

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.

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Mother of the Year 2026
Lenora Dukehart



Father's Day & Graduation Sunday
June 21, 2026



June & July:

**Rice (1 or 2 lb bags)
Canned Beef Stew**



From the Pastor's Pen

Worship & Preaching

Over the past several weeks, we concluded our sermon series entitled The Three Graces, which focused on the Wesleyan understanding of prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace. This series provided an opportunity to reflect on the depth of God's grace at work in our lives—from God's pursuit of us before we are aware of Him, to our salvation in Christ, and ultimately to the ongoing work of spiritual growth and holiness.

My hope is that this series helped strengthen our understanding of God's transforming grace and our identity as God's people.

☐ May 10 (Mother's Day): I preached a topical message entitled The Ministry of Nurture. During the service, we recognized the women of our congregation through Women in Mission, with a reception that followed in the fellowship hall.

☐ May 17: Rev. John Lynch preached and presided at Holy Communion while I fulfilled a prior ministry commitment.

☐ May 24 (Pentecost Sunday): I began a six-week sermon series entitled The Church that Jesus Builds, focusing on the life and growth of the early church in the book of Acts. Pentecost marks the "birthday" of the Church and provides a meaningful opportunity for us to reflect on the kind of church Christ calls us to be.

Series Schedule:

- ☐ Week 1 (May 24 – Pentecost): Acts 2:1–24 – When the Church Catches Fire
- ☐ Week 2 (May 31): Acts 2:36–41 – The Church is Born Through Repentance
- ☐ Week 3 (June 7): Acts 2:42–47 – The DNA of a Healthy Church
- ☐ Week 4 (June 14): Acts 4:23–31 – A Praying Church is a Powerful Church
- ☐ Week 5 (June 21 – Father's Day/ Graduate Recognition): Acts 6:1–7 – Spiritual Fathers in the Church
- ☐ Week 6 (June 28): Acts 11:19–26 – The Church on the Move

Congregational Life &

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 24, we began an 8-week study on Kevin M. Watson's book The Class Meeting, which explores the early Methodist practice of small-group discipleship and spiritual

accountability. This study is helping us reflect on what it means to intentionally grow in faith together through prayer, encouragement, honest conversation, and mutual support. My hope is that this series will not only deepen our understanding of Wesleyan discipleship, but also strengthen our relationships with one another as we seek to become more faithful followers of Christ.

Megan and I attended the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ (May 19–21), along with Jeff Furman and Debbie Henny. Both Megan and I served as equalizing lay delegates.

Pastoral Care

I continue to remain available as needed to provide pastoral care for the congregation, including hospital visits, nursing home visitation, funerals, and other situations that may arise. I encourage members of the congregation to continue reaching out by phone or email as needs arise, and I appreciate the assistance of those who help communicate pastoral concerns within the church family. In an effort to deepen pastoral care and connection, I will also continue initiating regular phone contact with approximately three families per week. These conversations are intended to provide space for listening, encouragement, and a better understanding of the spiritual and pastoral needs within the congregation.

Interim Period & Transition

As we continue through this interim season, we have not yet received any communication from the conference regarding pastoral leadership following June 30. We are hopeful that additional clarity and direction will be provided very soon. I continue to hold this congregation in prayer as we seek God's guidance in the days ahead.

Closing Reflection

I continue to be encouraged by the spirit of faithfulness and openness within the congregation during this season of transition. As we moved into Pentecost and reflected on the birth and mission of the Church, I look forward to continuing to grow together in worship, discipleship, and fellowship.

Serving in Joy,

Pastor Christopher

Mother of the Year 2026

It's been a time-honored tradition at Chiques since 1963, to choose a Mother of the Year. Michelle Myers was given the honor last year. On Mother's Day Sunday, May 10th during the morning worship service Michelle Myers, the Mother of the Year 2025, made the presentation of the new Mother of the Year 2026, **Lenora Dukehart**.

Cake & punch was served during the Fellowship Time.

*This program is sponsored by **The Chiques Women in Missions***

1963	Mrs. Dorothy Mueller*	1997	Mrs. June Way*
1964	Mrs. Beryl Schmidt*	1998	Mrs. Julie Wanger
1965	Mrs. Martha Sherk*	1999	Mrs. Susan Heydt
1966	Mrs. Mildred Sloan*	2000	Mrs. Wanda Wiley
1967	Mrs. Fern Alleman*	2001	Mrs. Diane Breneman
1968	Mrs. Barbara Good	2002	Mrs. Winnie Linn
1969	Mrs. Lorraine Lewis*	2003	Mrs. Rose Ramsey*
1970	Mrs. Catherine Heaps*	2004	Mrs. Erma Herr
1971	Mrs. Velma Gutshall*	2005	Mrs. Carol Johnson
1972	Mrs. Gladys Arnold	2006	Mrs. Kathy Gohn
1973	Mrs. Dolly Darrenkamp*	2007	Mrs. Audrey Buckner
1974	Mrs. Margaret Fackler*	2008	Mrs. Sandy Farmer
1975	Mrs. Helen R. Shank*	2009	Mrs. Carol Thomas
1976	Mrs. Helen Cox	2010	Mrs. Sandy Myers
1977	Mrs. Barbara Hess*	2011	Mrs. Lorraine Funk
1978	Mrs. Evelyn Gundlach	2012	Mrs. Donna Torner
1979	Mrs. Thelma Rider*	2013	Mrs. Traci Baker
1980	Mrs. Madge Linton*	2014	Mrs. Bethany Watts
1981	Mrs. Virginia Bishop*	2015	Mrs. Greta Smith
1982	Mrs. Alma Housel*	2016	Mrs. Marcia Fuhrman
1983	Mrs. Sylvia Mueller	2017	Mrs. Barb Geiner
1984	Mrs. Lorraine Lutz*	2018	Mrs. Nicole Griest
1985	Mrs. Marie Broland*	2019	Mrs. Megan Muehling
1986	Mrs. Janet Hirst	2020	No Banquet-COVID
1987	Mrs. Georgia Myers	2021	No Banquet-COVID
1988	Mrs. Rhoda Schademan*	2022	Mrs. Linda Geib
1989	Mrs. Mary Myers*	2023	Mrs. Sue Groff
1990	Mrs. Pauline Miller*	2024	Mrs. Lorraine Henny
1991	Mrs. Shirley Brumbach	2025	Mrs. Michelle Myers
1992	Mrs. Grace Shaeffer*	2026	Mrs. Lenora Dukehart



Chiques Women in Missions are in the stages of planning some fundraisers.

Sub sale in August

Apple Dumplings sale in October

More information will follow
at a later date



Outreach Project for March 2026 Update

Collection for needy families in our area

We collected 9 grocery gift cards totaling \$250.00 for needy families. These were distributed by Friends of Donegal. Thank you to each of you who gave.

Outreach Project for the first quarter of 2026 Update

Collection for UMCOR

We filled a jar with loose coins and dollar bills for UMCOR. \$90.00 was sent to UMCOR. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you.

The Outreach Committee



Many thanks to Jay & Sylvia Mueller for planting the beautiful red & white flowers in the front flower bed around the marquee sign. Jay & Sylvia maintain and keep this flower bed blooming for Chiques and for our Lord.

Celebrations and Happenings

Child Recognition

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/14 Dan & Kathy Gohn (40 years married)
- 6/20 Tim & Bethany Leggor (6 years married)
- 6/21 Jeff & Leona Charles (52 years married)
- 6/27 Roger & Evelyn Gundlach (67 years married)



June



- 6/3 John Wolgemuth
- 6/17 Sue Farmer
- 6/22 J Warren Smith
- 6/22 Megan Muehling
- 6/25 Winnie Linn
- 6/30 Tim Leggore
- 6/30 DJ Fuhrman

Todd & Courtney Cunningham's daughter
Georgia

&

Greg & Laura Strickler's daughter
Alycia

were recognized at the
Mother's Day service on
Sunday, May 10th

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/9 J Warren & Nancy Smith
- 7/21 Jay Jr & Sylvia Mueller (70 years married)

July



- 7/4 Jeff Fuhrman
- 7/10 Jay Mueller
- 7/30 Audrey Buckner
- 7/31 Gerald Geib

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Total to date = 393



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.

No **Brunch Bunch**
In June
**Happy Father's
Day**



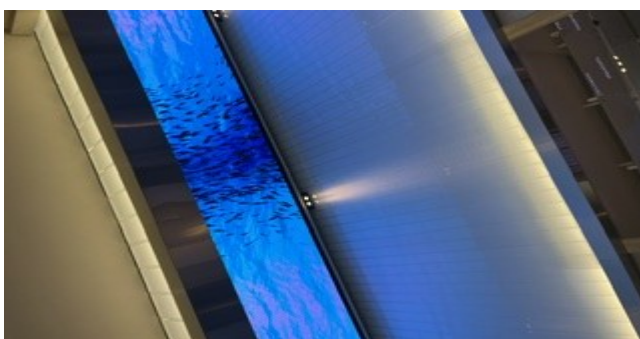
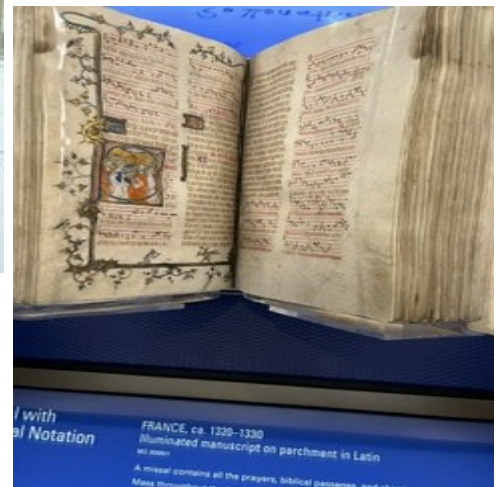
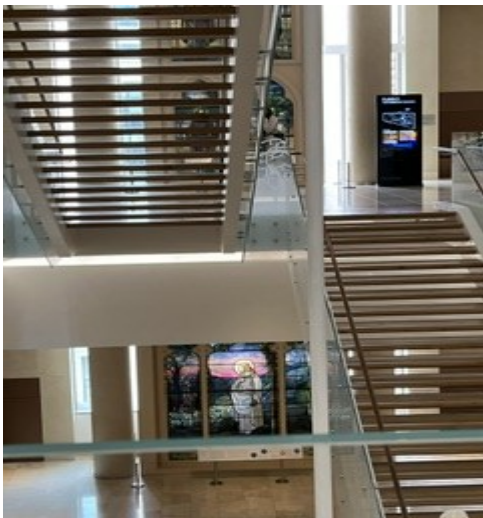
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8pm AA	2	3 Trustee's Meeting 3pm	4	5	6
7 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Book Study	8 8pm AA	9 Ad Council 5:30pm	10	11	12	13
14 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Book Study	15 8pm AA	16	17	18 No Chiques Women In Missions meetings in the summer	19	20
21 Father's Day/ Graduate Sunday 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Book Study	22 8pm AA	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Book Study	29 8pm AA	30				

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.



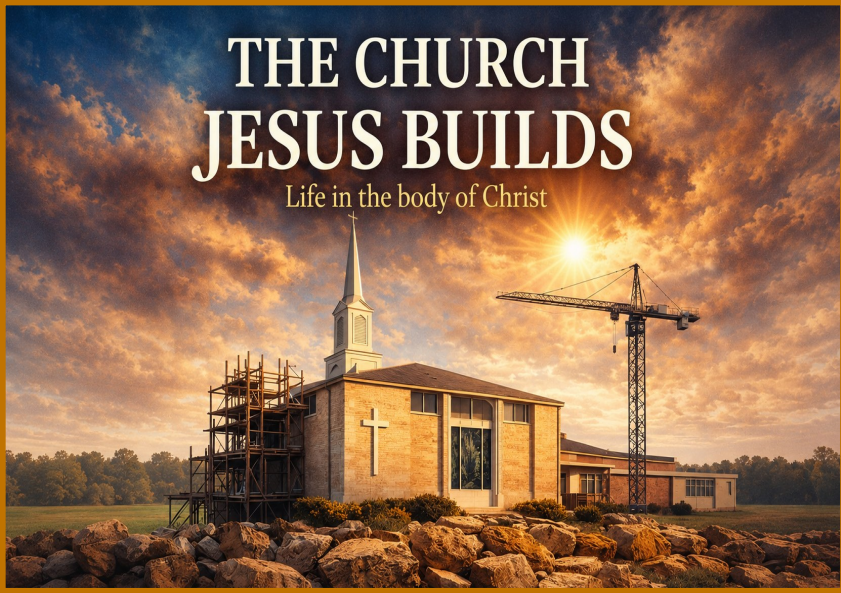
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5 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 1030 Book Study	6 Office Closed for Independence Day 8pm AA	7	8	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Book Study	13 8pm AA	14 Ad Council 5:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 9am Worship 9am Children SS No Coffee or Fellowship Time Brunch Bunch	20 8pm AA	21	22	23	24	25
26 9am Worship 9am Children SS 10am Fellowship 10:30 Adult Sunday School	27 Secretary on Vacation All week Office Closed 8pm AA	28	29	30	31	

Many thanks to each one of our Trustees, Ron Myers, our chair, Kathy Gohn, Paul Wagner, John Wolgemuth, Brian Myers, Art Geigley & Jeff Charles, for all they do to keep the grounds beautiful and keep everything working as it should, as best as they are able, all to honor and glorify the Lord.

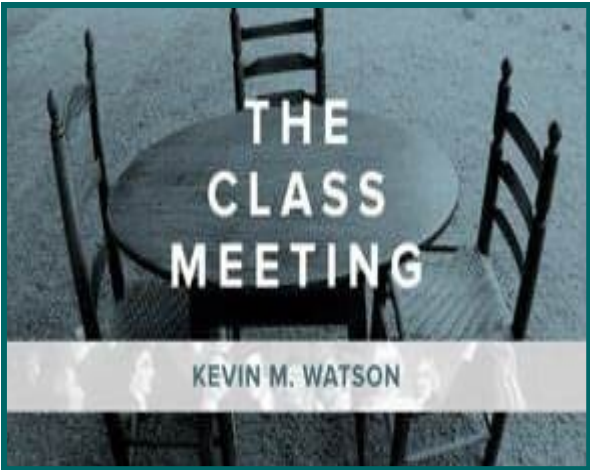


<u>Financial Report</u>	
<u>April Giving</u>	<u>\$9,152.00</u>
Expenses	<u>\$10,036.72</u>
Difference	<u>(- \$884.72)</u>
<u>Year To Date</u>	
Giving	<u>\$39,469.00</u>
Expenses	<u>\$42,049.76</u>
Difference	<u>(-\$2,580.76)</u>

Kathy Gohn, Treasurer



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The Church on the Move



Pastor Christopher Ritchie has started a Book Study during the Sunday School hour after the Fellowship Time each Sunday. This study explores the importance of small groups, spiritual growth, and Christian community in the Methodist tradition. Everyone is welcome. The book costs \$8.00 if you'd like your own copy.

Pastor Chris's hope is that this series will not only deepen our understanding of Wesleyan discipleship, but also strengthen our relationships with one another as we seek to become more faithful followers of Christ.

Brunch Bunch Park City Diner April 19th



31 people came for the
Brunch Bunch
on Sunday, May 17th
at the Centerville Diner 2.

Next Chiques
Brunch Bunch
Sunday, July 19th
Location to be announced
Later



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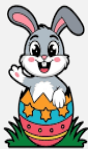
We need your written contributions to make this a valuable communications link for all Chiques members and friends.

Mailing Label



Easter Update

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success!



Maundy Thursday's Service in the Fellowship Hall included a Love Feast with a simple bite of food and Pastor Chris played the guitar as we sang. We were reminded of Jesus' words to love one another.

Easter Sunday was a glorious time of worship with Pastor Chris. We are so blessed to have him and his family.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

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