



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

MAY 2026



**Spring Clean Up Day**

We will be working outside at the church property to beautify the grounds on Saturday, May 2nd (June 6 rain date), from 8am-12Noon. Please try to attend. Many hands make light work and a shorter day. In combination, our Sexton, Heidi Carroll, will also be working on Window Cleaning.



**Summer Kickoff Picnic**

Our annual Summer Kickoff Picnic will take place on Sunday, May 17th, at 12:30pm in the church pavilion (fellowship hall if inclement weather). The C.O.O.L. Family Ministry will supply yard games, hot dogs, drinks and paper products. Please, bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Rides will be available for anyone needing one down to the pavilion. Check out the bulletin board for a sign up sheet and join us for some fun and fellowship!

**Mission Central Sojourners**



We are heading to Mechanicsburg for a Mission Central trip on Wednesday, May 27th. We will meet in the church parking lot and depart at 8:00am. Sign up on the bulletin board. Fellowship Lunch following at Chik- Fil- A.



**Graduate Sunday**

If you are graduating this year from high school or college, please give your information to the church office by May 31st to be included for Graduate Sunday on June 7th.

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## Empowered by the Holy Spirit

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up...” ~ Acts 1:8-9a*

This is an incredible month of celebration and growth for disciples of Jesus Christ! Here at CCUMC, we will continue our Great 50 Days of Easter series on discipleship based on the new Vision of the United Methodist Church:

*The UMC forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

We have so many wonderful servants at Christ Community, and maybe you're one of them. The question is, do you **serve joyfully**? On May 3, we hope to grow in the understanding that Christian service is not a burden but a joyful offering to God. Joyful service reflects our gratitude for God's grace and a desire to bless others with Easter joy!

On May 10, we will not only give thanks for the Moms in our lives, but also consider what it means to **lead courageously**. This week focuses on leadership rooted in faith, shaped by integrity, and committed to justice. We will be reminded that courage does not come from confidence in ourselves but from God's promise to be with us.

Then comes **Ascension Sunday**, May 17, what thousands of congregations around the world are calling "Miracle Sunday." Today we will proclaim the audacious belief that **disciples of Jesus Christ transform the world**. If you are so led, a one-time special offering will be received in support of theological education across Africa, Europe and the Philippines for future generations of pastors and teachers.

Personal faithfulness and global witness are possible only when disciples of Jesus are formed into his likeness and empowered by the Holy Spirit. On May 24 we will celebrate the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost**, followed by **Trinity Sunday** on May 31 - a celebration of the glorious revelation of God as One God in Three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many new people to our worshipping community these past several weeks. God is moving and Jesus is saving and the Spirit is empowering! May Jesus form us all to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously.

~Pastor Eric

# The Impact of CCUMC

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Several months ago, we had collected some personal statements through a bulletin questionnaire concerning the impact of Christ Community United Methodist Church on our personal lives, our families' lives, the local community, and the world beyond. We also, from time to time, receive comments from people who have somehow interacted with CCUMC and its outreach as a mission station. Here is yet another installment gleaned from those responses:

## Some responses on the individual level:

- Recently we attended several funerals at CCUMC, all within a fairly brief span of time. For some, Pastor Eric led, and for one, Pastor Andy led. (They work together very nicely.) Each of the funerals was very comforting, meaningful, and personal. Funerals are important times to share the Good News, because there are often people attending the funeral who are not church goers.
- I found it fulfilling to help clean the church when Heidi was out with her back surgery. Not only did I gain an even greater appreciation for all that Heidi does, but it felt good to be able to serve the Lord in a way that was very different from worship in the pews.

## Some responses about impact on the family level:

- [My husband's] grandmother lives hours away, but she tunes in to our streamed worship (sometimes live, sometimes recorded). This is especially valuable when she cannot get to her own service. She also contacts us to discuss sermons; it helps us stay connected.

## Some responses on impacting community and beyond:

- The Busy Bees make the “Hungry Monster” disappear.
- The Busy Bees are such a wonderful “first impression” of CCUMC to the public. Not only do they serve very tasty meals, but they do it as a ministry. When they are serving a meal for an outside organization, they interact with grace and charm, reflecting the love of Jesus and of the congregation.
- I am thankful for the opportunity to pick up free food [from the Christ's Prayer Pantry giveaway] for my family. Things have been tight, and things have gone wrong with the car. But the good news is CCUMC has helped us. Definitely once with the car, and also with the special food boxes at Christmas and Easter. It seems like we are slowly getting on our feet, and I started a new job. I hope that works out.

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 you live your life. 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.

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



# May at Christ Community



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

## MEETINGS

May

4th - Busy Bees, 10:00am  
5th - Worship Committee, 3:00pm  
7th - Ad Council, 6:00pm  
10th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm  
12th - Staff, 1:00pm  
14th - Christian Classics, 7:00pm  
18th - Missions Committee, 6:00pm  
21st - Trustees, 6:00pm



### Christ's Prayer Pantry

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



## EVENTS

May

2nd - Spring Clean Up Day & Window Cleaning, 8:00am-12Noon  
2nd - S.C. Prison Chaplaincy Banquet, 6:30pm  
3rd - Holy Communion; Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry; Prayer Gathering at Hope UMC, Port Trevorton, 6:30pm  
12th - Bowling Banquet, 6:00pm  
13th - Conference Moving Committee Luncheon, 10:00am-1:00pm  
16th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10am  
17th - Summer Kickoff Picnic @ Pavilion, 12:30pm  
27th - Mission Central Trip, 8:00am



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial 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.

### May Birthdays



- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Ashleigh Hile   | 20 Betty Metzger      |
| 03 Leah Hepner     | 24 Gail Nace          |
| 03 Lyle Mercer     | 25 Thorin Heintzelman |
| 03 Amber Wilson    | 25 Cody Nace          |
| 04 Katie Heim      | 29 David Disidoro III |
| 04 Janel Schrader  | 29 Joan Hollenbach    |
| 05 Marinna Hartman | 30 Jean Keyser        |
| 06 Jody Hoover     | 31 Jake John          |
| 09 Terry Peterson  | 31 Marilyn Seagraves  |
| 09 Barry Robison   |                       |
| 13 Bill Bingaman   |                       |
| 17 Joy Hoke        |                       |
| 18 Maryann Ruch    |                       |
| 18 Dana Walter     |                       |
| 19 Paul Aungst     |                       |

### May Anniversaries



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| 04/1974 | Chet & Joyce Telatovich  |
| 06/1967 | Chuck & Nancy Lilley     |
| 07/1977 | Bob & Tamie Wolfe        |
| 08/2005 | Charles & Megan Moll     |
| 10/2008 | Michael & Lee Portwood   |
| 20/1995 | Ken & Heidi Carroll      |
| 20/2006 | Andy & Angela Lash       |
| 23/1982 | Steve & Steph Rauch      |
| 25/1996 | Jeff & Anne Carter       |
| 27/2000 | Aaron & Melanie Garrison |
| 27/1989 | Scott & Gail Nace        |
| 30/2008 | Marty & Sabrina Sickle   |



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

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

Tuesday morning Prayer Time at 9:00am in the lounge.

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 306

**Remember Our Homebound Members**  
Paul Aungst,  
Box 42, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 19-23**  
**6:00-8:00pm**

Join us in Rome! You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends! Registration is open on our website: [ccumchurchselinsgrove.org](http://ccumchurchselinsgrove.org). Just click on the Rome logo (like you see here), fill out the registration information and click submit. Don't miss out on all the fun this year at Vacation Bible School!



**Christian Classics**

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a Gardening Presentation by the Susquehanna Garden Club followed by a "dirt" dessert and salty snacks. Hope to see you there!



**Community Blood Drive**

Mark your calendars now for a Community Blood Drive taking place on Wednesday, June 10th, from 1:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please give if you are able. You may call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Selinsgrove to schedule an appointment.



**Summer Camp News**

Camp creates an incredible environment of fun and discovery so different from a young person's norm that they will remember these experiences for the rest of their lives. Their growth in faith and love will continue to shape them far beyond the experience of camp. Registration is now open for Susquehanna Conference Summer Camps at Wesley Forest, Camp Penn, and Sky Lake. There are camps for all ages including Day Camps (Elementary Creepy Crawly Camp & Elementary Nature, Arts, Music, and Science Camp) and Overnight Camps (Whitewater Rafting Adventure, Splash Elementary and many more). Check out the brochure hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Go to [suscrm.org](http://suscrm.org) where you can register and pay your deposit.

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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

#### CCUMC Kid's Club

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8am Spring Clean Up Day  6:30pm S.C. Prison Chaplaincy Banquet
3 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer @ Hope UMC, Port Trevorton	4 10am Busy Bee Meeting	5 9am Prayer Time 3pm Worship Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	6	7 <i>National Day Of Prayer</i>  6pm Ad Council	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm COOL Family Meeting	11	12 9am Prayer Time 1pm Staff Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6pm Bowling Banquet 6:45pm Choir	13 10am-1pm Conference Moving Committee Luncheon	14 7pm Christian Classics	15	16 10am Free Food Drive Thru  11am-4pm Pavilion, Fellowship Hall Res.
17 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Summer Kick Off Picnic @ Pavilion	18 6pm Missions Meeting	19 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	20	21 6pm Trustee Meeting	22	23
24 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>  <b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>	26 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group	27 8am Mission Central Trip	28	29	30
31 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship						