

The Post
Newsletter -
Pastor Tim Klein

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A RESOURCE FOR THE CHESTNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

A Message from the Pastor

Our entire faith is centered on what happened this time of the year many moons ago in Israel. Everything we believe is established on the atoning sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and His subsequent resurrection on the third day on our behalf. Consequently, as we prepare to celebrate and remember all that Jesus did for us, I implore you to view Lent (the 40-day period, excluding Sundays, leading to Easter) as a wonderful gift from God to help fix our eyes on Jesus Christ. Jesus went through so much for us (physically, emotionally, mentally, and relationally) and during Lent we are invited to partner with the Holy Spirit to open ourselves to growing in our walk with Jesus. This may look different for every one of us, but please spend time in prayer and ask the Lord what He would like you to do to prepare you to grow in the ways that God has for you in these weeks. It may be fasting once or more each week or reading the Bible Book of the Month or diving into The CHOSEN or spending more time in prayer each day or participating in our Thursday Bible Study or new Wesleyan Group that is soon beginning or something else. But whatever it may be, it is an opportunity to grow in your love and knowledge of our great Triune God.

I shared about my enjoyment of the Rocky movies on Ash Wednesday. While I do not like boxing, I like these movies. It may be partially because of the great music and compelling stories that are told, but I believe it is also because of the emphasis on training and discipline in finding success. It has been said that you get out of things what you are willing to put into things. In other words, things that we invest our time and money and energies towards will be the things that we will be reaping from. Lent is an opportunity to spiritually train ourselves to be more successful in living the Christian life. The word “disciple” is very connected to the word “discipline”. We cannot be strong disciples without exercising discipline in our walk with Jesus.

My prayer is that in the weeks leading up to Easter and in the weeks that follow Easter, every one of us will grow in our faith in Jesus Christ by leaps and bounds. I believe we are doing well as a church following the Lord, but I believe that the Lord desires each of us to continue to grow in our love and knowledge of our great and awesome God.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim



Larger Church Update

On **February 12**, 2023, Chestnut Grove Church members voted on what name the church wants to go by when we are officially disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. Of the three options given to choose from, the one with the most votes was “**Chestnut Grove Church**”.

We will have a congregational meeting during worship Sunday, **April 16**, to vote on the next steps of the future of Chestnut Grove Church. There are several informational documents in the lobby about our options moving forward. Feel free to take (or look at) any of these documents. We will keep you updated in our bulletin announcements as we know more regarding the next steps and upcoming vote.

Ash Wednesday Service - February 22

On **February 22**, we were blessed to gather at Chestnut Grove with several of our sister churches to begin the Holy Season of Lent together where we received the ashes on our forehead as a sign of repentance and a reminder of where we came from. This is the beginning of the Lenten season during which Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. It is also the beginning of our faith journey in the wilderness with Jesus. We are created by God out of dust and to dust we shall return.



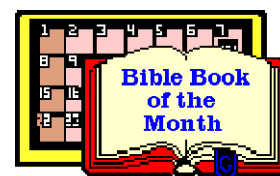
Special Guest Presentations

We were so blessed to have two special guest speakers join our worship services the past two months:

- Leona Rega - During worship **January 8**, Leona Rega, Executive Director of *Human Life Services* in York, shared with us a little bit about the organization she works for and the many programs and counseling they have available to the community.
- Meghan Harrison – On **February 26**, we were blessed to have Meghan Harrison, Public Relations Coordinator, with us to speak about *New Life For Girls* and what their wonderful organization has to offer to young women and their children in the community. *New Life For Girls* is also our 2nd Mile Mission designation for January, February, and March.

March Bible Books of the Month - Jeremiah & Lamentations

I find it fitting that we will be highlighting the Bible books of **Jeremiah and Lamentations** during this month. This entire month of March (excluding Sundays, which are considered to be celebration or feast days) takes place within the Christian season of Lent. Lent is often viewed as a season that the Lord invites His church to grieve and mourn over sin and its effects in our lives and in the world. And Jeremiah, who is sometimes referred to as “the weeping prophet,” and who wrote the book Jeremiah and likely the poem, Lamentations, would be very appropriate to spend significant time reading and reflecting on.



Besides the handouts, which were all put together by Dr. David A. Dorsey, an excellent professor of mine, I would like to mention a few other important things that can help us to grasp these books well.

First, Jeremiah was a prophet that prophesied in the years leading up to and following Judea’s conquest by the Babylonians. This conquest was a result of Israel turning from God to worship idols and commit various other grievous sins. Throughout this powerful book, we see God’s sovereignty over the nations. And in the middle of the book (chapters 30-33), we see that God still has a bright hope for the future. This hope would center around the new covenant that He would eventually establish. We see this eventually happening about 600 years later through Jesus Christ.

Second, the Book of Lamentations teaches God's people that lamenting is very appropriate at times. Jesus would later say, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted (Mt. 5:4)." Interestingly, in the poem that is Lamentations, for the first four chapters it is written as an acrostic. By this I mean that the verses in each stanza begin with successive letters in the Hebrew alphabet. But in chapter 5, this is not the case. This is definitely intentional and likely is one way that Jeremiah, and God who inspired Him, is conveying that sense of disorder and loss and confusion that is felt in times of lament. But again, remember Jesus' promise to comfort those who mourn.

May these books lead us to deep prayer for our church, community, country, and world. For the month of April we will be in the books of **Galatians & Ephesians**.

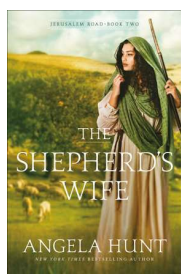
Hobbies/Crafts/Games/Food/Fellowship

Join us for an afternoon of fun after worship Sunday, **March 12**. Bring your favorite board game; there will be hobbies/crafts shared for all to learn about; and the Outreach Team will provide a light lunch of pizza pretzels, fruit cups, chips, cookies, and drink. Invite your friends, families, neighbors, and co-workers as all are invited (youth and adults).



Book Study Group

Our remaining schedule for 2023 will be meeting in March, May, Sept, and Nov (the 2nd Monday at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. With less to read, we hope more people can participate. And please know you can come to just sit in on the book discussion even if you haven't read the book.

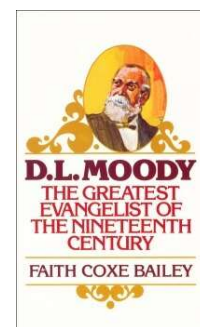


Our book study for Monday, **March 13**, will be "*The Shepherd's Wife*" (by Angela Hunt). In this historical fiction book, Yeshua of Nazareth has two sisters: Damaris, married to a wealthy merchant's son, and Pheodora, married to a simple shepherd from Bethlehem. When Pheodora's husband suffers an unexpected reversal of fortune and is thrown into debtor's prison, she returns to Nazareth, where she pins her hopes on two she-goats who should give birth to spotless white kids that would be perfect for the upcoming Yom Kippur sacrifice.

In the eighteen months between the kids' birth and the opportunity to sell them and redeem her husband from prison, Pheodora must call on her wits, her family, and her God in order to provide for her daughters and survive. But when every prayer and ritual she knows is about God's care for Israel, how can she trust that God will hear and help a lowly shepherd's wife?

Our book study for Monday, **May 8**, will be "*D.L. Moody*" (by Faith Coxe Bailey). D. L. Moody's reaction was quick and to the point. "No! A thousand times no! I have no intentions of standing off here in New York City and approving something I know so little about. But I'll think it over, Emeline. Then one of these days, I'll come out to Chicago and we can talk some more about it."

Moody's initial reaction to that "something" was to change through God's leading. That "something" is now the world-renowned Moody Bible Institute, which trains hundreds of men and women each year to understand and use the Scriptures.



D. L. Moody dared to take up a challenge and see what God could do with a life totally committed to Him. Here is the story of the greatest American evangelist of the 1800's and the founder of the Moody Bible Institute.

If you need help ordering any of the books we read, let Pastor Tim know asap. Also, please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending any of the book studies or would like more information. We would love more folks to be a part of this group!



Sermon Series

Pastor Tim will continue his sermon series on 1 Corinthians up to Holy week. Pastor Tim will then focus on Holy Week with the Passion and Resurrection through April 16.

Beginning around April 30 Pastor Tim will begin a new sermon series on “Majoring in the Minors”. This will be for 12 weeks - one on each of the 12 "minor prophets" in the Old Testament.

Upcoming Guest Lay Speakers

March 5 – Zachary Vincent will be leading worship.

March 26 – Blain Bargo will be leading worship.

April 23 – Blain Bargo will be leading worship.

Bible Study

One of my biggest joys is digging into God's Word with Sisters and Brothers in Christ. We are currently discussing the topic of “Spiritual Warfare”. We plan to pause our focus on Spiritual Warfare to watch *The Chosen* Season 3 when we have the DVD, hopefully by mid April. And then after 8 weeks of watching *The Chosen*, return to finish our discussion on Spiritual Warfare. We meet Thursday mornings at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. We would be glad to have you join in the conversation each week!

New Small Group

We bless and thank Deb & Glenn Dively who have graciously volunteered to lead a new small group here at Chestnut Grove Church. All are welcome to join at any time. They have decided to begin the small group gathering **Sunday, March 5**. The small group will meet the first Sunday of each month at the church from 4:00 – 5:00PM. This would be a group of believers getting together to share with one another our lives with Jesus. Share experiences, our faith, dreams and what we believe Jesus is saying to us; and, learning to walk in the Spirit, praying for and encouraging one another.



Directory Updates

The directory changes that I have been made aware of since our last newsletter are:

- **Ron Brady** – New address is: 347 Ringneck Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112; email address: ronbrady61@gmail.com; phone: 223-240-0139
- **Kathi Chambers** – Went to be with Jesus Christ January 7, 2023
- **Betty Putt** – New Address is: Church Of God Home, 801 N Hanover St, Creekside #509, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Paula Pyper** – New address is: 117 South Main Street, Dover, PA 17315; email address: boo333ne@gmail.com.

If your contact information changes, please email omcgumc@gmail.com or call the office 717-432-8243 with your new information. Thanks again for your support and cooperation in helping keep this valuable resource tool up-to-date.



2023 Directory

Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know and have better contact with our church family. Now is the time to let us know if any of your contact information has changed since the 2022 directory came out. There is a sample copy of the 2023 directory in the lobby.

Find your name and write in all changes. While you are at it, please take the time to see if your other family members' information is correct. There are a few folks in the directory that we know their information has changed, but we have no way of contacting them. If you know these individuals, please write in their contact information too. If you are not able to attend worship services at the present time, please email omcgumc@gmail.com or call the office 717-432-8243 with your contact information. The plan is to have all updates/corrections to us by March 19 and the finished directory available for pickup early April. Thanks in advance for your support and cooperation in helping with this valuable resource tool.

Holy Week

I am looking forward to celebrating Holy Week with you this April. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday (April 2nd)** as we remember Jesus Christ entering the city of Jerusalem. Then, on **Maundy Thursday (April 6th)** we will remember Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples prior to His betrayal and arrest. Chestnut Grove Church will have a Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion **April 6 beginning at 7:00PM**.



On **Good Friday (April 7th)** we will remember Jesus' passion as He willingly gave his life for our sins. Our Good Friday worship service will begin at 7:00PM and we will be focusing on the passion of Jesus. All are welcome to join us!

Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 8

Easter is a great time of the year to reach out to our community in sharing the good news that we have a risen savior! The Outreach Committee is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the community Saturday, April 8 beginning at 10:00AM for children in 5th grade and under. We are looking for help with this outreach event and donations as follows:



- Small wrapped candy (no hard candy) - There will be a table in back of the sanctuary for candy donations
- Monetary donations to purchase candy - Give to Dee Gerber
- Help filling eggs after worship Sunday, **March 26**
- Helpers/greeters/guides/egg hidiers needed the day of the event (please contact Dee Gerber @ 717-497-1491 or [email gerb6@verizon.net](mailto:gerb6@verizon.net))

Invite your family, coworkers, friends, and neighbors to our fun and impactful Easter Egg Hunt event!

Easter Day Worship - April 9

Finally, on **Easter Sunday (April 9th)**, we will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! There will be an Easter Sunrise service at 6:30AM, followed by an Easter breakfast meal in our fellowship hall.



And lastly, we will have our traditional Easter service at 10:10AM that day as well. We are looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday! Alleluia!!



Bonfire In The Grove - May 5



The Outreach Team is planning a bonfire fun event for the community here at the church on the following Friday's: **May 5, June 9, and July 21 (to end VBS for the week)**. Come join us for a campfire, singing, s'mores, hotdogs and fellowship. Chestnut Grove IS the light on the hill, sharing the love of Jesus Christ! Let us join together to make this light burn brighter for all to see!

Vacation Bible School

We are still in the planning stages for VBS. Mark your calendar for **July 16-20** (Sunday through Thursday) for VBS. More information to come.

Thank you Corner



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the Birthday Cake and Cards last October. It was a surprise for me. I received 33 cards and I want to thank you all.

Bless your heart for being so nice, **Charles Darr**



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We are thankful for your kind and generous gift of \$1,335.00 received January 9, 2023. Because of you, our guests will have food, heat, and housing needs met when they come to New Hope. Together, we serve and show God's love year-round by helping our neighbors and caring for them. You bring our mission to life – thank you!

Gratefully, Eric Saunders, Executive Director, **New Hope Ministries**



Dear Pastor Tim,

It is a new year, and we continue to fight for the life of the unborn child!...Reflecting on God's past provisions, we are thankful for the men and women who made the choice for life. Some found us while searching for abortion clinics, several walked in our door believing they were elsewhere, and many were referred to us through word of mouth. His divine intervention was seen over and over. As we serve this ministry, I wanted to let you know your support in the amount of \$290.00 no doubt makes our impact on our clients' lives possible. Thank you for having me speak at your church in January. I enjoyed visiting. Praying for you all in transition.

Leona Rega, Executive Director, **Human Life Services**



Hi Pastor Tim,

I have some "happy" news to share with you, Deb, and the Chestnut Grove church family. I now have a new church home at the Lady Lake UMC. The pastor is Rev. Debbie Casanzio. She too is very good. The folks are very friendly and I knew God would place me where I should be. He is an awesome God! Many thanks to all of you for all the friendship, prayers, cards, and visits. You were so good to us through Al's illness and death. The family and I especially appreciated all your generosity at that difficult time. I am doing ok, but I still miss Al very much. Scott has been wonderful in helping me adjust to my new home and surroundings. Hopefully in late summer or early fall we will be coming back to visit PA. I will be sure to visit Chestnut Grove at that time. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you and wish you the very best.

Always in Christ, **Gerry Holley**

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March

- 1 – Sophia Burns-Kline
- 2 – Wendy Bargo
- 5 – Anna Klein
- 8 – Jake Crone
- 29 – Ken Schoffstall
- 30 – Stephanie Reynolds

April

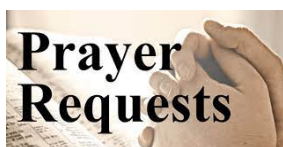
- 8 – Jean Zeigler
- 9 – Dawn Barshinger
- 10 – Betty Putt
- 15 – Robbin Pugh
- 22 – Bryan Crone
- 29 – Craig Mowery
- 30 – Arvilla Trostle

May

- 12 – Audree Bush
- 25 – Mya Klein

Book of Matthew “Who Said It” (Choose the person who is speaking in these verses. Answer key on page 9)

1. “I am innocent of this man’s blood” (Matthew 27:24).
 - a. Judas
 - b. Herod
 - c. Pilate
 - d. Satan
 2. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2).
 - a. John the apostle
 - b. John the Baptist
 - c. John, relative of the high priest Annas
 - d. John the Lesser
 3. “You are the Messiah, the son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).
 - a. James
 - b. Thomas
 - c. Peter
 - d. John
 4. “Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife” (Matthew 1:20).
 - a. Zacharias
 - b. The angel of the Lord
 - c. Joseph’s father
 - d. John the Baptist
 5. “Even if I die with you, I will never disown you” (Matthew 26:35).
 - a. James
 - b. Thomas
 - c. Peter
 - d. John
 6. “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2).
 - a. Caesar Augustus
 - b. King Herod
 - c. Festus
 - d. Annas the high priest
 7. “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” (Matthew 4:3).
 - a. Judas
 - b. A Pharisee
 - c. Satan
 - d. A Sadducee
 8. “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen” (Matthew 28:5).
 - a. The gardener
 - b. A Roman soldier
 - c. Joseph of Arimathea
 - d. An angel
 9. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5).
 - a. Jesus
 - b. John the Baptist
 - c. John the apostle
 - d. Peter
 10. “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed” (Matthew 8:8).
 - a. A Pharisee
 - b. A centurion
 - c. A Roman official
 - d. An apostle
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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.

2023 Teller Schedule

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
3/5/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
3/12/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
3/19/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
3/26/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
4/2/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
4/9/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
4/16/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
4/23/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
4/30/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers

2023 Liturgist Schedule

Date	Liturgist
3/5/2023	Keith Albert
3/12/2023	Candace Gerber
3/19/2023	Kyra Gerber
3/26/2023	Steph Reynolds
4/2/2023	Keith Albert
4/9/2023	Blain Bargo
4/16/2023	Candace Gerber
4/23/2023	Kyra Gerber
4/30/2023	Steph Reynolds

2023 Soundboard/PowerPoint

Date	Soundboard	PowerPoint
3/5/2023	Bryan Crone	Candace Gerber
3/12/2023	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
3/19/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
3/26/2023	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
4/2/2023	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
4/6/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
4/7/2023	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber
4/9/2023	Candace Gerber	Bryan Crone
4/16/2023	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
4/23/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
4/30/2023	Blain Bargo	Candace Gerber

2023 Cleaning Schedule

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
3/11/2023	B. Minnich & P. Kellison
3/25/2023	Carol Clayton
4/8/2023	Steph Reynolds
4/22/2023	Brian/Dee Gerber
5/6/2023	Tammy Strayer
5/20/2023	B. Minnich & P. Kellison
6/3/2023	Carol Clayton
6/17/2023	Steph Reynolds
7/1/2023	Brian/Dee Gerber
7/15/2023	Tammy Strayer
7/29/2023	B. Minnich & P. Kellison



Vision Statement:
***Our Vision as
 Chestnut Grove
 Church is to be a
 light on a hill
 sharing the love of
 Jesus Christ!***

Communion List - 2023

Date	Name
March	Betty Jane Diven Dee Gerber
April	Angie Chiricos Tom Chiricos
May	Jean Zeigler Shirley Fetterolf
June	Patsy Kellison Shawna Crone

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Thursday	3/2	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	3/5	10:10AM	Worship Led by Zachary Vincent
Sunday	3/5	After Worship	Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday	3/5	4:00-5:00PM	Small Group 1 st Meeting
Thursday	3/9	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	3/12	8:45-9:45AM	Men's Group
Sunday	3/12	During Worship	New Members Join Chestnut Grove
Sunday	3/12	After Worship	Hobbies/Crafts/Games/Food/Fellowship
Monday	3/13	6:30PM	Book Study
Thursday	3/16	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	3/19	9:30AM	Confirmation Class
Sunday	3/19	10:10AM	Communion
Monday	3/20	6:15PM	HH School Board Meeting
Tuesday	3/21	6:30PM	Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday	3/23	10:00AM	Bible Study
Saturday	3/25	9:00AM	Clean-Up Day
Sunday	3/26	10:10AM	Worship Led by Blain Bargo
Sunday	3/26	After Worship	Stuff Easter Eggs
Thursday	3/30	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	4/2	9:30AM	Confirmation Class
Sunday	4/2	10:10AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Sunday	4/2	4:00-5:00PM	Small Group Meet at Church
Thursday	4/6	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	4/6	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday	4/7	7:00PM	Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday	4/8	10:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	4/9	6:30AM	Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday	4/9	after Sunrise Svc	Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday	4/9	10:10AM	Easter Worship Service
Thursday	4/13	10:00AM	Bible Study
Thursday	4/20	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	4/23	10:10AM	Worship Led by Blain Bargo
Thursday	4/27	10:00AM	Bible Study
Sunday	4/30	10:10AM	Communion



Book of Matthew "who said it" (answer key)

1. c; 2. b; 3. c; 4. b; 5. c; 6. b; 7. c; 8. d; 9. a; 10. b



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