



News from Christ Community
United Methodist Church
3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

SEPTEMBER 2025



Busy Bee's Ham Loaf Sale

The Bees are selling Ham Loaves! Ham Loaves are available in 1-lb. for \$7.50 and 2-lb. for \$15.00. They are also selling Pickled Cabbage for \$6.00. **The deadline to order is Sunday, September 7th. No orders will be accepted after this date.** Pick up is Monday, September 15th, from 1:00-5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

PARENTS Night Out

Parent's Night Out

Children from Kindergarten to 12th grade are welcome to hang out at the church to play games, watch movies, and have fun on Saturday, September 6th, from 6:00-9:00pm, while parents can have a break to do things. All volunteers helping with this event have their child clearances.



Youth Lemonade Stand

Stop by the Selinsgrove Street Fair on Saturday, September 27th, from 9:00am-4:00pm. You can help support our youth ministry by purchasing Lemonade.



Greeting Card Sale

The United Women in Faith are selling all types of greeting cards including Christmas. We will be taking orders from September through October 31st. Contact Barb Inch (570-837-5384) to see a book.



Cluster Prayer Gathering

A Cluster Prayer Gathering will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7th, at 6:30pm at Beaver Memorial UM Church, 42 South 3rd Street, Lewisburg. All are welcome!

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Purveyors of Awe

“I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.” ~ Psalm 5:7

Awe is a profound emotional response that can significantly impact our wellbeing and perception of the world. To be a “Purveyor of Awe” is to be intentional about curating a life of spiritual depth. Over the next several weeks we will explore the elements of Beauty, Wonder, Meaning, Curiosity, Delight, Connection, and Self-Giving.

As part of this worship series, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Alley will be with us to speak on October 5 at both 8:30 and 11:00 worship services, and lead a discussion during the Sunday School hour on climate change and caring for the gift of God’s creation.

Dr. Alley (PhD Wisconsin; Penn State since 1988) has studied glaciers worldwide. He has been honored for research, teaching, and service, including election to the US National Academy of Sciences and The Royal Society, and the US National Medal of Science. He helped the Nobel Peace Prize-winning UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He presented the PBS TV miniseries *Earth: The Operators’ Manual* based on his book. His popular account of climate change and ice cores, *The Two-Mile Time Machine*, won Phi Beta Kappa’s science award. He is happily married with two grown daughters, three stay-at-home cats, a bicycle, and a pair of soccer cleats, and a long-term member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in State College, Pa.

We look forward to welcoming this world renowned scientist and brother in Christ as part of our worship series, “Purveyors of Awe: Elements of Curating a Life of Spiritual Depth,” beginning on September 7 and continuing through November 9.

In Christ, Pastor Eric





Meet ME at the Well

ENCOUNTERING JESUS AND THE LIVING WATER

~CCUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT~

Friday October 3rd and
Saturday October 4th
2025

Spend the night, or join
us Saturday for the
day!



Crystal Springs Retreat
166. Mossy Oak Lane
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Sign up sheet
coming in
September

Questions? See Robin Shafer or Michelle Heintzelman

September at Christ Community



8:30am First Service
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Second Service

MEETINGS

September

4th - Ad Council, 6:00pm
8th - Busy Bees, 10:00am
11th - Christian Classics, 6:00pm
15th - 4th Day Friends, 6:00pm
16th - Staff, 1:10pm
18th - Trustees, 6:00pm
21st - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
23rd - Worship Committee, 3:00pm



Christ's Prayer Pantry

The next Free Food Drive Thru will take place on
Saturday, September 20th,
from 10-11am.



EVENTS

September

7th - Communion; Donations of food items
to Christ's Prayer Pantry Ministry
7th - Cluster Prayer Gathering @ Beaver
Memorial UM Church, Lewisburg
10th - Start of AWANA, 6:00pm
15th - Ham Loaf Pick Up, 1:00-5:00pm
20th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
20th - H.S. Class Reunion Luncheon, 12 Noon
20th - Youth Game/Movie Night, 6:00pm
24th - Mission Central Trip, 8:15am
27th - Selinsgrove Street Fair, 9am-4pm
(Youth selling Lemonade)



The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, September 1st in
observance of Labor Day.



Christian Classics

We will meet on Thursday, September 11th, at 6:00pm to enjoy a Baked Potato Bar and Desserts followed by a Team Trivia Game.



Thank you to those who have volunteered to cover Church Cleaning during the medical leave of Church Sexton, Heidi Carroll. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact Karen John of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.



January 30 and 31, 2026 is long ways off from holding a Churchwide “Blizzard of a Yard Sale” ... **BUT** ... we have been blessed with an incredible amount of donations even now, with the hope of more to come. Bring your donations to the former PRE SCHOOL AREA and you can drop off easily in the room off to your right as you come in the door! Thank you for your donations!



4th Day Friends will meet on Monday, September 15th, at 6:00pm in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall. Devotions, Songs, Prayer and Agape Making for the upcoming Fall Walks.



(Let Me Be Your) Teddy Bear

Arlene Hummel was the oldest (young at heart) person at the “ELVIS” Concert which won her this giant Teddy Bear. The Christian Classics hosted this event. A great time was had by all!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the DIME DONATION to assist in meeting community needs through the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Your generosity has raised \$2,595 so far! If you weren’t able to bring in your donation yet, we are still accepting them.



Happy School Year! Youth group has started to meet up once more after an amazing summer filled with hangout days, video games, and proper send-offs to those that graduated. We're hoping for another awesome year of teens learning about God while making friends that last forever. We had 3 kids graduate, 2 new youth, and as always we're open to the idea of more leaders for youth events or even just sunday school. So if you're interested, double check your clearances and let us know!

Youth Group Ministry Team



Christian Classics Chicken BBQ

Saturday November 1st, 2025

11:30am-12:15pm

Pick Up at the Church Portico Driveway
Meals include: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad,
Baked Beans, Roll, Chips, Brownie, Water



Pricing: Quarter Chicken Only - \$8.00

Half Chicken Only - \$9.00

Quarter Chicken Meal - \$11.00

Half Chicken Meal - \$12.00

Order Forms on Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board



“NOAH” (from Sight and Sound) is coming to the AMC Theatres in Selinsgrove Thursday, September 18 through Wednesday September 24. Movie Showtime is 7:00pm and All Age Tickets are \$12.50. If you are interested, please see the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall and we will attempt to get a group night setting/pricing!



Mission Central Sojourner Small Group

Our Sojourner Small Group of volunteers from Christ Community UMC will visit Mission Central in Mechanicsburg **Wednesday, September 24**. We will vanpool from the church parking lot at 8:15 am arriving in Mechanicsburg around 9:30 am. **We will enjoy lunch together at THE OLIVE GARDEN.** We will return to the church by 3:30 pm. Most likely we will work on school kits, health kits, birthing kits, or work in the warehouse sorting and packing items – clothing and shoes sorting – verifying flood buckets, etc. – each volunteer visit will have different opportunities. Become the hands and feet of Christ each month! You will be blessed as you bless others! Wear closed toe shoes. If interested in purchasing items while shopping at The Mission Central Thrift Store, bring along some cash as well!

College Care & Military Ministries: Our Fall 2025 outreach will be sent Oct 27th 2025. We are in need of gift cards (\$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20 increments) or monetary donations to purchase gift cards. Some fan-favorites are; Wendy's, McDonalds, Dunkin, Starbucks, Taco Bell, Moes, Weis, Walmart, Jersey Mikes, Chipotle, Aldi, Subway, and Dominoes.

We currently are sending care letters to 15 College Students and 2 Active Military.

We are looking to add college students and active military to our ministry list. If you have someone to add to this ministry please share their name, address, college or military, and graduation date.

Please contact Judie Steinbacher or Monica Hoover with additions, donations, and questions. All donations and new addresses need to be in by Sunday Oct 26th 2025. These can be given to Judie or Monica directly, or placed in the CCUMC College Care/Military Ministry Mailbox.

Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill
Christmas Show, December 13, 2:00 pm

“Finding Christmas”

Set in the heart of the Great Depression in 1930’s New England, the wealthy and proud Elizabeth Whitmore has kept her grand mansion pristine while just down the road, the entire town is struggling to make ends meet. See these two worlds collide at Christmas with laughter, drama, music and a retelling of the Nativity. Experience JOY becoming action!

As has been our tradition, we will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:45 am and will stop at Zeiderelli’s Italian Restaurant in Marysville on the way home.

Please Note: **CLA Pricing Change:** Preferred Seating for Adults \$25 and Students \$15 (5-18)

We ask you to pre-sign up on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board, so we can order the appropriate seats for everyone interested.



In an effort to have updated information in our newsletter, we are redoing the birthday & anniversary lists.

If you don't see your name and would like it added, please contact the church office by phone or email.

September Birthdays



02 Grant Walter	18 Ethan Portwood
02 Tamie Wolfe	19 Nancy Lilley
03 Marsha Eichner	19 Sabrina Sickie
04 Ellen Mack	21 Kay Milligan
05 Stephanie Rauch	21 Lee Portwood
07 Sarah Bryant	25 Brenda Pehowic
07 Paige Hepner	27 Karen John
07 Billie Jo Hoey	27 Nan Wilkins
08 Corinne Hoke	29 Nancy Herman
17 Madden Trego	

September Anniversaries



06/1975	Nancy & Lyle Mercer
20/2008	Ryan & Michelle Mack
24/1983	James & Kitty Boyer



"I call to you in times of trouble, because you answer my prayers." ~Psalm 86:7

If you have a prayer request, call Delores Kauffman (570)743-8322, Barb Inch (570)837-5384 or the church office (570)743-7303.

Please remember our shut-in members with a visit, phone call, or "Thinking of You" card to let them know that we miss them. If we have missed anyone on this list, please call the church office.



St. Martha Center - 470 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

Alice Zeeger, Room 102A

Richfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center -

631 Main Street, Richfield, PA 17086

Virginia Host, Room 10

Heather Court at Nottingham Village

281 Ironstone Drive, Northumberland, PA 17857

Peg Sowers, No room number is needed

The Manor at Penn Village - 51 Rte. 204, Selinsgrove PA 17870

Margaret Wendt, Room 117



Paul Aungst, Box 42, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831

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OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Information

Weekly Services

8:30a.m. - Service of Praise
9:45a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
11:00a.m. - Traditional Service

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm
Phone 570-743-7303

Senior Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Shafer

Director of Congregational Care :
Andy Bucke

Director of Music Ministries:
Liz Stevenson

Secretary: Pam Eister

Pianist: Josh Stevenson

Sexton: Heidi Carroll

Children's Sunday School

Nursery Beginners, grades 1 & 2
Primary, Pre-K & K Middlers, grades 3-5

Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12

Youth Group

Grades 6-12

Meets Tuesday afternoons during
the school year from
4:00-5:30pm

Awana

6:00 P.M. Wednesdays for age 3-Grade 6
September-April

Adults

Sunday School Classes

Elective Class - The Book of Revelation

Agape Class - Harmony of the Gospels

Music Ministry Aug.-May

Bell Choir 5:45 p.m. - Tuesday
Chancel Choir 6:45 p.m. - Tuesday
Praise Team As Needed

Seniors

Christian Classics usually meet on the
second Thursday of each month.

Women

United Women in Faith meet on the first
Monday of even numbered months at
7:00 p.m.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1 Labor Day</i> Church Office Closed	2 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	3	4 6pm Ad Council	5	6 6-9pm Parent's Night Out
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