

GOOD SHEPHERD DAYCARE



The new school year kicked off on August 18th this year.

We had 9 preschool children go off to Kindergarten this school year, however only 2 of the 9 remained in our before/after school program. Having 7 children leave at once has been challenging to say the least.

After weeks of filtering through our lengthy waitlist, we only have

1 new family enrolled in preschool. Some additional family tours have been set up over the next two weeks and we will continue to schedule tours as preschool families call into the program.

Ironically, the infant room is so stacked with infants, our hold list in the infant room is at its highest; with 7 infants (5 of those infants have not even been born yet). The infant room holds only 4 infants at a time. Since they are all different months old, they transition out of the room when they turn a year old. So our transitions into toddlers is heading in the right direction.

We still have 2 classrooms closed (Crawler Walker Room and Preschool 1 Room). These rooms will remain closed as hiring qualified staff has remained a challenge. Thankfully the core staff are so flexible and willing to help out where needed so the program continues to run smoothly. Don't ask me all the staff ages, because it looks like many of us will retire all at once. I pray God has a plan for that upcoming transition as well.

Our Open House has been scheduled for September 2nd at 5:00. We are inviting families to attend, in the hope it provides them an opportunity to hear about their child's new classroom and gives them an understanding of the new routines. An open house also lets prospective and enrolled families tour the church, meet teachers, and explore the curriculum. It builds trust, eases a child's first-day anxiety, and showcases the safe, welcoming environment of the center.

This is up for evaluation from the church...

Last Spring, we had an interesting situation happen that became a topic at a staff meeting. A neighbor was able to enter the building (because of a child or parent) and this neighbor was able to access a classroom within seconds. The neighbor did not come to threaten anyone, instead this neighbor was in search of his child and wanted to question the staff to see if anyone had seen his child. The fear of a trespasser or intruder coming into the building has been discussed among staff. The conversation has been streamlined to individual classrooms. Over the summer, we had a Southern York County Police Officer walk the building, to discuss what can be done to keep children and staff safe if an intruder gets inside and comes to harm someone. Since each classroom and space is different, we have spent a lot of time talking about what we can do as staff, to keep the children safe. Our hope is to create plans for each classroom to follow, in case an intruder enters the building. The Leadership of the church met this month to discuss if internal locks or latches can be installed in the event of an intruder. The staff hope to put some "real plans" in place and begin to practice an active intruder drill. Southern Police Department was extremely insightful on expressing the importance of trying to do everything you can to gain more time, and slow down the intruder. It's not like we would be able to keep the children quiet, so other strategies are our hope. The program meets the current required standard from the State, however the staff are very interested in creating individualized plans per room.

A few reminders:

- 1.Our Annual Inspection Window from the State is all of September.
- 2.If you are interested in supporting the daycare with donations, we always appreciate snacks, baby wipes, and cleaning supplies.
- 3.Thank you for the daily prayer support.

~Pamela Prowell, Daycare Director



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

NEW STREET NEWS



OVER COFFEE

It was after one person too many had said they never read the church newsletter, that I decided to write about what it's like to pour hours of time into putting words on a paper that's read today and trash tomorrow. Writing, I wrote to the church, is a lesson in humility, because a lot of writing is neither read, nor remembered.

Several days later, I stopped in on a retired community activist who had advanced her many causes through a home-published newsletter.

"I really enjoyed what your article this month," she said, "but I have couple bones to pick with you. You misspelled three words, left a word out of a sentence, and then you made a punctuation error." She handed me her copy of our newsletter, and said: "I circled them, so you could see what I mean." Her red ink told the tale: Writing is a lesson in humility, because someone always reads what you wrote. Philip Yancey, a writer I like to read, once said that there is nothing more humbling than discovering that the words he wrote on a page have made found their way into someone's heart, and changed their life. It is humbling, he observed, to discover that a word you have worked to craft from your heart could touch the heart of another so far away.

Conversations can work that way, too.

An online post, a friendly word, even talk at church can change a life.

You may be the first memory of Jesus carried by the child who greets you in the church parking lot.

The words you say, the attitude you convey, the look you cast toward a soul on the sidewalk in front of the church may be the grace God sent you to give, a blessing that a passerby will remember forever.

The smile on your face may be the one kind memory of God that gives hope to a broken life. The look in the eye, your listening ear might be the first time a God seeking soul remembers as God hearing his or her prayer.

You never know how you will impact the people you meet. But this much is sure, the Bible says: "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." (Proverbs 16:24)

*Your Pastor,
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SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am Worship
10:30am Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm

THE WELL

SCHEDULE



TUESDAYS FOR THE CHILDREN, 3:30pm-6:30pm

WEDNESDAYS - GRAB 'n GO LUNCH - 11:00am - 12:30PM

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS - THE WELL FOOD PANTRY - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

1st WEDNESDAY - FREE FOOD BOXES for SENIORS - 12:00noon - 1:00pm

4th WEDNESDAY - YCFB MOBILE BUS - 11:00am-1:00pm
(Located in the alley on Codorus Street, behind Zion Lutheran Church)

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THE WELL WALK



NEW this year!

The Glen Rock churches have decided to gather together for “THE WELL WALK” instead of doing the Crop Walk. This way, all proceeds will benefit the Well and the Food Pantry. If you would like to donate or participate in the walk, please see Jim Merrick.

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11
1:00pm

Meet at the Glen Rock Library for a walk on the rail trail.

THE WELL, IMMANUEL'S OUTREACH MINISTRY



This summer, The Well has experienced a decrease in the number of children attending its Tuesday afternoon opening which has been the trend over the school vacation months the past several years; instead of 20-30 children, 12-15 are coming. We are anticipating the number of children to increase after school resumes on August 18. Volunteers are still needed for this program.

The number of Grab N Go meals has decreased this summer with an average of 70-80 per week.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who make that possible. The Well was fortunate to have 3 new great, although temporary, volunteers this summer: Lindsey Hoban, Landyn Hoban and Fin McCleary, the daughter and grandsons of Don and Melody McCleary. They are welcomed back anytime! Red Star Farm has again generously donated fresh produce for some of the meals. We were also fortunate to receive unused food items and drinks from the New Freedom Lion's Club's carnival stand.

The Food Pantry has seen a increase in the number of families 'shopping'.

WITH GOD'S LEADERSHIP, IMMANUEL IS TRYING TO LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY AND LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

Thank You

Thank you to Janet Thomas for taking such great care of the flower beds around the church property. The flowers are beautiful!

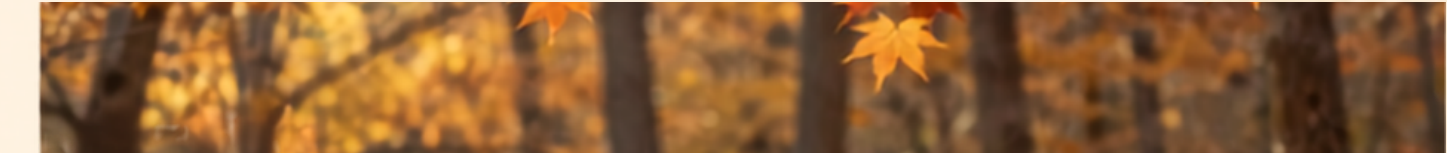




Thank you to all who contribute items to the pantry: Immanuel, Kites Eggs, Brown's Markets, First Fruits, Greenmount UMC Church, New Hope (Fissel's) Church, Zion Lutheran Church, YCFB, other organizations and individuals.

Again this year Immanuel, through The Well, will be offering free holiday food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas; more information will be provided in the future.

The Well will be closed the week of September 6-13 for both the children on Tuesday, the 8th and there will be no GnG meal on Wednesday, the 10th. There will be additional closings during the holiday periods in November and December.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE



All members of the church are encouraged to attend this year's ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 7
10:00am
Calvary UMC
11 N. Richland Ave., York



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MONDAY - OCTOBER 12 for the November/December edition.
Please note that the deadline has been pushed up due to Jen being on vacation and annual conference.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



September 19
October 17
8:00am

J & B's Grill
(Shrewsbury)



ON LINE

IN-PERSON

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

7:00pm
(see Pastor Skip for the link to join us)

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH



WREATHS across AMERICA



Immanuel is participating in the “Wreaths Across America” program this year, implemented by Austn L. Grove Unit 403 American Legion Auxiliary. The intent is to have enough wreaths sponsored to cover all of the graves at each of the Glen Rock cemeteries. Wreath laying is December 19. The wreaths are \$17.00. Sponsorship forms and volunteer forms are available in the Roser Entrance. Please complete the form and send it, along with payment by November 11th to: Sharon Krout, 1415 Church St., Glen Rock, PA 17327