



The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

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A Message from the Pastor

In many ways, this is truly the most wonderful time of the year! There is definitely something special about these months of November and December that warm many people's hearts to the good news of Jesus. Perhaps it is the family gatherings that often take place or it may be the emphasis on giving that is promoted, but the Spirit of God often draws many people to the Lord during this time of year. I believe that these closing weeks of 2021 will be a time of great celebration here at Chestnut Grove! I pray that as we walk together towards Christmas once again, that the Lord would stir fresh

wonder and amazement in us of the incarnation. It is awesome and amazing that our great God would become human in order to rescue us from our sins and to be our Savior. Truly, this is the message of Christmas. I am also very excited for the Youth and Children to lead our worship service on December 19th. The Lord is at work in the lives of all of us and I trust that this special Sunday will strengthen you in your walk with Jesus to offer your gifts to our King as they will be offering some of their gifts that day.

Grace,
Pastor Tim



Daylight Savings Time

Saturday night, **November 6**, don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Backup For Annual Conference

The Nominations Team is asking for a church member to volunteer to serve as a backup to Blain for the 2022 Annual Conference Meeting June 1-3, 2022 in Hershey. This person would only join Pastor Tim in Hershey if Blain was unable to attend. Please let Pastor Tim know by **November 14** if interested.

November Bible Books of the Month – Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon

We are so blessed to have God's inspired written Word in our hands to read, study, and meditate upon. For this month of November, there are three of Paul's shorter epistles to highlight. Each of these letters was written during Paul's 2-year house arrest in Rome at the end of the Book of Acts.

During this month where Thanksgiving is celebrated in our nation, it is amazing to consider the thankfulness that characterizes Paul's epistles, even though he was chained 24/7 to a Roman guard at the time.

This reminds us that thankfulness is not to be contingent on our circumstances. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. We are to be thankful because we are loved by our Creator so much that He sent His Son to die for us so that we may truly live. We are thankful because deity came and lived among us, teaching us how to live and giving His life for us. We are to be thankful that the Spirit of God desires to live within us and to direct our steps. In Christ, we can have abundant life, which is a life full of God and filled with love for our Triune God and love for our neighbor.

So, as you take time to read and meditate upon Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon, may God's Spirit stir up within us a deep and abiding thankfulness.

For the month of **December** we will be in the book of **Luke**.



New Hope Christmas Blessing Express

During the month of **November** we are collecting unwrapped gifts for New Hope Ministries. There is a table in the back of the sanctuary for you to put your unwrapped gifts. There is a list of gift ideas in the lobby for you to get some ideas of what gifts their clients enjoy receiving. It is such a blessing for New Hope guests to have gifts for their family to open Christmas Day. More details are available at www.nhm-pa.org.

All Saints Day

November 7 is All Saints Sunday when we light candles and read in our prayers the names of members and loved ones who have gone to be with God.



Bring Your Grandkids To Church

2nd Sundays each month are "Take Your Grandkids (and/or Great Grandkids) to Worship with you!" This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and to worship our great God with them! So for the remainder of 2021, these Sundays are **November 14** and **December 12**.

Sermon Series

I pray that our series on Jesus praying in Luke's Gospel has been a blessing to you. This series will continue through November 21st. Above all, my hope is that this series will enable us to remember how vitally important it is to make prayer and developing our relationship with God the #1 priority in our lives.



I am excited as well for our Advent Sermon Series, which will focus on seeing Christmas through the eyes of various individuals. This series begins November 28th and will help us to not only grasp the many different responses that Christmas had on people that we read about in Scripture, but to help us consider all the implications that Christmas should have for our lives today.

Bible Study Group

Our bible study group that meets **Thursday mornings at 10:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall has decided on the following schedule: We will begin studying the Gospel of Matthew **November 18** and continue our focus on Matthew **December 2, 9, and 16** to finish out the year. No bible study gatherings November 11, 25, December 23, and 30.



The Chosen – Season 2

The group also decided to begin watching the 2nd Season of *The Chosen* beginning **January 6, 2022**. The group really enjoyed watching the 1st Season together and is looking forward to watching and discussing the 2nd Season in the new year.

Hanging of the Greens

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior - *Luke 1:47*

On Saturday, **November 27** at 5:00PM everyone is invited to help decorate the house of Our Lord to celebrate His birth.

It's also a great time of fellowship with one another.

Light refreshments will be provided.



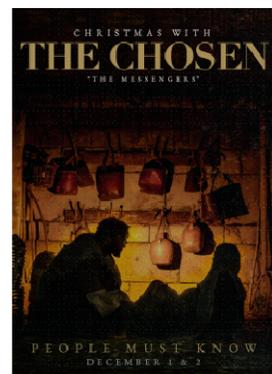
Church Conference Meeting



Please mark your calendars to attend our annual church conference meeting Wednesday, **December 1** at 6:30PM. This is when we celebrate what God is doing amongst us and look ahead to what we sense the Lord has in store for us in the year ahead. We also may be voting on adopting a new vision for us as a congregation, which will help guide us forward in our mission to make more disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Chosen, Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers

I am thrilled to announce there is a really unique opportunity to get our minds prepared for Christmas this year! On Thursday, **December 2-10** at 7:00PM, at the AMC Camp Hill 12 Theater on Simpson Ferry Road in Camp Hill, there is a showing of the production of the series *The Chosen, Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers*. Whether you have watched the series *The Chosen* or not, this episode is for you! Besides the approximate 1 hour showing of the film there will also be numerous Christian singers sharing Christmas songs making the event 2 hours in total. I would love to have as many as possible from Chestnut Grove come out to the theater and worship the Lord through this production. Moreover, it's really neat how through this Advent Season I will be doing a sermon series titled "through the eyes of..." in seeking to look at Christmas through the eyes of different perspectives, and this film will help us to see Christmas through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. Tickets will likely sell out quickly. A ticket costs \$12.50. Go to www.thechosen.tv/christmas to buy tickets or the Camp Hill theater phone number is 717-920-9350. Here is a link to the trailer for this new special Christmas film. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9s7OUspzes>



Youth & Children Led Service

On Sunday, **December 19**, The Youth & Children will lead the Worship Service. They will share The Gifts of Christmas. You will not want to miss the way God has blessed them with gifts to share with you. Please invite your family and friends and be Blessed this Christmas!



Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be Friday, **December 24**, at 7:00PM. Come celebrate our Savior's birth!

New Book Study Group in 2022

The Book Study group will be taking a break for the remainder of 2021. We will gather together Monday, **January 10**, at 6:30PM to watch the video about C.S. Lewis. And then begin our next book discussion **February 14**. Please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested or would like more information.

Renaissance Choir – February 2022

The Dover Renaissance Choir will be sharing their talents with us Sunday, **February 27, 2022**, during the worship service. Under the direction of Samantha Roberts, The Renaissance, our select choir at the high school, was started by Mr. Jeffery Snyder in 1975. We were so blessed to have the Choir with us this year in May, so it will be a real treat to have them back in 2022!

2021 Teller Schedule

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
11/7/2021	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
11/14/2021	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
11/21/2021	Lorraine Hanson	Carolyn Myers
11/28/2021	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
12/5/2021	Lorraine Hanson	Angie Thompson
12/12/2021	Tammy Strayer	Betty Jane Diven
12/19/2021	Wendy Bargo	Carolyn Myers
12/26/2021	Lorraine Hanson	Betty Jane Diven
1/2/2022	Tammy Strayer	Angie Thompson

2021 Liturgist Schedule

Date	Liturgist
11/7/2021	Candace Gerber
11/14/2021	Keith Albert
11/21/2021	Blain Bargo
11/28/2021	Kyra Gerber
12/5/2021	Laurie Bush
12/12/2021	Steph Reynolds
12/19/2021	Blain Bargo
12/26/2021	Kyra Gerber
1/2/2022	Candace Gerber

2021 Soundboard/PowerPoint

Date	Soundboard	PowerPoint
11/7/2021	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
11/14/2021	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
11/21/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery
11/28/2021	Blain Bargo	Sue Mowery
12/5/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery
12/12/2021	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
12/19/2021	Candace Gerber	Sue Mowery
12/26/2021	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
1/2/2022	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery

2021 Cleaning Schedule

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
11/6/2021	Brian/Dee Gerber
11/13/2021	N/A
11/20/2021	Tammy Strayer
11/27/2021	N/A
12/4/2021	Patsy Kellison
12/11/2021	N/A
12/18/2021	William Minnich
12/26/2021	N/A
1/2/2022	Carol Clayton

2021 Greeters/Ushers Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers
11/7/2021	TBD	TBD
11/14/2021	Deb Bell	Deb Bell
11/21/2021	Shirley Jones	TBD
11/28/2021	Keith Albert	Keith Albert
12/5/2021	TBD	TBD
12/12/2021	Deb Bell	Deb Bell
12/19/2021	Shirley Jones	TBD
12/24/2021 (Christmas Eve)	TBD	TBD
12/26/2021	Keith Albert	Keith Albert

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Thursday	11/4	10:00AM	Bible Study-Virtual tour to <i>Ephesians</i>
Sunday	11/7	10:10AM	All Saints Sunday
Monday	11/8	6:00PM	School Board Meeting
Wednesday	11/10	6:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	11/18	10:00AM	Bible Study- <i>Matthew</i>
Thursday	11/25		Thanksgiving Day
Saturday	11/27	5:00PM	Hanging Of The Greens
Sunday	11/28	10:10AM	Communion & 1 st Sunday of Advent
Wednesday	12/1	6:30PM	Church Conference at CG
Thursday	12/2	10:00AM	Bible Study- <i>Matthew</i>
Thursday	12/2-10	7:00PM	The Chosen at AMC Camp Hill Theater
Sunday	12/5	10:10AM	Blain lead worship – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Thursday	12/9	10:00AM	Bible Study- <i>Matthew</i>
Sunday	12/12	10:10AM	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Thursday	12/16	10:00AM	Bible Study- <i>Matthew</i>
Sunday	12/19	10:10AM	Youth/Children lead worship – 4 th Sunday of Advent
Friday	12/24	7:00PM	Christmas Eve Service
Saturday	12/25		Christmas Day
Sunday	12/26	10:10AM	Communion
Thursday	1/6	10:00AM	Bible Study - <i>The Chosen</i> – Season 2
Monday	1/10	6:30PM	Book Study
Monday	1/17	6:00PM	School Board Meeting
Wednesday	1/26	6:00PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday	2/27	during worship	Renaissance Choir Performs



Color me!

I am **THANKFUL** for...

Thanksgiving Food

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V	Q	S	L	C	M	G	V	M	K
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PUMPKIN
TURKEY
STUFFING
YAMS

HAM
PIE
GRAVY
POTATOES

Word In A Word

THANKSGIVING

Start

Finish

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COVID-19 Compliant Reminders

- Hand Sanitizer will be provided.
 - Communion is sealed elements provided.
 - Each person must decide for themselves if they are comfortable returning to in-building worship.
 - We will sing.
 - Please stay home if you are sick.
- Subject to change...the leaders of the church will be in touch when there are changes to this list.

Contact Information

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Prayer Chain

To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tklein@susumc.org

2nd Mile Missions

Jan, Feb, March – New Life for Girls - \$955.00

April, May, June – Operation Underground Railroad - \$1,040.00

July, Aug, Sept – A *Compassion* Child - \$2,448.70

Oct, Nov, Dec – New Hope Ministries

New Hope Ministries - Thank you for your generosity and love to our neighbors in need. With your support, we can make this season filled with Hope and Love! We also gratefully accept donations for our food baskets. The following items are suggested: ham, turkey, vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust, boxed stuffing, cereal, and macaroni & cheese.



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November

- 12 – Sue Mowery
 18 – Tom Chiricos
 18 – Shawna Crone
 21 – Shirley Fetterolf
 21 – Shirley Jones
 30 – Angie Chiricos

December

- 8 – Kyra Gerber
 17 – Sam Chambers
 20 – Cameron Trowbridge
 27 – Rob Putt

January

- 1 – Virginia Thran
 2 – Joanne Witmer
 4 – Ron Brady
 11 – Caydon & Grayson Reynolds
 12 – Brian Gerber
 13 – Gerry Holley
 13 – Linda Klein
 14 – Blain Bargo
 22 – Brian Clayton
 23 – Chris Faber
 30 – Ruth Albert
 31 – Levi Seik

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Operation Underground Railroad – Mail Received October, 2021

Dear Chestnut Grove UM Church, Thank you so much for your contribution to Operation Underground Railroad. We were glad to receive your donation of \$1,040 in August. It is because of donors like you that we are able to empower our law enforcement and aftercare partners around the world to rescue children, arrest those who violate victims, and ensure survivors receive critical healing support in the form of recovery services.



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