

A TIME TO GIVE THANKS



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Newsletter -
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A Message from The Pastor

As we turn the page to the final two months of the calendar year and begin to approach Thanksgiving and Christmas once again, I find myself very grateful for many things.

I have been encouraged by your faith and your love for God and one another. I see Christ growing in each of you. The way that we welcome visitors and reach out in sincere love to others at outreach events, etc. is testimony of our growth in Christ. Your generosity in supporting our 2nd mile missions and your support of Heavenly Hands (through your prayers, gifts, etc.) demonstrates a true desire to bless others in our community and beyond. Truly, the Holy Spirit is very much at work in us, maturing us in our walk with the Lord.

I am very grateful for your support and encouragement towards your pastor. Kara and I still speak about how welcome you have made us feel since we came to Dillsburg and Chestnut Grove 3.5 years ago. The time has flown by for us here. This is in large part due to how well you have received us. We truly hope to be here for a very long time. It is a joy to call Dillsburg home and to follow Christ with you.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I pray that the Lord will help you to remember and give thanks for how God has been with you through this year and throughout your life. Whether this year was a joyful one or a very difficult one for you, please know that Jesus loves you and was with you and will never leave you or forsake you.

And as Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us, I invite you to stand in wonder and awe that God came down to us in Jesus Christ. He came in humility. He came in love. He came full of mercy and compassion. He came to reveal the truth about God. May the wonder of Christmas strengthen you with hope, peace, joy, and love.

I am excited to continue following our great Savior with you as we prepare to move into 2024.

Pastor Tim



Women's Group Rummage Sale - September 9, 2023

Our Women's Group worked hard to have a very successful rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, September 9 and then again at the Fall Festival, October 7. They brought in a total of \$1,338.00 which will go towards our disaffiliation debt. Thank you ladies for all you do for Chestnut Grove Church!



Special Service to Recognize Heavenly Hands Learning Center - September 10, 2023

Today we recognized our staff in the Heavenly Hands daycare. We blessed and thanked Joelle Beck who has been with us for several years, but made the decision to move onto another job that would afford her more time to spend with her family. We also blessed and prayed for Bridget Rini (our new Director) and Karen Gutshall (Asst. Director) in overseeing the Learning Center moving forward. Cards and gifts were given to these ladies and a reception of cake and drinks followed in the lobby after worship. Thank you to all our guests who came to this special service/reception. Our Heavenly Hands Learning Center is a blessing to the community and their families. Praise God for your service and dedication to these families and their children!

Work Day in Heavenly Hands Learning Center - September 30, 2023

Thank you to everyone who came out Saturday, September 30, from 9:00AM – Noon to assist the staff in the Heavenly Hands Learning Center. A lot of needed cleanup, repairs, painting, moving of furniture was accomplished. Many church and Learning Center families came out to lend a hand! To show appreciation for all who came out, the Learning Center purchased pizza to share with all...it was a great time of fellowship after our work was done for the day. Again, thank you all!

Prayer for Israel and all the Middle East

Please continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem for protection from harm for both Jews and Palestinians and others in the region. Pray for those plotting evil to be unsuccessful. And pray for all to know their savior, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Fall Festival/Car Show - October 7, 2023

Thanks to everyone who donated food and helped make our Fall Festival/Car Show a wonderful success! Despite the weather, everyone who came out for our Fall Festival/Car Show had a blessed time of fellowship and fun! We had 9 vendors of crafts and yard sale tables set up in the fellowship hall, plus New Hope Ministries. Our car winners were 1st place – Blain Bargo ('54 Chevy Pickup); 2nd place – Jim Harlacher ('56 Chevy Belair); and 3rd place – Brett Neidig (Army Truck). The winner of the Chili Cook-off was Wendy Bargo.





Dedication Service - October 8, 2023

On Sunday, October 8, we had a beautiful service of Dedication for Niall David Henn. Hannah and Jeremy Henn presented Niall to the Lord and pledged to bring Niall up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. ²⁷ *I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.* ²⁸ *So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.* And he worshipped the Lord there. 1 Samuel 1:27-28.



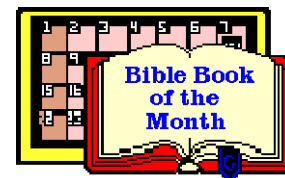
Church Email Address Change

Please make the necessary changes to show that the church email address has changed to: cgcdillsburg@gmail.com. Deb will continue to monitor the old email address for several months.

November - Bible Book of the Month - Romans

I would like to remind you that our Bible books of the month are always invitations and not requirements. If you sense the Lord is leading you to read and meditate on other Scriptures, please do not feel obligated to read the Bible Book of the Month. I simply offer the book of the month as one means by which the Holy Spirit can be used to guide your time in God's written Word.

Bible scholar Leon Morris wrote, "Romans is not an easy book. But it has always yielded rich dividends to anyone who has taken the time to study it seriously, and it does so still."



In this month of Thanksgiving, we can thank God for the profound gift that is Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. This letter is filled with important truths as Paul explains the good news of Jesus to a lost and broken world. God's sweeping plan is unpacked and explained in great depth in this epistle and it should lead its readers to stand in awe of God's loving plan for them.

At the heart of the letter is how God offers humanity righteousness or right-standing before Him by God's grace through individuals putting their faith in Jesus Christ. Without God's mercy, all of humanity stands guilty and justly condemned by God, but out of God's deep love for us, Jesus was offered as a sin-substitute for our sins. It was love that led and compelled Jesus, the God-Man, to offer up Himself on our behalf as a sin-offering.

While this letter is very profound and deep on many points, there is also a sweet simplicity to it as well. Jesus laid down His life so that all people (Jew and Gentile) might find true life in and through Him (chapters 1-11). And all the church (made up of Jews and Gentiles) are to humbly live out their lives as believers in ways that demonstrate growth in Christ likeness and in joyful service to one another (chapters 12-16). Lord's blessings in reading and meditating on this beautiful epistle.

December's Bible Book of the Month will be *Luke*. January's Bible Books of the month will be *Amos & Obadiah*.

New Hope Christmas Blessing Express



During the month of **November** we are collecting unwrapped gifts for New Hope Ministries. There will be a table in the back of the sanctuary for you to put your unwrapped gifts. There will be 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.

Daylight Savings Time

Saturday night, **November 4**, don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour!



All Saints Sunday - November 5



November 5 is All Saints Sunday and you are welcome to bring in a framed photo of your loved one for the service. We will be remembering all who passed away since last All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022. We remember them in our prayers, and give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

Kathryn L. Chambers (1-7-2023)

Leslie K. [Gerber] Neidig (5-10-2023)

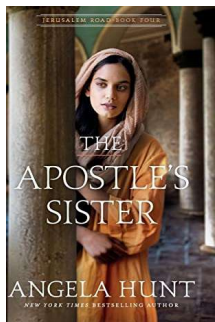
Congregational Turkey Dinner - November 5

Our annual turkey dinner will be Sunday, **November 5**, after our All Saints Day worship service. Carol Clayton has worked hard along with her other kitchen helps to plan and prepare this lovely meal for everybody. Don't forget to bring your food item that you signed up to bring. The turkey, filling, and gravy will be provided by the church.



Book Study Group

Chestnut Grove's Book Club is now holding their book gathering discussions at the **Dillsburg Library from 10:15AM-11:30AM.**



Our **November 13** book discussion will be **"The Apostle's Sister"** (by Angela Hunt). This is another wonderful historical fiction book by Angela Hunt. This time she is telling about Paul's life through the eyes of his sister, Aya.

We will then take a break through the Holidays. Our schedule for 2024 will be meeting in Jan, March, May, Sept, and Nov. If you haven't been part of the book study before, you can join this small group anytime.

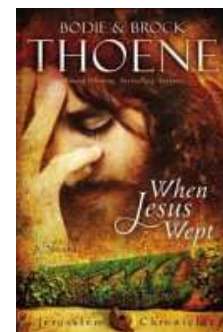
Our book study for **January 8, 2024** will be **"When Jesus Wept"** (by Bodie and Brock Thoene). Set against the political and religious turmoil of the times, the Thoenes' story vividly reimagines the evolving friendship between Jesus and Lazarus." --Publishers Weekly.

LAZARUS--the man Jesus raised from the dead in one of the most extraordinary encounters with The Living Savior in all of Scripture. But the life of Lazarus holds interest well beyond this miraculous event. Living in Bethany, near Jerusalem, Lazarus witnessed many of the most important events of Jesus's life and ministry.

Lazarus owned a vineyard and devoted his life to caring for its vines and fruit. But he encountered another man--Jesus--whose vineyard was the world, its fruit the eternal souls of men. When Lazarus's story and the story of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection touch in *When Jesus Wept*, we are offered a unique vision into the power and comfort of Christ's love.

Brock and Bodie Thoene's most powerful and climactic writing project to date, *When Jesus Wept*, captures the power and the passion of the men and women who lived through the most important days in the history of the world.

If you need help obtaining or ordering either of these books, 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!



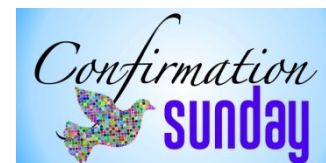
Poinsettia Orders (Benefits New Hope Ministries)

There have been order forms in the bulletin last week and for several weeks moving forward to purchase Poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary. Order forms must be completed and turned in (offering plates) no later than Sunday, November 19. If paying by check, please make it payable to Chestnut Grove Church and note in the comments that it is for the purchase of Poinsettias.



Confirmation Sunday - November 26

I am very excited for Confirmation Sunday on **November 26!** Our Confirmands have met for months, discussing the scriptures and what it means to be a Christian. Please be in prayer for each of them (**Riley Jacobs, Lexi Bush, Anna Klein**) and for their walk with Christ to continue to grow each day as they publicly confirm their faith. The Outreach Team is planning a reception of celebration (with cake, drinks, and photo opportunities) following the service that day.



Hanging of the Greens - December 2

On Saturday, **December 2**, 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.

Congregational Meeting - December 3

The Leadership Team has decided to hold a congregational meeting for Chestnut Grove Church Sunday, **December 3**, after the worship service to review the year and prepare for 2024.

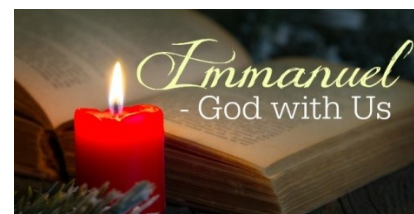


Birthday Party for Jesus! - December 10

On Sunday, **December 10**, from 2:00PM – 4:00PM the children are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus. There will be a story, crafts, games, and cake. Invite your friends to come and celebrate Jesus' Birthday!!

Christmas Focused Worship at Chestnut Grove!

Come join us Sunday, **December 17**, during worship time for a Chestnut Grove Christmas. We will hear about Immanuel - God With Us through scripture reading and music. Please invite your family and friends!



Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be Sunday, **December 24**, at 7:00PM. Come celebrate our Savior's birth! P.S. We will also have our morning worship today as this will be our Advent 4 service.

Bible Study

Our group of 8 – 12 people continues to meet Thursday mornings at 10:00AM. We are currently studying the book of **Acts**. We would be glad to have you join in the conversation any or every week.

Pastor Tim is considering adding another Bible Study Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:15PM. It would be studying something different than the Thurs morning Bible Study is currently doing. If you think you would be available and interested in a Monday evening Bible Study, please let Pastor Tim know soon...tks.



Men's Ministry Group

The Men's Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:45AM-9:45AM. All are welcome!!



New Sermon Series - Foundations of the Faith

As we begin the new Christian year this Advent, we will also be beginning a new sermon series. In this series we will explore the essential beliefs that all Christians are to hold. In this often-confusing world that we live in, my prayer is that this series brings clarity and focus on why these beliefs are critically important to hold if someone claims to be a Christian. May our faith be strengthened as we remember that Christianity is true and is firmly grounded in reality. I invite your prayers for God to accomplish His purposes through this series.

Advent 1 – December 3: The authority of Scripture

Advent 2 – December 10: God as Creator and Maker of all things

Advent 3 – December 17: *No Sermon* (Chestnut Grove Christmas service)

Advent 4 – December 24 (AM service): Jesus Christ - The God Man (part 1)

Christmas Eve – December 24 (7:00PM service): Jesus Christ – The God Man (part 2)

December 31: The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ

January 7: The Holy Spirit

January 14: The Victorious Return of Jesus

Servant Spotlight

Chestnut Grove is so thankful to have so many people who volunteer their time in many areas of our Churches ministry. We'd like to take the opportunity to recognize these people in our newsletters for the remainder of this year and show our appreciation for their service and commitment! From the months of September and October we would like to recognize the following individuals:



- ❖ **Kara Klein** – Thank you for your beautiful musical talents you bless us all with throughout the calendar year!! Thank you also for your involvement in helping the Sunday School children write letters to our two Compassion International children that we sponsor.
- ❖ **Bruce Trostle and Craig Mowery** – Thank you both for all the trustee duties you perform for Chestnut Grove throughout the year!! Your craftsmanship and knowledge of repairing things that need attention in the building and on the grounds is a great asset to our church!
- ❖ **Sue Mowery (and the entire Women's Group)** – We want to thank Sue Mowery and the entire Women's Group for organizing the rummage sale in September which extended into also manning a table at the Fall Festival. Many hours were spent planning and organizing the rummage sale and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you all for your dedication to Chestnut Grove Church!!

Thank You Corner



I am very touched by your kindness and support for my family and me. I am honored to be your pastor.

Pastor Tim

AWKNG School of Theology Courses

As your church, we want to help you gain a deeper understanding of the Bible!

We are excited to announce a partnership between Chestnut Grove Church and the AWKNG School of Theology! Our partnership will profit Chestnut Grove Church a % for any course taken. Get ready to gain a supernatural worldview, the ability to confidently share Word of God, and learn to understand scripture like never before.



Take advantage of supernatural biblical teaching you can't get anywhere else.

The content offered through AWKNG School of Theology is unlike anything you'll find anywhere else. You will walk away equipped to understand the difficult and often-avoided scriptures in the Bible and the ability to confidently share the Word of God.

Are you ready to dive deep into the supernatural?

Learn the ancient biblical context at your own pace. Enroll today and learn more about what the Bible has to say about angels, demons, and the unseen realm. When we have a solid understanding of the true biblical context of the supernatural, it brings our authority as believers into perspective.

Get equipped to understand the Bible!

Do you ever find yourself stuck on a hard-to-understand scripture, and you don't know where to begin? AWKNG School of Theology is a great place to start.

There are two ways to access the AWKNG Website:

1. Visit our church website: cgumdillsburg.org
 - Select the AWKNG School of Theology page.
 - Click on the link provided on the AWKNG School of Theology page

(OR)

2. Type in the following link from anywhere:

<https://awkngschooloftheology.com>

Sign-In Instructions:

Once you are on the AWKNG School of Theology website, here are the steps to enroll in a course under **Chestnut Grove's Affiliation Account:**

- Click on the "Student Sign In" button (upper right of screen) and enter the following information:
* Email: cgcdillsburg@gmail.com * Password: Church4me2
- You are now logged-in under the church account (you should see "Chestnut Grove C" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen). You are currently on the General Affiliate Information screen.
- On the left side of this screen, Click on the line below titled, "Your Affiliate Links".
- You will now see the list of all the courses available to us. Copy and paste the link of the course you are interested in into a new tab and press enter.
- Information about the course will open. When you are ready to enroll, click the "Start Today" button. This will take you to the screen to complete the enrollment process (your payment method, etc) to finish enrollment. **NOTE:** If you have a promo code for the course you are taking, don't forget to enter it at this point (left side of this screen). Then complete your purchase.

2023 2nd Mile Missions (Revised)

- Jan, Feb, March** – New Life for Girls - \$950.00
- April, May** – *The Chosen* - \$660.00
- June, July** – *A Compassion Child* - \$1,046.09
- Aug, Sept** – Operation Underground Railroad - \$640.00
- October** – New Hope Ministries
- November** – The Samaritan Fund
- December** – New Hope Ministries



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 – Linda Klein
- 14 – Blain Bargo
- 22 – Brian Clayton
- 23 – Chris Faber
- 30 – Ruth Albert
- 31 – Levi Seik



2023 Children's Sunday School Teaching Schedule (November – December)		
Date	K-2 nd Grade (Sonfish)	3-6 Grade (Sharks)
11/5/2023	Dee Gerber	Tammy Strayer
11/12/2023	Tammy Strayer	Dee Gerber
11/19/2023	Carol Clayton	Pastor Tim
11/26/2023	Kara Klein	Carol Clayton
12/3/2023	Pastor Tim	Carol Clayton
12/10/2023	Dee Gerber	Tammy Strayer
12/17/2023	Dee Gerber	
12/24/2023	Kara Klein	Dee Gerber
12/31/2023	Kara Klein	



2023 Teller Schedule

Date	Head Teller	Assistant Teller
11/5/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
11/12/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
11/19/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
11/26/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
12/3/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson
12/10/2023	Tammy Strayer	Carolyn Myers
12/17/2023	Wendy Bargo	Betty Jane Diven
12/24/2023 (AM)	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
12/24/2023 (PM)	Tammy Strayer	Carol Mowery
12/31/2023	Wendy Bargo	Angie Thompson

2023 Liturgist Schedule

Date	Liturgist
11/5/2023	Blain Bargo
11/12/2023	Carol Mowery
11/19/2023	Kyra Gerber
11/26/2023	Steph Reynolds
12/3/2023	Keith Albert
12/10/2023	Blain Bargo
12/17/2023	Dee Gerber
12/24/2023 (AM)	Kyra Gerber
12/24/2023 (PM)	Pastor Tim Klein
12/31/2023	Steph Reynolds

2023 Soundboard/Powerpoint

Date	Soundboard	Powerpoint
11/5/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
11/12/2023	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
11/19/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
11/26/2023	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber
12/3/2023	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
12/10/2023	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
12/17/2023	Blain Bargo	Bryan Crone
12/24/2023 (AM)	Dee Gerber	Bryan Crone
12/24/2023 (PM)	Bryan Crone	Sue Mowery
12/31/2023	Blain Bargo	Dee Gerber

2023 Cleaning Schedule

Date (Sat.)	Volunteers
11/4/2023	Steph Reynolds
11/18/2023	Brian & Dee Gerber
12/2/2023	Tammy Strayer
12/16/2023	Bill Minnich Patsy Kellison
12/30/2023	Patty Rittle Carol Clayton

Communion List

Date	Name
November	Betty Jane Diven Dee Gerber
December	Angie & Tom Chiricos

Vision Statement
Our Vision as Chestnut Grove Church is to be a light on a hill sharing the love of Jesus Christ, by following Jesus (The SON) through Service, Outreach, and Nurture.



Upcoming Meetings/Events/Worship

Wednesday	11/1	6:15PM
Thursday	11/2	10:00AM
Sunday	11/5	9:10AM
Sunday	11/5	10:10AM
Sunday	11/5	After Worship
Wednesday	11/8	6:30PM
Thursday	11/9	10:00AM
Sunday	11/12	8:45AM
Sunday	11/12	After Worship
Monday	11/13	10:15AM
Wednesday	11/15	6:30PM
Thursday	11/16	10:00AM
Thursday	11/23	
Sunday	11/26	10:10AM
Thursday	11/30	10:00AM
Saturday	12/2	5:00PM
Sunday	12/3	After Worship
Thursday	12/7	10:00AM
Sunday	12/10	8:45AM
Sunday	12/10	2-4:00PM
Wednesday	12/13	6:30PM
Thursday	12/14	10:00AM
Sunday	12/17	10:10AM
Thursday	12/21	10:00AM
Sunday	12/24	7:00PM
Thursday	12/28	10:00AM
Sunday	12/31	10:10AM
Sunday	12/31	After Worship
Thursday	1/4/2024	10:00AM
Monday	1/8/2024	10:15AM

HH School Board Meeting
 Bible Study
 Confirmation Class
 All Saints Sunday
 Thanksgiving Dinner
 Leadership Team Meeting
 Bible Study
 Men's Group
 Outreach Team Meeting
 Book Study Group @ Library
 Comm. Thanksgiving Svc. @
 MountainView Christian Fellowship
 Bible Study
No Bible Study – Thanksgiving Day
 Communion (Christ The King Sunday)
 Confirmands Join Chestnut Grove
 Bible Study
 Hanging of the Greens
 Congregational Meeting
 Bible Study
 Men's Group
 Birthday Party for Jesus
 Leadership Team Meeting
 Bible Study
 Chestnut Grove Christmas worship
 Bible Study
 Christmas Eve Service
 Bible Study
 Communion
 Sunday School Meeting
 Bible Study
 Book Study Group @ Dillsburg Library



Prayer Chain - To share a prayer need with the email prayer chain, contact Pastor Tim at 717-600-6139 or tkleinpastor@gmail.com

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