

# Shippensburg First Church of God

## FYI

### Sunday, January 7, 2024



**Attendance:** Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:30 a.m.	109	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>128</b>
11 a.m.	96		
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>205</b>		

### Today

#### Communion Sunday

(January 7, 2024)

#### 8:30 and 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

We continue today with the sermon series called, "Begin With the End In Mind". Our main scripture passage is Ecclesiastes, but we will be looking at other scriptures as we study this topic. We will consider the passage of time from a biblical perspective. We will reflect on what has passed and look forward to what is to come. The title of the message today is "Meaning in the Mundane". We will consider how as we go through the mundane things of life, God brings new meaning to them.

We will have communion during both worship services this morning. Also, we will collect a special offering for our Beneficent Fund. The offering will be collected at the end of both worship services.

**PMI Offering Sunday**—If you would like to give toward our commitment to help PMI with their rent, please use one of the white envelopes located in the back of the pews. Please fill out the correct information on it, and write PMI in next to "Others (Enter Fund)". You may place your envelope in the offering plate during the worship service.

#### 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

#### **SS Offering—Missions Sunday Offering**

On the first Sunday of the month, half of the Sunday school offering goes to missions.

#### 11 a.m.—Children's Church

Children's church if for children ages two years through 5th grade.

### This Week in Our Church

#### **Monday** (8th)

##### 9:30-11 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study

This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month in the Annex.

##### 6:30 p.m.—Christian Education Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held in room 110.

#### **Tuesday** (9th)

##### 6:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

This meeting will be held in Crossroads Station.

#### **Wednesday** (10th)

##### 8-9 a.m.—Prayer Time

Prayer time is held in room 9.

##### 6:30-8 p.m.—Community Night

Community Night is held churchwide.

##### 8 p.m.—Choir Practice

Choir practice is held in the sanctuary.

#### **Thursday** (11th)

##### 9-10:15 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

This study is held offsite.

##### Evening—Worship Team Practice

Worship team practice is held in the sanctuary.

#### **Saturday** (13th)

##### 7-8 a.m.—Men's Alliance

This group meets at the American Legion.

##### 5 p.m.—CEC Appreciation Night for Our Teachers and Leaders

This event will be held on the lower level.



## Next Sunday

(January 14, 2023)

### 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

Both services will include a time of installation of our 2024 Council Members.

### 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

#### **SS Offering - Building Fund Sunday**

**Offering**—On the second Sunday of the month, the entire Sunday school offering goes into the building fund to help with the upkeep of our facilities.

### 11 a.m.—Children's Church

Children's Church is for children ages two through grade 5 and is held on the lower level.

## Mission & Ministry Opportunities

### **Hound Packs**

Our church is collecting individual packets of oatmeal and individual serving sized containers of cereal for Hound Packs. If you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to church, and place them in the vestibule located closest to Crossroads Station.



## Upcoming Events

### **Appreciation Night for Teachers and Leaders**

The Christian Education Committee (CEC) is having an appreciation pizza and game night for the teachers and leaders of our church. This event will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 5 p.m. on the lower level. If this event would need to be postponed due to bad weather, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 20th at 5 p.m. on the lower level.

Teachers and leaders should have received an email invitation from the CEC. If you haven't done so already, please RSVP the committee chairperson. Information is on your invitation. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

The CEC is hosting this event to thank our teachers and leaders for their faithful service to the Lord and to our church. If you have a chance, why not take a moment yourself to say thank you to some of the teachers and leaders who minister to you and your family!



### **Financial Peace University**

Our church will host a Financial Peace University class in the beginning of the new year. The first class will be held on Friday, January 19th and will be held on most Friday evening through March 29th. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. Currently, they are planning on meeting in Crossroads Station.

If you are interested in this class, go to <https://www.fpu.com/3442B7> to get more information on the specifics of this class and to sign up for it. You may also use the QR code below to sign up. (There is a cost, and you must be pre-registered with FPU to participate.) To learn more about Financial Peace University, go to [www.ramseysolutions.com](http://www.ramseysolutions.com) and choose Financial Peace University.



### **New Member's Class**

There will be a class on Sunday, January 21st during Sunday school for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our church. This class will help those individuals who are considering membership learn more about our church, our statement of faith, and our church conference. If you are interested in church membership, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place.

### **Weekend to Remember**

It is time to start thinking about "Weekend to Remember". The event at Hershey will be held February 9th-11th this year. To get the best discount, register early (30 days before the event) and as part of our church group. The church group discount code is posted on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place. By using the church group code, not only do you get a discount, but the church also gets a free couple's registration for every five couples who register using that code.



You can get more information and register at [weekendtoremember.com](http://weekendtoremember.com). Registration does not include lodging. Hotels in the Hershey area often fill early this weekend due to Valentine's Day, so you will want to book your room as early as possible.

### **Important Date to Remember**

**February 25th**—Baptism (There is a sign-up sheet in The Gathering Place.)

## Miscellaneous

### **Bulletin Board**

There is a new altar flower chart located on one of the bulletin boards in The Gathering Place. If you are interested in presenting altar flowers this year, please check the chart for available dates, and take a form located with the chart. The form has instructions on it for ordering your flowers.



### **Offering Envelopes**

Here are a few important instructions about offering envelopes for 2024:

- For those who use Sunday school offering envelopes, they are here and have been put in your church mailbox.
- Church offering envelopes will be put in the church mailboxes by next Sunday, January 14th. Until you receive your 2024 offering envelopes, please use one of the preprinted white pew envelopes for your offering. It is important that you fill out the information and write your 2023 envelope number on the pew envelope. This will allow us to record your giving until the regular envelopes are available. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- If you have used offering envelopes in the past but do not wish to receive them for 2024, or if you have not used offering envelopes in the past but would like to receive them for 2024, please contact the church.

### **Thank You for the Vases**

We would like to thank everyone who gave vases to help with distributing flowers to our Friends at Home and to others who need encouragement. The response was incredible! Due to such a wonderful response, we do not currently need any more vases. In the future, as we have need, we will let you know!



### **Inclement Weather Policy**

In the event of inclement weather, our church leaders will make a decision regarding our church services. In the event that services need to be cancelled or changed, the information will be communicated in the following ways:

#### **Church email**

#### **Church website**

(Go to the "Home" scroll down menu and select "Weather Alerts/Schedule Changes")

#### **Church Facebook page**

**ABC 27 (website and channel)**



*Happy New Year*



SING UNTO THE LORD  
*a new song;*  
FOR HE HATH DONE  
*marvelous things.*

PSALM 98:1, KJV