

Our Vision:

To be a living Body of Christ in today's world, doing Christ's work in Christ's way.

Our Mission:

Win to Christ,
Grow in Faith,
Send to Win.

Chiques Chronicle

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**Newsletter of****CHIQUES METHODIST CHURCH**

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Chiques Outdoor Service and Picnic Sunday, September 13th, 10 am

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Trusting God When We Can't See the Road Ahead

If there's one lesson God has been teaching me lately, it's that trusting Him is often easier to talk about than it is to practice.

Like many of you, I've found myself walking through a season where I didn't know exactly what the future would hold. There have been questions without immediate answers, plans that remained uncertain, and moments when I wished God would simply show me what was coming next. Perhaps you've experienced something similar in your own life. Whether it's concerns about family, health, work, finances, or the future of our church, uncertainty has a way of testing our faith.

Yet I've been reminded again and again that God rarely gives us the entire map. Instead, He invites us to trust the One who knows the way.

Proverbs 3:5–6 has become especially meaningful to me: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."* Notice that God doesn't promise to explain everything. He promises His presence and His guidance as we walk with Him.

That is one of the reasons I'm so excited about our next sermon series, **Faithful in Uncertain Times**, beginning August 2. As we journey through the book of Daniel, we'll meet men whose world had been turned upside down. They lost their homes, found themselves in an unfamiliar culture, and faced challenges they never could have imagined. Yet through every trial, they discovered that while earthly kingdoms rise and fall, God remains faithful and sovereign.

I believe that message is one we all need to hear. Whatever uncertainties we may face individually or together as a church, our hope has never rested in favorable circumstances. Our hope rests in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I'm grateful to be walking this journey of faith alongside you, and I look forward to discovering together what God has to teach us through Daniel in the weeks ahead.

Serving in Joy,

Pastor Christopher



Beginning August 2

Faithful in Uncertain Times

A New Sermon Series from the Book of Daniel

In a world where convictions are constantly challenged and the future often feels uncertain; the book of Daniel reminds us that God is still sovereign. Through the lives of Daniel and his friends, we'll discover how to live with courage, integrity, and unwavering faith in a culture that doesn't always share our values. Join us beginning Sunday, August 2, as we learn what it means to remain faithful in uncertain times.

Beginning September 20

Joy That Can't Be Taken Away



A 6-week Sermon Series from the book of Phillipians

The world often tells us that joy depends on favorable circumstances, successful plans, or a secure future. Yet the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians while imprisoned, facing an uncertain future and possible execution. Despite those circumstances, Philippians is overflowing with joy.

This six-week journey through Philippians will explore the surprising secret of Christian joy-not a fleeting happiness rooted in changing circumstances, but a deep confidence anchored in Christ. Whatever lies ahead, the joy Christ gives cannot be taken away.

September 20 - Joy That Begins with the Gospel (Philippians 1:1-11)

September 27 - Joy That Advances the Gospel (Philippians 1: 12-30)

October 4 - Joy Through Humility (Philippians 2: 1-18)

October 11 - Joy That Keeps Pressing Forward (Philippians 3: 1-14)

October 18 - Joy That Stands Firm (Philippians 3: 15-4:9)

October 25 - Joy That Can't Be Taken Away (Philippians 4:10-23)

Chiques Women in Mission News

Upcoming Fundraisers



Sub Sale Fundraiser

Chiques Women in Mission will be selling coupons that can be redeemed for subs at Andy's Market.

Each coupon can be redeemed for one foot-long (12") sub.

The cost is \$9.00 for one coupon or \$17.00 for two coupons.

Coupons do not have an expiration date.

The sale will begin Sunday, August 9 and continue through Sunday, August 30.

Please see Audrey to purchase coupons.

Andy's Market is located at:

310 N 11th St, Columbia PA off Prospect Rd near Ironville Pike.

Hours are Monday - Friday 8am-7pm,
Saturday 8am-4pm & closed on Sunday.

Apple Dumpling Fundraiser



Chiques Women in Mission will soon be taking orders for apple dumplings.

Orders will be taken beginning Sunday, September 20 and continuing through Sunday, October 11.

Pickup will be Tuesday, October 20.

Look for more details in the Life Together sheet in the coming weeks.

Celebrations and Happenings



8/3 David & Megan Muehling (24 years married)



8/15 Evelyn Gundlach
8/26 Sherry Rife



9/14 Sam & Sue Farmer (63 years married)
9/16 Bubba & Michelle Myers (9 years married)
9/22 Tom & Diane Breneman (42 years married)



9/3 Georgia Myers
9/7 Pippa Cunningham
9/9 Todd Cunningham
9/12 Lenora Dukehart
9/21 Michele Melhorn



Please let us know if any of you like to knit or crochet and would like to be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are also looking for donations of yarn.

Total to date: 393



Sub coupon sales
begin this month..



Opportunities for Fellowship & Service

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 3pm <i>Joshua</i> at Sight & Sound Sold Out
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Last day for sub coupons						
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GROCERY CARDS: If you purchase grocery gift cards from the church, the church receives some of the profit. Cards are available at the Welcome Center.



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Many thanks to the many people that help around the church
behind the scenes who don't always receive a thank you.

Congratulations 2026 Graduates



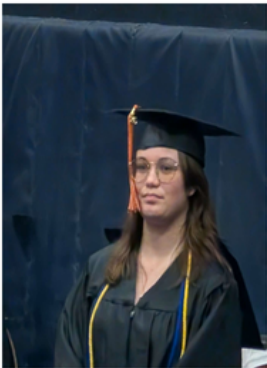
Corrie Jo Baker

Corrie Jo Baker graduated Cum Laude from the University of Dayton, School of Law, with a Juris Doctorate Degree (Law Degree). Corrie is a member of Chiques UMC. She is the daughter of Dan and Traci (Smith) Baker and the Granddaughter of Jay and Nancy Smith. Corrie is currently studying to take the Bar Exam in July 2026. She will be starting her job as a Prosecuting Attorney for the Lancaster County D.A.'s office in August 2026.



John Christopher Ritchie

John Ritchie graduated from Messiah University on May 15 with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and International Relations. During his time at Messiah, he served as president of the campus Advocates for Life organization, providing leadership and support for its mission. Following graduation, John enlisted in the United States Navy and is scheduled to report to Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in August.



Heather Joyce Ritchie

Heather Ritchie graduated with honors from Palmyra Area High School on June 4. While attending Palmyra, she was active in the choral arts and theater programs. Heather loves to write and is a published poet. She plans to attend Shippensburg University in the Fall of 2026 to study English and creative writing and then plans to transfer to the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.



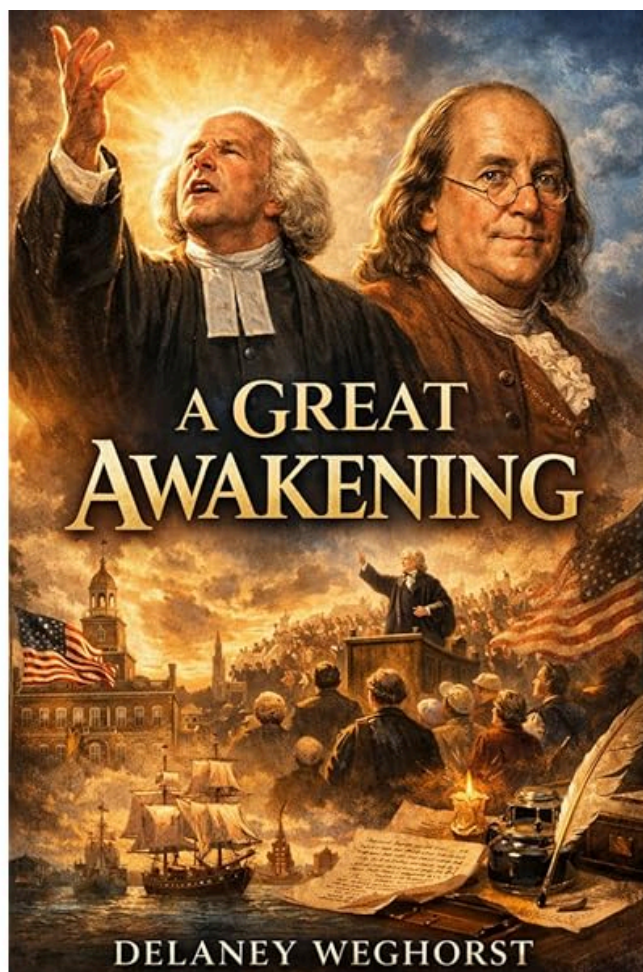
Fathers' Day 2026



Brunch Bunch July 19 - Gus's Keystone Restaurant



Community Movie Event - A Great Awakening



Chiques Methodist Church invites our neighbors and friends throughout the Mount Joy area to join us for a free community showing of A Great Awakening. This inspiring film explores the power of spiritual renewal and the transforming work of God in the lives of ordinary people.

Choose the showing that works best for you:

Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who may be encouraged by this timely message of faith and hope. We look forward to welcoming our community for this special event at Chiques Methodist Church.

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