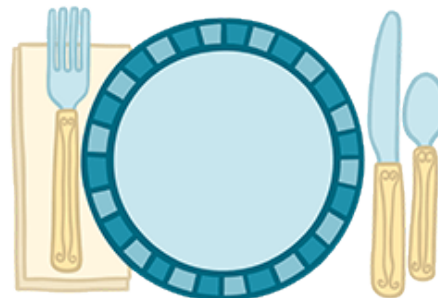




News from Christ Community
United Methodist Church
3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

OCTOBER 2026



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 10th, from 12Noon-2:00pm. There will be free food, games, and Trunk or Treat. Children are welcome to wear costumes and don't forget to bring something with you to collect your candy. We hope you will join us for this fun event! We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy. Place all donations in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Meal

Join Pastor Eric and Robin for a Fellowship Meal followed by a special time in the Sanctuary as they share pictures and stories from their recent renewal leave. Friday, October 16th, at 5:30pm we will have a picnic style meal in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. More details on page 2.

Book and Bake Sale



October 23rd (Friday), 1:00-8:00pm
October 24th (Saturday), 8:00am-1:00pm

A Book and Bake Sale is happening on Friday, October 23rd, from 1-8pm, and Saturday, October 24th, from 8am-1pm. We have a large assortment of Books from Yard Sale donations. We have Cooking to Spiritual, Children's to Adults, Crafting to History, Old to New and everything in between! As the weather starts to change, we will all be spending more time indoors. Buy a book or two to read on a cold or rainy day or purchase as a gift for Christmas or upcoming birthdays. You will find CD's, DVD's & VHS tapes, and also puzzles. Grab a sweet treat from the Bake Sale as well. Hope to see you there!

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**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
~ The words of Jesus as recorded in John 15:12**

As I write this, Robin and I just finished our Renewal Leave two days ago and to be honest, we just don't have the words to describe our experience yet. We invite you to join us for a picnic style meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm on Friday, October 16 with the hope that by then we will be able to describe our incredible journey to you.

Please bring your own table service and a dish to share and then Robin and I will begin in the sanctuary with *some* of our photographs at about 6:15 (I say some because if we showed you all of them it would be a very long night!) We plan on finishing by 7:30. It will be good to gather around the table and then share with you the beauty of Italy and Switzerland.

Jesus loved gathering around tables. In fact, there are at least 15 distinct occasions where Jesus is described as being at a meal or dining at a table. He attended at least one wedding banquet, he ate with Pharisees and tax collectors, friends and strangers, and some amazing things happened at those get-togethers. But the most important table gathering was when Jesus sat with his disciples for the Last Supper.

Fear, betrayal, and uncertainty about the future filled the room. In the midst of a very unsettling moment, the Gospel of John records several chapters of Christ's "famous last words." Central among them was the commandment to love one another.

During the month of October, our theme will focus on that new commandment Christ gave all of us. How do we survive or even thrive in times like these? We put love into action, replacing "othering" with "neighboring." Together we can increase the levels of civility and kindness across our community and counter the polarization in our country.

Beloved, let us love one another boldly, for love is from God.

~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 17th,
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. **The 2 drop off days for the month of October are Monday, October 5th from 10am-12Noon & Monday, October 19th, 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

October

1st - SPRC, 6:00pm
5th - Busy Bees, 10:00am
5th - United Women in Faith, 7:00pm
8th - Christian Classics, 6:00pm
12th - Nominations Committee, 6:00pm
18th - C.O.O.L. Family, 12:15pm
26th - 4th Day Friends, 6:00pm
27th - Staff, 1:00pm
29th - Ad Council, 6:00pm



EVENTS

October

4th - World Communion; Donations to Christ's Prayer Pantry
4th - Prayer Gathering @ St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg, 6:30pm
5th - Yard Sale Donation Drop Off, 10am-Noon
10th - Fall Festival, 12Noon-2:00pm
16th - Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm with the Shafers (pictures of Renewal Leave, 6:15pm)
17th - Free Food Drive Thru, 10:00am
19th - Yard Sale Donation Drop Off, 5-7pm
21st - Boscov's Shopping Pass Day, 8am-11pm
23rd & 24th - Book and Bake Sale-Fellowship Hall (Friday 1-8pm) (Saturday, 8am-1pm)
24th - Youth-Dairy Queen Ice Cream, 1-3pm



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.



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

October Birthdays



01 Barbara Inch	19 Mike Savidge
02 Noah Chmielewski	20 Jenna Heim
03 Shirley Kauffman	20 Michael Portwood
04 Vern Adams	21 Jenny Molinelli
08 Karen Adams	21 Steve Willard
08 Reagan Moll	21 Carissa Wolfe
09 Ryker Hartman	22 Dave Steinbacher
10 Arlene Hummel	23 Shirley Doyle
10 Elwood Inch	23 Megan Johnson
15 Shelly Diggins	25 Mark Hepner
16 Justina Wilson	31 Bill Doyle
18 Dottie Weiser	31 Priscilla Werner
19 Walt Eister	

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 4**

Heather Court at Nottingham Village

281 Ironstone Drive, Northumberland, PA 17857

Peg Sowers, No room number is needed

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
22/1988	Karen & Mike Adams
23/2004	Bill & Amy Doyle



Paul Aungst, Box 42, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831



Christian Classics

The Christian Classics will meet on Thursday, October 8th, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for Share Your Treasures. Bring your un-wrapped treasures to be included in the ticket auction. We will have Barbecue, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Pickles/Olives and Dessert. We hope to see you there!



United Women in Faith

Everyone is invited to our United Women in Faith program in the sanctuary on Monday, October 5th, at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker is Lynn Fiedler from Journey to Justice. A ladies meeting will follow.



4th Day Friends

The 4th Day Friends Reunion Group will meet on Monday, October 26th, at 6:00pm in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall.



Candle & Wax Melt Sale

Fall is here and our Fundraising Team is selling Candles and Wax Melts from Kindling Memories Candle Co. Your favorites from last year are still available along with some new scents this year. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall and check out the samples like Banana Nut Bread, Fraser Fir, French Toast, Relax and Lilac Blooms. New scents include Pumpkin Crème, Honey Spiced Pear, Vanilla Cashmere and Rustic Cabin. A 13 oz. Wood Wick Candle is \$20 and Wax Melts are 5 for \$25. Think ahead for upcoming birthdays and Christmas gifts. We will take orders through October 25th.



Boscov's Shopping Pass

We are again partnering with Boscov's for their Friends Helping Friends event. A \$5.00 donation gets you a 25% off shopping pass to be used in-store and online for one day only: Wednesday, October 21st, from 8am-11pm. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall to purchase or stop at the church office. Tell your friends, family, and co-workers!



College and Active Military Care

It's that time of year again, we are looking to send out our FALL 2026 mailing to college students and our active military. Please contact Monica Hoover or Judie Steinbacher with names to be added to our mailing list! We will be collecting gift cards in \$10, \$15, \$20 denominations; Weis, Giant, Walmart, Aldi, Dunkin, McDonalds, Starbucks, Sheetz, Royal Farms, Wawa...all are fan favorites. Collection dates are September 27th-November 1st. The Fall mailing will be going out the first week of November. **GIFT CARDS can be purchased through the church from September 27th-October 25th.** There will be a manned table in the Fellowship Hall to place your order after 1st service and again before 2nd service or stop in at the church office. Please pre-pay so we have the money to place the order. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



To my wonderful church family,

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and food that I received when I fractured my back. At this point, I am still not good but thankful. I am so lucky to have this wonderful church family.

In God's Love & mine,
Barbara Parker

Operation Christmas Child

Watch next month's newsletter for details on how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus by filling a shoebox for a child. There will be a display in the Fellowship Hall the end of October.



A Prayer Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 4th, at 6:30pm at St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg. All are invited to attend.

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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.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	2	3 9am-4pm Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Reserved
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 6:30pm Prayer Gathering @ St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg	5 10am Busy Bee Meeting 10am-12Noon Yard Sale Donation Drop Off 7pm United Women	6 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	7 6pm Kids Club	8 6pm Christian Classics	9	10 12Noon-2:00pm Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
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18 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:15pm COOL Family Meeting	19 5-7pm Yard Sale Donation Drop Off	20 9am Prayer Time 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	21 8am-11pm Boscov's Shopping Pass (in-store and online) 6pm Kids Club	22	23 1pm-8pm Book and Bake Sale	24 8am-1pm Book and Bake Sale 1pm Youth Ice Cream
25 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	26 6pm 4th Day Friends Meeting	27 9am Prayer Time 1pm Staff Meeting 4pm Youth Group 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir 8pm Praise Team	28 No Kids Club	29 6pm Ad Council	30	31 11am-3pm Class Reunion Luncheon