

THE COURT STREET COURIER

September 2025



CORNERSTONE
Global Methodist Church

A Note from Pastor Nathan

August was an incredibly encouraging time in our church, as we had the highest worship attendance since Covid times, we utilized the Truskoski's pond for outdoor baptisms for the first time in years, and I had some online-worshippers come in and meet me for the first time who also wanted to financially give to our church's facilities renovation. God is on the move around us and it's hard to keep up with what He's doing!

As many families dive-in to new routines around the school season, and others start preparations for fall events, and others for surgeries – (goodness, I've talked



to three just today!)-- let's think for a minute about this baptism picture. This gentleman has some social anxiety challenges which is why I'm not featuring a closeup, but that's an important detail to know to understand the power of this event. This public declaration of his faith in Jesus was done at a residence he'd



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never been to, in front of people he didn't know, but through our church that he was familiar with and trusted because of how we've interacted with his wonderful sister and her family. THAT start a new life as a Baptized Christian is worth celebrating!

Baptism for all of us is a public declaration of our faith as well as a deeper participation in the grace of God. It is also a commencement into a new life as a child of God, much like graduates a few months ago commenced upon a new life outside of school and into the new world.

What is God commencing us into next as a church? We'll be talking about that this month! Watch for the invitations to the "Roundtable" events and get "in the know" on the SERVE Campaign! 😊

And then, what is God commencing YOU into next as a vital part of this church and His family? What new person has God brought into your life to witness to, or what new opportunity to serve is He leading you to try, or what renewed commitment to an area of service is He reinvigorating you for?

In the midst of a lot of depression around him, the author of the book of Lamentations wrote in Lamentations 3:22-23: *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"*. He has brought us to this new day, that He has commenced. Let us respond by faithfully taking that next step in our new life together as His church!

Outdoor Baptisms

August 24, 2025



Retired Members' Birthdays/Anniversaries, Financial News & Announcements



1 Molly Richardson
2 Mary Lowery
9 Marylee Haupt
12 Lorin Johnson
12 Kevin Mabry
13 Robert Marshall
26 Dick Hoffman



4 Frank & Darlene Craver
5 John & Sandy Schimmel
9 Bill & Joyce Wenning
9 Ron & Carolyn Ardrey
10 Mike & Marilyn Connor
11 Ron & Sue Graham
18 Thomas & Tracey Kramer

SENIORS:
WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME
ADDED TO OUR BIRTHDAY
AND ANNIVERSARY LIST IN THE
COURT STREET COURIER?
WE'D BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU!!!

Please notify the office:
janet@ourcornerstone.org
or call
937-642-4712



NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

We want to get to know you!

MEET & GREET DINNER

Sunday September 28 @ 6:00

Upper Room

RSVP REQUIRED

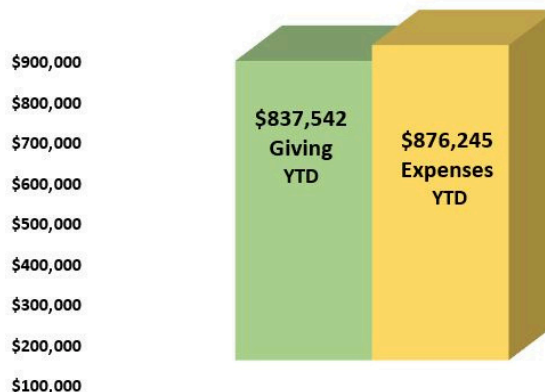
Church App or peggy@ourcornerstone.org

"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners,
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."
Hebrews 12:3

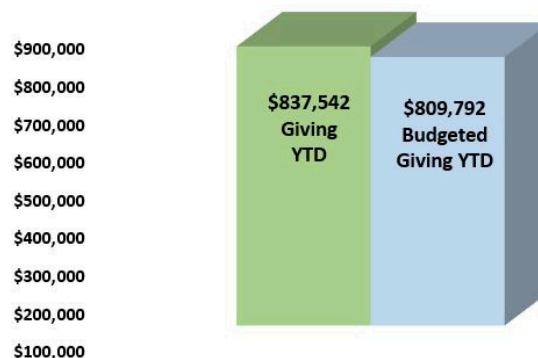
Financial News



Giving vs Expenses Year to Date July 2025



Giving vs Budget Year to Date July 2025



You are invited to

Ladies Annual Tea

Sunday, September 28
at 2pm

Program:
"Christian Mission Work"
by Jean Heller
Special Music:
HIM Puppets

Light Refreshments
Served

Children Welcome

RSVP by September 22
Carol Denman 937-243-4835
caroldenman@earthlink.net

Family Spotlight

Allen & Christine Mastin



Allen and I have only been married for 10 and a half years, so we both have long life stories from before we met.

CHRISTINE: For most of my childhood, my father was in the Navy, so each of my three siblings and I were all born in different parts and even outside of the United States. When I was in high school, after my father retired from the service, our family moved to Central PA where my father and mother were from. We moved from Virginia Beach to the middle of nowhere. We thought our lives were over...culture shock for sure. But for any families and youth going through something like this, just remember, all you need is a new best friend and all is well again, no matter where you live. Sometime later I met a wonderful young man named Jeff and in time we married.

We were young so we didn't want children right away. After six years we decided to have our first child. Unfortunately, it took another five years and a lot of anxiety before we would have our only child, a son, named Kellen. It was like God said, "You thought you were in control, but I was". After 23 years of a blessed marriage, Jeff contracted spontaneous ALS. Not good! This diagnosis took Jeff, me, our son, family and friends through a two-year journey which was heart wrenching, but full of blessings at the same time.

While Jeff's body was dying, his mind was surprisingly at peace with it all (except for knowing that he will no longer be there for Kellen and me). He was a much stronger and mature Christian than I was at that time. Seeing how he went through all of this with a "peace that passes all understanding," made me want what he had.

After his passing, I started devoting much of my time working on digging deeper into God's Word and Bible teachings. After some time, people around me started telling me that they felt that I had a calling to the ministry on my life. I wasn't convinced but after time I started to feel it for myself. I started through the process to become a licensed local pastor in the UMC, and all it took was giving up the

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month of July for ten years of traveling to Washington D. C. for seminary classes, ha ha! If you had known me at that time in my life, you would not have believed that I would have done any of that. But when you receive a calling on your life, you find yourself doing what you never thought you would. So, I went on to be a minister and with that some big changes came into my life. With my second assignment I had to sell our home and move to southern PA. By then my son was out of college and I was able to go. My life could not have been any more different at that time than I had been used to. With my third assignment I was moved all the way north in PA to the PA-NY border to run five churches, REALLY GOD! It was very challenging to say the least but also rewarding. This was when I met Allen.

ALLEN: Allen was born and raised in the small farm town of Ulysses, PA. He was the oldest of four children and has always been thankful for being raised on a farm. Early on he enjoyed joining his father for hunting and fishing. In high school he was fortunate to participate in soccer, basketball and track. He also played parts in his junior and senior class plays. After graduation he joined the Air Force and got to see some of our country and the world. Once out of the service, his career was in financial services. He got married and had two sons. In time his marriage ended, and it was years later that he met Christine. He was actually one of her parishioners at the time. After he showed some interest in her, which was more than just pastor-parishioner relationship, Christine had to sit him down and explain how and why a minister cannot form a relationship such as this with a parishioner. At the end of her lecture, Allen simply stated that, "he will leave the church and go to another, so he will no longer be her parishioner". Well, he had her on that one. Allen left and they began dating and in time, they married. At this time Allen had already retired to the place he loved the most, to enjoy life with more hunting and fishing. But now his life had big changes also. He was now the pastor's "wife" and was itinerant having to move along with Christine with her ministry moves, proving that none of our plans are to be set in stone but to just trust in God as you go along.

And with their last life change, they moved here to Marysville to be close to Christine's son, Kellen, his wife, Rachael, and their granddaughter, Jennifer. Jenny was almost three years old, and they felt that they were missing out on too much of her childhood. They really like it here and are very happy with Cornerstone church. They received a warm welcome here and have met some wonderful people. They enjoy being a part of the McConnell life group and Christine is on the Leadership Team, the Women in Mission team, the Mission Care Team.

Happenings Around Church

Call WKND

August 1-3, 2025



Thrive Event

August 9, 2025



Men's Breakfast

August 16, 2025



Backpack Blessing

August 17, 2025



Happenings Around Church

Quake Fellowship Meal August 24, 2025



Community Band Concert August 24, 2025



Senior Luncheon August 21, 2025



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday morning groups at the church: 7am Men's Bible Study, 9am Golden Girls, 10:30am Faith Sisters
All welcomed to any group!

Wednesday evening groups at the church: 6pm or 6:30pm start times

For more information check the church calendar, with the ministry leader, or Pastor Peggy
(Pastor Peggy - peggy@ourcornerstone.org)

Sept 1		Office Closed - Labor Day
Sept 2	12pm	Cornerstone Crocheters (Room 157)
Sept 2	6pm	Caring Hearts Grief Support Group (Courtyard)
Sept 7	9am	Join Our Church Family Class (Room 155)
Sept 7	4pm	Corn Roast & Hymn Sing (Mabry's -17850 Kleiber Rd, Marysville)
Sept 8	9:30am	Christian Quilters (Room 157)
Sept 10	6:30pm	KICK Club, Outbreak, & Adult Classes resume (various locations)
Sept 14	9&10:30am	Missions Sunday (both services)
Sept 14	9am	Join Our Church Family Class (Room 155)
Sept 15	7pm	Game Night-Chicken Foot Dominos (BCR)
Sept 16	10am	WIM-Women in Mission Meeting (Mills Lounge)
Sept 16	6pm	Caring Hearts Grief Support Group (Courtyard)
Sept 21	9&10:30am	3 rd Grade Bible Presentation (both services)
Sept 21	10:30am	Join Our Church Family Class (Room 157)
Sept 21	1pm	Men's Trap Shoot (Indian Lake Fish & Game Club)
Sept 22	9:30am	Christian Quilters (Room 157)
Sept 28	10:30am	Join Our Church Family Class (Room 155)
Sept 28	2pm	Ladies Annual Tea (BFLC)
Sept 28	6pm	Meet & Greet Dinner (Upper Room)

Notify the church office, if you would like added to the Court Street Courier mailing.