the Messenger

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COLONIAL PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship—Sunday 9:30m | **Sunday School—11am** | **Charging Station—5pm**

Easter Flowers



If you would like to sponsor flowers to be placed in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and return it with remittance payable to CPUCC to the church office.

Orders must be placed by April 7, 2025
NO Telephone Orders, Please

The flowers will be in the Sanctuary on ***Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025*** *and may be taken home following the service.*

Easter Flowers

How many? (price per pot, not per bloom)

_____ **Daffodils, 6" pot, $11.00/pot**

_____ **Tulips, 6 blooms/6"pot, assorted colors, $11.00/pot**

_____ **Lilies, 5-6 blooms, $14.00/pot**

Who?

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Given By:

UPCOMING Events

- **April 13—20 HOLY WEEK walk Stations of the Cross in our Memorial Garden**
- **Apr 13th -Palm Sunday—Brunch and Festival following morning worship**
- **Apr 17th – Maundy Thursday, service in Fellowship Hall @ 7pm**
- **Apr 18th – Good Friday, service in Sanctuary and online @ 7pm**
- **Apr 19th—Holy Saturday, brief prayer service and burning of prayer cards in Memorial Garden**
- **Apr 20th—Easter Sunday with Lancaster Brass Quintet, recital @ 9a**
- **Apr 20th—Easter Sunday Egg Hunt for Children following morning worship**



Series:
everything [in] between
Sanctifiedart.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



"Shouting & Silence" - *Luke 19:29-40*
While we will NOT be having a Palm Parade, we will be having a **"Palm Festival" (April 13)** which includes a Pot-luck Brunch and activities for all ages following morning worship.



"Power & Humility" - *Luke 22:1-27*
The hierarchy of our day can be disrupted if we but follow Jesus in this final act of table hospitality that invites us to get up out of our own position in order to serve and lift up others. **We will be having our Maundy Thursday Service (April 17) in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.**



"Acceptance & Resistance" — *Luke 23:32-49*
We will be having our Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 18) in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. This service will be live-streamed.
The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged moving meditation on Christ's suffering.



Holy Saturday—*10am, April 19*—Pastor Cindy will once again have a short service and burning of our prayer cards from the year, Saturday morning at 10am in the Memorial Garden.



"Grief & Hope" — *Luke 24:1-12*
We will have our celebration of the Resurrection on **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 9:30am.** We celebrate Holy Communion, welcome the Lancaster Brass Quintet to celebrate with us, and the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus!"

If you are interested in joining the choir for our tradition of singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah on Easter morning, we will begin rehearsing the piece on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 in the choir room. All singers are welcome and encouraged to join us!



Palm Sunday Brunch—April 13—includes Palm-related activities, similar to Messy Church
Easter Sunday—April 20, 11am—Egg Hunt (5th grade and younger)



Walk the **Stations of the Cross** in our Memorial Garden during Holy Week (April 13-20, 2025)!



Sign up to participate in a **Prayer Vigil on Good Friday, April 18th,** 7am—7pm in our Chapel. Unlike those early disciples, we stay awake, watch and pray. Sign up for a 30-minute slot outside of the Chapel.



We will be **Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday** morning.
Bring your clipped flowers to symbolize new life on Resurrection Sunday



During the program year,

Sunday School for all ages is at 11:00am

Learn more about classes:

For adults: https://tinyurl.com/CPUCCSundaySchool-Adults

For children: https://tinyurl.com/CPUCCSundaySchool-Children

CHILDREN & YOUTH

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me): Toddlers to Kindergarten
Walkers through Kindergarten are welcome for stories, crafts, a snack, and lots of play time in the preschool room next to the Library. Preferred if a parent can stay with young children.

Crosswalkers
Our students in **Grades 1-5** meet downstairs beside the Youth Room. They have a story time lesson, some arts & crafts, and a snack. We have several teachers dedicated to working with the class. For more information, please contact Jenny Gassert at 717-602-9065.

Pathfinders: Grades 6-12
Pastor Cindy leads our Pathfinders. We are using curriculum from the United Church of Christ called *Faith Practices*. Using distinctive practices of faith -- such as "Playing and Living Joyfully" -- *Faith Practices* is a set of versatile, all-encompassing resources designed to revolutionize the way congregations equip their members for lives of faith.

ADULTS

All are welcome! Adult Sunday School is not divided by age or family group. Different classes have different styles and topics.

Library Class (discussion-oriented)
The Wired Word (January12-March 2)
Lessons are crafted from current news stories. News is inevitable--whether it be good or bad. What better way to extract hope from the news than by juxtaposing Bible verses as tools to ponder and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith.

Chapel Group (presentation-style, Bible Study)
Democracy is the law of the land in the US. Our founders rejected singular sovereign leadership as human monarchies tended toward authoritarian and oppression. We will explore the kingship that God authors and Jesus embodies.

Parlor Group (DVD and discussion)
For the Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday, the **Parlor Class** is using a Bible study by Max Lucado, "He Choose the Nails". None of the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross were left to chance. God chose the path, he selected the nails, he planted the three crosses, he painted the sign. And in those details are gifts Christ provided for us - the thorns, the nails, the seamless robe, the empty tomb.



Half Day Play Fundraiser
Orders due April 2, 2025
Delivery April 16, 2025

Individual Bundtlets: $6.50
Buy 4 and get a FREE insulated lunch tote, which you can take into the bakery and receive a free bundtlet.
See details and order form at https://tinyurl.com/HDPbundts

Forms also available in church office



Palm Sunday and Easter Events!

There will be no Sunday school on Palm Sunday. The Spiritual Growth Action team will be hosting our traditional **Palm Sunday Brunch (covered dish) with games and activities for the kids and the young at heart.** If your last name begins with a letter A to K, please bring a main dish; L to P please bring a side dish, and Q to Z, please bring a dessert. Breakfast casseroles, pastries, and fruit are most popular for the brunch. **On Easter there will be an Egg Hunt for children grades five and under.** Please have your children come to Fellowship Hall at 11am for instructions. The youth are invited to help hide eggs this year; meeting time will be

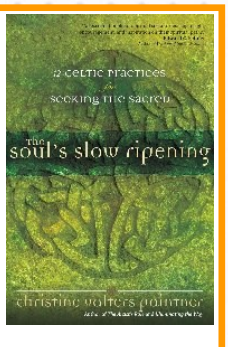
Bible Study Update



Because there are only three Thursdays between Maundy Thursday and when Pastor Cindy will be away on vacation in May, she decided NOT to begin a new Bible Study series this Spring.

Instead we will look at **Amos** in June. Our worship series this summer includes Jeremiah for 6-weeks in June and July—so she thought a study of a prophetic writing would work well. Be looking for details.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP (WSG)



*WSG meets on the **2nd Monday of the month** (with a few exceptions), in person in the church Parlor, 6:30pm—8:30pm. Find any handouts uploaded at* https://tinyurl.com/CPUCChandouts

Resource: Christine Valters Paintner's ***The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred***

April—No Gathering. Enjoy Holy Week!
May 12 - Chs. 10 & 11; June 9 - Ch. 12 and Conclusion

Learn more at https://tinyurl.com/CPUCChandouts

Upcoming Spiritual Springboards



Typically, Pastor Cindy would not have Tuesday night discussions during Holy Week, BUT, she is planning to be away in May and would like to get in a 5-film series from our friends at The Work of the People, called ***Faith on the Margins.*** See trailer at: https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/film-series/faith-on-the-margins. So, she is beginning the series on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30pm on Zoom (zoom link can be found at https://tinyurl.com/CPUCClinks).

Description: In this five-film series, Miguel De La Torre dismantles illusions of salvation divorced from justice, exposing the complicity of Christianity in systems of oppression. Through raw and prophetic truth-telling, he calls us to a gospel of solidarity—one that does not seek comfort in hope without cost, but instead learns to sit in the agony of injustice. This series challenges the viewer to reckon with their faith, asking: What does salvation mean when it is severed from justice? Where is God among the crucified of today? How do we practice a faith that stands with the oppressed rather than benefits from their suffering?

The discussion guide can be found at https://tinyurl.com/CPUCChandouts
Note: The series guide also includes some spiritual practices, additional resources and full transcript of the videos.

April 15—Solidarity with the Crucified - Reframing the Cross as a Call to Action The suffering of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border mirrors the crucifixion of Christ. In this session, Miguel De La Torre challenges us to see the cross not as a symbol of passive faith, but as a call to stand with the crucified of today. What does it mean to take up our cross in solidarity?

April 22— Unconverted - The Fruits of Our Faith - What does salvation look like? A tree is known by its fruit. What good is faith if it does not lead to justice? Miguel De La Torre pushes us to move beyond intellectual belief into a faith that bears fruit. This session asks: Is our faith truly transformative, or does it remain unconverted?

April 29—Providing Sanctuary - The Church That Does the Gospel- What does it mean for the church to be the church? With deportation raids increasing and policies growing more hostile, what does it mean for faith communities to offer sanctuary? Miguel De La Torre challenges us to rethink the role of the church—not as an institution of comfort, but as a refuge for the vulnerable.

May 6—Doing the Gospel - A Call to Reckon with Our History - When we stop focusing on personal piety and start embodying justice. For too long, Christianity has been used to justify colonization, exclusion, and oppression. In this session, Miguel De La Torre calls us to reclaim the Gospel as a tool for liberation rather than control. What does it mean to do the Gospel rather than simply believe it?

May 13—Treasures—Finding God in the Absence of Hope - Where is God when all seems lost? Faith is not about certainty—it is about remaining present even when hope feels distant. In this f inal session, Miguel De La Torre explores what it means to trust in a God found among the suffering, even when easy answers fail.



Grocery Cards

Do you love CPUCC more than you love your favorite grocery store? I'm PRETTY sure the answer is YES! Every time you shop at Giant, Weis or Karns you have a decision to make – who do I want to receive 5% of my total purchase – my church or the store? If you picked "my church," all you have to do to make that happen is stop at the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or in the office during the week and purchase gift cards from your preferred store in any denomination you choose, ranging from $5.00 to $100.00. The church will earn 5% of every purchase, and working together it can really add up. Your ongoing support is never taken for granted and is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Imagine Together

April brings the end of the official tax filing season. While no one loves paying taxes, I try to focus on all the good things my tax dollars are doing – building and maintaining roads and bridges, ensuring security for our country, and especially, feeding hungry children, among many others. If we imagine together the good things our tax dollars are doing, it just might make filing tax returns and paying taxes a more positive experience.

Buy a Brick – Leave a Lasting Legacy!

Support our fundraiser by purchasing a **personalized engraved brick** *for just* **$50!**

Personalization Options:

- *Add your brick to the* **labyrinth** *or your* **own garden.**
- *Create a* **meaningful gift** *for graduates, Mother's Day, or Father's Day.*
- *Honor a* **beloved pet** *or memorialize a loved one.*
- *Feature a* **significant scripture** *or special message.*
- *Opt for an* **engraved brick with a felt-covered base** *for indoor display.*

Fundraiser Details:

Forms can be picked up in the church office.

Order Deadline: May 1

Delivery: *Bricks will arrive at the church* **2-3 weeks** *after the final orders are placed.*

Payment: *Checks can be made payable to* **CPUCC** *(memo: "Bricks").*

Order Online: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/cpucc

Thank you for your support!

Colonial Park United Church of Christ

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

We are raising money to help augment our building fund. The bricks will be 4"x8" *and cost is $50 each.* Please circle below, if the brick is to be placed in the labyrinth or for your personal use.

Please engrave our brick as follows:

Any Symbol Is Considered One Space (Period, Comma, Dash)
All Text Is Centered.

4x8 Brick Labyrinth Personal—Outside brick Personal---Inside brick w/felt

4x8 Brick Labyrinth Personal—Outside brick Personal—Inside brick w/felt

Please return this form and your check payable to:

Colonial Park United Church of Christ
5000 Devonshire Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Name: Phone:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Email Address: Amount Paid:

FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2025.
If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Morra at (717) 829-5823.
Orders can be placed online at: www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/cpucc

Rejoice, Renew, Revive Capital Campaign

Although our Capital Campaign *Rejoice, Renew, Revive* has officially wrapped up its three-year term, It's never too late to support it! Donations continue to be happily accepted, and are still definitely needed for additional building and organ renovations and repairs. Thank you for your contributions totaling $473,341.97 through the end of February, as well as your contributions to the Building and Organ Funds. Your gifts have made possible many important projects to repair, maintain, and improve our beautiful facility. The latest project is replacing the toilets located across from the library. Thanks to everyone who makes all of these improvements possible – our amazing facility team lead by Tom Feit, which works tirelessly on so many different projects, as well as all of those who are financially supporting these projects!

In Recognition

Do you want to recognize an important person in your life, living or deceased, and say "thank you" to God for them while at the same time furthering CPUCC's ministry and mission? For each $15 sponsorship, a notice will be placed in that week's bulletin. You can sign up and pay for dates on-line or dates can be reserved and paid for by contacting the church office.

Looking to the Future:

⇒ Holy Humor Sunday, April 27

⇒ Spring Meeting of the Harrisburg Association – May 3, 2025 @ 9:00am (Salem UCC, Elizabethville)

⇒ Music Sunday, May 18

⇒ Penn Central Annual Meeting – June 13-14, 2025 (Harrisburg, PA)

⇒ November 15, 2025: PCC formal Closing Celebration service at Colonial Park at 2:00 PM followed by cake!

Texas Roadhouse Fund-Raiser

SAVE THE DATE! On Thursday, May 1, we will be having a fund-raiser at Texas Roadhouse on Union Deposit Road. Flyers will be available in the near future – all you have to do is bring it with you when you dine in or purchase takeout that evening from 4 – 9 p.m. And the church will earn 10% of your total bill! It couldn't be easier, and what a great way to enjoy an early start to the weekend! Watch for more details coming soon!

Help from HOME

Looking for a way to help from home?

Computer savvy?

We are seeking a volunteer or two who would be willing to take responsibility for keeping our digital sign and our lobby tv up-to-date with current activities.

We will offer the training and both can be done from your own home if you have a computer with internet access.

Contact Pastor Cindy if you are able to help out in this way.







UPCOMING AREA PEACE and JUSTICE EVENTS:

March 31 through April 28 – Join the YWCA's "21-day Racial Justice Challenge" where you'll gain a deeper understanding of how race, power and privilege shape our communities. Register at this link: https://e.givesmart.com/events/Hcy/

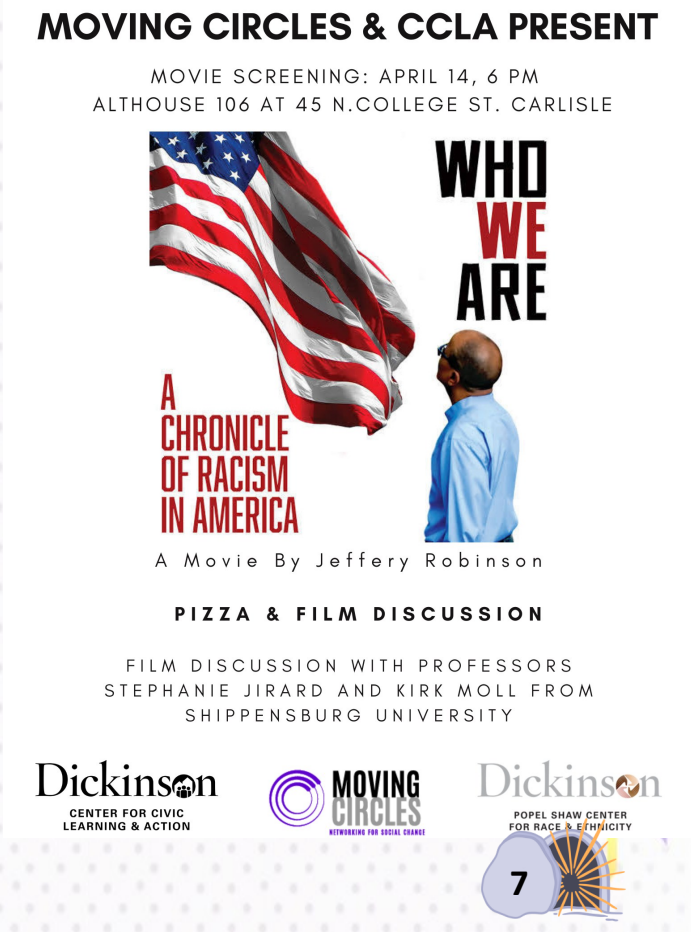
April 6, 3:00pm – Join the Meeting House for the "36th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration" at 1155 Walnut Bottom Road in Carlisle. Hear keynote speaker Dr. Marcellus Taylor honor a great leader. More information on the attached flyer. This commemoration was originally scheduled in January but cancelled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled to coincide with the anniversary of Dr. King's assassination on April 4, 1968. The service will be in person only and there will be no reception following the service. We hope you will join us in honoring Dr. King and uniting together to work towards achieving his dream.

April 14, 6:00 pm – Moving Circles and CCLA offer a film-screening and discussion of the movie, "*Who We Are,*" – Jeffrey Robinson's exploration of the history of anti-Black racism in the United States. We'll have free pizza and facilitation by Professors Stephanie Jirard and Kirk Moll from Shippensburg University. Spread the word! See flyer attached.

April 22, 11:00am-1:00pm – Join the Carlisle Community Leaders Networking Alliance for "Coming Together Celebration 5" at 5000 Enola Marketplace Way in Enola. Learn about new alliance team members in the community. More information on the attached flyer.

April 22, 12:00pm-1:00pm join the YWCA's *Lunch & Learn* series "Cumberland County – Is Human Trafficking Happening Here?" at the Comfort Suites in downtown Carlisle. More details linked in the flyer below.

SAVE THE DATE – **May 29**, 6:00 pm – Moving Circles next Friendship Dinner at Bible Way Hibner Memorial Church of God.



Meet the Member: Sharon Clark



Years ago, Sharon Clark and her husband, Greg, were looking for a UCC church in the Harrisburg area.

"I grew up attending Zion UCC in York," Sharon explained. "Our son, Alan, was in second grade at the time, and when we walked into the sanctuary, he already knew someone. It was Mr. (Tom) Bay – his gym teacher!"

Sharon took that – along with the warm, friendly greetings her family received from the Lubolds and the Greenawalds – as a good sign. Shortly after, the Clarks became CPUCC members.

We all know what it's like coming into a new unknown situation. Sharon was no different. She grew up in a smaller church where everyone knew her. Suddenly she was in a new church where everyone wasn't so familiar.

"That changed when I was asked to join the bell choir and the newly formed YAMS (Young Adult, Married and Singles) Sunday School class," she said.

Since then, Sharon's involvement at CPUCC has only grown. She still plays in the bell choir and attends adult Sunday School where she has also taught. But that's just the beginning. Sharon has served on Council various times as an Adult Faith Development deacon, an External Mission deacon, a Stewardship deacon, and currently as Vice President. She is sometimes lay reader or liturgist and has even preached a sermon for Women's Sunday.

When her children were in the youth program, Sharon helped as a youth advisor. She regularly attends the Women's Spirituality group and has participated in many women's retreats. On top of that, she is a reader at Foose Elementary and has often served at Downtown Daily Bread. Sharon has even been on many of the church's mission trips to Tennessee.

Sharon and Greg met while they were students at Lock Haven University. They married and raised two sons, Andrew and Alan, who are 13 years apart in age. The couple were married for almost 43 years before Greg passed away.

"After Greg's death, I spent a long time working through my grief and rebuilding my faith. I still came to church, but I couldn't read the words or sing the hymns because I wasn't sure what I believed anymore," Sharon said. "What kept me coming were the people at CPUCC. Sometimes I would leave the service and not feel like speaking to anyone, but I still knew their love and support were there for me. And when I felt like talking, there were those who did not hesitate to listen. I am not sure how I would have gotten through that dark time without the support of my CPUCC family. I will always be grateful that CPUCC is where we chose to grow our faith."

Sharon retired seven years ago after working for most of her career as an Information Technology manager for the PA Department of Education – both in database administration and application development.

However, she is not sitting down. Sharon enjoys spending time with her family which includes six grandchildren. Alan and his family live on Long Island while Andrew and his family are local.

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Before Greg's passing, the couple dreamt of traveling and camping across the country. They were able to enjoy extended trips to South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Florida, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Carolina. Sharon continues to camp in her motor home, staying closer to home. As a nature lover, she loves hiking, biking, and just being outdoors. She is also an avid skier too!

"Nature has always inspired me by the way everything connects together," she said. "It's where I often see and feel God the most. When I am distressed, a walk in the woods never fails to uplift me."

When asked if there was something people may be surprised to know about her, Sharon told the story of how, as a math education major in college, she did part of her student teaching at the Antwerp International School in Belgium.

"I took many years of French in high school and college and had wanted to student teach in Paris. Since that was too expensive, I was sent to Antwerp instead, where unfortunately they speak Dutch, not French. The school was for English and American students, so I did not have to teach math in a foreign language," she laughed.

Sharon Clark's life experiences and commitment to contributing in so many ways, have made her an invaluable friend and blessing to everyone at Colonial Park UCC.

Anniversary Sunday

is celebrated the last Sunday of April each year.

1783-2025

We have come a long way!

1784 German Lutheran & German Reformed Church
1829 New church built on South side of Rt. 22
1924 German Reformed Church erected at N. Arlington & Jonestown Roads
1934 Colonial Park Evangelical Reformed Church formed and in 1957 became Colonial Park United Church of Christ
1959 services were held at Northside School during the building of the current church which opened in October 1960.

Happy 242nd Anniversary!

Church Office Will Be Closed

Easter Monday
April 21, 2025

KEYSTONE CONFERENCE UCC

Keystone Conference Town Halls

Topic: Constitution and By-Laws for the Keystone Conference

The future Keystone Conference is inviting you to one of four opportunities to attend an online zoom session which will review the Constitution and By-Laws for the new conference.
The dates and times of these events taking place in April and their zoom links are listed below. Simply use the zoom link that suits your schedule.
The proposed Constitution and By-Laws and an accompanying letter can be found at https://psec.org/keystone/

April 1st @ 6:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87136926064?pwd=s4J9akujSuROWxqLw6pjMljD666fzY.1
Meeting ID: 871 3692 6064 Passcode: 512084

April 2nd @ 2:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82754562723?pwd=9zrNPNpGOa3wVh7HDxG25VyJ8fe1v9.1
Meeting ID: 827 5456 2723 Passcode: 123783





THE GIVING TREE

"TAKE ONE, GIVE ONE"

For April, we will be collecting items for

Prison Ministries Work Release Program

They have a real need for hygiene items: especially soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant. Please, if possible, purchase full size items, not travel size. Any donations will be gratefully received.

TAKE a tag from the GIVING TREE, GIVE an item on the tag, and place your purchase on the tree or in the containers under the tree.

Harrisburg Food Pantry

For the month of April, we are requesting **canned tuna or chicken, Ramen noodles, or any kind of noodles, and canned fruit** for the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry. You may place items in the grocery cart.

Blessing Box

Please continue to donate items for our Blessing Box. These donations directly benefit our local neighbors. You may place items directly in the Blessing Box anytime or in the Alcove, we have also placed a basket in the Narthex to receive donations.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Church World Service Blanket fund, we received $285.



Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits for Church World Service will need to be received by the end of April.

Learn more:

https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/hygiene-kits/



From the Thrift Shoppe

If you haven't been around the back of the church, you haven't seen the three sheds that are there for the Thrift Shop merchandise. We have named them "Baby Shed", "Momma Shed" and "Papa Shed." The Baby Shed holds all the appliances for sale. The Momma Shed has toys, games, etc. and the Papa Shed has all the clothes that used to be rolled out onto the parking lot when the Shop was open. We no longer have to worry about the weather for the clothes!

The Shop opened in September 2022 and has grown and done very well. The income from the shop up to the end of 2024 was $104,602.38. $50,000 was given to the church and $12,560 was given to other charities. We had $33,133.60 in expenses due to start up materials and the shed purchases.

We continue to get organizations that need things. These organizations are always welcome to pick and choose what they need at no cost.

There is also a POD in the back parking lot. During the construction we were not able to accept donations inside the Activity Room. We continue to get wonderful donations and the POD continues to fill up!

There is always a need for volunteers for the Thrift Shop. There is something for everyone to do so if you have a few hours every week, just show up and we will find something for you to do.

Ye Olde Devonshire Thrift Shoppe Hours

Wednesdays	**10am—2pm**
Fridays	**10am—2pm**
Saturdays	**10am—2pm**

Always looking for volunteer help. Contact Helen Ferguson if you have some time to help out.





Summer Mission Trip Anyone?

Just wanted anyone who has been thinking about joining the CPUCC mission team this year to know that we have finalized the dates and accommodations. This year's mission trip to the Morgan Scott Project in Appalachia will be from **August 3rd until August 8th.** We leave at 7:30 AM on Sunday morning and return to Harrisburg at the end of the week on Friday. I would encourage you to think about coming along for a life-changing experience. You can call or text Sue Reinke at 717-991-1586 for any information about the journey. Please prayerfully consider being part of the team.



Enjoy Gardening?

NEW Lower Paxton Community Garden

Key Information:

- Plot Reservations: One plot per household.
- Eligibility: Must be a resident of Lower Paxton Township and 18 years or older.
- Location: 4905 Haverford Rd., Lower Paxton

Learn more at Community Garden | Lower Paxton Township, PA (https://www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/555/Community-Garden)





Did you know that our Rudy Youth Fund helps to support children and youth attending summer camp? Talk with Pastor Cindy and register with our partners at Lutheran Camp Corporation https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/

Also:
Use code PENNCENTRAL2025 for a 50% campership from Outdoor Ministries on summer camps.

caring for GOD'S earth

Doug Tallamy's insights have inspired thousands to take action. Now, you can watch and share three of his impactful talks, including two brand-new ones!

Watch the Talks Here:
https://homegrownnationalpark.org/recorded-talks/

We'd love your help spreading the joy of restoring nature! Please enjoy the videos, share them with friends, or take it up a notch by hosting a community watch party. We have everything you need to host one of these events—instructions, timeline, and marketing kits to make it stress-free.



HC Spirit Week registration is open!
"Another Way" Hartman Center Homecoming Camp
July 27th - August 2nd

HC SPIRIT 2025

We will be gathering at Hartman Center Campground this summer for another wonderful outdoor ministry experience!

New this year: Interest Groups, 2 hours twice during the week, campers can spend time in specialized activities, like art, music, sports, etc

Register and learn more at hcspiritcamp.org

CAMPS:

Sunday through Wednesday:
Sunday July 27 at 4PM through Wednesday, July 30 at 9AM

Getting Started - Grades K - 1 ($200)
Directed by Katie Price

Intergenerational Camp ($200)
Directed by Aleshia Hawkins

Wednesday through Saturday
Wednesday, July 30th at 4PM through Saturday, August 2nd at 9AM

Camp of the Heart ($250)
Directed by Kara Druckenmiller

Heart and Soul Camp - Adults ($200)
Directed by Jan Garinger

Sunday through Saturday
Sunday July 27th at 4PM through Saturday, August 2nd at 9AM

Elementary - Grades 2 - 4 ($320)
Directed by Allyson Butz and Alex Sattazahn

Middle School - Grades 5 - 8 ($320)
Directed by Carol Price and Tyler Price

High School - Grades 9 - 12 ($320)
Directed by Nathan Limbert and Joy Gobrecht



April BIRTHDAYS

Bold indicates homebound resident

3 Laura Grafov (Reichard), Zach Longenecker

4 Dana Booker, Dianne Hilbert

6 Xavier Booker

11 Karen Hartlaub

12 Eric Sanders, **Linda Yoder**

13 George Long

14 Jason Graft, Nancy Wylam

18 Kai Nupponen

21 Eric McKinney

25 Joan Lewis, Forrest Graeff

26 Pam Stup, **William Mensch**, Connie Spangenberg

27 Larry Porter

28 Richie Mauck

29 Susan Graft, William Dempster



April ANNIVERSARIES

April 7	***Lois & Tom Schwartz***	**52 years**
April 25	***Janice & Brian Mountain***	**38 years**



Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

Serving Your Church

Thank you to all who serve the church faithfully.

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4/6/2025 5th Sunday of Lent	4/13/2025 Palm Sunday	4/17/2025 Maundy Thursday	4/18/2025 Good Friday	4/20/2025 Easter Sunday	4/27/2025
Acolyte ☐ sign up	Acolyte ☐ sign up	Lay Reader Larry Porter	Acolyte ☐ sign up	Acolyte ☐ sign up	Acolyte ☐ sign up
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Usher Cindy Gnech	Usher Thaddeus Sampson	Usher Elizabeth August	Greeter by F.Hall ☐ sign up	Usher Elizabeth August	Usher ☐ sign up
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Nursery ☐ sign up	Nursery ☐ sign up	Collect Money (Council) ☐ sign up	Sound Tech ☐ sign up	Nursery ☐ sign up	Nursery ☐ sign up
Children's Message ☐ sign up	Children's Message ☐ sign up		Video Streaming Live ☐ sign up	Sound Tech ☐ sign up	Sound Tech ☐ sign up



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