



Tidings

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Welcome to SEPTEMBER Ministries at Yardley United Methodist Church!

Children's Sunday School starts 9/8 Ages 4 thru 5th grade

Please join us for Children's Sunday School for ages 4 through 5th grade. Fall classes kick off on Sunday, September 8th.

Our fall theme is "Fruit of the Spirit." God gives us the fruit of the Spirit to help us show others what his love looks like. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"* (*Galatians 5:22-23*).

Children are dismissed to Sunday school from the 9:30 am worship service.

Youth Group and God Squad starts 9/18

All children grades K thru 5th and youth grades 6th thru 12th are invited to the kick off of Youth Group & God Squad on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 pm. Pizza is free that day! Join us for fun, games, dinner and discussion!

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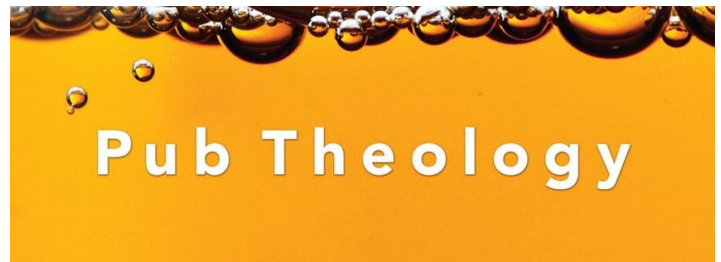
Parents Supporting Parents

By Christine Griffin

Feeling like a lone wolf in this whirlwind of modern chaos? Fear not, fellow parent! I'm throwing a monthly parent pow-wow to lift each other up and give our awesome kids a boost. Calling all parents of YUMC kiddos to come join the fun!

Meet me at The Vault in Yardley at 5:45 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Let's grub, gulp and gossip about all things life. Fall dates: 10/2, 11/6, 12/4

Rsvp by calling or texting Christine: 215-932-4834.



Pub Theology group is restarting on Sept 24th at 7 pm! We are thinking of meeting on Tuesday about every 6 weeks at the Continental Tavern on Main Street in Yardley. Anyone interested can contact Joy Boysen at jboysen145@gmail.com or 609-240-8690 and/or sign up on the church website: www.yardleyumc.org/events

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Sunday Morning Worship
 9:30 am in Sanctuary
 9:30 am on Facebook Live
 11:00 am Zoom



Hello Friends,

It has been a busy summer, not to mention getting hot quickly, but now, it is ending. That in and of itself can be bittersweet. Looking back on lazy days in the pool or pond, cook-outs, or finding cover in the pouring rain, new memories are captured for us to look on fondly as we get back into the swing of autumn work and school activities. For parents, that might mean not worrying about whether their children are occupied as they continue their work through the summer. The children might be excited about seeing school friends again but not much about studying new subjects. However you feel about this next season, I hope that you will be able to see the potential for joy in both memories of the past and anticipation of your future.

Over the last few months, some of our plans for gathering and fun panned out, and some did not. The weather certainly had an effect, but on the whole, we achieved the desired effect of remaining connected even while many of us took our vacations. With the passing of some of our dearest friends, we came together to comfort and console each other. At the same time, we welcomed many of our neighbors into the church building as several groups were looking for a safe and comfortable space to meet. New recovery groups began, a chair yoga class was in full swing (sit?), and the Artists of Yardley were here to blossom with creativity. We were happy to welcome them and assist however we could. So be assured, God is using Yardley United Methodist Church to bless our neighbors.

This September, we are welcoming Back to Church all those we have missed over the summer and over the years and reminding our neighbors of our love. To Love Our Neighbors is our calling and mission as followers of Jesus; we welcome all as we passionately serve and grow together in our relationship with God and our neighbors. (Matthew 22:37-39) So, I ask you to join this mission to invite others to experience a new and deeper relationship with our holy-loving, and creative God. Many studies have shown that people attend church because they are personally invited by someone they are acquainted with. We have small and simple invitations to share as you meet up with friends, do your weekly shopping, or spend a night out on the town.

As we come Back to Church this September, we are studying the New Testament letter of James. James has a way of getting to the heart of what true religion means. Although Jesus said that meeting together is vital, it's more than attending service on Sunday morning, singing songs, hearing a pastor preach, and joining in the Lord's Supper. It's essential for us to study the scriptures because doing so opens the door for God to speak into our lives in both healing and corrective work. We want to love our neighbors, but we often find neighbors who say or do things that disturb us. Or we may be the ones disturbing the peace of others. In other words, we all need to learn how to love each other better, and we have the most impact by expressing that love together in ways that truly matter. Come see why this half-brother of Jesus came to believe in him.

After this study, in November and December, we want to invite anyone and everyone to our Saving Grace Financial Wellness series. One way we show the true nature of our discipleship is through the use of money. Through this exploration of faith and finances, we will help you by: Contrasting what the consumer culture says about money with what the Scripture says about money; Showing how to track your expenses and evaluate your income; Discussing giving and saving; Addressing your debt; Walking you through creating a personal Spending Plan that will guide every aspect of your financial life; and Encouraging you in ways to experience grace, peace and joy in your financial life. This study was developed for grace-filled and financially skilled believers who want to help you live faithfully with your finances.

These aren't the only things going on at Yardley UMC this Fall, so make sure you check out the Events Page on our website for opportunities to learn and share the love of God.

Blessings and Welcome Back!

Pastor Lee Corpier



Happy Birthday Marge!

By Joyce Lee

On Sunday, August 4th, our member and friend Marge Quallis celebrated her 100th birthday at a (Surprise, to her!) Open House at her home at 1 Harvey Avenue in Yardley. Church members were the first to arrive, with Pastor Lee arriving after the Zoom worship service, bringing a GIANT birthday card, signed by members of the congregation and GIANT "Happy 100th Birthday!" gold and silver letters and balloons, which he posted on Marge's front lawn, so that everyone who passed by would know that their neighbor, Marge, with friends and family was celebrating her long and healthy life.

And, what a life it has been! Margaret Chaty Quallis, daughter of Hungarian immigrants, was born in Trenton on August 6, 1924, and moved to Yardley in 1950 after her husband Gerard, his brother John, and their father built their house on Harvey Avenue. Daughter, Vada was born the same year, followed by 2nd daughter, Lynne in 1952. Marge and Gerry began attending YUMC (then YMC), becoming active almost immediately. Marge, a Trenton Public School teacher (2nd and 3rd Grades), also taught 1st and 2nd Sunday School at YMC/YUMC for about 25 years. In the 1960s and 1970s, she was active in YUM's outreach ministry in the Yardley community, and most recently served as a member of YUMC's TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) Volunteer Team as well as being a faithful volunteer in the church office every week.

Now, at 100 years young, Marge remains mostly at home, aided by "Seniors Helping Seniors" caregivers Karen and Judy, her daughters, Vada in Yardley and Lynne in Dauberville (near Kutztown, PA), friends from church, extended family members, and neighbors.

Marge is warm and welcoming, concerned and compassionate, generous, humorous, with a wealth of experience in living and loving others. She has a good memory of her years and activity at YMC/YUMC. And, she would love to share time and conversation with you.

A note of thanks from Marge:

My thanks to you, my congregation, for sending me the giant birthday card with all of your signatures on it. And, thanks to Pastor Lee for bringing the card to me at my Open House on August 4th, along with the giant birthday letters and balloons that you put up on my lawn to tell everyone that I was now 100 years old! All of this touched my heart so very much. I enjoyed my special birthday, the many cards that I received, and the visitors who came to see me that day.

With my love and affection,

Marge Quallis



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07 Jackson Luce	27 Connor Menzel
09 Willie Mitchell	29 Susan Croggon
09 Christina Jackson	
09 Rachel Hammelman	
10 Matthew Hyland	
18 Bill Moody	
19 Joshua Schettino	
21 Jenny Lefebvre	
22 Andrea Scherer	



Our Building in use to support the community!

This summer marked a significant milestone for the local arts community as Yardley United Methodist Church and Artists of Yardley (AOY Art Center) teamed up to offer nine summer adult art classes. This collaboration was not only an exciting opportunity for local artists and enthusiasts, but also a historic first for AOY Art Center, as it was the first time they expanded their programming off-campus. The diversity of the classes offered—from painting and drawing to more specialized art forms—ensured that there was something for everyone, whether a seasoned artist or someone picking up a brush for the first time. The 52 registrants not only learned new skills but also connected with fellow art lovers in a supportive and inspiring setting.

The church, known for its community-focused initiatives, provided the perfect backdrop for this creative venture, blending spiritual and artistic growth. AOY Art Center is greatly appreciative of the warm welcome received by YUMC. The collaboration was a resounding success, bringing art into the heart of the community and setting the stage for more creative partnerships in the future.

Editor's note: AOY made a generous donation to YUMC for use of the building and to offset the utilities and other costs associated with having the classes at the church.



AOY classes at YUMC

Yardley UMC
Blessing of the Pets

You are invited to bring your pets to a special blessing.

Sunday October 6th @1:30pm

If your beloved animal friend cannot attend, bring a picture of them.

We are gathering dry animal food for a local shelter.

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6th, 1:30 pm
 We will hold a "Blessing of the Pets" at YUMC! Bring your pets or a photo.

We will collect dry pet food to deliver to shelters.



Faith Formation Events to add to your calendar

September 6th 6pm **Women's Book Club** Christine Griffin's House

September 8th 9:30am **Children's Sunday School** resumes

September 18th 5:30-7:30pm **God Squad and Youth Group** return

September 19th **James Study** begins—every Thursday, 2pm in person or 7:30pm on Zoom

September 24th 7pm **Pub Theology** Continental Tavern

October 2nd 5:45pm **Parents Supporting Parents** The Vault

October 6th 1:30-2:30pm **Blessing of the Pets**

October 9th **God Squad & Youth Mission: Packing Pet Food**

October 12th 4pm **Pumpkins arrive...BBQ & Firepit at 6pm**

November 3rd 1:30-2:30pm **Pumpkin Chuckin'**

November 6th 5:45pm **Parents Supporting Parents** The Vault

November 13th **Friendsgiving**

December 4th 5:45pm **Parents Supporting Parents** The Vault

December 13th **Women's Ornament Exchange** Griffin Home

January 17-18th **Winter MyCalling!**

January 31st- February 2nd **Women's Retreat** Ocean Grove, NJ

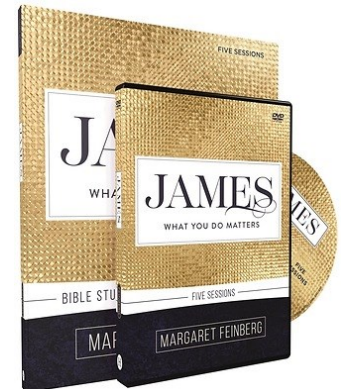
April 26th **Sight & Sound Trip Noah**

May 30-June 1 **Youth and Family Camping trip**

June 8 **Golden Plate Awards**

July 13-17 **MyCalling!**

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Save the Date

April 26th, 2025, at 3 pm

Thirty seats have been booked.

COST: Adult \$84.55; Child (under 12) \$42.00

RSVP with interest to:

cgriffin1126@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for April 26, 2025 at 3 pm to go to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. We will see Noah, an excellent show for all ages. We will have sign ups soon; meanwhile, please email your interest to Christine at cgriffin1126@gmail.com

On Sunday June 9th the Staff Parish Relations Committee sponsored a STAFF APPRECIATION event following the Sunday service at Fellowship Hour.

We were able to present our honorees, Pastor Lee, Nancy Scurlock, Nick Mynyk, and Matt Pashley with gift bags of THANK YOU cards from the congregation and a monetary gift collected from all! We had a beautiful cake and each SPRC buddy presented the gift bag to their staff buddy with words of thanks.

Denise was just returning from a wedding of a former youth group participant (she also saw former YUMC members who have moved away) so we presented her gift bag to her at the Golden Plate Dinner that evening, a fun and prayerful night.

We have an amazing staff and YUMC wouldn't be doing what it does today in mission without the support and work of our wonderful staff. THANK YOU!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."
- Mark Twain

Pastor Lee, Denise, Nancy, Nick and Matt appreciate the Staff Parish Relations Committee for planning a lovely Staff Appreciation Sunday. And, we thank the congregation and SPRC for all the cards of support, kind words and the generous gifts. Thank you!



IN MEMORIAM

Cyndee Ward

June 19, 2024

Ruth Bachike

June 23, 2024

Chris Stein

July 22, 2024

Roger Tillson

August 10, 2024

Ellen Howell

August 11, 2024



Note received from Ellen Howell's daughter

To the Congregation of YUMC,

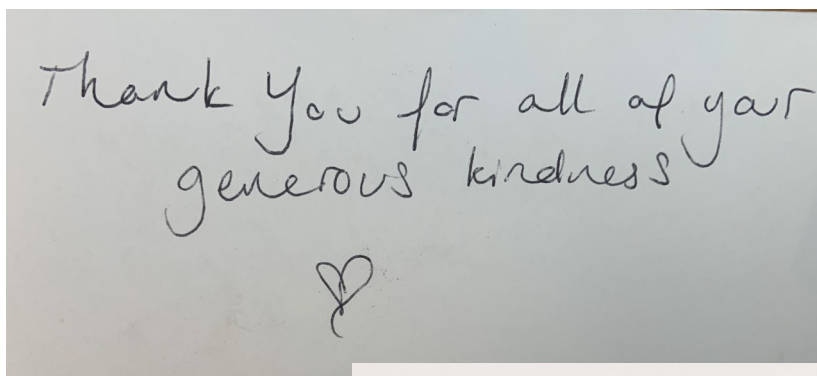
Thank you for your love and support of my mother, Ellen Howell, for these past 20-some years. She loved her church family and was always telling us stories of the fun things goin on in the church, and the lessons she learned each Sunday and in her Bible study classes.

Thank you to everyone who attended and spoke at her funeral, and to all of you that helped me and my family get through this sad time.

We can all be sure that Mom is smiling down and sending her love from Heaven.

*Yours in Christ,
Susan Smith*

The hand written note pictured below was found in our mini-pantry. Please continue to support our food drive. Since 2016, YUMC has collected 17,126 lbs of food for the community.



Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated on behalf of

Caleb William Cerino

July 28, 2024

Caleb is the son of Stephanie & Matt Cerino
Godparents are Jessica & Christopher Cerino



The Summer of Connection

By Denise Harris

YUMC Young People kicked off their summer with Nerf Wars... A night designed to simply have fun together.

From that evening on, this summer has been full of opportunities to connect. We connected with one another, we connected with other churches, we connected with God, we connected with ourselves, we connected with those we could serve. . . This was a summer of connection and it was beautiful!

In addition to Nerf Wars, our summer included camping at Otter Lake, Water fun at Core Creek, Serving Others during MyCalling! and Growing together in Ocean Grove!

God was clearly present as each activity, as we took intentional time to pause and focus on God.

This summer, several of our young adults connected to celebrate the wedding of Katlyn Cummings! It was a great reminder of the lasting connections our young people make as they spend time together!

As our group grows, it is clear there is a special connection God is forming in our group. They trust one another, welcome everyone and look forward both times of fun and laughter as well as times of silence and reflection.

I am praising God for our summer of connection and looking forward to Fall with this amazing group!



My Calling! Work crews getting ready to go out on projects



Girls' Retreat



Floating our boats

YUMC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry at Yardley UMC exists to share God's love with teenagers, equip them to experience the work of ministry, honor the Lord and enjoy one another.

Do you have questions? Need someone to talk to? See Denise or any youth leader. Or, email denise@yardleyumc.org

Not sure of dates for events? Check out the calendar on our website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org

Need to sign up for an event? You can go to the youth website at www.yardleyumcyouth.org and click on events.



Serving OPPORTUNITIES



Serving Opportunities

Food and Registration Team Support

Wednesdays at YUMC are exciting nights! During a regular Wednesday evening with God Squad and Youth Group, we have 11 adults leading all aspects of the night. This October, we have an opportunity for you to serve on our Food and Registration Team! We are looking for someone to help with dinner set up, serving and clean up. We could use your help on Wednesdays from October -November 5:30-6:30pm. If you are interested, please talk to Kim Schettino or Denise Harris.

God Squad Co Leader

We are celebrating the fact that God is bringing more kids to our Wednesday evening program. We have amazing leaders and we can't wait to get started!., This year we will split the group into two, to help all kids grow. We have one leader for each group and a second adult for one group. We are looking for two more adults to join the team!

If you are interested in serving with some amazing adults and caring for some amazing kids, let's talk! Please see Laura Ransom, Paula Nelson, Sally Edwards or Denise Harris if you are interested in learning more!



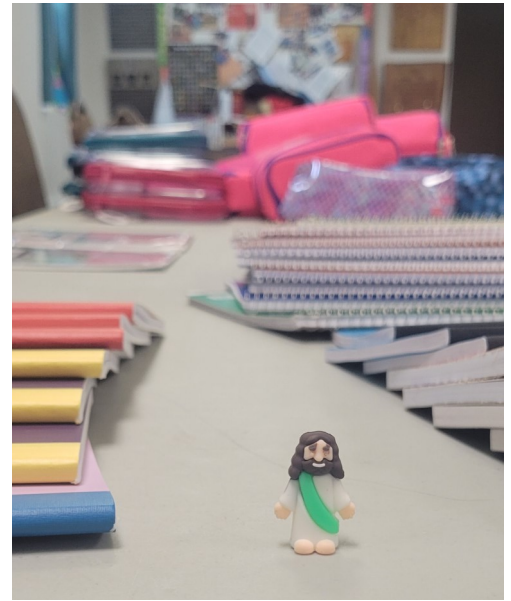
Wednesday September 18th Welcome Back Wednesday for God Squad & Youth Group!

We are back! Wednesdays are coming back! We can't wait to see you Wednesday September 18th for kick off night! Pizza





Join us at 4 pm for pumpkin unloading on Saturday, October 12. We always have a fun time setting up the patch! After the unloading, join us at 6 pm for a BBQ and firepit. Dinner is for everyone, even if you can't help with the unloading. Please bring side dish or dessert to share.



The Backpack Blessing was a success!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies!

We had children attend to have their backpacks blessed and some families came in need of school supplies. The remaining items are being donated to a charitable organization titled, "Pennsbury Kids." They help out under privileged children and youth in the Pennsbury School district. Lots of children will now start the school year prepared with school supplies. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Red Cross Blood Drive 

Yardley UMC hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive twice per year. The next drive is October 1 from 2-7 pm. Can you help by just being here for a couple of hours? We also need someone to lock up after the drive. Please let the office know if you can help.





***MyCalling!
Mission Experience!***

The Kitchen Crew!



*White Pine Farm
(Horse rescue farm)*



*Ross Mill Farm Piggy
Camp (Pig rescue farm)*

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Events

Worship each Sunday:

9:30 am in person and on Facebook Live

9:30 am Sunday School (starts 9/08)

11 am on ZOOM

Young Adult Zoom each Wednesday on Zoom, 9:30 pm

Youth Group & God Squad each Wed, 5:30 (starts 9/18)

September

8 Trustees, 12:30 pm via ZOOM

9 Finance 7 pm via ZOOM

16 Ad Council, 7:30 pm

19 James Bible Study starts 2 pm or 7:30 pm

22 Oct/Nov Newsletter deadline

24 Pub Theology, 7 pm, Continental Tavern

October

1 Red Cross Blood Drive

2 Parents Supporting Parents, 5:45 pm The Vault

6 Blessing of the Pets, 1:30 pm

12 PUMPKINS ARRIVE 4 pm

12 Church BBQ & Firepit 6 pm

13-31 Pumpkin Patch



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