



Christ Evangel



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Join Us for a Snowball Mountain Challenge next month at VBC!

At Snowball Mountain Challenge, your children will learn that God is the source of their strength!

Children will enjoy engaging Bible stories, crafts, science activities, and games, all while growing in their faith and forming new friendships.

VBC is FREE and open for Children 4 years (by September 1, 2026) through completed fifth grade. Children must be potty trained. Sixth graders and older are welcome to serve as volunteers, making a lasting impact on young campers' lives.

Important Info:

Dates: July 13–17, 2026

Times: Morning Session: 9 AM – 12 PM

Evening Session: 6 PM – 8 PM (Dinner Provided!)

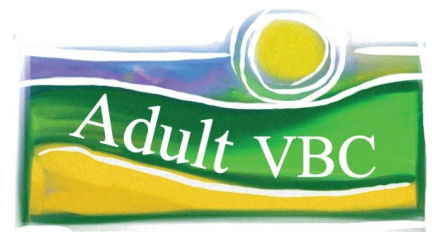
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❄️❄️ Get ready to tackle the mountain with us this summer at Vacation Bible Camp 2026!! ❄️❄️

We are still looking for volunteers! If you are interested in serving on the mountain, reach out to Pastor Tawny at tawny.bernhardt@cumclansdale.org or sign up on the church website!

Are you an adult and wish you could come to the awesome fun that is VBC?

Then, I have exciting news for you! New this year! We are excited to share that this year we are going to offer an adult group for our evening Vacation Bible Camp that runs July 13-17th, from 6-8 PM. Any adults who aren't serving at Vacation Bible Camp are welcome to participate in this fun adventure. You would rotate to the stations and experience science, crafts, games, and Bible story. The stations would be the same, but we will tailor the activities to the group. For instance, we might change up some of the crafts to a longer project you could work on throughout the week that still fits our snowball mountain theme. Games will still be fun, but they will be less intense!



We are never too old to learn and grow in our own faith, and the goal of this new group is for you to experience God's love and presence alongside the energy and fun of Vacation Bible Camp! Our theme verse for the week is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." This is an important life verse for us at all ages.

So will you give it a try this year? Sign up using the link on the church website and join us for our evening session. Dinner is provided so you won't have to worry about that all week. Pastor Tawny will send emails about menus and allergy needs as we get closer. I hope to see you on the mountain!





FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Zachary Hopple



I was at a dinner recently and we were invited to go up to the buffet line. It was a pretty good meal, but something was a little odd. I grabbed my plate and came to the first serving dish full of potatoes. I took some and then came to a dish of some sort of sauce. Not sure of what it was, I passed on it. Next was a basket of rolls, followed by a serving tray of green beans. Next came the salad, but the croutons were first, followed by the salad dressing, and then the lettuce. Finally, was the tray of roast beef, which it then dawned on me, the sauce at the beginning was a horseradish sauce meant to accompany the beef.

As I walked through the line, I was perplexed as to what was going on until I realized that things were out of order. I could not piece it together until the very end, and by that point, it was too late. I was not able to go back and get the dishes I missed or passed over because I didn't know what my options were or what the item was supposed to accompany. And I was not going to stand in line again. My meal felt incomplete and I missed some ingredients that would have given the meal important flavor. As I sat at the table with the rest of my colleagues, we discussed what we all just experienced. One of my friends looked at me and said, "This will preach."

It is amazing what you miss out on when things are out of order, not just in a buffet line, but in your life. Jesus tells us in Luke 12:31, "Instead, seek [God's] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well" and continues in 12:34, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus is talking about not letting worry consume you, and also to make sure that you care for others.

But above all, Jesus is reminding us to keep our priorities straight. It is easy to let the things of our lives demand our time in ways that makes things get out of order. There are things that seem emergent, and demand that we address them first. So things that do not seem as emergent do not always get the time or attention that they actually deserve.

Often times God quietly waits for us. God gave us free will, because if we were forced into anything, our love for God would be insincere and not genuine. And so God waits for us, quietly allowing us to go our own way, make our own decisions, and put the buffet line of our lives in the order we want. But the problem is, when we rely only on ourselves, oftentimes our buffet lines are out of order and we miss out on things that would have added incredible flavor to our lives.

But when we focus on God, and we allow God to arrange the pieces of our lives, things are ordered in a way that we can experience life and experience life to the fullest. As Jesus said in John 10:9-10, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

When God is our priority - when Jesus is our focus - our life has purpose and God blesses us in amazing ways. Yes, there are things in this life that are incredibly important - family, friends, jobs, and even the activities that we do and commit to. But we also have to realize that sometimes those other things can easily take priority over the things of God, because they often seem louder.

So I encourage you to look at the buffet line of your life. What does it look like? How is it ordered? In what ways do you place God before everything else? How do you prioritize God, or is that something that is lacking? If you need help to find ways to help reconnect with God and reorder some of the things in your life, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Because remember, whatever it is that you consider your treasure - whatever it is that you prioritize - that is where your heart is. And I pray your treasure is God.



Men's Breakfast Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the West Main Diner in Lansdale, PA at 8:30 AM. For more information, contact the church office.



Deborah Circle June Meeting: June 8th, 11:30 AM

This month, our Deborah Circle will be meeting on Monday, June 8th at the church, Room 106. We are going to be helping Pastor Tawny prepare some of the items she needs for Vacation Bible Camp. We would appreciate as much help as you are able to give us. We will be looking for suggestions for our fall meetings so bring your ideas for speakers, etc. We will also be looking for suggestions for donations to our missions. Please bring a sandwich or salad and a dessert to share and join us for lunch.

We are planning to have another Code Blue donation basket in the Narthex for toiletries and also our sock collection in the fall. We will not be meeting in July or August.

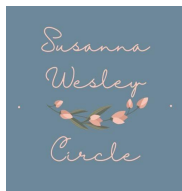
We hope you are happy and healthy and staying safe and praying for our church, community and country as we go forward. Any questions, please call Jean at 267-218-2569 or Gail at 215-368-0476. Have a great summer - see you in September!

Cooking for Manna
June 7th, 2026, 6:30 PM



Once a month, our group of volunteers come together to cook a meal for Manna on Main Street, a soup kitchen/food pantry located in Lansdale. We spend about 1-1.5 hours prepping meals that feed approximately 90 people. Meal prep tasks include washing and chopping vegetables or fruit, shredding chicken, cooking pasta, and assembling the meal. Folks of all ages are invited to help the group prepare the meal, so feel free to bring a friend or family members to help. This is a great way for youth to earn volunteer hours. Children are welcome, but must be supervised and assisted. The cooking typically gets underway the first Thursday of every month in Room 110 (Kitchen) at 6:30 PM.

For more information, please contact Kristi Weatherwax at kdcreative@aol.com.



SWC Year-End Picnic: June 11th, 6:30 PM, Plains Mennonite Pavillion

The Susanna Wesley Circle's last meeting before the summer break will be a potluck picnic on Thursday, June 11 at 6:30. We will meet at the Plains Mennonite pavilion, located at Main Street and Orvilla Road in Lansdale. Bring a dish to share (with a serving spoon if needed). Plates, napkins, eating utensils, and beverages will be provided. A signup genius will be provided for you to indicate what you are bringing - main dish, side/salad, or dessert. We will also be taking suggestions for meetings for next year. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and delicious food. If you have not attended a circle meeting previously, this is a great, informal way to become acquainted.

Kaleidoscope Book Group

Ladies, we would love to have you join us for Christian fellowship. We meet every Tuesday at 12:30 PM in the Lounge and via Zoom. We read and discuss books weekly. We also spend time in fellowship and prayer. Contact Becky at 215-896-4964 for the Zoom link or any questions.

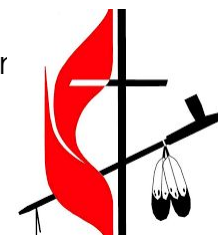


Caregivers Support Group

Are you a caregiver? Caregiving, for someone in your home, remotely, or for someone in a care facility, is challenging. Our caregivers' group allows the time to share experiences, frustrations, and more. We meet virtually on the second Friday of each month, typically at 10 AM. To learn more, and to receive the Zoom link, contact Marge Kramer at marge.kramer@cumclansdale.org.

From Dallas Indian Mission UMC

This is the prayer list send to us by the Silver Feathers Bible Study group of Dallas Indian Mission UMC. Please join them in prayer for these prayer requests as they are joining us in our need for prayers. Thank you, Ineke McCrea



Prayer Requests from Dallas IMUMC, 5/14/2026

Tim and Sally Yellowfish
Kassie and Staffan Kyling
Gary Corzine
Beverly Gilbert

James Williams Jr.
Dan Farell
Miriam Reynosa
Linda Pahcheka

Yolanda Munoz
Ralph Huffman
Arlene Overland
Cynthia Martinez

Ricky Yellowfish Sr.
Cynthia Gonzales
Amelia Ramirez
Roger Kriesel

Spiritual Guidance

Gary Corzine

Peace and Comfort

The families of: Darren Luther, Pahcheka's



Friendly Seniors Potluck Lunch and VBC Projects, June 17th, 12:00 Noon

Friendly Seniors will meet at 12 noon on June 17th at the church for a potluck luncheon. Sandwiches will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish of salad, fruit, or dessert for this meal. After the meal, we will be helping Pastor Tawny with VBC projects. Please let Jean Davis know if you will be attending, and what you will be bringing. Thank you.

Save the Date: Retreat Weekend is Nov. 6th through Nov. 8th!

Both fall retreats for 2026 will be offered the weekend of November 6th through November 8th.

Women's Retreat: The retreat will be held at Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center from the evening of Friday, November 6th through lunch on Sunday, November 8th. Contact Pastor Tawny at tawny.bernhardt@cumclansdale.org for more information.



Men's Retreat: The retreat will be held at Camp Innabah for "Christian Living Inspired by Jazz" and led by Rev. Jim Goudie. Contact Ken Dickinson at orangeaero@comcast.net for more information, or contact Ed Hartmann to register: 215-896-3399 or edhart3399@gmail.com. More info available on the church website.



GriefShare Grief Support Fall Cycle Begins in September

If you or someone you know are in need of grief support, watch for details in the July Evangel regarding our next GriefShare cycle, that will begin in September. During each 13 week cycle, we meet weekly. A \$20 fee covers all 13 weeks-scholarships are available

The benefits of GriefShare are many, most importantly the opportunity to spend time with others who can relate to your situation.

Save the Date: Ocean Grove 72nd Choir Festival, July 18th, 7 PM
Join us for this awesome experience! You can participate (along with Ken Dickinson) or plan to attend! It includes hundreds of vocalists, a small orchestra, and several guest conductors! In the past, Perkiomen Tours has provided bus service for those who want to attend. Scan the QR code to hear the finale from a recent festival!



MISSION of the Month June 2026

June Mission of the Month: Rise Against Hunger

Our **June mission** of the month is Rise Against Hunger. The funds raised will go towards **Rise Against Hunger (RAH), an international mission** with a passion to nourish lives through healthy meals. Their core value is to empower communities, nourish lives, and respond to emergencies through food security, education, and economics, all of which start with a healthy meal. They target remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets designated "serious" or higher on the Global Hunger index, which are the hardest places to reach, access, and communicate with.

Your help is needed to **meet the rising costs of food** and transportation, which has affected RAH. Another way to help is in **preparing meal bags** so please watch for coming information about this year's meal-packing event. Each meal bag we create contains 6 servings for families in need. Last year we created over 20,000 meal bags—that's over 120,000 servings—bringing the total of bags we have packed during the entire time of supporting this ministry to over 100,000 bags and over 600,000 servings!! If you can't be available for the bag-packing event, please help by **praying for our success**. We look forward to your participation in this essential, rewarding, and fun mission.



Food Drive Collection, 2026

Jan - 56 lbs	Apr - 300 lbs	Jul -	Oct -
Feb - 314 lbs	May -	Aug -	Nov -
Mar - 215 lbs	Jun -	Sep -	Dec -



Mission Trip 2026: June 21st-27th, Otterbein UMC, Lancaster City, PA
WE ARE SO EXCITED TO FINALLY ANNOUNCE OUR 2026 MISSION TRIP!! This year's mission trip will be to Otterbein UMC in Lancaster City from June 21st- 27th. Otterbein serves a crucial role in helping provide for the unhoused population in Lancaster City, and we are going to help their mission. We will be staying at the church and will work in two groups to help update and renovate a room in the church, as well as help local resource hubs organize their inventory and package materials, leading up to helping the congregation lead a community impact event. The trip is open to students entering 7th grade in the fall through those graduating high school this spring. We will also need several adult volunteers to be Safe Sanctuary compliant and to help with food. We'd love to have you!! For more information, or if you have any questions, reach out to Nick Hill at youthdirector@cumclansdale.org.



The Friendly Seniors visited the Knapp Farmhouse in May

FINANCIAL REPORT

Christ United Methodist Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance Apr. 2026

Revenue

Total Revenue

Expenditures

Total 4000 Missions

Total 5000 Programs

Total 6000 Salaries and Benefits

Total 7000 Property, Maintenance & Utility

Total Expenditures

Net Operating Revenue

Apr-26

YTD

\$ 65,817.10 \$ 224,474.85

\$ 9,145.88 \$ 37,631.22

\$ 2,871.33 \$ 9,049.45

\$ 30,086.49 \$ 123,826.38

\$ 8,412.37 \$ 71,651.16

\$ 50,516.07 \$ 242,158.21

\$ 15,301.03 -\$ 17,683.36

Dear Members and Friends of CUMC,

Shown above is a summary of our church financial report for the month of April and Year-to-Date. Operating Budget income for April was \$65,817 and expenses were \$50,516, giving a surplus for the month of \$15,301. Year-to-Date Operating Budget income is \$224,475, expenses are \$242,158, giving an overall deficit of \$17,683. We thank you for your continued financial support of our church and its ministries.

-CUMC Finance Committee



Hello, summer, from Preschool Express!

We can't believe it is nearly time to say goodbye to the school year and hello to summer! It has been a wonderful year at preschool filled with blessings, learning, laughter, and fun! Our preschoolers recently celebrated their special Mother's Day Tea Parties with fancy teacups, sweet songs, and special memories. This spring, our whole school enjoyed watching caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies before releasing them together outside. We are also fresh off of our first ever Field Day, which was a wild success! We are busy getting our caps and gowns ready for Pre-K Graduation as we celebrate another amazing group of graduates! Many thanks to Miss Sherry and our church family for coordinating another very special event! Looking ahead, we are excited for a summer camp full of tie-dye, gardening, sports, water play, and lots of kindness. Thank you to our entire church community for your continued love, prayers, and ongoing support of our preschool ministry! We are so blessed to be able to share God's love each day with His little people!

Enrollment continues to remain open, so if you know a family seeking a warm, nurturing, and faith-filled environment for their little learners, we would love to welcome them to our preschool family. Contact Miss Val at (215) 412-7836 or go to preschoolexpress.org for more info!





Confirmation Class of 2026



Andrew Blissman

Parents: Scott and Tanya Blissman

Favorite Part of Confirmation: The Confirmation retreat

Favorite Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Favorite Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

Confirmation Project: Collecting toys for Mitzvah Circle.

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?: Volunteering and things like the Santa breakfast and the spaghetti dinner

Joseph Giuliani

Parents: Stefano and Leslie Giuliani

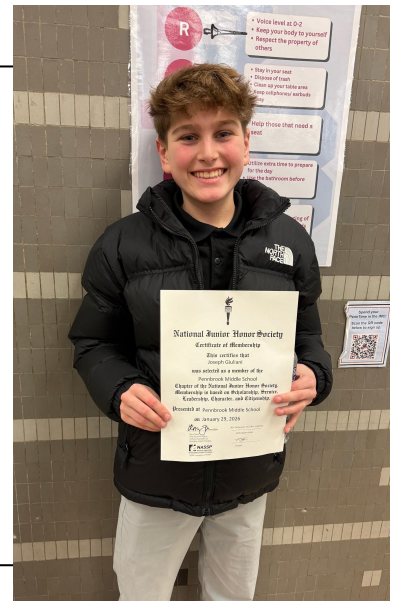
Favorite Part of Confirmation: Hanging out with the other students

Favorite Hymn: Amazing Grace

Favorite Scripture: John 3:16

Confirmation Project: Collecting books to donate to a school

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?: Knowing that I am a member independently



Natalie Hadka

Parents: Carolyn and Brian Hadka

Favorite Part of Confirmation: Being an active part of youth group

Favorite Hymn: Amazing Grace

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 37:5

Confirmation Project: Volunteering at Mitzvah's Circle

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?: Getting a nametag



Confirmation Class of 2026



Annabella Hunter

Parents: Matthew and Kristen Hunter

Favorite Part of Confirmation: The fun activities tied to learning experiences

Favorite Scripture: Romans 12:2 NRSV

Confirmation Project: Collecting to support Home At Last Dog Rescue

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?:
I am most excited about more volunteering opportunities



Colby Wagner

Parents: Clay and Rebecca Wagner

Favorite Part of Confirmation: The relationships that I've been able to make with my classmates

Favorite Worship Song: Way Maker

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 46:10

Confirmation Project: Collection for Jenna's Blessing Bags

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?:
I've been in this church since I was born and I am excited to continue to meet others and become an even closer church



Misaki Weir

Parents: Tim and Yoshimi Weir

Favorite Part of Confirmation: Confirmation retreat

Favorite Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 121:8

Confirmation Project: Raising money for Best Buddies International

What part of joining the church are you most excited about?: I can become an official member of Christ United Methodist Church, and be able to find more ways to become involved



Congratulations, Graduates!

Class of 2026



Henry Barlick

Henry is graduating from Central Bucks High School South. Henry will be attending the Smeal College of Business at Penn State Main campus.



Vanessa Blissman

Vanessa is graduating from North Penn HS. Vanessa will continue her education at MontCo with plans to become an Occupational Therapist



Brian Landes

Brian is graduating from Penn State University with a B.S. in Computer Science



Janine Shuey

Janine is graduating from Wilson College with a Master of Educational Technology degree. Future plans are to continue studies in choral conducting.



Zachary Hopple

Pastor Zach is graduating from Palmer Theological Seminary with a D. Min. in Contextual Leadership. Future plans are to publish his dissertation as a book and to order something via mail so that he can say, "Thanks! That's just what the doctor ordered!"



SWC Scherenschnitte Night



MontCo Senior Exercise Class

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Calendar Highlights

- 6/2 Men's Reading Group*
Kaleidoscope Group*
Gloria Dei Ringers*
Jazz Rehearsal*
- 6/3 GriefShare*
Various Music Group Rehearsals*
- 6/4 Seed to Supper Program*
Cooking with Manna
- 6/5 Senior Exercise Class*
- 6/7 Confirmation Sunday
- 6/8 Preschool Board Meeting
- 6/9 Staff Meeting
Softball Game*
- 6/10 Men's Breakfast Group
Endowment Committee Meeting
- 6/11 Stitching Sisters
Softball Game*
Board of Trustees Meeting
Susannah Wesley Circle Picnic
- 6/12 Caregivers Monthly Meeting
- 6/13 Hayes Memorial Golf Tournament
- 6/14 Graduation Sunday
"Ring in the Summer" Bell Concert
Youth Group
- 6/17 Friendly Seniors
- 6/21 Father's Day
Youth Group Mission Trip (through 6/27)
- 6/22 Books Between Friends
- 6/25 SPRC Meeting
- 6/28 Manna Food Drive
Youth Group Drop-In
SPRC Meeting

* Denotes Weekly meeting

Note: All meetings are subject to change.

Looking Ahead in 2026

Sunday, June 7th

Confirmation Sunday



Sunday, June 14th

Graduate Sunday

Church Handbell Concert



Sunday, June 21st

Youth Mission Trip at Otterbein UMC
(through 6/27)



Monday, July 13th

VBC: Snowball Mountain Challenge
(through 7/17)

Thursday, July 23rd

Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 PM



Join us for Sunday Worship!

8:30 AM: In-person, communion every week

10:40 AM: In-person & livestreamed to YouTube, contemporary Praise & Worship

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