



Shippensburg First Church of God

FYI

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Attendance: Sunday Morning Worship Sunday, February 25, 2024			
8:30 a.m.	134	Sunday School	158
11 a.m.	121		
Worship Total	255		

Attendance: Community Night Wednesday, February 28, 2024			
Awana	47	Ladies in Step	6
Crossing Youth	19	Fresh Start	7
Kinetics	16	Total	95

Today (March 3, 2024)

8:30 and 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

We will start a new series today called "What New Life Looks Like". In this series, we will be studying Romans 8. The title of the sermon today is "According to His Purpose". We will look at Romans 8:28, and we will consider what it means to be "called according to His purpose" (NIV).

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 pew in front of you. Write PMI on it, complete any other necessary information on it, and place it in the offering plate.

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School **"Get Connected"**

This is a one session class for anyone who is interested in learning how to "get connected" to our church. It will introduce you to our Sunday school classes, our Care Groups, and other ways you can get involved

in our church. It will be held today in room 104 during the Sunday school hour.

SS Offering -Missions Sunday Offering

On the first Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted), one-half of the Sunday school offering goes to missions.

11 a.m.—Children's Church

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

2-4 p.m.—Indoor Kickball

Indoor kickball will be held at Doubling Gap Center/Camp YoliJwa.

This Week in Our Church

Monday

The morning women's Bible study that usually meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month will not meet this week. They will meet again on Monday, March 18 and will begin a new study on The Lord's Prayer.

1 p.m.—Card Making Ministry

Everyone is invited to come help make cards for our Friends at Home and for others who need encouragement. This group meets in the Annex.



6:30-8:30 p.m.—Men's Bible Study

This Bible study is held in the Annex.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

The elders meet in room 205.

6:30 p.m.—Deacons' Meeting

The deacons meet in room 108.

Wednesday

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

9-10:15 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study
This study is held offsite.

6-8 p.m.—GriefShare
GriefShare is held in the Annex.

Friday

5 p.m.—Young Adult Fellowship
This group meets in the Annex for a meal and a time of fellowship.

Friday–Sunday—The Crossing Youth Retreat

Saturday

7-8 a.m.—Men’s Alliance
This group meets at the American Legion.

Next Sunday
(March 10, 2024)

Spring Forward—Daylight Savings Time Begins!

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

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

New Men’s Bible Study

A men’s Bible study is now meeting each Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Annex. All men are invited to attend. This group is



studying *No More Excuses: Be the Man God Made You to Be* by Tony Evans. Each person attending the study will need to purchase the book on his own. There is a link to purchase the book which, if you contact the office, we will send the link to you.

This Bible study was started by a group of men from Men’s Alliance, but all men are welcome to attend. You do not need to participate in the Saturday morning group in order to participate in the study.

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 the church, and place them in the vestibule located closest to Crossroads Station.



Upcoming Events

Indoor Kickball

The Outreach Committee is hosting an afternoon of indoor kickball for our church family today (March 3rd) at the Doubling Gap Center/Camp YoliJwa gym. Come and join them from 2-4 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate, and you are encouraged to invite a friend.



Anyone who is interested in participating should meet at the DGC/Camp YoliJwa gym. Any children attending must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Also, donations will be accepted for use of the gym.

GriefShare

Our church has a GriefShare support group that is being held on Thursday nights from February 29-May 23, 2024. This group meets from 6-8 p.m. in the Annex. Those who wish to participate may join the group at any time. GriefShare is open to anyone who is experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one. If you would like to attend, please call the church office.

CRS Fellowship Meal

Our church family will have our first fellowship meal in Crossroads Station on Sunday, March 17. This meal will be held shortly after the Contemporary worship service. Baked spaghetti, garlic bread, drinks, and table settings will be provided. Each family is asked to bring either a salad or a desert to share. Sign-up sheets for the meal are in the Sunday school classrooms, Children’s Ministries area, and The Gathering Place. Please sign so those organizing this meal can plan accordingly.



Easter Eggstravaganza

The Children's Ministries will have an Easter celebration event on Saturday, March 23rd from 6-8 p.m. There will be games, activities, food, and an egg hunt with over 500 eggs! There will be a special prize for the person who finds the Golden Egg!



Busch Trust Community Luncheon

The Busch Trust Community Luncheon will be held on Good Friday, March 29th at noon. This luncheon will be held in Crossroads Station. Anyone 60 years of age and older is invited to attend. Seating is limited, so please sign up early to reserve your place. You may sign up on the sheets in your Sunday school classroom, The Gathering Place, the Children's Ministries area, or call the church office.

Miscellaneous

Easter Flowers

Next Sunday, March 10th, will be the last day to order Easter flowers. If you would like to purchase a plant to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter, please sign up in your classroom, the Children's Ministries area, or The Gathering Place. The types of flowers and the available colors are listed along with the cost. Place one order per line and complete the information for each order. You may present your flower in memory of or in honor of someone, or you may present it to "The Glory of God". Payment for your order should be placed in the lockbox at the end of the row of mailboxes.



Secret Sister

Ladies, if you missed the Secret Sister party last Sunday but would still like to participate in exchanging names and praying for and encouraging another lady throughout this year while also being prayed for and encouraged, it is not too late to still participate! We had nice group of ladies gather, but we would like to extend the invitation to more ladies in the church family so they can share in this experience too.



If you would like to participate, please contact the church office or put a note in the church secretary's mailbox in The Gathering Place. We will coordinate gathering the names over the next few weeks and then get them exchanged among the new group of ladies who would like to participate.

Children's Chairs

There are some chairs in the Children's Ministries area that need good homes. If you have a need for some **small chairs**, please go to the lower level and check them out. Donations are appreciated.

Leadership Guidelines and Review Form

If you are a leader in our church in any area of ministry, you should have received a leadership form to complete and return to the church office. If you have not completed your form yet, we ask that you please complete it as soon as possible and return it to the church office. If you need a form, or if you are uncertain of whether or not you need to complete one, please contact the church office.

Changes to the FYI

We will be making a few changes to the FYI in the near future. The biggest change will be that the FYI will become a monthly newsletter rather than a weekly newsletter. Instead of distributing it each Sunday morning, we will distribute it on the last Sunday of the month for the upcoming month.

We plan on keeping the format of the FYI the same, but we hope to make a few other changes as we go. Also, in place of the FYI on Sunday mornings, we will have a simple weekly sheet with the important information for that week listed on it.

We are planning to have the first monthly newsletter go out at the end of March for the month of April. In order to do this, we are asking that all announcements and important information for events, activities, or programs be given to the church secretary by March 15th. As you are planning for future events and ministries, please consider any items you would like to have included in the newsletter.

As we make this transition, we will work alongside you to help you get your information shared with others as easily and timely as possible. Our goal is to help you as you minister to others.

Important Dates/Events to Remember

Summer Camp

As you are planning your summer, don't forget to include summer camp! Our church will pay one-half of the cost for a week of camp at YoliJwa or Joy El for anyone who attends our church regularly. To make a request for the church to pay one-half of your camp fee, you need to complete a "Camp Funding Request Form". These forms have been revised due to the fact that both camps handle payments differently. Please pick up a form in the "Camp" drawer in The Gathering Place and follow the instructions.

Camp brochures for **Joy El** are here and are in the "Camp" drawer in The Gathering Place along with the newly revised request forms. **Camp YoliJwa** began online registration on March 1st! A schedule for YoliJwa's summer camps is posted on the bulletin board. You may also find their schedule and instructions for registration at www.campyolijwa.org.