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News from Christ Community United Methodist Church
3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

MAY 2017



Deaths in Our
Church Family

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

Bobby Hartman, who died April 1,

Norman Swope who died April 3, and

Grace Rothermel who died April 16.

Vacation Bible School is July 10th - 14th
- Hero Central - Discover your strength in
God.



Puppet Team

and Spiritual Uplifting!!

Spring Puppet Show - Sunday,
May 7th at 6:30 P.M. Free with a
free-will offering. Puppets will
perform Black Light Puppetry,
Songs & Skits for all Ages. Come
for a Fun Night of Christian Songs



And, do not forget to do good and to
share with others for with such sacri-
fices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Hi -

“Thank you” is a simple phrase, but still it’s meant
to show that we appreciate your help more than you
could know! The mean you served to our VIM and to
members of our congregation was delicious and en-
joyed by everyone! Thank you for your kind hospital-
ity!
God Bless,

Jinny Harnum & Ryan K. Gephart, Pastor CUMC

Dear Friends & Members,

I wish to thank you all for the prayers
and support during my illness. To me
this is what brought me through the
surgery. With God’s help, thank you
again - Love to all,



Beatrice Shue (mother of Diane Jay)



Address Changes:

Zip code wrong in last
month’s Newsletter for

**Margaret Herman, - Mailing
Address:** Margaret Herman c/o

Mark Herman, 233 E. Grant Street, Greencastle, PA
17225

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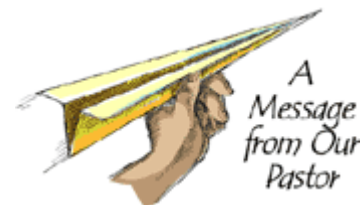
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The “In Between” Time

My greatest frustration with surgery was (and still is) the recovery time. “Recovery time” is “in-between-time” – the time between a major event and being able to return to life as normal. The problem with such thinking, though, is the concept of “normal.” Perhaps the reason “in-between-time” is so frustrating is because we are developing a new framework for how we will understand and operate in a “new normal.” I can’t return to life like it was: I can’t undo what’s been done. Likewise, I don’t yet know what is to come, and so I’m stuck...“in-between.” There may be no more crucial time in our lives to remember God’s Word than our “in-between” times: for without God’s Word reminding us of our identity in Him (and our future with Him), we might attempt a new normal without Him.

The time between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, and His ascension and the coming Holy Spirit, was certainly an “in-between” time for his followers. Normal was shifting: from life with Jesus resurrected and with us; to life with Jesus on His throne and no longer with us (at least in body). The words Jesus shared with His disciples before “normal” shifted now reminded them (and remind us) to keep our identity firmly rooted in Him:

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” – John 14:15-19

Because Jesus lives, we also will live. Regardless of the circumstances that define our “normal,” the truth is that through Jesus we always have new normal: resurrection; everything else is just character development.

In His Spirit,
Pastor Randy

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Attention College Scholarship Applicants:

Scholarship Applications will be available on Monday, **May 1, 2017**. The deadline for submission of applications will be on Friday, **June 30, 2017** at 11:30a.m. Applications may be picked up at the church office.

May at Christ Community



MEETINGS

May 7 8:20 am First Service
 9:40 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Second Service
 6:30 P.M. Spring Puppet Show
 7:00 pm Prayer Time

May 2 - Color Guard, 6:30 pm
4, Staff, 4:00 pm
4, 11, 18 & 25 - Praise Team, 7:00 pm
4, 11, 18 & 25 - TOPS Wt. Loss, 5:00 p
11 - VBS Meeting
18 - Worship Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

EVENTS

May 14 8:20 am First Service
 9:40 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Second Service
 Noon - Tweeners
 7:00 pm Prayer Time

May 4,5 & 6th - Annual Conference

2 - Puppets, 6:00 pm
2, 9 16 (Last) - Bells, 6:30 pm
3, 1 0, 17, 24, 31- Prayer time, 8:30 am &
Ladies Bible Study Group, 9:30 am
3, 10, 17, 24 (Last) Youth, 6:00 pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31- Choir, 7:00 pm
7, Spring Puppet Show, 6:30 pm
7, 14, 21 & 28 - Prayer Time, 7:00 pm
9 - Happy Hearts, 2:00 pm
15 - Busy Bees-Pot Pie Sale, 2:00-5:00 pm
16 - Christian Classics, 7:00 pm
25 - Preschool Graduation, 6:30 pm
27 - PreK 5K

May 21 8:20 am First Service
 9:40 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Second Service
 7:00 pm Prayer Time

May 28 **Graduate Sunday**
 8:20 am First Service
 9:40 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Second Service
 7:00 pm Prayer Time



Happy Hearts is taking a hiatus during the summer months.



The Uganda Team is in need of large pieces of luggage in good enough condition to make a one-way trip to Africa.

Upcoming Communion Dates

May 7, 2017 - 4th Sunday after Easter

June 4, 2017 - Pentecost

July 2, 2017 - The Season after Pentecost

August 6, 2017 - The Season after Pentecost



April Birthdays

- 01 Carolyn Young
- 01 Greg McCahan
- 01 Jessica Oglesby
- 01 Ashleigh Hile
- 02 Brooke Landis
- 02 Skylar Maurer
- 03 Amber Wilson
- 03 Leah Hepner
- 03 Andy Rains, Jr.
- 03 Abby Jo Rains
- 04 Laura Walter
- 04 Michelle Mack
- 05 Lloyd Bailey
- 05 Steve Shaw
- 05 Marinna Carroll
- 05 Thomas Blake
- 06 Deb Betz
- 07 Gannon Steimling
- 09 Terry Peterson
- 09 Galen Schmidt
- 09 Barry Robison
- 10 Cheryl Bohler
- 11 Sally Stong
- 11 Emma Apanel
- 12 Kristi McCormick
- 12 Natalie Howell
- 12 Jocelyn Smith
- 12 Bryce Toland
- 13 Bill Bingaman
- 14 Brenda Shaw
- 14 Cole Brandt
- 15 Michael Ede
- 16 Beverly Mitchell
- 16 Marcy Inch
- 17 Helen Hoover
- 17 Carl Brouse
- 17 Joy Hoke
- 17 Christopher Shrom
- 18 Maryann Ruch
- 18 William Moore
- 18 Ben Beaver, Sr.
- 18 Dana Walter
- 19 Paul Aungst
- 19 Gayle McNally



Reminder: The Fundraiser Uganda team has car wash cards, Weis Markets & Giant Cards as fund raisers for their Uganda Trip 2018. Please see Betty Davis or contact the office.

May Anniversaries



- 1/1966 Linda & Keith Long
- 2/1992 Eric & Melissa Portzline
- 6/1967 Charles & Nancy Lilley
- 6/1964 James & Sharon Roberts
- 7/1977 Robert & Tamie Wolfe
- 7/1977 Robert & Tamie Wolfe
- 10/2003 Andrew & Tina Rains
- 12/2009 Matthew & Mary Beth McCahan
- 13/1953 Bill & Nancy Bingaman
- 13/1989 Judi & Ken Jessick
- 14/2016 Lindsey & Jared Kratzer
- 16/2009 Jim & Teresa Younkin
- 18/1974 Diane & Leo Jay
- 20/1995 Heidi & Ken Carroll
- 20/2006 Dayne & Angela Lash
- 23/1969 Larry & Theresa Koch
- 23/1982 Steve & Stephanie Rauch
- 23/1992 Laura & David Walter
- 24/2008 Steven & Mara Diehl
- 24/2015 Kealy & Jared Stumpff
- 25/1969 Charles & Susy Tressler
- 25/1985 Wendy & Scott Hoke
- 25/1996 Jeff & Anne Carter
- 26/2007 Tara & Dan Hoffman
- 27/1989 Scott & Gail Nace
- 30/1998 Scott & Cindy Davis
- 30/2008 Marty & Sabrina Sickle
- 31/1975 Bill & Sandy Graefe

Spring Cleanup

Spring is in the air! And just as you're in the mood to begin the spring clean-up in your yard, the Trustees are eager to begin cleaning up around the church. We are looking for volunteers to participate in a work day on Saturday April 29th from 8am - 12pm. Please let Melissa Apanel or Kim Smeltz know if you are willing to give a few hours of your time to assist.



Camp

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp for children and youth. There are four camp sites to choose from: Camp Penn, Waynesboro, PA; Greene Hills, Alexandria, PA; Mount Asbury, Newville, PA and Wesley Forest, Weikert, PA.



The church has a policy to pay for one half of the camping fee for each camper. There are different theme camps such as: Musical Theater, Archery Camp, Soccer Camp, Kayak Adventure Camp, Mom & Me, Grandparents & Me, Fishing Adventure, Mini Camps, Horse Camp, Family Camp,, etc. If you need more information, contact the church office.

Riverwoods Annual Car Show

The annual car show and auxiliary bake sale will be held at Riverwoods Campus on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 am-3:00 pm



Christian Classics



Opportunities for Growth



Sunday School Classes for May

Ages 0-4	Peter Rocks!
Ages Pre-K-K	Peter Rocks!
1-2 grade	Peter Rocks!
3-5 grade	Peter Rocks!
6-12 grade	Peter Rocks!
Junior/Senior High -	
Agape	People are Asking...Is This the End?
Elective #1	Dan Eyster—John
Elective #2	McCahan

Youth Groups Think Different

Bible Study

Sunday (am) Topical Subjects



Prayer Time is being held in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm every Sunday evening. The only Sundays there will not be prayer time are church holiday that fall on a Sunday.

Stanley Products

The United Methodist Women are selling Stanley Products until the end of April. If you would like to see a book or place an order, call the church office at 570-743-7303. All proceeds will be used in mission work.





PRAYER CHAIN NEWS

“I call to you in times of trouble, because you answer my prayers.”
Psalm 86:7

If you have a prayer request, call Delores Kauffman 743-8322 or the church office 743-7303.

Mary Musser—very ill

Tom O’Connell - cancer

Norman /Swope - in Evan with heart issues, very critical

Bobby Hartman’s family - he passed away

Chuck Tressler - having new battery put in pace-maker

Bonnie Swope & family - Norman passed away

Chuck Tressler - had stroke, being flown to Hershey for treatment

Robert Woomer - cancer throughout his body

Celebrate the Valley 5k Run/Walk

On Saturday, May 27, the Susquehanna Valley Pre-school will celebrate 43 years of “Education with Enthusiasm” with its 10th annual “Celebrate the Valley 5k”.



Registration/check at the Rotary Field in begins at 7:30 am; Free Fitness Warm up for all at 8:00 am; Run/walk starts at 9:00 am; Awards at 9:45 am

Entry fee: Early Bird (ends May 1) \$20.00; May 2-day of race \$25.00; Youth 12 and under \$15.00.

Forms are available at the church office window.



Please remember our shut-in members with a visit, phone call, or “Thinking of You” card to let them know that we miss them. If we have missed anyone on this list, please call the church office.

Those at **The Manor at Penn Village**, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Lee Shaffer, Room 321

Manor Care, 800 Court Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

Diane Rogers, Room 127

Nottingham Village, Strawbridge Road, Northumberland, PA 17857

Frances Tisot, Room 128

Erma Hawley

Brookdale-Grayson View, 29 Grayson View Court, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Marge Dunkin, Room 231

Alice Longenberger, Room 303

Mary Musser, Room 116

Emmanuel Home-800 Priestly Ave, Northumberland PA 17857

Rose Buch, Room 100 A

Martha Zimmerman, 201 Fairview Street, Avis, PA 17721

Betty Kauffman, 100 Pine Lane, Selinsgrove

Betty Snyder, Pennsfield Apt. #5, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove

Ed Wendt, 1713 Sunbury Road, Selinsgrove

Dorothy Wagner, 1839 Cypress Chapel RD, Suffolk, VA 23434-8950

Lois Thomas, 725 Chestnut St, Apt. G02, Sunbury

John Dorman, 228 Meadow Lark Drive, Osteen, FL 32764-8531

What's New With Youth?

April has been another busy month for our youth. The first Saturday in April we had our Murder Mystery Fundraiser Dinner. We had a great night and the youth did a wonderful job! Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who came out for the dinner. April 8th the youth helped with the Easter egg hunt. There were lots of kids at our hunt this year and the youth were a huge help. Thank you!

We are currently getting ready for another youth group retreat at Wesley Forest. We had such an awesome time last year, we thought we would do it again. We will be spending the weekend talking about how God uses all the pieces of our lives to tell His story. We will also be having campfires, going on hikes, playing games and enjoying our time at Wesley Forest. We are very excited for this weekend. It is going to be a blast.

In May we will be wrapping things up for the school year. We have our last destination lesson on May 4th. On May 10th we will be helping to get things started for VBS this year. We will be helping with the Prek's 5k which will be May 27th. Look for more details about that in the upcoming weeks. Graduate recognition Sunday will be May 28th this year. Look for information in the bulletin or newsletter about graduate Sunday if you are a senior. It is hard to believe it is almost May. It seems like it was September and then we blinked and soon it will be summer again. May 24th will be our last Wednesday night youth till August. The youth mission team heads to Kentucky on June 10th. I am also starting to plan the summer calendar so if you have any ideas for activities you would like to do please let me know.

This past month we have been talking about what it means to be created in God's image. We want to live our lives like the master pieces that God truly created us to be. We also talked about what it means to find our identity in Jesus' love and sacrifice. We talked about what it means to reflect that love and spread that message to others.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” ~ Ephesians 2:7-10

In Him,
Christina

Looking Ahead:

Last Youth of the Year- May 24th
Helping with the PreK's 5k- May 27th
Graduate Recognition Sunday- May 28th
Youth Mission trip to Kentucky- June 10th

Youth Summer 2017 Mission Trip



In a little more than 50 days the Youth will be going on mission trip this summer to Frakes, Kentucky. Our youth will be joining youth from around the country to do work at the Henderson Settlement and on homes in the surrounding towns. At this point it looks like we will be doing work projects on the settlement. We will be doing some pressure washing of building on their campus, we will be painting the front of their barn and the ceiling of their thrift shop.

At this point we have eleven youth and four adults going. Everyone is getting very excited. **We have had a youth back out of the trip due to a schedule conflict with a summer volunteer program. This means we now have an open spot on our mission trip for a girl.** Remember youth going on the trip must be 13 years old. If anyone is interested please let me know ASAP.

THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated to our trip. Whether you gave a donation, participated in a fundraiser or simply threw some pennies in our kettle it means so much to us to have the congregation's support. We would never have been able to go on this trip without YOU!!!!

A letter to youth and parents about the mission trip will go out this week. In those letters will be the forms you will need to fill out and return to me. We will have a parents meeting on May 19th at 7:00 pm for youth and their parents that are going on our mission trip. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and to hear a little more about the trip. The youth are then invited to stay for an all-nighter at the church. We will use this as an opportunity to go over some things for the trip and do some team building activities.

In late May and early June, I will be asking you to pray for the youth as they go on their trip and till be handing out prayer cards for specific prayer requests.

Thank you for all of your support. Please keep the youth group in your prayers as we continue to plan for this trip.

Christina McDermott



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

Breakfast Buffet"-

All You Can Eat" Breakfast Buffet will be served by the Uganda Mission

Team on Saturday, April 22nd, from 7:00-10:00 am here at CCUMC. Menu includes: Eggs to order, Breakfast Quiche, Pancakes, French Toast, Home Fries, Sausage, Bacon, Toasts, Pastries, Fresh Fruits, Juices & Coffee. \$7.00 Adults \$3.00 Children - Proceeds will go toward our continued Mission Projects in Uganda, Africa. For more information call 743-7303 or 743-1715.

Thank You from Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Selinsgrove Meals on Wheels, we would like to thank you for your much needed and greatly appreciated love offering of \$3,663.00. (We had a late donation which made the grand total \$3,728.00). We face a growing demand for our meals as we continue to work at raising monies to keep those hot nutritious meals affordable for everyone in need. Another important component to our service is that each and every individual will receive a visit from one of our smiling volunteers delivering their meals each day. Your generous donation will help us as we look to deliver over 8000 meals in 2017.

The Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels receives no government funding, and must rely on organizations, individuals, and gracious businesses like the Christ Community United Methodist Church. In closing, once again, we would like to thank you for helping us serve our community.

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OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Information

Weekly Services

Sundays

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast Bible Study at Bob
Evans Restaurant
8:20 a.m. - Service of Praise
9:40 a.m. - Sunday Church School
10:50 a.m. - Service of Proclamation and
Response

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

8:30 am -2:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday

Phone 570-743-7303

Pastor: Rev. Randall Bennett, Jr.

Minister of Connectional Care:

Dan Eyster

Youth Director: Christina McDermott

Music Director: Julie Thomas

Director of Education: Jamie Waters

Secretary: Barbara Inch - Diane Aumiller

Nursery: Kim Ditty, Sally Yohn, Yvonne
Donovan

Nursery Care

Infants to age four Sundays during 8:20 &
10:50 a.m. services

Children

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. for:
Nursery Beginners, grades 1 & 2
Primar, PreK & K Middlers, grades 3 & 4

Youth

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. for:
Juniors, grade 5 & 6 Junior/Senior High

TGIW (Thank Goodness It's Wednesday)

6:00 P.M. Awana For age 3-Grade 6

6:00 P.M. For youth grades 6-12

Young Adults

Meet Sundays 7:30 pm

LIBRARY

We have books and videos for all ages

Adults

Sunday School Classes

Young Adults Elective 1
Elective 2 Elective 3 Agape Class
Breakfast Bible Study: Bob Evans
Restaurant - 7:00 a.m. Sundays
Support Group - 2nd Tuesday at 2:00

Music

Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. - Tues
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. - Wed.
Praise Team 7:00 p.m. - Thurs.

Seniors

Christian Classics usually meets on the
third Tuesday of each month.

Women

United Methodist Women meet on the
first Monday of even numbered months
at 7:00 p.m.

Puppet Ministry

The Puppet Team meets Tuesday
evening at 6:30 pm.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:-00-9:00 pm Color Guard	2 6:00 pm Puppets 6:30 pm Bells	3 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:30 am Ladies Bible Stdy 6:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm Choir	4 Annual Conference 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Praise Team	5 Annual Conference 9-11 am SVP-Sanctuary	6 Annual Conference
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21 8:20 am Worship 9:40 am S.S. 10:50 am Worship 3:00 pm Multi-purpose room in use 7:00 pm Prayer Time	22 9-11 am SVP - Sanctuary	23	24 8:30 am Prayer Time 9-11 am SVP-Sanctuary 9:30 am Ladies Bible Stdy 6:00 pm LAST Youth	25(Kitchen in use all day) 9-11am SVP—Gym 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Preschool Gradua- tion 7:00 pm Praise Team	26 Kitchen in use , multi- purpose room - set-up	27 PreK - 5-K Kitchen in use (am)
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