



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

NOVEMBER 2025



Annual Church Conference

This year's Church Conference will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at 2:00pm at Christ UMC, 145 Disciple Drive, Selinsgrove. All full members are eligible to vote on our Church Conference Packet.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Just a friendly reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to change your clocks one hour back Saturday evening before you go to bed to ensure that you will arrive for worship at the correct time on Sunday morning.



All Saints Sunday

We will be honoring those from our fellowship who have passed away this year during our All Saints Sunday on November 2nd during both worship services. If you have a loved one that has passed this year and would like their name read during the service, please contact the church office no later than Wednesday, October 29th, to add your loved one's name. We will have charcuterie boards of seasonal snacks and refreshments in between services on All Saints Sunday provided by our C.O.O.L. Family Ministry.



Poinsettia Orders

Hello, everyone! We are in the fall season again and it is time to think about poinsettias for the church, placed in honor or memory of loved ones, for the Christmas season. Steph Rauch will take orders for flowers on October 26th, November 2nd and November 9th. The price this year will again be \$10.00 for a 6-inch pot. Choose from traditional red, white or glitter (red with white flecks). Also, if you do not want to purchase for yourself, we will be collecting donations for the flowers on the altar table. If you would like to purchase your poinsettia by phone, call Steph at 570-847-9505.

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In Awe of God's Glorious Inheritance

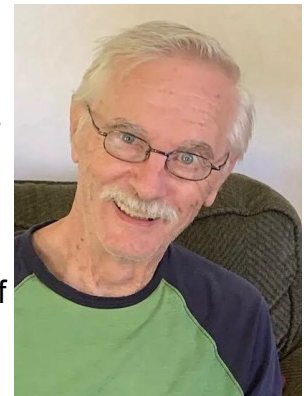
"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints."

~ Ephesians 1:16-18

Beauty. Wonder. Meaning. Responsibility. Connection. Curiosity. Delight. These are the elements of awe that will continue to take us spiritually deeper. As our worship series "Purveyors of Awe" comes to a close, our focus will turn to our Lord's example of Self-Giving as one more element to nurture in our lives. Our God is an awesome God and worthy of our praise, not only for the gift of creation, but more importantly for the gift of salvation made possible through the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



It is going to be a very special All Saints Sunday for my wife and I on November 2. We lost both our dads this year... mine in January, Robin's father in July. We miss them dearly and it is still strange in those moments when we remember they are no longer with us, like when we gather with family or celebrate the birth of another grandchild. We will no longer see their faces around the table or hear their voices on the other end of the line.



But we have a hope... a hope that death cannot take away... a "glorious inheritance among the saints" that gives us reason to bow down in awe and praise the Creator of all things, the Father of glory and life, the Author of salvation! All Saints Sunday will be a day to celebrate the hope we have, that death is not the end because of the self-giving of Jesus Christ our Lord!

As we remember the good news of our faith and give thanks to our awesome God, may we respond with the same kind of self-giving love we have received so that others might be blessed with the hope of eternal life and join us in praising the God of creation!

~Pastor Eric

November 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, November 15th,
from 10-11am.



Pop Up Seasonal Table

The Pop Up Seasonal Table in the Fellowship Hall will raise money for our yard sale advertising in January 2026. On November 1st, the table will feature Christmas and Winter items for purchase.

MEETINGS

November

3rd - Busy Bees, 10:00am
6th - Ad Council, 6:00pm
9th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
13th - Christian Classics, 7:00pm
16th - Children/Youth, 12:15pm
17th - Missions Committee, 7:00pm
18th - Worship Committee, 3:00pm
24th - Trustees, 6:00pm



EVENTS

November

1st - Annual Church Conference @ Christ UMC,
145 Disciple Drive, Selinsgrove, 2:00pm
2nd - All Saints Sunday with Communion,
Seasonal Snacks; Donations of food items
to Christ's Prayer Pantry Ministry
2nd - Cluster Prayer Gathering @ Christ UMC,
145 Disciple Drive, Selinsgrove, 6:30pm
11th - Conference Luncheon, 8:30am
13th - Christian Classics, 7:00pm
15th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
15th - Youth Video/Game Night, 6:00pm
16th - Blessing of Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes at both services
17th - Girls Soccer Banquet, 6:00pm
20th - Boys Soccer Banquet, 6:00pm
23rd - Decorate the Church, 12:15pm
30th - Hanging of the Greens services



The Church Office will be closed on
November 27th & 28th for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.



Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, November 13th, at 7:00pm featuring a "THANKS and GIVING PROGRAM" with Pastor Mike and Cherie for Christian and Secular Music with Fall Desserts.

The Christian Classics Christmas party sign up and payment (\$25 per person) cut off date is November 13th at the Classics meeting. The party will be held at the Silver Moon Banquet Center and will take place at 12:30pm for a Christmas Party Luncheon. Please contact Sandy Young at 570-524-0272 with any questions and or payment.



Chicken BBQ Pick Up

If you ordered chicken from the Christian Classics, pick up is Saturday, November 1st, from 11:30am-12:15pm at the Church Portico.



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 PRESCHOOL 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!



Candle & Wax Melt Sale

Our Fundraising Team has again partnered with Kindling Memories for a Candle & Wax Melt sale. You can choose from a 13oz. Wood Wick Candle for \$20 or Wax Melts 5 for \$25. There are new additions to last year's scents as well as your favorites. Samples are available and some popular scents include: Pumpkin Pecan Waffles, Fraser Fir, Relax, Christmas Joy, Caramel Crunch, Latte, Banana Nut Bread, Lilac Blooms and many more. Think ahead for upcoming birthdays and Christmas gifts! Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or the church office during the week to place your order. We will continue this sale through November 9th.



Christian Life Assembly

There are only 9 seats available for the CLA Christmas Show, "Finding Christmas". Pre-sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Mission Central Sojourners

The next Mission Central Sojourners Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th. This will be a work and holiday party with pizza! As usual, we will leave the church parking lot at 8:15am.

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.

November Birthdays



01 Robert Werner	20 Jill Nace
01 Scott White	21 Phyllis Dyer
02 Pam Eister	21 Joyce Telatovich
06 Derek Savidge	23 Patty Cobler
10 Collin Steinbacher	23 Brenda Reinard
11 Connie Johnson	29 Ralph Moerschbacher
15 Ryann Rachau	
15 Greg Sassaman	
16 Sandy Young	
17 Noah Walter	

November Anniversaries



03/2001	Mike & Katie Savidge
10/2012	Derrick & Christa Keister
12/2011	Keith & Sandy Young
27/1965	Charlie & Marsha Eichner



"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



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 23rd, at 12:15pm. We will have a sign up sheet again. Many hands make light the work. Please consider helping to decorate this year!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's that time of year again to bless children around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ thru the SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT. There are 2 ways in which you can contribute to this worthy project: Pick up a shoebox in the Fellowship Hall OR Build a Shoebox Online. See the display in the Fellowship Hall with more information and instructions.



Children & Youth Moments

Hello Congregation!

We have gained a youth back from a crazy school sports schedule and had a new youth start coming regularly to youth night and even started coming to church on Sundays. God is great and sometimes it takes our youth to open the door to our awesome church and God's love. Our Youth had a hand in the Fall Festival and once again ran games which resulted in another awesome time of fun for the younger children. We have our Video Game Night happening on the 15th of November and it is always a blast to have the teens show off the skills that they are blessed with. We will not have youth group the final Tuesday (25th) of November so the youth can enjoy more time with family during the Thanksgiving holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for. We will have plenty of fun coming up for the Youth for the Holiday Season so keep an eye out! ~Regards, Youth Group Team

Parents' Night Out! **Saturday, December 6th, 6-9pm**

Drop off your children at the church for some games, coloring/crafts, snacks, and a movie while you enjoy a night off!

Dinner will not be provided

Open to all children ages 3-4 (who are potty trained) through 12th grade.

Pre-register by Saturday 11/29 here:

<https://forms.gle/UXMYB7AuZBE3LFrv7>

PARENTS
Night Out

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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.

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 11:30am Chicken Pick Up 2pm Church Conference at Christ UMC
<i>2 All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer @ Christ UMC	<i>3</i> 10am Busy Bees Meeting	<i>4</i> 9am Prayer 4pm Youth 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<i>5</i> 6pm Awana	<i>6</i> 6pm Ad Council	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
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<i>23 Decorate Church</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Decorate Church	<i>24</i> 6pm Trustees	<i>25</i> 9am Prayer No Youth 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<i>26</i> No Awana	<i>27 Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed	<i>28</i> Church Office Closed	<i>29</i>
<i>30 Hanging of Greens</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship						