



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

JANUARY 2026



“Blizzard of A Yard Sale”
Friday and Saturday,
January 30th and 31th, 2026
7:00am-3:00pm

Our now Annual Churchwide Yard Sale
Mark your calendars!

Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall for help prior, during, and after the sale in many areas. You may also sign up for food donations.

Prep Work Party - Organizing and Pricing Helpers are Needed Tuesday & Thursday Mornings in January from 10:00am to Noon. Please sign up on the Church Bulletin Board.


January 14th, 2026 (Wednesday) will be the cut-off for donations. This will allow us time to finish organizing and pricing. We Thank You for your donations!

The Kitchen will be open with lots of warm yummy food to eat in or take out!

Look for the flyer on page 8 and help us advertise by placing in your favorite Community location!

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who is helping with the Yard Sale. We appreciate your time and dedication to this project!

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE

**GATHERED
IN MY NAME,**
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."
MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

A Cluster Prayer Gathering will take place on Sunday January 4th, at 6:30pm here @ CCUMC.

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2025: Rejoice!

“Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.” ~ Philippians 3:1a

As we begin a new year, it is a good time to look back and *rejoice* for all God’s blessings. Here is a quick year in review of just some of the wonderful things that happened in 2025.

In **January** we held our first annual “Blizzard of a Yard Sale” and it was a huge success! That event combined with the “Share Your Talents” offering added up to an incredible collection for the work of God through this Mission Station we call Christ Community.

February - Extra food for our Prayer Pantry was collected on “Souper Bowl Sunday” and one of our youth attended the Chrysalis spiritual retreat with Anne Carter and me.

March - Our Lenten journey began with an Ash Wednesday service and that weekend the COOL Family Ministry made and distributed several hundred pints of chicken corn soup to the community.

April - We welcomed Monica Hoover, Lee and Michael Portwood, and David Steinbacher into our church family; enjoyed meaningful services for Holy Week and Easter; and about 2000 eggs filled with candy were given away at the Easter Outreach!

May - The COOL Family picnic kicked off our summer; Confirmation classes began; and several volunteers traveled to Mechanicsburg to serve at Mission Central.

June - The Christ’s Outreach of Love picnic was offered for the community and a blood drive was held in the Fellowship Hall.

July - We Baptized Isiah McClure, Confirmed Isabel Disadoro and Ethan Portwood, and Reaffirmed the faith of David Disadoro on Confirmation Sunday; two of our children joined Andy Bucke, Liz Telatovich and me for Church camp; Vacation Bible School welcomed many children to learn about the story of Joseph; and another trip was made to Mission Central.

August - Two scholarships were given to students from our congregation seeking to use their gifts to help others; we celebrated the dedication of Thorin Heintzelman; and the COOL Family Back to School Picnic was a lot of fun.

September - The AWANA children's ministry started up again for the fall semester and there was another trip to Mission Central.

October - The Women's Retreat touched the lives of 15 women who were met by Jesus at the well; we welcomed world renowned scientist, professor and brother in Christ Dr. Richard Alley for our "Purveyors of Awe" series; and many children and their families from the community enjoyed our annual Fall Fest with candy, games, dogs and s'mores.

November - We remembered 14 loved ones and celebrated All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion; and we considered our "Thanks-Giving" to end the year strong in response to all that God is doing both in our midst and in the community through CCUMC.

December - Twenty-seven carolers spread Christmas cheer all over the area, including a unit at the Selinsgrove Center and at 23 other stops; afterwards we joined with friends from our United Methodist cluster of churches for pizza and a Christmas movie; the United Women in Faith put together huge baskets filled with fruit, cookies and other snacks for 50 people who were homebound, recently hospitalized or going through a difficult time; the COOL Family organized a delicious Christmas breakfast; and throughout the Advent/Christmas season we glorified God for the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light found in Jesus Christ!

Add to all of this the hospitality of the Busy Bees banquet ministry, the monthly distribution of food at Christ's Prayer Pantry, our worship together and so much more. It was a very good year! Now we look to 2026. Let us pray for God to keep moving within us and through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Robin and I also want to thank you for the cards, gifts and prayers we received throughout the Christmas season. We thank God for you and rejoice in the Lord for our life and ministry together.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Eric and Robin



The Impact of CCUMC

As you may be aware, around this past Thanksgiving we had collected some personal statements through a questionnaire in the bulletin concerning the impact of Christ Community United Methodist Church on our personal lives, our families' lives, the local community, and the world beyond. From time to time we will share some of those expressions – as we do now in what follows:



Some responses on the individual level:

- I was impacted by the church fellowship, especially with the choir and Christian Classics, and with help while raising grandkids.
- Thank you CCUMC for being my extended family, supporting me spiritually ... and any other way they can.
- The sermons often stay with me throughout the week.
- The sermons help me with my trials and tribulations, especially in finding a Christ-like resolution.
- I appreciate the cards, phone calls, visits, and other support I received during my illness.

Some responses about impact on the family level:

- My daughter and her family were greatly impacted by this church financially when they lost most everything. Eternally grateful.
- Thank you for the special holiday food baskets when we needed them.
- The youth group was important when our daughter was young.
- Thankful for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits when a loved one was sick.
- Prayer has helped us deal with some troubling health issues this year. It means a lot knowing that our friends at CCUMC have been in prayer for us.
- I love the fellowship of the tureen dinners when we can share food.

Some responses on impacting community and beyond:

- I was an EMT for 40 years and tried to be a good representative of the church.
- The opportunity to donate food to the pantry to help others in need.
- We (Busy Bees & CCUMC) constantly receive compliments and thanks for the banquets we put on.
- We represent the church and Jesus when we volunteer at Evangelical Community Hospital.
- It's good to be able to help through organizations like Mission Central and UMCOR, because I wouldn't have much impact by myself.

As always, we invite you to “tell us the stories of Jesus that we love to hear” and how His love and living example have affected the way we live our lives. We also invite you to share ideas about other opportunities for this CCUMC mission station to be even more effective in spreading the Good News and doing our part in the Kingdom.

~Andy Bucke, Director of Congregational Care

“God is impacting lives through this mission station.
Your generous support of the General Fund is greatly appreciated. Thank You!”

January at Christ Community



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

MEETINGS

January

4th - Children/Youth Ministry, 12:15pm
5th - Busy Bees, 10:00am
8th - Trustees, 6:00pm
11th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
12th - 4th Day Friends, 6:00pm
13th - Staff, 1:10pm
20th - Worship Committee, 3:00pm



Christ's Prayer Pantry

The next Free Food Drive Thru will take place on
Saturday, January 17th,
from 10-11am.



EVENTS

January

4th - Communion; Donations to Christ's
Prayer Pantry
4th - Cluster Prayer Gathering here @
CCUMC, 6:30pm
17th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
17th - Youth Event, 6:00pm
28th - Mission Central Trip, 8:15am
30th & 31st - "Blizzard of a Yard Sale" (Friday &
Saturday) 7:00am-3:00pm



The Church Staff would like to thank everyone who gave cards and gifts to us this Christmas season. We appreciate your generosity and the love shown to us! We look forward to serving God and our wonderful congregation in the new year. Thank you, again.



The Church Office will be closed on
January 1st,
New Year's Day.

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.

January Birthdays



02 Michele Clark
05 Keith Young
07 Eric John
07 Candy Willard
11 George Schell
18 Jamie Waters
19 Hannah Carter
22 Josh Stevenson
23 Steve Eister
23 Margaret Wendt

25 Corey Waters
26 Alexis Savidge
27 Bruce Hoover
27 Megan Moll
28 Joshua Clark
28 Ryan Clark

January Anniversaries



17/1982 Kevin & Kim Ditty



"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 307



Paul Aungst, Box 42, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831



Mission Central Sojourners

The next Mission Central Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th. This will be Mission Work and a Pizza Luncheon with the Mission Central Staff. As usual, we will depart the church parking lot at 8:15am. Sign up now on the church bulletin board to help be the hands and feet of Jesus!



The Chosen-Season 5

Save the Dates!

Wednesday, February 25th, will start our Lenten Study of THE CHOSEN SEASON 5. It will continue each Wednesday at 6:00pm through April 8th. Mark your calendars now. More details are coming soon!



A Blizzard of An Indoor Yard Sale

Friday, January 30, 2026 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, January 31, 2026 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

**At Christ Community UM Church, 3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove
(Hummels Wharf) at the junction of Fisher and Park Roads.**

Ample Parking in our front or back Parking Lots!

**Fellowship Hall and Our Welcome Area will be stuffed with tables of \$1 clothes
and shoes for all, (certain hanging clothes/shoes will be priced higher),
housewares, toys/, decorations, kitchenware, cards, puzzles, games, books, craft
items, CD's and movies, domestics, small furniture items and so much more!**

You don't want to miss this one of a kind sale!

Thrifters this is your weekend! Open to All!

\$5 bag sale after 10:00 am Saturday, on all table clothes, books, and shoes!

**Our great church cooks will prepare soups and
sandwiches and baked goods to purchase and eat in
or take out! Yummy warm food on a cold day!**

Mark your calendar now!

Snow or no snow! ... unless a blizzard sets in!

Spread the word to your friends, neighbors and co-workers ...

Snyder County has not seen a sale like this before! Except maybe last year's ...

BE THERE FOR Hot Deals on a Cold Day!

God Loves You and So Do We At CCUMC!

Please feel free to post this Flyer in your favorite Community location!

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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
Sundays, 9:45-10:45am

Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12
Sundays, 9:45-10:45am

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
9:45-10:45am

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.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 New Year's Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3
<i>4 Communion</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Children/ Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30pm Prayer-CCUMC	5 10am Busy Bee Meeting	6 9am Prayer Time 12:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	7 6pm Awana	8 6pm Trustees	9	10
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