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Join us for Kickoff Sunday on September 13th!

Our kick off Sunday will take place Sunday, September 13th between our regular 8:30 and 11:00 services. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 to celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday school year and hand out Bibles to our 3rd and 7th graders. Nursery will be available during that time. Children who are 4 years old through kindergarten will meet in their classroom in the preschool hallway, room 131. They do not need to start in the sanctuary.



After the initial opening celebration, children in 1st grade through 6th grade will go to the preschool wing and adults will be welcome to find their Sunday school classroom or assist with picnic prep.

All  will be in their regular classroom the following Sunday, September 14th.



You're Invited! Join us for the CUMC Annual Picnic on Sunday, September 13th
Plan on joining us after second service on Sept 13th – rain or shine! - for fellowship, food and fun at the 2026 CUMC Annual Picnic! We'll be looking for your RSVP and what you plan to bring to the potluck meal. Be sure and sign up through our weekly Monday emails or on our website under 'events'. [Need help signing up? Contact Sarah Hamill.] We will be grilling up hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and brisket and we're looking for potluck

contributions of sides, salads, and desserts. We will have veggie burgers, and gluten-free sides as we did last year, too.

All potluck items are due in the church kitchen between 10:30 and 11:00 AM on the day of the picnic, and please label your items with any food allergy information. Don't forget to divide your potluck item into two for use on two serving tables.

Can you volunteer to help with this great event? We have sign-ups to volunteer to help with set up, buffet table monitoring during the picnic, clean up and assisting with activities. See you there!



I want to thank all the CUMC members and friends who have supported me through the last 3+ years as Office Manager. It has been a privilege to support the CUMC ministries and I truly have mixed emotions about retiring. I love the people and staff at CUMC but I also look forward to spending more time with Jeff and we both look forward to being able to travel, beginning later in 2027. Jeff is leaning toward a specific retirement date, but it hasn't been finalized yet.



During the office volunteer luncheon in mid-July, I was surprised with a reception with many cards, some gift cards (all of which we will use!), and many well wishes. Thank you all! My last day was August 24th. I hope to see some of you as I plan to attend Stitching Sisters, some services, and other events that pique my interest.

Thank you again! -Donna Stewart



FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Zachary Hopple



The summer seemed to fly by. I cannot believe September is already here and our schools are back in session. I pray you were able to take some time to recharge this summer and enjoy the warmer weather.

This summer we looked at worship, and why we do what we do. For the next few weeks we will be looking at the promises we make when we join the membership of the church, focusing on the topics of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As I was thinking about what to write for this article, especially in light of our worship series, I kept coming back to the idea that worship is all about God and praising God, but often times people want something out of it. Sure, it is good to have an encounter with God and receive a blessing from our time of worship, but honestly, if we don't put much into our worship, there is no way we will get much out of it. We end up limiting ourselves and how much we are open to receiving God's blessings.

I am reminded of the story of Elisha and the widow found in 2 Kings 4. Creditors were banging on her door and she did not know what to do. All she had of worth was a small bottle of oil and she asked Elisha for assistance. Elisha gave her instructions to borrow jars from her neighbors, specifically saying "not just a few." Once collected she was to lock her and her children in their home and start pouring what oil she had into the jars and God would provide.

This woman trusted what Elisha told her, and she began to pour from the small amount of oil that she had in her small jar. And one by one the jars she collected began to fill to the brim. She called for her children to bring her more jars, but they had filled all the jars they collected. They had run out of jars to fill, and with that, the oil stopped flowing. Their blessing was dependent upon how much they were ready to receive.

Now we really don't know why they had as many jars as they did. Maybe they truly did accumulate all of the jars their neighbors had and there were no more left around anywhere. Or maybe they thought what they gathered was enough. Or maybe they doubted what Elisha said God would do and didn't put in too much effort. We really don't know because we are not given the outcome of the story. How many jars did she have at the end? Did she have enough to pay off her debts?

I would like to think if it were me, I would be scouring the town to find every jar and container I could get my hands on. And I bet you would like to think that way too. But then again, how many times do we enter into situations and limit the blessings we receive because we are not ready to receive them? How many times do we go in second guessing what God can do, before God even has a chance to do anything? How many times we do convince ourselves we've lost the game before the timer even starts?

When it comes to God, we cannot limit what God can or cannot do based on what we think or what we are willing to receive. Otherwise we will miss out on some amazing blessings. It takes trust on our part to believe God can do amazing things. It also take some sacrifice too, as the widow had to invest what little oil she had left for this miracle to happen. And it takes being open to the possibility that God is willing and wanting to bless us more than we ever thought possible.

I want to encourage you to open yourself up to the possibility of God's blessing. Be willing to trust what God is asking you to do. Be willing to go the extra mile.



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: See you September 14th!

Our first meeting in the fall will be on Monday, September 14th at 11:30 AM at the church in fellowship hall, Room 106. Please bring your lunch and a beverage and join us for food, fellowship and fun! Please feel free to bring a friend!

Our speaker will be our own Nick Hill who will be giving a presentation about the Youth Mission Trip to Lancaster City a few weeks ago.

We are also planning to have baskets in the narthex for toiletry items and socks for the women and men at the Code Blue shelter in Lansdale. They will be there from September until November.

Also, please remember to send cards or call our members who cannot come out to our meetings at this time. We know they appreciate keeping in touch. Any questions, please contact Jean Davis at 215-218-2569 or Gail Scott at 215-368- 0476. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on September 14th!

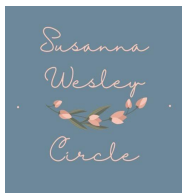
Cooking for Manna

September 3rd, 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.



Susanna Wesley Circle Fall Kick-off Dinner: Thursday, September 24th at 6 PM!

Please join us at Giuseppe's Pizza and Family Restaurant, 101 Cowpath Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. All women of the Church are welcome to attend as well as guests. Please park in the back of the restaurant and use the ramp to enter the main dining room. Our reserved room is to the right towards the back. There are no steps.

The full menu can be viewed online: <https://www.orderstart.com/giuseppespizza>. Cauliflower Crust Pizza and some Chicken dishes can be prepared grilled for those who are gluten sensitive. Please sign up on the SignUp Genius on the Church website under events by September 20. If you would like to carpool from the Church, please note that in your sign-up. Any questions, please contact Linda Parnell 267-337-4553

We hope to see you there!

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.

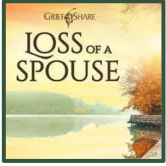


Stitching Sisters

Stitching Sisters met this summer in July and August to get caught up with the various projects everyone was working on. We invite you to join the fellowship of our group! We meet one Thursday a month from 10 AM - noon. New faces are always welcome! We have some very patient teachers in our group and would love to have you join us as we approach the fall season!



Care Ministry Upcoming Events



Loss of a Spouse: Wednesday, September 16th 1:30 to 3:30 PM

no charge for this one time program for those grieving their husband or wife. We meet in the Reichley room, right inside the church office-enter through the office. Sign up on the church website, www.cumclansdale.org, under Events.



GriefShare: Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, September 23rd - December 16th

this 13-week program begins on Wednesday, September 23rd. Each week we view a video, and participants share their experiences on their journey of grief. We welcome those grieving a spouse, a child, a parent, or another loved one. Registration fee, that covers all 13 weeks, is \$25. Scholarships are available. We meet each week from 1:30 to 3:30, in the Reichley room, right inside the church office-enter through the office. Sign up on the church website, www.cumclansdale.org, under Events.



Caregivers group: Monthly, typically the second Friday at 10 AM. We meet via Zoom.

Members of this group share their stories of caring for loved ones-at home, or in a facility, near or far. There is comfort in knowing that others can relate to what's happening in our lives. For questions or to receive the Zoom link, contact Marge Kramer, marge.kramer@cumclansdale.org.

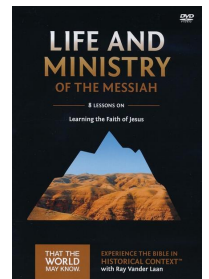
If any of these programs would be beneficial to you, we hope you'll join us. They are open to those both inside and outside of our church, so please extend an invitation to anyone in your life who may find them helpful.

Fall Short Term Bible Study

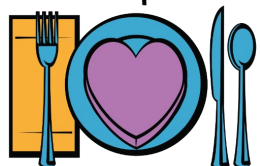
A Fall Short Term Bible Study will begin Tuesday, Sept 22, for 8 weeks, 10:30-12:00. Jan Schubauer and Judy Yoder will again be facilitating. We will be using The Life and Ministry of the Messiah by Ray Vander Laan. Books will be available for you for \$10.

Please sign up by notifying Judy or Jan by 8/31.

[Jyoder247@gmail.com](mailto:jyoder247@gmail.com) or heybratcat@yahoo.com.



Youth Group Dinners



Did you know the youth gather around a meal twice a month?

Each time there is a youth group meeting, the evening begins with a meal, a prayer of thanks, and a time of fellowship where the focus is being relational with each other and catching up on each other's lives. This helps everyone connect before we move into the activities for the evening, where the focus is often on what is happening rather than sharing about our lives.

This meal has also become a place for the youth to interact with others in the church! We are looking for people to provide and help serve this meal. We also invite you to eat with us and join the conversation! There is no expectation of frequency; you can sign up as often as you like, and reimbursement for costs is always available! Sign up on the church website under Get Involved > Volunteer Opportunities or talk to Nick at youthdirector@cumclansdale.org. Come get to know our youth and learn about all the great things they are doing in their lives!

Hello to Christ UMC Lansdale!

My name is Brenten Megee, and I am the new Director of Music Ministries at Christ Church. First, I want to let you know that I am very grateful to be part of a church that prioritizes music, in a way that worships and glorifies our Savior Jesus Christ. I truly believe that music is one of the most effective ways of leading people into worship and that there should be a wide variety of God-honoring music, in our services. God tells us in Ephesians 5:19 that we are to "speak to one another using psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making music to the Lord in our hearts." I believe that is an important message to our church today.



It is time to start up our Fall 2026 Music Ensembles. We have a variety of ensembles for every age group (Adults, Children, & Youth), with both instrumental and vocal choices, and a fabulous music staff ready to lead them. We at Christ Church value music and we want to provide opportunities for everyone to use their God given abilities and talents as an offering to the Lord. All of our ensembles are free to join and are open to everyone in our church and in our community. We want to use music to make an impact in people's lives. So please give our music program a try and tell others!

Our rehearsals will start the week of September 8th—right after Labor Day—and our Kickoff Sunday will be Sunday September 13th at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services, followed by a church picnic. Most Sunday mornings, you will be blessed by the ministry of one or more of our musical ensembles, as they glorify God. We will also be having our annual Christmas Concert featuring many of our Ensembles on Saturday December 19th at 3 PM in the sanctuary.

Below, you will see a listing of each ensemble, when they rehearse, and which director is leading the ensemble. If you are interested in getting more information, visiting a rehearsal, or being a part of any of these ensembles, please reach out to me in person or email me!

I certainly would be glad to speak with you about any of our music programs. God bless you all as we strive to faithfully serve in music ministry!

In Christ,
Brenten (Brenten.Megee@cumclansdale.org)



Sunday Ensemble Rehearsals

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM:

- Jesus Jammerz, Nanci Landes, Director (Grades K-2)
- Grace Notes Choir, Katie Campbell, Director (Grades K-2)
- Melody Chimes, Sherry Harris, Director (Grades 3-6)

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Carol Choir, Director Sherry Harris (Grades 3-6)

TBA (time to be announced): Youth Ensembles (Grades 7-12)

Tuesday Ensemble Rehearsals

7:30 – 9:00 PM: The Wise Guys, Bill Schaefer, Director

Wednesday Ensemble Rehearsals (Adults)

6:00 – 6:50 PM: Gloria Dei Ringers, Brenten Megee, Director

7:00 – 8:15 PM: Chancel Choir, Brenten Megee, Director

8:15 – 8:45 PM: Women's & Men's Ensembles, Brenten Megee, Director

Thursday Ensemble Rehearsals (Adults)

6:00 – 7:00 PM: Alleluia Ringers, Steph Shuey, Director

7:30 – 9:00 PM: Praise Band, Jen Hopple, Director

Friday Ensemble Rehearsals (Adults)

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM: Laudate Ringers, Sherry Harris, Director



Christ UMC Capital Campaign: Built to Grow, Called to Serve

The Foundations We Build Upon

Every person's story is supported by a foundation crafted and tested over a lifetime. Our personal foundations are laid by family, trusted friends, mentors, and a living faith in Jesus Christ. When our foundations are challenged—as they inevitably are—we seek help. We lean on God in prayer, reach out to counselors and friends, and look to our church family to hold us steady. We repair and tend to what is damaged because we value the life built upon it.



Christ UMC operates in the exact same way. The framework of our church is based on God's word, principles established by the United Methodist Church at large, the vision statement we created together, the personal calling of Pastors Zach and Tawny, the dedication of church and preschool staff, leadership from our various committees, the servant hearts we show as part of our missions, and the relationships we build when we come together in groups large and small. This church has long been a place where we **Encounter Christ, Grow as Disciples, and Serve Others**—building, restoring, and strengthening our own personal foundations through shared grace, love, faith, and spiritual community.

Shifting Ground, Unshakable Faith

Today, the building that has anchored our church family for generations needs us to strengthen its foundation and framework. Our building's foundation settled unevenly, and essential structural repair and reinforcement was urgently needed. Work had to be conducted to level the floor and stabilize walls in the sanctuary, incurring roughly \$73,500 in unanticipated costs. Thankfully, the Trustee's Capital Fund was available to cover this expense, but the fund was almost completely depleted. Problems with the foundation also reverberated upward—impacting interior floors, doors, roofs, and chimneys. Finally, changes in how we use our CUMC spaces necessitate upgrades and renovations.

Essential repair and improvement projects have been identified by a cross-committee leadership team. Some of these projects and associated cost estimates are as follows:

- Replacing two flat roof surfaces - \$59,500
- Replacing the roof on the Preschool Wing - \$27,000
- Renovating the Main Office for better functionality - \$42,500
- Repairing the parking lot - \$35,000 minimum, but up to \$198,000 depending on extent
- Installing a security door between the Preschool Wing and the sanctuary - \$25,000
- Capping the chimney and replacing the chimney liner - \$8,900
- Replacing the fire alarm panel - \$7,020
- Replacing the parsonage hall bath shower - \$20,000
- Repairing/replacing carpet after floor leveling - \$17,000
- Renovating the men's bathroom by Fellowship Hall - \$35,000
- Replenishing the Trustee's Capital Fund for future crises - \$73,500

In addition, several projects are being considered to support specific church groups. These may include permanent bell/chimes tables in the sanctuary and an improved Gaga pit for our youth! Based on current projections of cost, our congregation will **need to raise \$800,000 over the next three years** to implement these urgent repairs and strategic improvements. It is critical to remember that this capital campaign is not just about brick, mortar, or concrete. We are not raising funds simply to repair a building. We are securing the home where:

- Believers and seekers gather to **Encounter Christ** in renewed and sacred spaces.
- Children, youth, and adults are nurtured in **Growing Faith through Education**.
- Lives are reached locally and globally as we continue **Serving Others**.

Watching Our Future Take Shape

The Capital Campaign Committee is calling on every member and friend of Christ UMC to invest in the place that has anchored us all. As you walk through the narthex each week, you will see our campaign progress display—a visual representation of our church building growing stronger with every gift and pledge received. Each milestone reached represents another step toward securing our physical home and expanding our reach. This will serve as a visual reminder of what we can accomplish together when we answer God's call.



By restoring our physical foundation today, we ensure that Christ UMC remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant sanctuary for tomorrow. Together, with God's guidance and our shared commitment, we are **Building to Transform**—securing our home so that we may continue **Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ** for generations to come.

Our Capital Campaign will officially begin with Kickoff Sunday on September 13th. We will have a First Fruits and Pledge Card Collection on Sunday, October 25th. Please prayerfully consider what you can give personally now and over the coming 36 months to answer God's call in this capital campaign. We believe in the faith and strength of this community.

If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to any of us on the Capital Campaign Team.

-- Pastor Zach Hopple, Pastor Tawny Bernhardt, Deryk David, Diana Ricci, Jill Benchouk, Sarah Hamill, Terence Hamill, Lea Koehler, and Jen MacNair



Support the Trustees Capital Fund with Gift Cards – Now Accepting Venmo!

Looking for a painless way to support the Trustees Capital Fund? Our church gift card program makes it easy! We offer nearly 30 different gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, retail shops, and entertainment.



The church purchases these gift cards at a discount and sells them to you at face value—so you pay exactly what you would at the store while the church earns a percentage of each sale. Lansdale Deli offers the highest return of 25%. Every purchase helps support the Trustees Capital Fund at no additional cost to you. Stop by the gift card table after worship to see the full selection!

For your convenience, we now accept Venmo! Note: Venmo payments must be made from a bank account linked to your Venmo account, not a credit card, to avoid incurring additional fees to you.



The Mustard Seed Garden



The Mustard Seed garden is doing well this summer. We have taken many assortments of produce to Manna each week. Sunflowers, dill, and marigolds have self seeded and are appearing at various places throughout the garden. Stop by to see them! If you are interested in helping with the gardening, please let the office know.

MISSION of the Month September 2026

September Mission of the Month: L.I.G.H.T.

This September, our Mission of the Month is L.I.G.H.T. (Living in God's Heavenly Truth), a ministry serving teenagers in Upper Darby, PA.

Our previous Youth Director, Dayjoh King, and his wife Kayla founded L.I.G.H.T. five years ago to address the growing need for discipleship among young people ages 12–18. Many of the teens they serve face difficult circumstances, including poverty, drug use, violence, and other challenges that can make it difficult to understand who they are and where they fit in the world.

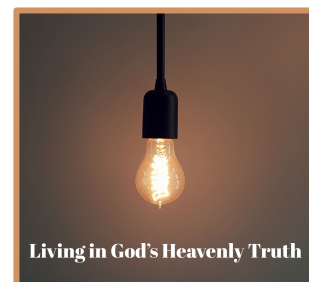
L.I.G.H.T. is designed to help young men and women discover their God-given identity, understand their significance and purpose, and learn to walk confidently in their faith. Through mentorship and discipleship, the ministry provides opportunities for teens to grow spiritually while also receiving practical support and encouragement.

L.I.G.H.T. offers:

- Mentorship and discipleship
- Trips and exposure experiences
- A safe, welcoming environment
- Meals and beverages
- Work and career experiences

By meeting young people where they are, Dayjoh and Kayla are able to build relationships, understand the challenges teens face, and help them see the hope and possibilities God has for their lives.

Your prayers and financial gifts can help Dayjoh and Kayla continue to provide a safe place where young people can discover their identity, grow in faith, and learn to live in God's truth.



Food Drive Collection, 2026

Jan - 56 lbs	Apr - 300 lbs	Jul - 376 lbs	Oct -
Feb - 314 lbs	May - Unknown	Aug -	Nov -
Mar - 215 lbs	Jun - Unknown	Sep -	Dec -



College Boxes

If you are, or have, a college student or military person who will be living away from home or commuting from home this school year, please contact the church office with mailing address information so we can send them a goodie box from our church family. Contact Lucinda Gunn, lac335@gmail.com with questions



Mission of the Month: We Want Your Suggestions

Each month, our church has the opportunity to support a Mission of the Month—an organization or ministry that is making a difference in the lives of people in our community and around the world.

We would love to hear your suggestions! Is there a local organization, community ministry, food pantry, school program, mission project, or other worthwhile cause that you believe our congregation should consider supporting?

Our Mission of the Month program is one way we can put our faith into action and extend the church's ministry beyond our walls. Your suggestion could help bring attention and support to a mission that is especially meaningful to you.

Have an idea? Please share it with Terence Hamill, Chair of the Mission Committee or submit your suggestion to the church office. We look forward to hearing your ideas and discovering new ways we can make a difference in our community and beyond.



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families, of different sizes and food preference. We need people to provide meals on Sept. 16th, Sept. 18th, Sept. 21st, Sept. 23rd, Sept. 25th, Sept. 28th, and Sept. 30th. We will get the list of family size and preference at the beginning of September. If you would like to sign up, please use the Sign Up Genius on the church website, or get in touch with Jean Davis (jeandavis108@comcast.net).

Thank you!

Jesus Jammerz and Grace Notes Choir Begin September 20th!

Who: Children in K to 2nd Grade
 First combined practice: 20-Sep-2026
 When: Sundays 12:15 – 1:00 pm
 Where: Choir room and Narthex

Spark your child's

- Love of music
- Connection with worship
- Rhythm & Singing
- Friendships
- Faith foundation through music

For more information email:

Nanci.Landes@CUMCLansdale.org and Katie.Campbell@CUMCLansdale.org



FINANCIAL REPORT

Christ United Methodist Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance July 2026

	Jul-26	YTD
Revenue		
Total Revenue	\$ 43,204.59	\$ 368,582.36
Expenditures		
Total 4000 Missions	\$ 10,125.25	\$ 66,368.58
Total 5000 Programs	\$ 1,282.56	\$ 17,776.28
Total 6000 Salaries and Benefits	\$ 30,358.80	\$ 212,582.79
Total 7000 Property, Maintenance & Utility	\$ 8,146.59	\$ 92,847.98
Total Expenditures	\$ 49,913.20	\$ 389,575.63
Net Operating Revenue	\$ (6,708.61)	\$ (20,993.27)

Dear Members and Friends of CUMC, shown above is a summary of our church financial report for the month of July and Year-to-Date. Operating Budget income in July was \$43,204.59 and expenses were \$49,913.20, giving a deficit for the month of (\$6,708.61). Year-to-Date Operating Budget income is \$368,582.36, expenses are \$389,575.63, giving an overall Operating Budget deficit of (\$20,993.27). We thank you for your continued financial support of our church and its ministries. –CUMC Finance Committee

Preschool Express is gearing up for a new school year!

Preschool Express is so blessed to welcome both new and familiar faces back to school this year on September 14! We're so excited for another wonderful year of learning, laughter, friendship, and faith-filled fun. This month we'll celebrate Johnny Appleseed with homemade applesauce and enjoy the return of monthly chapel with Pastor Tawny!



We still have a few openings! Stop by and see us at Third Friday in Souderton (September 25th) or First Friday in Lansdale (October 2nd). If you know a family looking for a warm, nurturing preschool, visit preschoolexpress.org to learn more!

Perky Promenaders Fun Night

Did you know that we have a group of square dancers that meets at the church every Monday night? Did you know that there are members of our church and other familiar faces that are part of this group?

Come out on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026 for a free fun night from 7:00-8:30 PM! Try square dancing, meet some new friends, or find a new form of exercise--this night is a good trial nighty for all of those! For more info, scan the QR code!



Friendly Seniors September Meeting

Friendly Seniors will meet on Wed., September 16th at the one room school house in Chalfont on County Line and Folly Roads at 1 PM for a tour. Please call Jean Davis, 267-218-2569. Admission is free.



September Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us for our July Blood Drive on Thursday, September 10th from 1 - 6 PM! Giving blood is one of the easiest ways you can give back to and support your community!

The Red Cross is partnering with Hello Kitty® and Friends to remind you that one small act of kindness can travel far. When you give blood, your donation goes places and can make a real difference.



Something supercute is here! When you come to give Sept. 1-20, 2026, you'll receive an exclusive American Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and surprise sticker pack (which three stickers will you get?), while supplies last! Clip it and carry your kindness wherever you go. ^_^



Register for your appointment with the QR code to the right!



The new fridge is here!

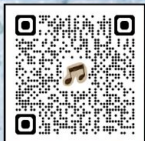
It is an exciting time for everyone involved with the ministries in our church that serve and prepare meals! The new fridge has arrived and will allow us to continue to share our hospitality with those around us! It is also on wheels, which will allow us to clean the kitchen more easily!

We are still in the process of organizing the kitchen to be used, with the church picnic allowing us to debut the upgrades! Thanks be to God for providing for us and enabling us to provide for those around us!

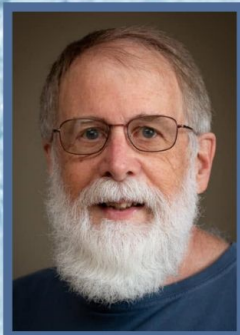
2026 Men's Retreat

November 6-8 | Camp Innabah | Spring City, PA

For more
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welcome
letter here



CHRISTIAN LIVING INSPIRED BY JAZZ



The 15th Annual Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Innabah this coming November. There will be 4 guest speaker sessions as well as a time of service.

Our keynote speaker this year is Rev. Jim Goudie, a retired UMC pastor with a formal knowledge of electronics and physics who lives near Mt. Joy. In addition to his professional credentials, Rev. Jim has also amounted an impressive array of volunteer experiences, including teaching in Washington D.C., working at Camp Horseshoe, serving as a church teacher, dishwasher, and photographer, photographing concerts in Lancaster, and leading therapeutic photography groups at Lebanon VA Medical Center.

To register, contact Ed Hartmann to, edhart3399@gmail.com | (215)-896-3399.
Please RSVP by Sunday, October 18th. We hope you will join us and invite others to attend with you!

Cost (includes meals):
Whole Weekend: \$165
One Night: \$145
Saturday Only: \$85



2026 Women's Retreat

November 6th-November 8th
Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center, Lebanon, PA

A Weekend with the Psalms: From Lament to Praise

All women of Christ UMC as well as friends and neighbors are welcome to attend a weekend of rest and renewal at camp Gretna Glen. The retreat is a way to foster fellowship among women who desire to grow closer to God. This year the leadership team includes: Jen Hopple, Marge Kramer, Tina Eckhart, Jeanmarie Loss, Pam Nicholson, Diana Ricci, and Pastor Tawny. We always appreciate extra help, so if you are interested in assisting with a small piece of the retreat, please reach out to let us know!

To attend the retreat, please complete the registration form on the church website, or scan the QR code for the link. Once you've filled out the registration form below, please choose one of the options listed to pay for the retreat. We don't want the cost to deter anyone from coming, so please speak to Pastor Tawny confidentially (tawny.bernhardt@cumclandsdale.org) if there are any concerns.



We hope that you will join us and that you will invite others to attend with you. Participants don't need to be connected to Christ UMC.

If you have any questions about the retreat, please reach out to any of the retreat leaders.

Cost Information:
\$175 for two nights
\$55 for the day

Register
here!





Thank you to everyone who helped us give to The Bean Bag Food Program! Our VBC donations were taken by volunteers from our church to be put to good use feeding those in need in the Souderton area!

What fun to ring the Rainbow Bells as a congregation for the anthem on August 9th! We are so glad to welcome Brenten into this summer tradition and to keep it going for another year!



Staff Meeting Shenanigans! When you wear many hats but forget them at home, you have to improvise!

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SEPTEMBER

Calendar Highlights

- 9/1 Staff Mtg
- 9/3 Cooking for Manna
Healing Prayer Training*
- 9/7 Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
- 9/8 Music Rehearsals Begin
Wise Guys Jazz Group Rehearsal*
- 9/9 Endowment Committee Mtg
Men's Breakfast Group
Music Town Hall
Gloria Dei Rehearsal*
Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
Men's & Women's Ensembles Rehearsals*
- 9/10 Board of Trustees Meeting
Red Cross Blood Drive
Stitching Sisters
Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal*
Adult Praise Band Rehearsal*
- 9/11 Caregivers' Monthly Meeting
Laudate Ringers' Rehearsal
- 9/13 Kickoff Sunday
Church Picnic
- 9/14 Deborah Circle
- 9/15 Staff Meeting
Evening Fellowship
- 9/16 Finance Meeting
Friendly Seniors Meeting
GriefShare Loss of Spouse
- 9/20 Sunday School* Begins
- 9/22 Church Council Meeting
- 9/23 GriefShare* Begins
- 9/24 SPRC Meeting
- 9/26 Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing
- 9/27 Manna Food Drive
Youth Group
- 9/29 Staff Meeting
- 10/1 Cooking for Manna

* Denotes Weekly meeting

Note: All meetings are subject to change.

Looking Ahead in 2026

Sunday, September 13th

Kickoff Sunday



Sunday, September 20th

Sunday School Classes Resume

Saturday, September 26th

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing



Sunday, October 11th

Annual Women's Tea



Sunday, October 18th

Trunk or Treat



Sunday, November 1st

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Tuesday, November 3rd

Election Day



Friday, November 6th

Men's & Women's Retreats
(through 11/8)



Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving



Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent



Join us for Sunday Worship!

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

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

11:00 AM: In-person & livestreamed to YouTube, communion first Sunday of each month



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD.
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV



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