



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

OCTOBER 2025



### Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

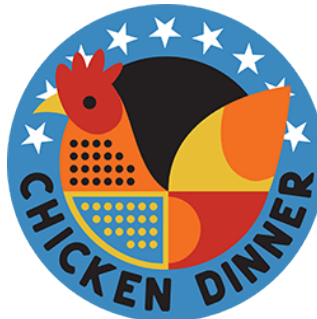
**Saturday  
October 11th  
12Noon-2:00PM**

**TRUNK  
OF  
TREAT**

Join us on Saturday, October 11th, from 12Noon-2:00pm for a fun filled day! We will have games, food, and trunk or treat. Instead of using your vehicle's trunk, we are going to try something different this year. We would like to have a trail of tables leading down to the pavilion where there will be Smore's stations. Children are welcome to wear costumes. YOU CAN HELP by offering to set up a table and supply candy for the children to pick up treats. We are also looking for volunteers to help with supervision while children are at the fire ring. Please consider helping with this outreach event. Contact Priscilla Werner with questions.

### College Care & Military Ministry

Our Fall 2025 outreach will be sent October 27th. We are in need of gift cards (\$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20 increments) or monetary donations to purchase gift cards. Some fan-favorites are; Wendy's, McDonalds, Dunkin, Starbucks, Taco Bell, Moe's, Weis, Walmart, Jersey Mikes, Chipotle, Aldi, Subway and Dominoes. We are currently sending care letters to 15 College Students and 2 Active Military. If you have someone to add to this ministry, please share their name, address, college or military, and graduation date with Judie Steinbacher or Monica Hoover by Sunday, Oct. 26th. Donations can be given directly to Judie or Monica, or placed in the CCUMC College Care/Military Ministry Mailbox.



**Christian Classics  
Chicken BBQ  
Saturday  
November 1st  
11:30am-12:15pm**

Pick Up at the Church  
Portico Driveway

**Meals include: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad,  
Baked Beans, Roll, Chips, Brownie, Water**

Pricing: Quarter Chicken Only - \$8.00  
Half Chicken Only - \$9.00  
Quarter Chicken Meal - \$11.00  
Half Chicken Meal - \$12.00

### **Order Forms on Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board**

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## Praise to the God of Creation!

*"O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work."  
~ Habakkuk 3:2*

We are halfway through our series "**Purveyors of Awe: Elements for Curating a Life of Spiritual Depth**," and so far we have explored Beauty, Wonder, and Meaning as elements of awe-inspired praise to the God of creation.

Jesus used the **beauty** of creation to help us see that God can be trusted. "Consider the lilies of the field," he said, "they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field... will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry... but strive first for the kingdom of God and its righteousness" (Matthew 6:28-33).

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel seems to have gotten **wonder** right when he wrote: "Our goal should be to live in radical amazement... Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed." Living in a state of wonder helps us appreciate the "ordinary" as extraordinary gifts of God!

We long for **meaning** in our lives. Experiences of awe almost always come with a sense that we are part of something beyond ourselves, bringing meaning and an understanding of God that words can't adequately convey.

Join us **October 5** for **World Communion Sunday** and special guest, PSU geoscientist **Dr. Richard Alley**, followed by awe-filled Sunday messages on **Curiosity, Delight, Connection**, and **Self-Giving**. Keep going spiritually deeper! Open yourself to perceive anew the awesome presence of God and the miracles of life all around you!

Pastor Eric

# October 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, October 18th,  
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. Presently we are featuring Autumn decoration related items....on November 1st the table will change and feature Christmas and Winter items.



## **MEETINGS**

### **October**

2nd - SPRC, 6:00pm  
6th - Busy Bees, 10:00am  
6th - 4th Day Friends, 6:00pm  
6th - United Women in Faith, 7:00pm  
9th - Christian Classics, 6:00pm  
12th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm  
16th - Ad Council, 6:00pm  
28th - Staff, 1:10pm



## **EVENTS**

### **October**

3rd & 4th - Women's Retreat @ Crystal Springs  
Retreat, Mifflinburg  
5th - Guest Speaker - Dr. Richard Alley,  
Communion; Donations of food items  
to Christ's Prayer Pantry Ministry  
5th - Cluster Prayer Gathering @  
Trinity UMC, Middleburg  
11th - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat, 12Noon  
18th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am  
18th - S.C. Historical Society Banquet, 6:00pm  
22nd - Boscov's Shopping Pass Day  
23rd - Foster Grandparent Banquet, 9:30am  
25th - Youth Game/Movie Night, 6:00pm  
30th - Gideons Banquet, 6:30pm







**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!

Sorting and Pricing will continue on Tuesday mornings October 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 9:00am to Noon. Helpers are needed and appreciated! Sign up on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.



### Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, October 9th, at 6:00pm for a meal featuring BBQ Sandwiches, baked beans, and assorted Autumn desserts along with a Treasure Trove Exchange Game of donated unwrapped gifts. Come and join us at Christian Classics! **Members, if you wish to attend the 2025 Christmas party**, please see Sandy Young with cash or check made payable to Christian Classics. The last day to sign up and pay to attend the party will be November 13th at the Christian Classics meeting.



### Greeting Card Sale

The United Women in Faith are selling all types of greeting cards including Christmas. We will be taking orders through October 31st. Contact Barb Inch (570-837-5384) to see a book.



Dear Church Family,

As I take my days easy after my back surgery, I wanted to thank all of you for taking such good care of my soul. With your PRAYERS and cards, food, hugs and gifts, I was mentally able to relax and conquer the first month of recovery. With your collective and appreciated efforts of cleaning Gods house, I am physically able to conquer the next 2 months of, no bending/lifting/twisting, I have coming!

I have lots of "reflection time" and I just want you to know how much I appreciate and pray for each of you. The verse from Proverbs 19:20 "Listen well to wise council and be willing to learn from correction so that by the end of your life you'll be known for your wisdom" comes to mind.

Continued prayers of course, please.

CCUMC Sexton but foremost your sister in Christ,  
Heidi Carroll

Dear CCUMC Family,

I would like to thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, and cards expressing your love and sympathy to me and my family over the loss of my sister, Linda Babb. It has brought me great comfort knowing I have the love and support of my church family. I thank you and I appreciate you!

My sincere thanks,  
Robin Westling



### United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith invite everyone to our program on Human Trafficking by Susan Evans Nogler from Fierce Love 4 Good on October 7th at 7:00pm. A ladies meeting will follow.



### **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 the beginning of November.

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### **Boscov's Shopping Pass**

It's that time of year when Boscov's holds their Friends Helping Friends Event to help Non-Profit Organizations. Donate \$5 and enjoy a 25% off Discount Shopping Pass to be used ONE DAY ONLY on Wednesday, October 22nd. You can shop from 8:00am-11:00pm in-store or online and register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card (one winner at every Boscov's store). 100% of your donation goes to support our church. The shopping passes will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or the church office through the week. You are welcome to take some passes with you to ask for donations from friends, family, and co-workers! Thank you for your continued support.

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Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed for our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on October 11th. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill  
Christmas Show, December 13, 2:00 pm

## **“Finding Christmas”**

**Set in the heart of the Great Depression in 1930’s New England, the wealthy and proud Elizabeth Whitmore has kept her grand mansion pristine while just down the road, the entire town is struggling to make ends meet. See these two worlds collide at Christmas with laughter, drama, music and a retelling of the Nativity. Experience JOY becoming action!**

As has been our tradition, we will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:45 am and will stop at Zeiderelli’s Italian Restaurant in Marysville on the way home.

Please Note: **CLA Pricing Change:** Preferred Seating for Adults \$25 and Students \$15 (5-18)

We ask you to pre-sign up on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board, so we can order the appropriate seats for everyone interested.



*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.*

## October Birthdays



01 Barbara Inch	21 Jenny Molinelli
03 Shirley Kauffman	21 Steve Willard
09 Ryker Hartman	21 Carissa Wolfe
10 Arlene Hummel	22 David Steinbacher
10 Elwood Inch	23 Shirley Doyle
18 Dottie Weiser	23 Megan Johnson
19 Walt Eister	25 Mark Hepner
19 Mike Savidge	30 Mary Hepler
20 Jenna Heim	31 William Doyle Jr.
20 Michael Portwood	31 Priscilla Werner

## October Anniversaries



11/2014	Robert & Priscilla Werner
12/1991	Eric & Karen John
13/1990	Judy & Ronald Clark
14/1989	Mike & Cathy Engle
15/2017	Liz & Josh Stevenson
21/1978	Steve & Candy Willard
23/2004	Bill & Amy Doyle



*"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

## Children & Youth Moments

Hello Church Family,

In July we held our Vacation Bible School and followed Joseph's Journey from prison to palace. We had, on average, about 17 kids attend this event. We had family time, games, celebration, talk with Joseph, and a marketplace. It was a fun journey.

In August, I participated in the annual Snyder County Night Out. I talked with parents and kids about what events we have coming up. The kids made bracelets which was a big hit. Seeing so many kids was a great experience.

Happy October! In October, we are having our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat on October 11th. This year I am planning something different. Instead of the trunks, my goal is to have a trail of tables going to the pavilion and having smore's stations. I am asking for volunteers to help man tables for trunk or treat. This can be individuals or a ministry group. Please consider setting up a table for the children to pick up treats. I am also asking for help with supervision while children are down at the fire ring. We will have games, duct tape items, food, fun and fellowship. Please consider helping with our outreach events. The next event that we have will be a Parent's Night Out in December.

If you would like to help with any event, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you and God bless everyone!

Priscilla Werner





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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

### Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12

### 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

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.

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  6pm Awana	2  6pm SPRC Meeting	3  <i>CCUMC Women's Retreat @ Crystal Springs Retreat, Mifflinburg</i>	4  <i>CCUMC Women's Retreat @ Crystal Springs Retreat, Mifflinburg</i>
5 <i>Communion</i> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Cluster Prayer @ Trinity UMC, Middleburg	6  10am Busy Bee Meeting  6pm 4th Day Friends  7pm United Women	7  9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	8  6pm Awana	9  6pm Christian Classics	10	11  12Noon Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
12  8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm COOL Family Meeting	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14  9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	15  6pm Awana	16  6pm Ad Council	17	18 10am Free Food Drive Thru 1pm Youth Room Reserved 6pm S.C. Historical Society Banquet
19  8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	20	21  9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	22  <i>Boscov's Shopping Pass 8am-11pm</i>  6pm Awana	23  9:30am Foster Grand- parent Luncheon	24	25  10am Fellowship Hall Reserved  6pm Youth Game/Movie Night
26  8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	27	28  9am Prayer Time 1:10pm Staff Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	29  <i>No Awana</i>	30  6:30pm Gideons Banquet	31	