



News from Christ Community United Methodist Church

3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

AUGUST 2026



Combined Worship Service **Celebration of the Busy Bees Ministry**

Sunday, August 2nd, starts our month long combined worship services. Sunday School will take place at 9:00am and worship service will start at 10:00am. We will also be recognizing the Busy Bees and Funeral Luncheon Team with brunch at 11:15am. A sign up sheet is posted and we will have people in the kitchen if your food items need heated. We hope you can join us for this time of celebration, fellowship and food!



United Women in Faith Picnic

The United Women in Faith's family picnic is being held on Monday, August 3rd, at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish or two to share and your place settings. Drinks will be provided. We'll meet at the pavilion, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

On Monday, August 17th, at 2:00pm, we will be hosting the birthday party at Penn Manor by providing cake and ice cream.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers from Christ Community will visit Haven Ministries in Sunbury on Wednesday, August 12th from 9am-Noon to help clean & organize. We will vanpool from the church parking lot at 8:30am and enjoy a fellowship lunch at OIP afterwards. Sign up now on the bulletin board and help bless others!



Summer Salad Sale

The Fundraising Team is selling Salads that include your favorite summer fruits! All salads include lettuce, strawberries, blueberries, mandarin oranges and pineapple with a sweet poppyseed dressing. The cost is \$10.00 or add chicken to your salad for \$13.00. Orders for this healthy lunch or dinner will be taken through Sunday, August 16th. Pick up will be Tuesday, August 25th, from 11:30am-5:00pm. Extra forms will be available to take orders from your friends, family and co-workers.

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Continuing to Connect, Commit, and Create!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

~Matthew 28:19-20

In case you haven't heard, **during the whole month of August, Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM followed by one worship service at 10:00 AM.**

This decision of the Worship Committee and Administrative Council to worship together during August was made for many reasons. The first and most important is that so many people requested it! Over and over we heard how good it was to worship together as one body last year for Holy Communion.

A second reason for combining worship during this month is because August had the lowest average worship attendance last year. Bringing the two services together will bring the energy of a larger congregation and hopefully inspire greater participation.

We also wanted to accommodate our guest preachers. While Robin and I are away on Renewal Leave, those preaching in August will now have responsibility for just one service instead of two. This also cuts down on the number of volunteers we will need and the amount of electricity we would normally use on a Sunday morning.

I am so excited for what's coming up this month! On **August 2**, we will not only celebrate **Holy Communion** together, but also **recognize the Busy Bees and Funeral Luncheon Team**, and then **welcome 15 disciples into our fellowship as new members of our congregation!** Can I have an Alleluia!?

Please join with me in praising God and praying for: Karen and Mike Adams, Cheryl and Vern Adams, Noah Chmielewski and Zoey Ditty, Shelly Diggins, Deb Runkle, Jeff and Melanie Schreffler, Melanie Spade, and Dalton Zerbe who are coming either by Transfer of Membership or Profession of Faith; and Jasmine Auman, Brandon Crossley and Oliver David Chmielewski who are coming to be baptized. **A brunch will follow at 11:15.**

Guest preachers for the rest of August include Rev. Barry Robison, Mark Reinard, Anne Carter, Conference Superintendent Rev. Daniel Wilt, then Pastor Andy Bucke and Rev. Art Montgomery in September before I return to the pulpit on September 20.

Our mission remains unchanged: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is the reason we exist and August 2 will celebrate that fact! So let's keep **Connecting** with God and each other, **Committing** ourselves to growing in the way of Jesus Christ, **Creating** opportunities for others to know God's love, and **giving thanks for all that God is doing in our midst.**

Rejoicing with you, Pastor Eric



August at Christ Community



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!

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. 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 August are Monday, August 3rd, from 10am-12Noon & Monday, August 17th, from 5-7pm** at the former preschool entrance. 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

August

- 3rd - United Women in Faith
(Family Picnic at Pavilion) 6:00pm
- 13th - Christian Classics, 6:00pm
- 17th - Missions Committee, 6:00pm



EVENTS

August

- 2nd - Holy Communion; Reception of New Members; Brunch after worship service; Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry
- 2nd - Prayer Gathering at CCUMC, 6:30pm
- 3rd - Yard Sale Donation Drop Off, 10am-Noon
- 12th - Volunteers @ Haven Ministry, 9am-12Noon
(Lunch at Sunbury OIP afterwards)
- 15th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
- 17th - United Women in Faith Penn Manor, 2pm
- 17th - Yard Sale Donation Drop Off, 5-7pm
- 30th - Brunch & Fellowship, 11:15am, with
Conference Superintendent Rev. Daniel Wilt



Christ's Prayer Pantry

The next Free Food Drive Thru will take place on Saturday, August 15th, from 10-11am.

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.



"I call to you in times of trouble, because you answer my prayers." ~Psalm 86:7

August Birthdays



02 Lynn Rowe	23 Gene Shirk
05 William Rowe	24 Vicky Rachau
06 Barbara Reinard	26 Andy Lash
08 Jeff Carter	26 Alice Zeeger
09 Bonny Stugard	29 Heidi Carroll
11 Gloria Dalius	
12 Bob Wolfe	
17 Ruth Shirk	
20 Ken Carroll	
21 Zoey Ditty	
21 Evan Zerbe	

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

August Anniversaries



13/2016	Alex & Corinne Hoke
14/1983	Keith & Jill Nace
16/1980	Barry & Joni Robison
17/1991	Eric & Robin Shafer
18/1984	Joy & Dave Hoke Jr.
20/1977	Linn & Craig Zimmerman
21/1976	Dwight & Marysue Walter
22/1970	Ralph & Rusty Moerschbacher
22/2008	Jeff & Melanie Schreffler
25/1979	Tom & Kathy Hartman
25/1972	Toby & Jack Wolfe
28/1999	Dave & Judie Steinbacher



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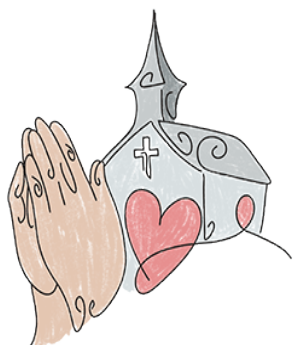
Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, August 13th, at 6:00pm for “Crazy Bingo”. We will have Finger Sandwiches, Relish Trays and Desserts. Don’t forget to bring wrapped gifts for an evening of crazy bingo.



Music Ministry Opportunities

Do you like to sing? Play an instrument? Our music ministries are always looking for new people to join in praise and worship. We offer Adult Choir, Praise Team Band, and The Prince of Peace Handbell Choir. Prayerfully consider joining a music ministry group (starting back up in September) and help make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Prayer Time

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the Lounge for prayer time. All are welcome to attend! Don’t forget to utilize the prayer cards in the pews and drop them in the prayer boxes located in the narthex and sanctuary.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness during my illness last year. I am so much better than last year. Everyone was so thoughtful, I am forever grateful.
~Sandy Young



CCUMC Kid’s Club

A new program is coming next month to CCUMC - The CCUMC Kid’s Club where Bible lessons and verses will be taught with fun activities. Look for more information in the September newsletter! Talk to Michelle Heintzelman if you have questions or if you can help.



Christ’s Prayer Pantry

Needs continue...consider rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned soups and cereal purchases to place in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Donations can be given anytime. Thank you for giving as we serve those in need that have food insecurities in our community!

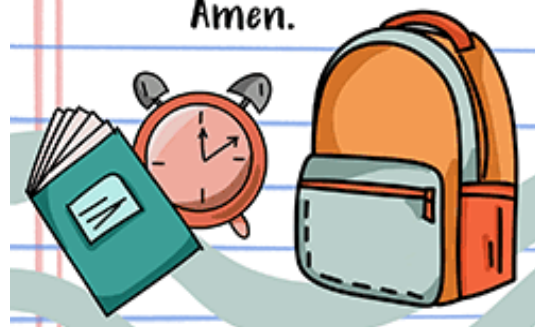


Covering our schools in prayer.



Lord, bless this
backpack and the child
who carries it. Guide their
steps, guard their heart,
and help them shine
your light
wherever they go.

Amen.



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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

In August

9:00a.m. - Sunday School
10:00a.m. - Worship

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.

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