



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

JUNE 2026



Brunch Between Services

On Sunday June 7th, we will be having brunch between services. Early service people can stay after worship and late service people can arrive a little early so we can all enjoy this time of fellowship and food! We will have people in the kitchen if your food items need heated. There will be no Sunday School that day as we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Join us for a Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game on Saturday, June 13th! We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm to carpool or you can meet us there. The game starts at 6:35pm and will be followed by fireworks at the stadium! Tickets are \$8.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board and make payment to Jenna or Katie Heim (cash or Venmo) by June 7th for your tickets.

Celebration of Mission & Ministry



A Town Hall will take place between services on Sunday, June 28th, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be No Sunday School that day.

Mr. Sticky's Fundraiser

The fundraising team is selling sticky buns! A single sticky bun is \$5 (they are large) or purchase a 1/2 dozen for \$20. A sign up sheet is posted and there are extra order forms to take to friends, family and co-workers. We will take orders through June 7th. Pick up will be Tuesday, June 16th. The time is TBA.



The United Women in Faith invite all to a meeting June 1st at 7pm. Mark and Brenda Reinard will be sharing about Mission Central. A ladies meeting will follow.

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Sabbath Rest

“Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD...”

~ Exodus 31:15

If you can't quite make out the picture of brown, grey, and black curled up fur, that's a photo of our cat Luke doing what he does best... resting. Everyone who has a cat understands what I'm talking about. Cats know how to sabbath.

The spiritual discipline of sabbath keeping is truly one of God's greatest gifts to us. Not only that, but it's the 4th Commandment! Working six days and then resting on the seventh is more than a lifestyle suggestion. According to Genesis 2:2-3, sabbath keeping flows from the very nature and being of God, who "rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done."

Pastor David Alves offers this important clarification about what God actually did on the seventh day: "The Hebrew word shabbat... is really a *stopping* or *ceasing* more than rest. God never tires. He did not *rest* on the seventh day. He *ceased* from his work. Therefore, that is what he calls *us* to do on *our* sabbath - make an abrupt end to... the labor we've been doing the other six days." (Ruth Haley Barton, *Embracing Rhythms of Work and Rest: From Sabbath to Sabbatical and Back Again*, p.21)

Taking a full 24 hours to stop, rest, and delight in God is not easy in our culture, even during the lazy-hazy days of summer. What *is* easy is feeling guilty for not working when we have so many things left on our "To-do" lists. And taking a renewal leave, which is an extended time of sabbath, can feel downright sinful. However, we need what the Lord is offering! Our work, our lives, our bodies, our relationships, our witness are all enhanced by God's gift of sabbath.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee offered me a Renewal Leave after 32 years of ordained ministry. I was hesitant at first, but I've come to realize that our resistance to sabbath and extended time of renewal actually keeps us from the rhythm God intended for all of us from the beginning of creation. The sense of guilt has turned into an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

Robin and I have accepted the offer and we'd like to share with you a little about what we will be up to. We've decided that we are most spiritually renewed when we travel. We will be away from August 9 through September 13. Our plan is to spend two weeks in the Tuscany region of Italy, including a pilgrimage to the church of St. Francis of Assisi. We will then take a week traveling in Northern Italy and end our renewal in the Swiss Alps, thanks to a gift from some dear friends. We are excited to experience this sacred time with God and each other!

In the meantime, I encourage you to think about a regular rhythm of taking a full day of sabbath, maybe Saturday evening to Sunday evening, as a time to delight in God, worship, rest, unplug from technology, resist buying and selling, cease from doing work and instead, do those things that renew your soul. Cats aren't the only ones who need sabbath time! "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

~Pastor Eric

June at Christ Community



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



Christ's Prayer Pantry

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

Yard Sale Donations Needed

We are starting to collect donations for our church's annual yard sale. Please make sure your items are clean and in good condition. If you have furniture or large items, please call first to see if we will accept and if we have help to carry the item into the church. The 2 drop off days for the month of June are Monday, June 1st, from 10am-12Noon & Monday, June 15th, from 5-7pm at the former preschool entrance. We are also collecting Large Boxes for the Yard Sale.

YARD SALE
DONATIONS
NEEDED



MEETINGS

June

1st - United Women in Faith, 7:00pm
9th - Staff, 1:00pm
10th - SPRC, 6:00pm
11th - Christian Classics, 6:00pm
14th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
23rd - Worship Committee, 3:00pm



EVENTS

June

4th-6th - Annual Conference in Williamsport
7th - Holy Communion; Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry; Brunch between services; Prayer Gathering here at CCUMC, 6:30pm
9th - Annual Shreiner's Cemetery Meeting, 7pm
10th - Community Blood Drive, 1-6pm
13th - Crosscutters Baseball Game, meet in church parking lot at 5:30pm, game starts at 6:35pm
15th - Membership Class, 6:00-7:30pm
16th - Pick up for Mr. Sticky's, Time: TBA
20th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
22nd - Membership Class, 6:00-7:30pm
27th - Youth: Mini Golf & Rita's Ice, 3-6pm
28th - Celebration of Ministries Town Hall, 9:45am

August Worship Services

During the month of August, EVERY SUNDAY will be a Combined Worship Service at 10:00am. Sunday School will take place at 9:00am. Mark your calendars now!

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.

June Birthdays



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| 04 Ella Walter | 17 Delores Kauffman |
| 05 Liz Stevenson | 19 Sue Sassaman |
| 07 Peg Sowers | 22 Tom Hartman |
| 08 Doris Ginck | 25 Judie Steinbacher |
| 08 Barry Heintzelman | 26 Alex Hoke |
| 09 Kathy Hartman | 28 Dave Hoke Jr. |
| 10 Steve Rauch | 30 Angela Lash |
| 12 Joey Hoover | 30 Vickie Ritter |
| 12 Keith Nace | |
| 13 Charlotte Hoke | |
| 14 Kylee Zerbe | |
| 15 Cathy Engle | |
| 15 Greg Rhodes | |
| 15 Ben Walter | |
| 17 Kim Ditty | |

June Anniversaries



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| 01/2019 | Katie & Jenna Heim |
| 01/2001 | Monica & Jody Hoover |
| 24/1961 | Elwood & Barbara Inch |
| 24/2006 | Grant & Laci Walter |
| 26/1976 | Greg & Sue Sassaman |



"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, Delores Kauffman (570) 743-8322, 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



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. 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!



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 sus-crm.org to register.

We are highlighting 2 camp experiences:

Grands & Me: June 28-30 (Adults & K-4) with Pastor Barry & Joni.

Faith Quest: July 12-15 (Grades 2-4) with Pastor Eric, Pastor Andy & Liz Telatovich.



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 and enter Selinsgrove to schedule an appointment. Blood Donors Make a Difference!



Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet at the church pavilion for a picnic on Thursday, June 11th, at 6:00pm. Hotdogs, Rolls, and Drinks will be provided. Bring picnic sides and desserts to share. A Vesper Service will follow dinner.



CCUMC at Sea!

Join us as we set sail on a 5-night adventure to Bermuda aboard Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas, **June 5-10, 2027**. Soak up the sun, explore the vibrant island of Bermuda, and enjoy the company of fellow travelers from CCUMC. For information and questions, contact Jenna Heim at Envoyage Travel.

The Impact of CCUMC

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:

- One person who had volunteered at the Spring Clean-up shared that he had gotten into a number of places in the church he'd never been before. There are so many rooms and closets, so many nooks and crannies, so many little odd jobs and chores, so many behind-the-scenes things that are getting done — but by whom?! He didn't know for sure. Certainly, Heidi Carroll does a lot of that as sexton, and the Trustees are often in attending to details, but there are so many people constantly doing their part for some chore, ministry, or mission — each according to his or her own gifts.
- [Note: As we travel along life's journey, absorbing all the many challenges and blessings along the way, our gifts and graces evolve. Sometimes a skill is no longer at our command, but we are never without them. Nor are we without the opportunities and responsibilities to use them for the Lord's work. As one gift fades, it can be an exciting time to explore and see what the next gift is!]

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!”

Hello once again Church Family,

We are planning a great summer with more integration of Youth Events and CCUMC events. The name of the game is to create opportunities for Youth to meet our amazing Church Family and create more connections in God's name. This June we're going to link up with the awesome Cool Family for the Crosscutter's Baseball Game on the 13th and have our annual Mini-Golf + Rita's from 3PM to 6PM on the 27th.

In July we'll have a picnic on the 11th at Kidsgrove to get everyone enjoying God's wonderful creation with fresh air, some outdoor games, and food. On the 29th of July we'll do a Knoebels Trip on bargain night for maximum fun and cost efficiency.

In August we'll join the Church's COOL Family picnic to connect with the church family even more.

We hope to see everyone at the game and God Bless! Also still looking for volunteers for Sunday School, Tuesday Youth Groups, and other fun events, so check your clearances and let Pastor Eric or Robert know!

With God's Love,
CCUMC Youth Ministry



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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.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>10am-12Noon Yard Sale Donation Drop off</p> <p>7pm United Women</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>9am Prayer Time</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4 Annual Conference</i></p>	<p><i>5 Annual Conference</i></p>	<p><i>6 Annual Conference</i></p>
<p><i>7 Graduate Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45am Brunch 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer Gathering @ CCUMC</p>	<p><i>8</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9am Prayer Time 1pm Staff Meeting 5-8pm Pavilion Res. 7:00pm Shreiner's Cemetery Meeting</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>1-6pm Community Blood Drive</p> <p>6pm SPRC Meeting</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6pm Christian Classics at Pavilion</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>5:30pm Meet in church parking lot to carpool for Williamsport Crosscutters Baseball Game</p>
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm COOL Family</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>5-7pm Yard Sale Donation Drop off</p> <p>6-7:30pm Membership Class</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>9am Prayer Time</p> <p>Pick up - Mr. Sticky's Time: TBA</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>10am Free Food Drive Thru</p>
<p><i>21 Father's Day</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6-7:30pm Membership Class</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9am Prayer Time</p> <p>3pm Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>3-6pm Youth Mini-Golf & Rita's Ice</p>
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