



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

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Annual Church Conference

This year's Church Conference will take place on Saturday, November 7th, 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 1st. 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 since our last All Saints Sunday during both worship services on November 1st. If you have a loved one that has passed since our last All Saints and you would like their name read during the service, please contact the church office no later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th. We will have charcuterie boards of seasonal snacks and refreshments in between services on All Saints Sunday provided by the C.O.O.L. Family Ministry.



Poinsettia Orders

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 25th, November 1st and November 8th between first and second services. 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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Happy Thanksgiving!

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.”

~ Psalm 107:1; 118:1; 136:1 and 1 Chronicles 16:34

What makes for a happy Thanksgiving? Is it getting together with family? Is it gathering around a table overflowing with the earth's bounty? Is it having a day off to watch football? Is it the fact that you have a roof over your head, a car or two in the driveway and money in your bank account? All those things are worthy of creating a happy Thanksgiving. But what if you didn't have any of them?

I'm reminded of what I have learned about St. Francis of Assisi. His family thought he was crazy for turning his back on their wealth and position in society, so he basically had no family. He stressed moderation in eating and fasted often, so he didn't need food to be happy. He understood the importance of rest, but would probably not think happiness was spending 3+ hours watching football. He didn't own a home or a donkey or fancy clothes or a bank account. Yet Francis was filled with joy and gratitude!

Francis came to realize that joy comes from abandoning ourselves into the hands of God. In the hands of God we find that we are being held by the Creator of all things. In the hands of God we are set free from our sins and healed for eternity by the grace of our Savior. In the hands of God we are connected to life in the Spirit beyond the strangle hold of “the cares of the world and the lure of wealth.” (Matthew 13:22) Joy comes from abandoning ourselves into the hands of our good God. God is the true source of our thanksgiving.

There is a call throughout the scriptures to give thanks to God. In the four scriptures referenced above, they are 99.9% word for word. “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” Notice, we are encouraged to give thanks to the Lord because of who God is, not for any other reason than because the Lord is good and faithful and loving.

As we say in our Communion Liturgy: “It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.” So by all means, give thanks to God for the many good things and people in your life. And may your Thanksgiving also include gratitude for who God is... for the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever, no matter what circumstances you may find yourself in. Happy Thanksgiving!

~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 21st,
from 10-11am.



Yard Sale Donations Needed

We are collecting donations for our church's annual yard sale. Please make sure your items are clean and in good condition. **There is only ONE DROP OFF DAY on November 9th, from 10:00am-2:00pm** at the former preschool entrance. **This will be the last drop off day for this year as we head into the holidays and time with family. There will be ONE FINAL DROP OFF DAY in January** before we start pricing. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping to sort, size and organize donations. Thank You!

MEETINGS

November

2nd - Busy Bees, 10:00am
5th - Trustees, 6:00pm
8th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
9th - Finance Committee, 6:00pm
12th - Christian Classics, 7:00pm
16th - Missions Committee, 6:00pm
17th - Worship Committee, 3:00pm
24th - Staff, 1:00pm



EVENTS

November

1st - All Saints Sunday with Communion;
Charcuterie Board of seasonal snacks;
Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry
1st - Prayer Gathering @ Trinity UMC,
Middleburg, 6:30pm
7th - Annual Church Conference, Christ UMC,
145 Disciple Drive, Selinsgrove, 2:00pm
7th - "The Drummer Boy" movie at AMC
Theatre in Selinsgrove, 4:00pm
9th - Yard Sale Donation Drop Off,
(Extended time of 10am-2pm)
21st - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
22nd - Harvest Home (donations of canned goods
& non-perishables)
22nd - Decorate the Church, 12:15pm
25th - Mission Central Trip, 8:00am
30th - Start of Advent Bible Study, 6:00pm



The Church Office will be closed
on November 26th & 27th for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

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, contact the church office by phone or email.

November Birthdays



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

November Anniversaries



03/2001	Mike & Katie Savidge
10/2012	Derrick & Christa Keister
12/2011	Keith & Sandy Young
27/1965	Charles & 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 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.



Richfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center -
631 Main Street, Richfield, PA 17086
Virginia Host, **Room 4**

Nottingham Village
58 Neitz Road, Northumberland, PA 17857
Betty Weaver, Room 102

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



Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have guest music by Jamie Wagner and Pumpkin & Apple Desserts.

*Reminder to Christian Classics members:

Anyone planning to go the Christmas party must sign up no later than the November meeting so we can get a head count. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Young at 570-524-0272.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up a box or two to fill to bless children around the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions are at the display. There is

also information available if you prefer to fill a box online. Please don't forget to include cash or a check for \$10 (per box) **made payable to Samaritan's Purse** in your shoebox to cover the cost of shipping. **The last date to return shoeboxes is Sunday, November 15th.** Thank you for giving to this worthy project! If you have any questions, please reach out to Sabrina Sickle.

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all the phone calls, text messages, get well cards and prayers during Elwood Inch's recent hospital stay. We appreciate Pastor Eric's visit and are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and caring pastor and church family.



~ The Inch and Eister families



Decorate the Church

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at 12:15pm. A sign up sheet has been posted again for the various areas we will be decorating. Many hands make light the work. Please consider helping to decorate this year!

Harvest Home

Now through November 21st, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables. The items will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 22nd. All items will be donated to Christ's Prayer Pantry (our Free Food Drive Thru ministry). We thank you in advance for your generous giving as we continue to help people in our area with food insecurities. God Bless!



"The Drummer Boy"

Join us after Annual Conference on Nov. 7th at AMC theatre in Selinsgrove to see Angel Studios' new movie "The Drummer Boy". Written, directed and starring the

Smallbone brothers from the band For King and Country, this movie musical is set during the American Revolutionary War and follows the story of a young drummer boy named Benjamin Clem, an enslaved woman named Emmaline and a divided family navigating war, faith and the search for freedom. The movie starts at 4:00pm, make sure to get there in time to buy your own snacks and tickets! Hope to see you there!

Thank You

Thank you for all your acts of love for Pastor Appreciation month. We feel truly blessed to be in ministry with you.

~Pastor Eric & Andy



ADVENT 2026

Join Us This Advent Season for an Amazing Bible Study entitled:

The Journey by Adam Hamilton

Monday Evenings from 6:00-7:45pm November 30, December 7, 14, 21
in the Youth Dramaturgy (Theatre) Area of Christ Community

If you think you know the story of Jesus' Birth, think again! The study sets us on a journey to the times and characters, so that we experience the birth of the Christ in our lives, in a totally new way! Don't miss this interactive study as together we prepare ourselves and celebrate the arrival of ADVENT 2026! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

November 30 Mary of Nazareth
December 7 Joseph of Bethlehem

December 14 Mary's Visit to Elizabeth
December 21 From Nazareth to Bethlehem

Questions/Concerns contact Mark or Brenda Reinard, Study Leaders, at 570-765-1750 or 570-374-4054



Mixers, weighers, shapers, syrup makers and oven tenders. That's what it took to make almost 600 pounds of meat into ham loaves ready to eat. Then there were the people needed to sort the orders, manage the money, set up, clean up, make lunch, and run the dish washer. At first it looked like a meeting of the maroon hat society (part of the Busy Bee get-up), but everyone found their work stations and got busy. We had a great day creating 1 and 2 pound ham loaves to be proud of and also having time to enjoy a meal and visit. A big thank you to all of you who turned up to help make this sale a success, and all those who supported us by taking orders for and purchasing ham loaves.

~The Busy Bees

We have reserved 40 preferred seats at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill for the 3:00pm show on Sunday afternoon, December 13th entitled: "FULL CAPACITY: CODE JOY: CHRISTMAS". Show details and sign up are available on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Mission Central Trips

Mission Central Sojourners new Volunteer Coordinator, Angel Florez, has revamped our Sojourner's Volunteer Schedule. We are back to full day monthly Wednesday visits. Mark your calendars now for November 25th and December 9th leaving the church parking lot at 8:00am. A sign up sheet is posted on the Fellowship hall bulletin board. Become a volunteer and help be the hands and feet of Jesus!



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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 8:00 p.m. - Tuesday

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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer Gathering @ Trinity UMC, Middleburg	2 10am Busy Bee Meeting	3 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	4 9am-3pm Conference Work Shop 6pm Kids Club	5 6pm Trustees	6	7 9:30am-12Noon Sanctuary Reserved 2pm Church Conference @ Christ UMC, Selins. 4pm Movie at AMC Theatre, Selinsgrove
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15 COOL Meeting 1-5pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	9 10am-2:00pm Yard Sale Donation Drop Off 6pm Finance Meeting	10 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	11 6pm Kids Club	12 7pm Christian Classics	13	14
<i>15 OCC Shoeboxes</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	16 6pm Missions Meeting	17 9am Prayer Time 3pm Worship Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6pm Soccer Banquet 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	18 6pm Kids Club	19	20	21 10am Free Food Drive Thru
<i>22 Harvest Home</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm Decorate the Church	23	24 9am Prayer Time 1pm Staff Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	25 8am Mission Central Trip No Kids Club	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	30 6pm Advent Study					