



News from Christ Community
United Methodist Church
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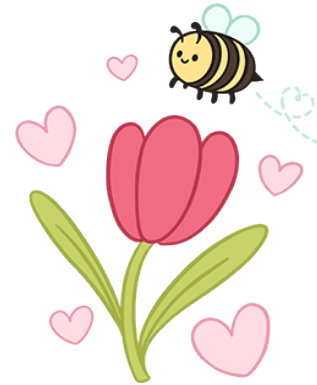
Souper Bowl Sundae Event

Join us on Sunday, February 8th, after second service for our 2nd annual Souper Bowl Sundae gathering! Bring a crockpot of soup, stew or chili to share and copy of the recipe so we can take pictures of our favorites. The C.O.O.L. Family Ministry will provide ice cream and toppings for sundaes. A sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Christ's Prayer Pantry Ministry. Place items in the cart of the team you think will win the big game!



Weekly Lenten Soup Dinner

During the season of Lent, all are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for a simple soup dinner and time of fellowship. We'll gather each week from **5:00 -5:45pm, beginning February 25th**, to share a warm meal, meaningful conversation, and the spirit of community that marks this reflective season. Whether you're coming straight from work, worship, or home, this is a wonderful opportunity to pause, connect, and be nourished together. All are welcome-come as you are. AWANA and Lenten Bible study opportunities to follow dinner. Sign-ups for contributions will be on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. See Michelle Heintzelman or Mark & Brenda Reinard with questions.



Busy Bee Ham Loaf Sale

The Busy Bees are selling Ham Loaves! Choose from a 1-lb. for \$7.50 or a 2-lb. for \$15.00. Pickled Cabbage will also be for sale for \$6.00. **The deadline to order is March 1st and no orders will be accepted after this date.** Pick up will be Monday, March 9th, from 1:00-5:00pm. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and extra order forms are available to take to friends, neighbors, family and co-workers.

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***“I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”
~ Isaiah 43:19***

On February 18, we move from the Epiphany season of light into a season of self-examination and contemplating our spiritual journey to the cross.

Lent is a time of reflection, and there’s nothing like a pilgrimage to inspire our best reflection and growth. Like Jacob escaping the anger of his brother, the Israelites seeking the Promised Land, and the Wise Men seeking Jesus, God is often found in our intentional journeys to a new life. This Lent, let’s go on a pilgrimage.

Inspired by passages in the Judeo-Christian scriptures that talk about journeys, roads and pathways of life, we will make our way together through this important season of preparation. The popular and poignant movie, **The Way**, about a father’s pilgrimage in honor of his deceased son on the famed Camino de Santiago in France and Spain, will serve as our modern-day inspiration to live the life we’ve been given to the fullest.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, our pilgrimage opportunities will include:

- A special **Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM on February 18.**
- **Forty Miles in 40 Days** our own pilgrimage inspired by Christ’s 40 days in the wilderness. This journey connects our physical steps with prayer, reflection, and community as we follow Jesus, “the way, the truth, and the life.”
- **February 22 from 3:00-5:00PM** we will gather for an inspiring movie about the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.
- A **Soup and Salad** dinner followed by a **Lenten Study** based on **The Chosen Season 5** will be offered every Wednesday evening **beginning on February 25.**
- A devotional booklet for each household entitled “**The Sanctuary for Lent**” by Amy Sigmon. A gift from your church for daily inspiration during your pilgrimage.
- A **Holy Thursday Service on April 2 at 6:30 PM** to remember “The Loving Way” of Jesus’ suffering and to share in Holy Communion together.

May God bless our holy pilgrimage through the days of Lent as we make our way to meet the risen Christ and the promise of a renewed life.

On the Way with you,

Pastor Eric

CCUMC Lenten Journey 2026

Forty Miles in 40 Days of *The Way*

February 18 – April 4, 2026
(Not including Sundays)

This Lent, we walk **The Way**.



Forty Miles in 40 Days is an invitation to slow down, move with intention, and follow Jesus more closely through the Lenten season. Inspired by Christ's 40 days in the wilderness, this journey connects our steps with prayer, reflection, and community.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." — John 14:6

Whether you walk daily or spread your miles across the season, every step becomes an act of worship discipleship. Walk where you are—alone or with others—knowing each mile is part of a shared journey.

**This isn't about speed.
It's about direction.**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

What This Journey Looks Like

Walking as a spiritual practice

Reflecting on Jesus as **The Way**

Growing together in faith and purpose

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us." — Ephesians 5:2

Step by step, we follow **The Way**.

All ages and abilities are welcome. To participate, please sign up on the bulletin board, with your phone number (must be able to receive texts). If you'd like to purchase a "Forty Miles in 40 Days" t-shirt this year (we will attempt to keep the cost of the shirt between \$15-\$18), please write your preferred t-shirt size. Any questions or concerns, see or call/text Robin Shafer at 814-222-7208.



February 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, February 21st,
from 10-11am.



Ash Wednesday Service

Join us on February 18th at 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday Worship Service with the Imposition of Ashes.

MEETINGS

February

2nd - Busy Bees, 10:00am
2nd - United Women in Faith, 7:00pm
5th - 4th Day Friends, 6:00pm
10th - Staff, 1:00pm
12th - Christian Classics, 7:00pm
16th - Finance Committee (Annual Audit), 6pm
16th - Missions Committee, 6:00pm
19th - SPRC, 6:00pm
23rd - Ad Council, 6:00pm



EVENTS

February

1st - Communion; Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry
1st - Cluster Prayer Gathering TBD, 6:30pm
8th - Souper Bowl Sundae Event after 2nd service
11th - Mission Central Trip, 8:15am
13th - S.C. Conservation District Meeting & Luncheon, 7:00am-3:00pm
18th - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm
21st - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
21st - Youth Event, 6:00pm
22nd - Movie, 3:00-5:00pm
25th - Start of Weekly Lenten Soup Dinner, 5pm
25th - Start of Lenten Bible Study, 6:00pm.

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.

February Birthdays



02 Laci Walter	20 Betty Weaver
03 Nancy Mercer	21 Kim Soper
03 Tim Wolfe	22 Kevin Ditty
04 Robin Shafer	22 Marie Ermert
08 Emma Ponchak	22 Charles Moll
09 Isabel Disidoro	22 Carol Smith
10 Diane Aumiller	25 Marty Sickle
13 Jim Rutkowski	26 Michelle Heintzelman
16 Andy Bucke	27 Joni Robison
18 Linn Zimmerman	28 Charles Eichner

February Anniversaries



14/1988 Gene & Ruth Shirk



"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



Lenten Movie-I'll Push You:
Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 3:00-5:00pm

Join us in the Sanctuary for an inspiring documentary about two friends traveling the Camino de Santiago together. One in a wheelchair, the other dedicated to laying down his life for his friend.



Christmas & Year Round
Greeting Cards

We are collecting Christmas and Year Round Greeting Cards for Mission Central. They will be repurposing them into Cheer Kits. A gathering box is located in the Fellowship Hall through February 15th.



Keystone Chrysalis Flight

A Keystone Chrysalis Flight, a ministry of The Upper Room, will be held at Wesley Forest this February 13, 14 & 15. It is designed as a three day Spiritual Enhancement Retreat for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade high school students. The flight provides an opportunity to deepen ones relationship with Jesus Christ. Please contact Pastor Eric or Anne Carter, who are serving on Team, for more information/to register. 4th Day Friends will provide scholarships.



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 1st. We will have video, study, discussion singing and prayers. Consider arriving at 5:00pm for the weekly Lenten Soup Dinner.



MISSIONS
VOLUNTEERS

Mission Central Sojourners

The next Mission Central Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th. 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!



United Women in Faith

All ladies are invited to the United Women in Faith meeting on Monday, February 2nd, at 7:00pm. Come with your ideas to plan programs and guest speakers for the new year.



Officers for 2026 are...

Co-Presidents

Tim & Pam Wolfe

Vice President

Jill Nace

Co-Secretaries

Keith & Sandy Young

Secretary of Spiritual Connection

Sandy Young

Treasurer

Betty Metzger

Please feel free to reach out to any of the officers if you have questions or concerns.



The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for our **Hearts & Sweets** gathering. We will have Black Forest Brownie Sundaes and fun activities including a Candy

Memory Game and how you met your significant other.



FRIENDS CHRIST

4th Day Friends

4th Day Friends will meet on Thursday, February 5th, at 6:00pm for Devotions and Agape Making.



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

The Congregational Care Ministry is sponsoring a Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange during the month of February. Visit the table and Bring Puzzles.....Take Puzzles. **Also, please take part in putting the community puzzle together. There are puzzle pieces on a board on a table in the Fellowship Hall — please take some time to see if you can fit a few of the pieces in. We are all part of life's puzzle, and we are all part of God's solution.**



Dear Church,

My family and I would like to say thank you so much for your prayers during this trying time. You can't control how things will work out, but if you rely on God and receive all the prayers and believe in the hope God gives you, we can stay strong in Christ. So sincerely, thank you for all your prayers.

Love,
The Fegley Family

The Impact of CCUMC

Once again, 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. Here is another installment, this time of a somewhat extended response:

“The first word that comes to mind of what I am thankful for is TIME. It's such a small word, but it so important in every part of my life. I'm so thankful to highlight an aspect of Christ Community United Methodist Church that has impacted me the most for living a Christian life. Here are some phrases that help sum it up for me.

‘Stop and take the time’ — Do this to listen, to learn, to laugh, to console all my family, friends, strangers, youth, and even my pet. I want to leave a positive impression of my time with everyone. I want to try to do as Jesus did on earth. I know I may fall short, but it's worth the time to try.

‘I'm living on borrowed time’ — I never agreed with that phrase, but I own it. I decide how to spend my time. I can't get it back, so I try to give my time to help people however I can. There are plenty of ministry opportunities at CCUMC for this to happen.

‘Time for grieving’ — That's the time I want to live without, but it is so necessary. It forces me to reflect on every part of my life. Grief slows down time for a while, and that helps me turn to God. Being part of a fellowship of believers and kindred spirits is comforting and strengthening.

Without these special times in my life, it all would be less meaningful. It wouldn't be a scientific definition of a ‘day's time’ — like a full rotation of the earth around the sun, measured by a clock on a wall. It's much more than that. The fullness of that time is increased by my relationship with Jesus as fostered through CCUMC.

When my ‘time is up’ or ‘time runs out,’ I am going to remember all those times in my life and take it all with me (despite the fact they say ‘you can't take it with you’). I'm going to have the ‘time of my life.’ Hopefully throughout my time here on earth, I have been able to help others and reflect the love of Jesus. And through it all, God is with me. All these things are evident every time I get involved in the fellowship and ministry here at Christ Community United Methodist Church.”

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!”

~Andy Bucke, Director of Congregational Care

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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.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer Gathering @ St. Paul's UMC Lewisburg	2 10am Busy Bee Meeting 7pm United Women	3 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	4 6pm Awana	5 6pm 4th Day Friends	6	7
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12 Noon Souper Bowl Sundae Event	9	10 9am Prayer Time 1:00pm Staff Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	11 8:15am Mission Central Trip 6pm Awana	12 7pm Christian Classics	13 Chrysalis Flight 7am-3pm Winter Farmer's Meeting	14 Chrysalis Flight
15 Chrysalis Flight 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	16 6pm Annual Audit 6pm Missions Comm.	17 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	18 Ash Wednesday <i>No Awana</i> 6:30pm Worship Service	19 6:00pm SPRC Meeting	20	21 10am Free Food Drive Thru 6pm Youth Event
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 3-5pm Movie – I'll Push You	23 6pm Ad Council	24 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	25 5pm Lenten Soup Dinner 6pm Awana 6pm Lenten Study	26	27	28