- **Feminine Products**
- **Personal Care Items: Soap, Deodorant, shampoo**
- **Toothbrushes (Must be new) and Toothpaste**
- **Neutral Color Sweatpants: Men's, Women's, Children (Must be clean & no holes)**

Relationships: The Power of Love

Actor Christopher Reeves had everything--wealth, fame, fabulous health. He was one of the most handsome, physically-fit men in Hollywood. Then he fell from a horse. And suddenly he was a quadriplegic. When he awoke from his accident, his first thought was that maybe he should go ahead and die. But one thing stopped him and gave him the will to live. His wife, Dana, spoke to him firmly, yet gently. "I am only going to say this once," she said. "I will support whatever you want to do, because this is your life and your decision. But I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you, and I love you." Those words gave Christopher Reeves the strength to go on.

There are times in life when all of us wonder where we will find the strength to go on. Maybe it will come from a spouse, or our offspring, or a friend. Other people are a great source of consolation and comfort. But there will come a time when all of us will have to lean on our ultimate Friend, God. There will be no one else who can help. And why shouldn't we turn to God? This is that for which we were created--relationships.