

SERVING TODAY AT THE 8:30 AM SERVICE

Liturgist: Frank Antoline
Greeters: Bonnie & Joe Ramus and Barbara & Jay Zelezniak
Acolytes: Morgan Spudy & Chloe Ziros
Pianist: Rita Aber

SERVING TODAY AT THE 11:00 AM SERVICE

Liturgist: Billy Watterson
Greeters: Jill Spillers and Alyssa Mountan
Acolytes: Allison Huffman & Lily Morgan
Pianist: Rita Aber

Ministers: All of the Church Family

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WELCOME TO COMMUNITY CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT "PEACE"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC LEADING TO WORSHIP 8:30 "Sing We Now of Christmas" Rita Aber
11:00 "Children Go Tell It" Joyful Noise

- **CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

ONE: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ALL: *Lift our eyes from lists & gifts, lift our gaze heavenward.*

ONE: O come, O come Emmanuel.

ALL: *Fill each heart with carols of joy, songs of gladness.*

ONE: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ALL: *May conflicts cease, each table be blessed with sufficient food, and shelter all from storm and winter cold.*

ONE: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ALL: *Bring healing to bodies and restoration to souls hurt by abuse, by addiction or by bitter words.*

ONE: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ALL: *Shower us with forgiveness and blessing, hope and laughter. Let your love envelop us, fill us with hope, grant us your Peace.*

One: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ALL: *Grant us faith enough to sing in the midst of troubles, to hope in the midst of doubts, to know your Peace in every moment of our lives. As a sign of our faith we light the candle of Peace, inviting all to experience the Peace found only in the Christ Child, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN!*

- **OPENING HYMN** UMH # 211 vv 1,2,3 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

- **GATHERING PRAYER**

O God, too often in this season, waiting and spiritual preparation get shoved aside in favor of busyness and to-do lists. Does the quiet joy of Advent even stand a chance amid such clamor? Does the voice crying in the wilderness have any hope to be heard over the commotion we have made of Christmas? Speak to us, dear God; speak tenderly, insistently. Let the sacred truth of Advent claim us and hold us fast. When we leave may we do so in thoughtful reflection and filled with the Peace that comes in knowing Jesus, Emmanuel. AMEN!

- **SINGING OUR FAITH** UMH # 211 v 4 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

SHARING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

PREPARING TO PRAYER UMH # 196 v 1 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895
(You are invited to the altar rail to pray)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

8:30 "The Promise of Light" Chancel Choir

11:00 "Sing We Now of Christmas" Rita Aber

- **SONG OF THANKSGIVING** UMH # 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

-Congregational Promise as projected

MESSAGE

"Know Advent, Know Christmas"

Mark 1: 1-8 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 34

Pastor John Ciampa

- **SENDING HYMN** UMH # 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
(You are invited to the altar rail to pray)

- **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

- **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** UMH # 206 refrain

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
*In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Lectionary Readings December 10, 2017

Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-8

- Please stand if able

~ Connect Guides are available at the Welcome Centers

~ Trouble Hearing the Service? Please ask an Usher for a Hearing Assist System device.

I would like information about:

- ☐ Becoming a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Children's Ministries
- ☐ FUEL Middle (grades 6-8)
- ☐ FUEL (grades 9-12)
- ☐ Adult Ministries
- ☐ Music Ministries

Christmas Eve Services
Which Service Will You Attend?

Service No. Attending

December 23rd

- ☐ 7:00pm Traditional # _____
☐ 9:00pm Traditional # _____

December 24th

- ☐ 8:30am Traditional # _____
☐ 10:30am Kids & Family # _____
☐ 6:00pm Current # _____
☐ 7:00pm* Traditional # _____

*(shuttle from off-site parking available)

- ☐ 9:00pm Traditional # _____
☐ 11:00pm Traditional # _____

Prayer Request

(Please Print All Information)

Requestor's
Name: _____

(Optional)

Please Pray For:

(Please select one option below - Request will not be printed in bulletin if nothing selected)

Please put in bulletin _____

Please keep confidential _____

Please remove from list _____

NOTE: Names will appear for 4 weeks then come off the list. Please submit a new request after 4 weeks if needed.

EVENTS AT OUR CHURCH December 10 - 16, 2017

Sunday	8:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:00am	Worship Team Rehearsal	MMR
	9:30am	Brown/Grace Group	Patterson Parlor
	9:30am	Confirmation Class	YR
	9:45am	Prayer Meeting	211
	10:30am	Current Worship	MMR
	11:00am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Children's Rehearsal	MMR
	6:00pm	Cantata Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Christian Believer	Ministry House
Monday	All Day	Holiday Helping Hands	All Classrooms
	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
	10:00am	Worship Team Meeting	Patterson Parlor
Tuesday	All Day	Holiday Helping Hands	All Classrooms
	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
	9:15am	Leadership Meeting	Patterson Parlor
	6:30pm	GriefShare	Patterson Parlor
	7:00pm	SPRC Meeting	P John's Office
	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting	Patterson Parlor
Wednesday	All Day	Holiday Helping Hands	All Classrooms
	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
	10:00am	Connectional Meeting	Patterson Parlor
	3:30pm	FEAST	MMR
	5:45pm	Childcare	120
	6:00pm	Disciple 3 (Florio)	Patterson Parlor
	6:45pm	Disciple 1 (Stones)	Ministry House FL2
	6:45pm	Kids Small Group	Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm	Novak Small Group	Ministry House
Thursday	All Day	Holiday Helping Hands	All Classrooms
	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
	12:30pm	Content Creation	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Family Outreach Distribution	MMR
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday	All Day	Holiday Helping Hands	All Classrooms
	8am-3pm	Ark Playgroup/Preschool	Fellowship Hall
	8:00am	Holiday Helping Hands Distr.	MMR
	6:30pm	Girl Scout	Patterson Parlor
Saturday	8:00am	Holiday Helping Hands Distr.	MMR
	11:00am	Children's Rehearsal	MMR
	12:00pm	Current Set Up	MMR
	6:00pm	Current Service	MMR

Deadline for Bulletin Information - Wednesday at Noon

Deadline for Newsletter Information - 10th of the Month

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Announcements and
Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Services - Which Service Will You Attend?

As in the past, we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas Eve Eve and Eve with you! So we can try to accommodate everyone, we would like to know how many will be joining us for each service. If you have an idea of which service and how many of you will be attending, please take a moment and fill out the Connect Card to let us know. If your plans change and you'd like to come to a different service, that is perfectly fine! There will be boxes provided outside the Sanctuary and the Multi-Ministry Room for your response. Please refer to page 6 for details on all of our service offerings.

Christmas Cantata / December 17th / 11:00am / Sanctuary

Please join us next Sunday at 11:00am in the Sanctuary for our Christmas Cantata "The Promise of Light". Our Cantata includes music by the Chancel Choir, Community Ringers, percussion, piano, and a special appearance by Ignition.

Christmas Dinner and Children's Program / December 17th / 5:00pm / MMR

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on December 17th at 5:00pm in the Multi-Ministry Room. Come and join us for a delicious dinner at NO COST to you. Cake/dessert donations are welcomed. Stay for the Children's Christmas program presentation "The Real 12 Days of Christmas" at 6:00pm.

Holiday Helping Hands

Holiday Helping Hands gifts are due **THIS** weekend by Sunday, December 10th. Please let us know if your gift will be late so that we don't shop for your child. Contact Amy at [724-689-7933](tel:724-689-7933) or amyfrey800@gmail.com. Monetary donations are still being accepted for late participants and special needs like mattresses. Make checks payable to CUMC and note that is for HHH. Here is just one of many thank-you notes we received from participants: "I was so grateful for the amount of love and compassion our family received. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping!"

CUMC Historic Christmas Ornaments

Community Church began humbly in a small church in the center of Harrison City. We've moved and grown since then, and the original building was demolished when Harrison City/Export Road was widened a few years ago. Before the building was torn down, we salvaged a beautiful stained glass window from our original home. It was repaired and restored, and now it is ready to be proudly displayed in our new space! If you'd like to take a piece of Community Church's history home with you, consider purchasing a replica stained glass Christmas tree ornament. Our stain glass window ornament is a beautiful way to share Christ this Christmas! Ornaments are \$25.00 each, and will be sold in the MMR before and after services. Contact Cathy Radjenovich at 724-757-9389 with any questions.

2018 Intent to Give

We have asked those worshipping with us to complete their Intent to Give cards for 2018. If you still need to turn in your Intent to Give, we hope that you have prayerfully considered what you will give financially to the church in the name of Jesus. Please make your giving estimates as soon as possible as your giving estimates will set our budget for ministry next year. Intent to Give cards are available at the welcome centers. If you'd like to complete your estimate of giving online, you can do so by visiting this website: <https://communityumchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/15/responses/new>

Looking For A Way To Study In The New Year?

Why not join a Small Group Bible Study or Care Group? 2018 has a lot to offer! Check out all of the available groups planned for the new year by picking up an information page at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions about a group please contact Elizabeth Somes at esomes@communityumchurch.com.

F.E.A.S.T. / Wednesdays / 3:30pm to 6:30pm / Multi-Ministry Room

Hey Friends...are you hungry for some food and fellowship? We are serving delicious homecooked meals 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. The menu: December - 13th BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich with Cheesie Potatoes. NO FEAST December 20th or 27th Merry Christmas! FEAST will return on January 3rd.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY OUTREACH 2017 - Last Week To Sign Up

A large "THANK YOU" to all of you wonderful people who helped in many ways with the Thanksgiving Family Outreach. We are again looking for volunteers to shop for and deliver groceries to families in our community. Please understand, all we ask is your time, our church provides the rest. The sign up sheets are located at the welcome center at the church and on the bulletin board by the lower entrance and one at the MMR entrance. **The distribution of the names and groceries will be Thursday, December 14th in the Multi Ministry Room between 6 pm and 7 pm.** If you know of a family who is in need of help this season, or have any questions please contact the church office, 724-744-3413, or Jill Eisenhuth-724-744-6049.

Young Adults / December 31st / Patterson Parlor / Noon

Home for the holidays? Bounced Back? Never left? Join other young adults 18-25ish for lunch after church on Sunday, December 31. Meet in the Patterson Parlor at church for Pizza about noon. Bring a friend! Kyle Eisenhuth will be preaching at all four weekend worship services 12/30-31. Be sure to support him with your prayers and presence prior.

2018 Women's Retreat - Real Women. Real Faith. / Save the Date!

Hey ladies! Community Church's 2018 Women's Retreat will be April 20-22, 2018 at Laurelville Mennonite Retreat Center. We'll be exploring what We Believe based on women in the Bible who have set such solid examples that we can apply to our lives today. More information about the retreat and information about registration will be coming soon!

United Methodist Women's Cookbooks Make A Great Gift!

Call Tracy Pasek at 412-715-6810 to get a copy to give to someone special. \$20 each.



Hospitals:

Home: Agnes Leonard
Home Hospice: Charlotte Lipanovich

Nursing Homes / Rehab Centers:

Brookdale Murrysville: Tom Thomas
Golden Heights (Penn Twp.): John Dekret, Marcia Shaw
Golden Heights (Irwin): Jeri Jacobs
Greensburg Care Center: Michelle Miller
Latrobe Care Center: Anna Mae Watt
Nature Park Commons: Don Pitzer
Redstone (Greensburg): Janet Cox, Charlotte Hilty
St. Annes: Jessie Komara
Presbyterian Sr. Care: Willows- Rev. Richard & Leanna Wright
Weatherwood: Ruth Lowry
Wm Penn Care: Margaret Hockenberry, Donna Anger, John Beech

Week #1- God's will to be done in our world, our church, our government, the armed forces, on our jobs, within our homes, for our families, our new church construction and for:

Amy, Dennis Bollinger, Susan Byerly, Dani, Dennis, Kathy Elko, Esther, Patty G., Frank Gaffney, Connie Gazze, Roni Hay, Johnny, Judy, Bill Kidd, Carol Lagnese, Landon, Reg Legge, Jessica Lukes, Mandy, Mariana Family, Jim Martini, Mike, Dave Nolfi & Family, Kathy Paskus, Paul Smith, Valarie, Joe Wareham, Mike Wattay, Darlene Zoretich

Week #2 - Ann & Family, Russ Babeo, Joan Cocca, Mark Cosco, Ursula Cumberland, David, Dino, Donna, Teri Eastwood, Elizabeth, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer, Betsy H., Linda, Lorella, Louise, Nina, David Paterline, Rachel, Scott, David Spillers, Don & Jean Spillers, Terese, Vickie, Wenzel

Week #3- Alli, Amy, Christian, DePretto Family, Judi Figel, Frank Filkosky, LeeAnn Grace, Rick Grace, Robert Greene, Larissa & Ray, Linda & Bobbi, Maureen, Max, Melody, Erin Myers, Pam, Mark Regalla, Paul Rose Sr., Tom Silvis, Slivinski Family, Molly Spillers-Mountan, John Wick

Week #4 - Chuck Auckerman, Family and Church Family of Pastor Bob, Tina C., Cassidy, Catherine, Conor, Donna, Esther, Pat Evans, Family, Roni Hay, Joe, Pauline Kapper Family, Beverly Kosalec, Mike, Nina, Emily P., Tim Penska, Jack Pletcher, Jesse Reed, Pat & Denny Russel, Dick Stewart, Ruth Wick, Ron Zubasic

Fellow Churches - Pray for our brothers and sisters at
First United Methodist Church - Jeannette
Pray for God's blessings on their ministry.

CONNECT CARD

December 9 & 10, 2017

We would like to know you were here!
Please place in the offering plate.

_____ Saturday 6:00pm Service
_____ Sunday 8:30am Service
_____ Sunday 10:30am Service
_____ Sunday 11:00am Service

Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Mr. & Mrs.

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ City

_____ State _____ Zip

Phone: _____

Cell : _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I am a member of CUMC
_____ I regularly attend
_____ I wish to join

Child(ren's) Name(s) & Age(s):

Welcome Visitors!

I am visiting today, this is my:

___ 1st Visit ___ 2nd Visit ___ 3rd Visit

What brought you to today's service?

___ new to the area
___ considering a new church home
___ here for a special event
___ a guest of _____
___ Other _____



NURSERY / TODDLER CHILDCARE

The Comfort/Cry Room - adjacent to the sanctuary is available for parents use during Sunday Morning services in the Sanctuary.

Staffed Toddler Care (infant – 3 ½ years) In Room 120 on the 1st floor during all weekend services.

COMMUNITY'S KIDS EXPERIENCE - Kids in preschool through 5th grade will experience Jesus in a whole new way on Sunday mornings at the early service as well as both later services. We will worship together, break into small groups, then join together at the end to send out. Are you interested in being a part of this Experience as a part of our leadership team? Contact Erin Kerstetter for details.

CK's Experience sign in: Sunday mornings at all services.

Sign your child in before service: traditional worship in Fellowship Hall, current worship in the MMR. Kids stay with their grown ups & will be dismissed at the beginning of adult worship, a CKs leader will be waiting to guide them over/down. Pick up your child after service in FH.

Kids Small Groups - Kids in kindergarten-5th grade can join us Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15pm. Having church friends is important for kids as they navigate their way through elementary school! At small groups, kids will strengthen those relationships while they grow in faith, through fun games & activities, and fun ways of merging scripture with their every day. Preschool Small Groups is where we will read and act out Bible stories, create crafts, and make music. Children will also be invited to sing in a worship service once a month as a part of our new preschool choir, the Treble Makers. Open to all potty-trained preschoolers. Contact Keeley DiMartino at kdimartino@communityumchurch.com

JOYFUL NOISE - Praise God through music in our children's choir! Kids in kindergarten – 5th grade will lift their voices to the heavens in joyful noise. Group will meet Sundays from 9:30-10:30am, beginning September 10th. Special appearances in adult worship & in other events will take place throughout the year. Contact Keeley DiMartino at kdimartino@communityumchurch.com

Kids & Family Christmas Eve: JINGLE JAM! – don't get all wrapped up in the "stuff" this Christmas! Centered around the Christmas Story & the idea of generosity, Jingle Jam will inspire kids & families to GO BIG with generosity & celebrate the gift of Jesus, God's Son! All are welcome! Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 in the MMR.

Jesus All Night – spend the night with Jesus and your church friends on Friday, December 29th, in the second annual Jesus All Night! For kids in Kindergarten to 5th grade, who have attended at least 5 church events prior to Christmas. Pre-registration & staff signed forms are required to attend. See Erin Kerstetter for more info!

Camp A Winter Retreat: Save the date of January 19-21 for Camp A weekend! For kids in 2nd-5th grades. Registration will be online in Community Central, opening soon! More info coming soon!



Our regular FUEL Middle and FUEL meetings will not return until January 7th. Merry Christmas!

FUEL Christmas Party - Join us on Thursday, December 28th from 6:30-9:30pm in the Multi-Ministry Room. We will have pizza, games and 9-Square. The event is FREE, however we are asking students to bring a white elephant gift.

Contact Scott Uhlinger, Director of Student Ministry: Cell – 724-610-3037
or suhlinger@communityumchurch.com

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are placed to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of my wife Helen.
By Harold Sanner

The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are placed in celebration of Carl Shirey's
80th Birthday and in memory of Elaine Shirey in honor of her Birthday this week.
We love you so much Dad. Happy Birthday Mom. We love and miss you so
much. With Love, Diane, Lisa & Kevin

The flowers in the Sanctuary Hallway are placed to say "Britany, your Birthday
is here, but you are not. We miss you dearly, every day".
Love, The Cermak Family, Marlie & Rory

Congratulations to William and Lindsay Bracco on the baptism of their
daughter, Victoria Faith Bracco, at the 10:30am Sunday Current Service.

The rose on the Sanctuary Altar is placed in celebration on the birth of,
Anton Marius Turcan. Congratulations to parents Elyssa & Andre Turcan.
Proud Grandparents are Bill & Margie Book.

CUMC'S PERSON OF THE WEEK

Would you like to send a smile? Each week we will highlight our "Person Of The Week" whose name will be taken from our Nursing Home and Rehab Center listing. Wouldn't it be great to lift someone's spirits with a little note to say hello and they are being thought of?

Michelle Miller, Greensburg Care Center, 119 Industrial Park Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601



Christmas Cantata December 17th ~ 11:00am ~ Sanctuary
Come celebrate the birth of Jesus by enjoying the many talents of our musicians.

Christmas Dinner and Children's Program December 17th ~ Multi Ministry Room
5:00pm Dinner and 6:00 Program.

Blue Christmas Service *December 20th ~ 7:00pm ~ Sanctuary
This service focuses on those who have had a death of a loved one or had other personal losses and provides a message of hope and promise.

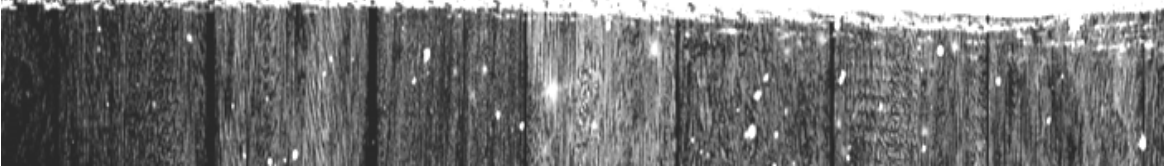
Christmas Eve-Eve December 23rd ~
*7:00pm & 9:00pm ~ Sanctuary Traditional Christmas Worship & Candlelight

Christmas Eve December 24th
*8:30am Traditional Service ~ Sanctuary
10:30am Kids & Family ~ Multi-Ministry Room
*6:00pm Current ~ Multi-Ministry Room
*7:00pm Traditional Service ~ Sanctuary
9:00pm Traditional Service ~ Sanctuary
11:00pm Traditional Service ~ Sanctuary

**Staffed Toddler Care Available in Room 120 ~ Comfort/Cry Rooms Available At All Services*

LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas season, as you are writing your Christmas cards and lists, consider adding Christ. At the Welcome Centers, you will find cards with our Christmas service times- extend an invitation to your family, friends and co-workers to join you at church. You can add a card in each Christmas card you mail, along with a little note inviting that person to join you. There are many opportunities to invite people in your life to church this Christmas. Give someone the ultimate gift this year- the gift of eternal life.



Building News Update!

‘Tis the season! As many of us are preparing to wrap presents, our construction teams are wrapping up projects! We are excited that the retaining wall in the rear of the property is complete, and the caisson drilling is also finished. The repair to the retaining wall near the handicap parking is also finished, and the lighting to the parking lot in that area has been restored. Have you noticed the stone being placed in the MMR insets? It looks wonderful! The firewall in the rear of the building is progressing nicely. They will soon be to the level in the sanctuary that includes the beautiful stained glass windows. Those windows will be removed by a specialist. When you see them again, they will be in the chapel of our new space! What a lovely way to bring elements from our sanctuary into our new chapel.

As you make your way into Community Church's parking lot from Route 130, please remember that **there is still only ONE entrance into the campus from Route 130**. We've always had one entrance, and that has not changed with construction. We've noticed that some people have been entering our campus from Route 130 closer to the Ministry House. **That is an EXIT ONLY location**, and entering our campus near the Ministry House could cause confusion, traffic congestion or even an accident. As always, we ask that you take your time, pay attention to signs and use extreme caution in the parking lot.

Capital Campaign Update!

235	Cards Returned
\$2,189,404.00	Pledge Total
\$1,401,312.80	Total Given To Date

We are so thankful for your faithful giving. Every dollar you've given is a show of support and confirmation that you stand with Community Church and share in the vision that we are carrying out to Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Him. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this campaign, please don't hesitate to ask. Modifying your pledge for this campaign is as easy as confidentially contacting Financial Secretary Melanie Barrett at mbarrett@communityumchurch.com or 724-392-4212.

United Methodist Women Christmas Celebration

We would like to invite you to our Christmas dinner celebration to be held at Rodney's Restaurant in Irwin. We will be ordering from their main menu, with separate checks. Please come join us on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 pm and bring a friend!! To make a reservation please contact Patsy Simon at 724-217-2441 (carpooling can be arranged as well). Looking forward to seeing you on the 11th and a Merry Christmas to all!

United Methodist Women Mission Outreach

With your help the UMW will continue to support local families in need. We also help support our Youth Missions, Camp Allegheny and world missions in Uganda and India. During the year the UMW sells Rada Cutlery, Stoneware as well as Cheesecake, dips, mixes and cookbooks to support these and many other missions. All Rada products are great for Hostess Christmas gifts. If you would like a catalog, have questions, or would like to place an order, please contact Becky Oblak at obie10@aol.com or 724-787-3983.