

# Shippensburg First Church of God

# FYI

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

<b>Attendance:</b> Sunday Morning Worship Sunday, March 17, 2024			
8:30 a.m.	135	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>178</b>
11 a.m.	126		
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>261</b>		

<b>Attendance:</b> Community Night Wednesday, March 20, 2024			
Awana	56	Ladies in Step	7
Crossing Youth	34	Fresh Start	9
Kinetics	17	<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>

## Today

(March 24, 2024)

## *Palm Sunday*



### 8:30 and 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

We are in a series called "What New Life Looks Like". In this series, we are studying Romans 8. The title of the sermon today is "Wordless Help". Today we will look at Romans 8:26-27, and we will consider how the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer and in times of need and how He works all things for good and for the glory of God.

### 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

### 11 a.m.—Children's Church

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

### 4-6 p.m.—Children's Ministries Easter Eggstravaganza

Families should meet in Crossroads Station for the beginning of this event.

## This Week in Our Church

### **Monday**

#### 9:30-11 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study

This study is held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month in the Annex.

#### 6:30-8:30 p.m.—MA Men's Bible Study

This Bible study is held in the Annex.

### **Wednesday**

#### 8-9 a.m.—Prayer Time

Prayer time is held in room 9.

### **No Community Night or Choir Practice**

### **Thursday**

#### 6:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

The Maundy Thursday service will be held in the sanctuary and will include communion & footwashing.

### **Friday**

#### Noon—Busch Trust Fund Luncheon

This meal for ages 60+ will be held in the Crossroads Station Fellowship Hall.

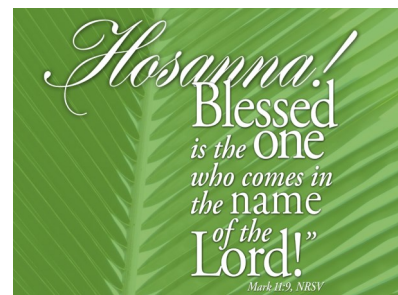
#### 5 p.m.—Young Adult Fellowship

The young adults meet in the Annex for a meal and a time of fellowship.

### **Saturday**

#### 7-8 a.m.—Men's Alliance

This group meets at the American Legion.



## Next Sunday

(March 31, 2024)

### *Resurrection Sunday*

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

9:45 & 11 a.m.—Children’s Sunday School & Children’s Church Combined Easter Activities

There will be special lessons and activities for the children during both the Sunday school hour and the 11 a.m. worship service. This will be a combined event. You are invited to bring your children for the entire event, but if you are unable to be here for both Sunday school and the 11 a.m. service, your children are welcome to participate in whatever part of the event they are able.

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



## Upcoming Events

### **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. (There will be no GriefShare this week due to Maundy Thursday Services.)

### **Card Shower**

We would like to bless a member of our church family who is having a special birthday very soon by showering this person with cards! If you would like to help, please pick up one of the small slips of paper located next to the FYI. This slip of paper has the information on it you will need to send a card.



### **Easter Eggstravaganza**



The Children’s Ministries will have a children’s Easter celebration event on **Sunday, March 24th from 4-6 p.m.** (Please notice that this is a change from the original date and time!) Families are invited to join the children, and everyone attending is asked to meet in Crossroads Station for the beginning of this event.

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! Children are invited to bring their friends and to bring an Easter basket for the egg hunt! Please sign up your children on the sign-up sheet in the Children’s Ministries area to help the leaders plan for this event.

### **Busch Trust Fund Community Luncheon**

The Busch Trust Fund Community Luncheon will be held on Good Friday, March 29th at noon in Crossroads Station. This meal is for anyone 60 years of age and older. If you missed signing up for this meal but would like to still attend, please contact the church office to see if there is space available.

## Miscellaneous

### **Nursery & Children’s Items in Need of New Homes**

The trustees are in the process of setting up a new room for nursing mothers and the Children’s Ministries leaders are working to declutter and rearrange some of the rooms in the children’s area. As a result, there are some nursery items and children’s items that are no longer needed.

These items include nursery toys, mats, books, small children’s chairs, posters/cut outs, and a few other items. These items are free to a good home, but if you would like any of these items, you must get them by noon time today (just after the 11 a.m. worship service). Any items not taken will be donated.

### **Cookies Needed**

The Outreach committee would like to provide cookies for the students who will be practicing and performing in the SU concert which will be held here again in April. They are inviting the church family to help provide cookies. If you would like to provide cookies, they need them by Wednesday, April 10th. Please sign up in your classroom, Children’s area, or The Gathering Place. Cookies can be dropped off in the lower level kitchen.

### Leadership Guidelines and Review Form

If you are a leader in our church in any area of ministry and you have not completed your leadership form, 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

Today is the last day for the weekly FYI. Starting next Sunday, the FYI will become a monthly newsletter. The FYI will look similar to what it looks like now, but we are hoping to add a few things to it over time.

Along with the change in the newsletter, we will begin having a weekly bulletin on Sunday mornings. The bulletin will include worship songs for both of the services, information that will be helpful for guests and visitors, and some brief information on what will be happening that week.

If you have information that you need to put in the church newsletter regarding upcoming events, activities, ministries, etc. that are happening in our church, please pick up a newsletter form in one of the drawers in The Gathering Place. All you need to do is complete the information on the form and place it in the church secretary's mailbox (located at the end of the row of mailboxes). We are asking that you submit information for the newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to month you would like for your information to appear.

If you have anything for the April newsletter, you are still welcome to contact the church secretary this week, and we will be able to include it in the April newsletter. Also, if you have any questions, please call the church office.

### Host Families for Easter Lunch

The Outreach Committee would like to know if there are any families who would be willing to host a few college students for lunch after church on Easter Sunday. The committee is not sure yet if there will be any students who are interested in joining with a host family, but they would like to see if there is the possibility of having host families if the need arises.

### Parking

There is additional parking on Sunday mornings at the Annex, at Orrstown Bank, and across the road behind Weigle & Associates Law Offices. We encourage those who are able to park a little farther away to use these other parking areas in order to leave some of the closer parking spaces available for those who need them and for visitors. Thanks in advance!

### Easter Schedule

#### March 24

- Palm Sunday (regular worship times)
- Children's Eggstravaganza—4-6 p.m.

#### March 27

- No Community Night

#### March 28

- Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with communion & footwashing

#### March 29

- Good Friday Busch Trust Fund Luncheon—12 p.m. (noon) in CRS for ages 60+

#### March 31

- Resurrection Sunday (regular worship times)
- Children's combined SS and Children's Church



### 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 (all ages including adults) 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 YoliJwa

Camp YoliJwa began online registration on March 1st! A schedule for YoliJwa's summer camps is posted on the bulletin board. You will also find their schedule and instructions for registration at [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org). Also, we recently received a few brochures for Camp YoliJwa, but the camp has asked that they be taken by families that are new to summer camp. Since returning campers should have received a brochure in the mail. These brochures are located in the "Camp YoliJwa" drawer in The Gathering Place.

#### Joy El

Camp brochures for Joy El are here and are in the "Camp Joyel" drawer in The Gathering Place along with the newly revised request forms. You may also go to [www.joyelcamps.org](http://www.joyelcamps.org) to get learn about their camp and to register.