



News from Christ Community United Methodist Church

3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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Combined Worship Service on Sunday, August 3rd, 9:45am-Scholarship Awards

We will have ONE Worship Service with Holy Communion on Sunday, August 3rd, at 9:45am. Sunday School classes will take place at 8:30am. This is also Scholarship Award Recognition Sunday and the dedication of Thorin John Heintzelman. **We will have "brunch" after worship service.** Please bring a covered dish to share. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Kitchen staff will be available to heat food.



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. Extra forms will be available to take orders from friends, family, and co-workers. Watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon!



Summer Salad Sale

The Fundraising Team is selling Salads that include your favorite summer fruits! All salads include lettuce, strawberries, blueberries, mandarin oranges and pineapple with a sweet poppyseed dressing. The cost is \$10.00 or add chicken to your salad for \$13.00. Orders for this healthy lunch or dinner will be taken through Sunday, August 10th. Pick up will be Tuesday, August 26th, from 11am-5:00pm. Extra forms will be available to take orders from your friends, family and co-workers.

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Discipleship Defined

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always. to the end of the age." ~ Matthew 28:19-20

When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus at Pentecost, it empowered them to be his witnesses. They heard the sound of a violent wind. They saw tongues of fire resting on one another. And they began speaking in the languages of those who had gathered to find out what all the commotion was about.

People of all nations heard about the power of God in Jesus Christ through the witness of those Spirit-filled disciples. That day about 3,000 persons welcomed their message and were baptized... but I wonder how many of them became disciples.

Membership is not the same as discipleship. Church membership is good! It is a public affirmation that we repent of our sin, confess Jesus as our Savior, put our whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord in union with His church. We had the joy of baptizing Isaiah McClure, confirming Isabel Disidoro and Ethan Portwood, and reaffirming the faith of David Disidoro on July 6. But joining the church as professing members is not the end! Discipleship is what happens ever after!

This is the **Definition of Discipleship** we have been talking about all summer:

In response to God's loving invitation, a disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who is devoted to doing these three things... **Connect** with God and each other, **Commit** to growing in the way of Jesus Christ, and **Create** opportunities for others to know God's love.

As I said during our "Discipleship Defined" series, our mission is not to make members... **our mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world who live lives of worship, hospitality, opening to Jesus, obeying Jesus, service and generosity. This is a lifelong process of God's sanctifying grace, a journey of "going on to perfection."

I apologize for the review. We covered all of this before. My hope is that we won't ever stop. The next step is to create a clear, intentional Discipleship Pathway that will help all of us "go and make disciples of all nations" and mature into the full stature of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On the pathway with you,
Pastor Eric

August at Christ Community



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

* The first Sunday of each month, through August, will be a combined worship service at 9:45am with Holy Communion followed by a brunch at 11:00am. Sunday School will take place at 8:30am.



Back to School Ice Cream Social **Sunday, August 17th,** **5:00-7:00pm**

Let's gather together for fellowship, food, and gratitude (well isn't that a catchy little phrase) and focus our positive thoughts and prayers around the next school year.

As the children/young adults prepare to go back to school, they are faced with many different emotions and blanketing them with prayer only seems fitting. Info about our backpack ministry will also be shared.

Ice cream will be served after a carry in meal. Ice cream, toppings and drinks will be provided by the C.O.O.L. Family Ministry.

Watch for a sign up sheet and blessings to all!



Thank You!

The whole VBS staff would like to thank the Werner family for their hours of dedication. What a wonderful week!!

MEETINGS

August

7th - Trustees, 6:00pm
10th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
18th - Fourth Day Friends, 6:00pm
18th - Missions Committee, 7:00pm



EVENTS

August

3rd - Combined Worship Service with Communion at 9:45am and Brunch at 11:00am. Sunday School at 8:30am; Donations of food items to Christ's Prayer Pantry Ministry
3rd - Cluster Prayer Gathering at our picnic pavilion around the fire @ 6:30pm, marshmallows provided
4th - United Women in Faith Family Picnic @ Pavilion, 6:00pm
9th - Youth Game/Movie Night, 6:00pm
12th - United Women in Faith at Manor @ Penn, 2:30pm
14th - Christian Classics, "ELVIS", 6:30pm
16th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10am
16th - Christian Classics River Cruise, 2:30pm
17th - Back to School Ice Cream Social, 5pm
19th - Youth Hangout, 4:00pm
26th - Summer Salad Pick Up, 11am-5:00pm
26th - Start of Music Ministry Practices



Christ's Prayer Pantry

The next Free Food Drive Thru will take place on Saturday, August 16th, from 10-11am.



We welcome new members: Isabel Disidoro, David Disidoro III, Isiah McClure, and Ethan Portwood.



Christian Classics

Thursday, August 14th, at 6:30pm, the Christian Classics will host ELVIS IN CONCERT in the Sanctuary featuring Elvis' Favorite Gospel Songs with a touch of Rock and Roll. ELVIS Tribute Artist Denny and Kathy Heckard from Newport, Pa will delight us. Refreshments (Elvis' favorites) will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Saturday, August 16th

The Christian Classics will take a Susquehanna River Cruise on the Hiawatha in Williamsport. All aboard for a 2:30pm embarkation!



United Women in Faith

We will have our annual family picnic on Monday, August 4th, at 6pm. Please bring a dish or two to share and your place settings. Drinks will be provided. We'll meet at the pavilion, weather permitting, or the church.

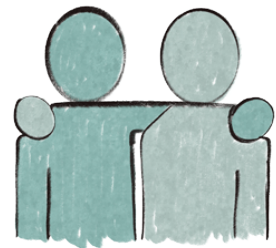
The United Women in Faith will be celebrating August birthdays at The Manor @ Penn Village on August 12th at 2:30pm. We will provide cupcakes and ice cream.



Yard Sale Update

Thanks to your generous donations, our Yard Sale Rooms are bursting at the seams! It's time to begin the organizing and pricing process so we are not too overwhelmed in January. Starting on Tuesday mornings in August, we could use your help in organizing and pricing items. We will work from 10:30am-12Noon on Tuesdays August 5, 12, 19 and 26. A sign up sheet has been posted in the Fellowship Hall, let us know if you are available to help!

4th DAY FRIENDS will meet on Monday, August 18th, at 6:00pm in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall. Devotions, Prayers, Song and Agape Making. Open to all who have attended a Chrysalis, Emmaus, Kairos, or Tres Dias Walk.



HEADS UP....Mission Central Sojourners will head south for a day of being the hands and feet of Christ in mission work. On Wednesday, September 24th, we will carpool from the church parking lot at 8:15am and return by 3:30pm. We will have lunch together at OLIVE GARDEN. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and mark your calendars now!



CCUMC Women's Retreat 2025

Are you feeling drained? Exhausted? Do you find that you're comparing yourself to others, trying to measure up, fit in? Are you so busy caring for others you find you're pouring from an empty cup? You are not alone.

Join us on the weekend of October 3-4 as we seek and encounter the One who can quench all our hurt and disappointments and give us everlasting water.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty..." John 4:13-15

You see? Jesus came for you!

Meet ME at the Well: Encountering Jesus and the Living Water

October 3-4

Further details and sign up sheet starting in September.



A ♪ note ♪ from your Director of Music Ministries

It is time again to plan for music ensembles that will enhance our corporate worship! Weeknight rehearsals for bells, choir, and praise team will resume on **Tuesday, August 26th**. We are always looking for new volunteers to play or sing with us! Each group is made up of amazing people and provides the opportunity for meaningful fellowship and contributions to our congregational worship. Is God calling you to be part of a music ministry?

Rehearsal times for the Fall:

Prince of Peace Handbell Choir: 5:45-6:35 pm

Chancel Choir: 6:45-7:50 pm

Praise Team: *at this time, the Praise Team is rehearsing as needed. Contact Liz to find out more.*

Questions? Contact Liz Stevenson at (412) 304-2782 or elizabeth.carras@gmail.com

Seeing this after Aug 26 and worried that you've missed the first few rehearsals? Come anyway! We will love to have you.

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.

August Birthdays



02 Lynn Rowe	20 Ken Carroll
05 Bill Rowe	21 Zoey Ditty
06 Barbara Reinard	23 Gene Shirk
08 Jeff Carter	24 Vicky Rachau
09 Bonny Stugard	25 Drake Hile
11 Gloria Dalius	26 Andy Lash
12 Braydon Mack	26 Alice Zeeger
12 Bob Wolfe	29 Heidi Carroll
17 Ruth Shirk	

August Anniversaries



13/2016	Alex & Corinne Hoke
14/1983	Keith & Jill Nace
16/1980	Barry & Joni Robison
17/1991	Eric & Robin Shafer
18/1984	Joy & Dave Hoke Jr.
20/1977	Linn & Craig Zimmerman
21/1976	Dwight & Marysue Walter
22/1970	Ralph & Rusty Moerschbacher
25/1984	Michele & George Clark Jr.
25/1979	Tom & Kathy Hartman
25/1972	Toby & Jack Wolfe
28/1999	Dave & Judie Steinbacher



"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



Paul Aungst, Box 42, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831

Margaret Wendt, 119 Route 204, Apt. 17B, Pennsfield Apartments, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Information

Weekly Services

Every First Sunday of the Month:

8:30am Sunday School
9:45am Worship (Combined Service)

All Other Sundays

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 - Dr. David Jeremiah's
"The Coming Golden Age"
Agape Class - Harmony of Gospels

Music Ministry Aug.-May

Bell Choir 5:45 p.m. - Tues.
Chancel Choir 6:45 p.m. - Tues.
Praise Team 8:00 p.m. - Tues.

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.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fellowship Hall Reserved all day 6:30pm Sanctuary Res.	2 Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall Reserved all day Youth Room Reserved
3 Combined Service 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Brunch 6:30pm Cluster Prayer @ our pavilion	4 6pm United Women Picnic @ Pavilion	5 9am Prayer Time	6	7 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Men's Bible	8	9 6pm Youth Game/Movie Night
10 Salad Orders Due 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm COOL Family Meeting	11	12 9am Prayer Time 2:30pm United Women at Manor @ Penn	13	14 6:30pm Christian Class. "ELVIS" night 6:30pm Men's Bible	15	16 10am Free Food Drive Thru 2:30pm River Cruise
17 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 5pm Back to School Meal & Ice Cream Soc.	18 6pm 4th Day Friends 7pm Missions Meeting	19 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Hangout	20	21 6:30pm Men's Bible	22	23 Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Reserved
24 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	25	26 9am Prayer Time 11am-5pm Salad Pick up 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	27	28 6:30pm Men's Bible	29	30
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