

THE BRIDGE

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020
CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Baptismal Font



Communion Table



Worship Center Cross

REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE

As the Building Team worked with our architect and builders, they wanted to be as mindful as possible about how our new church could benefit for natural sunlight, outside winds, LED lighting, and many other things that would help keep operational costs lower in years ahead.

As we moved we also realized that many items were in storage since our unification, other items wouldn't fit into the new space, and some just were worn out. Items that we no longer need and could be used by another church were offered to other area churches in the middle of October before going to a Moving Sale for CUMC members and our community. As much as possible we pray these items will find new homes and be of use to churches and families who can use the items we can't. With reusing items in mind, Rich Charette and a team of amazing woodworkers repurposed,
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Communion Table

Made from the swell shades/shutters and their frames used in the pipe chambers at Allison Church. The communion symbol on the front is carved on a piece of oak that came from an old bench that was at First UMC. Designed to follow the look of the main entrance to the new church.

Receptionist Desk

Made from the swell shades/shutters) and their frames used in the pipe chambers at Allison Church.

Lectern and Pulpit

Re-purposed podiums originally from Allison Church. They were in the Gathering at CUMC. They were white with stained tops. We stripped them to bare wood, added the front, sides and crosses and refinished with an oil base stain and clear coat.

Info Central

Front counter was the CUMC Altar (Originally Allison UMC Altar) and wood re-purposed from book shelves and cabinets from CUMC (Originally from each of the three former UMC's).

Worship Center Cross

Made from walnut boards from Rich's stock pile with a few boards from a tree at Doc's farm. The cross is 18' x 11' x 18". The three main layers represent Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The fourth (top) layer with the other three represent the Four CUMC Pillars. The five, five petal, rosettes represent Jesus' wounds.

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At the end of August, the Kids' Ministry got excited as we made our move to the Spring Garden Campus! There were many volunteers and kids who made this move possible. We started in the

morning by moving everything from the current church to the Spring Garden Campus. The evening volunteers finished the move, unpacked, and set up the Kids' room. Check out the pictures that

were taken from the August 29th, 2020 Kids' on the Move day. We look forward to Live Like Jesus together in our new Kids' space.

KIDS

OCTOBER

- 4 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room
- 8 - Kids' Time, 6:30pm, Kids Room
- 11 - Kids' Ministry Team Meeting, 1pm
- 17 - Harvest Halloween Bash, 2-5pm, Spring Garden
- 18 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room
- 22 - Kids' Time, 6:30pm, Kids Room
- 25 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room (Halloween Party)

NOVEMBER

- 1 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room
- 5 - Kids' Time, 6:30pm, Kids Room
- 7 - Kids' Worship Event, 9-11am, Kids Room (more details to come)
- 8 - Kids' Ministry Team Meeting, 1pm
- PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room
- 15 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room
- 19 - Kids' Time, 6:30pm, Kids Room
- 22 - PreTeen Meeting, 6pm, Kids Room (Bible Trivia Night)



During COVID one way the Kids' Ministry connects with the families is through the Kids' Family Experience. Once a month volunteers deliver this activity bag consisting of a Bible story, craft, memory verse or theme, music links, games, and how to make snack time for each family. During July we learned that we have victory through God! In God's story the Bible from Ephesians 6:10-17, we read about the Armor of God. When you're in God's Army, you're on the winning side! We encouraged the families to share their experience with us, so the Brewer family added some creativity and sent in their July experience. Check out how Ben found things around his home to create his Armor of God!

On Sunday, September 20 we had the Kids' Pen Pal Program Kick-Off. That day the CUMC adults and kids were able to pick up an All About Me handout. From there the potential penpals sent the handout back to the church, so by October 1 all adults and kids who are interested in this opportunity are paired up for the school year. For October and November here are some suggestions for the Pen-Pals to connect. We will be in the Fall season Think about different

activities you can do during fall like pumpkin carving, sharing experiences like from a corn maze, hayride, jump in a pile of leaves, create a Fall craft, and many more ideas. We look forward to Columbus Day, Halloween, the Kids' Worship Event, Veterans Day, the Kids' Harvest Halloween Bash, Thanksgiving, any Birthdays that happened, and much more the Pen Pals can use as an idea to connect during these next 2 months.



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NORMAL?

This summer was in very few ways normal - no long van rides, no days laughing and playing at an amusement park, no new homeowners to bless. But still God has been with us. We have had to adjust and mourn things we had planned and waited to see God faithfully provide. I could go on and on about all the things that we lost over the last few months, as I'm sure everyone could - except God. God showed up and provided what we've needed: a reset.

A reset - what really matters? If you have to get rid of all the fancy things, what is most important? I feel like through this time I have relearned how important relationships with each other really are. I was taking for granted every Sunday worshipping side by side with students, watching them use their gifts by singing, running tech, teaching kids to glorify God. I wasn't grateful for the adults who faithfully came every Sunday and Monday night to invest in the lives of the students who came hungry for more of God's love. I did not

appreciate the sound of a gym full of middle schoolers playing around and enjoying each other's company. I needed a reset. God is as faithful today as He has always been, and this summer 10 of us were able to get away safely on a week-long retreat in Oxford, Pa. We spent 7 days playing in nature, having devotion times and group chats, learning about each other and how God has been faithful over time. I noticed we were all a little more invested in making as much of our time away as we could. We gazed at the stars late into the night, sharing our hearts with each other. Even in an all-day rain storm we found a way to create life-long memories and see God at work despite the inconvenience. I pray that we hold onto keeping each other first, being grateful for what we have and continue looking for God being faithful in our lives.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER

- 4 - Middle School, 5-7pm, Student Room & Gym
- 11 - Middle School, 5-7pm, Student Room & Gym
- 18 - Middle School, 5-7pm, Student Room & Gym
- 24 - Fall Fun, TBA, Student Room & Gym
- 25 - Middle School, 5-7pm, Student Room & Gym

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 7, 3-5pm
Family Worship Night
 (Kids & Student Ministry)

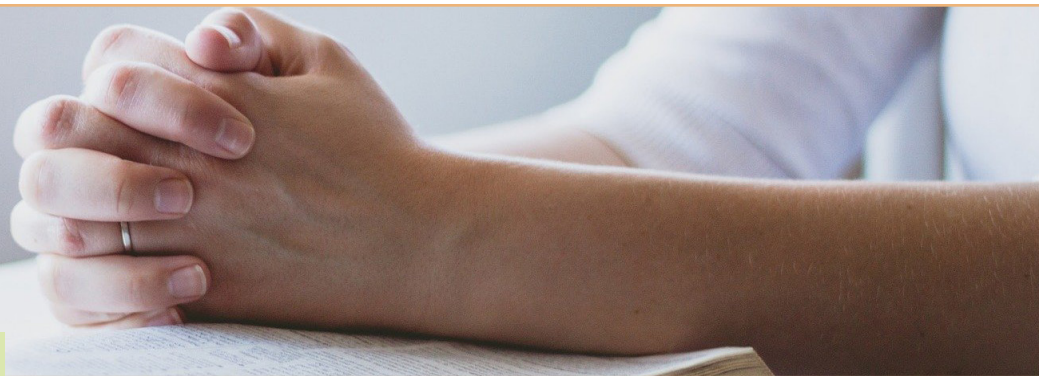
HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER

- 5 - High School, 6-8pm, Student Room & Gym
- 12 - High School, 6-8pm, Student Room & Gym
- 19 - High School, 6-8pm, Student Room & Gym
- 24 - Fall Fun, TBA, Student Room & Gym
- 26 - High School, 6-8pm, Student Room & Gym

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Fall Offerings

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindred Spirits

Sundays, 9:30am, Chapel
Explores the biblical message and how it applies to daily life.

Pathways

Sundays (beginning Oct. 4),
9:30am, Room A2 or via Zoom
Studying the Bible, sharing faith experiences, and being open to what God reveals.

Transitions

Every other Sunday, 6pm
Studying "Seeing the Grey in a World of Black and White," by Adam Hamilton.

New Beginnings

Sundays, 7pm, online
How God is calling us in new ways to follow Jesus.

LIFE GROUPS/CLASSES

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

For women 20s-40s. Every other Thursday, Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 7pm
Diving into the world of Esther.

We are the Church

Sundays: Oct. 4-Nov. 15, 11am
Connecting practices to the design of our new physical church building.

Disciples

Sundays: Oct. 4-Nov. 22, 5pm
Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself.

Brace for Impact

Wednesdays Oct. 7-Nov. 11, 7pm,
via Zoom Learn and practice prayer journaling techniques to build faith and cultivate a closer relationship with God.

GROWING IN FAITH

By the time most of you are reading this, the Fall Adult Grow programming will have started. Life Groups are meeting again on a regular basis, Sunday School classes have resumed, and several people have started attending the Explore CUMC for New Members class. What an exciting time these past few months have been for me and the rest of Carlisle United Methodist Church. I would like to thank all of you who have welcomed me into the CUMC family and made my transition into this role a smooth one.

For my first newsletter article I thought I would share a little bit more about myself and how I got to be here as your Adult Grow Director. I was raised in the Lutheran tradition and grew up on my family's farm in Beaver County, north of Pittsburgh. I went to Gettysburg College where I met my wife Angela and after living in Pittsburgh for a few years we settled near East Berlin, PA while I was working at Gettysburg. Several years later I started working at Dickinson College where I am still working full time today. One of the reasons we went to Pittsburgh was for Angela to get a degree in dental hygiene from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, but a few years after our children were born she stopped practicing hygiene and now works part time as a preschool teacher in East Berlin. Our twins,

Ivy and Jack, are now 14 years old. While working at Dickinson I had the opportunity to take part in a Spring Break service trip and developed a passion for short-term mission trips. Since my first trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi in March of 2006 I have been on fourteen trips with Dickinson, organized four trips for my home church, Emory UMC in New Oxford and been to Haiti with CUMC five times.

My personal faith journey has taken me from being someone that just went to church because that's what you do on Sunday, to a church council president, a lay leader and then to considering full-time missionary service. My wife drew the line at the last one, so instead I became a part-time pastor, serving for two years at Mount Zion UMC, Dillsburg. Along the way I collected a Master of Arts in Religion from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, now Union Theological Seminary, and grew in my faith in ways that I never thought would be possible. I also discovered the theology of John Wesley and became a Methodist!

One of the reasons I wanted to share all of this with you was to show how I have grown in my life and my faith over the years. The more that I have grown on my own journey, the more I have wanted to share that with others and discovered a passion for helping

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HOLIDAY GIVING



It's hard to believe, but we are already making preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2020. This year families in need have

faced unprecedented challenges and both Project SHARE and Salvation Army anticipate greater need than normal for holiday meals and gifts for children. Salvation Army wrote, *"I am so thankful your church is willing to participate in the Angel Tree this year. You're the first organization that has written they are willing to do it, so many others are unable to this year."*

Thanksgiving Meals – This year Project SHARE is asking for sponsorships for 800-1000 families to have a thanksgiving meal. \$40 provides all the sides, \$20 provides the turkey/main dish for a family of 4-6 people. CUMC will have a special offering in November to support Thanksgiving Dinners for our neighbors who are hungry. Watch

the bulletin for more information. **Angel Trees** – Angels will be needed to provide Christmas gifts to 120 kids in our community. Angels will be available starting November 15 in the Gathering. Gifts should be returned unwrapped by November 29 for agency pick up and distribution for Christmas morning. If you are unable to shop but would like to provide cash for a CUMC shopper, please contact Pastor Mira for arrangements. Thank you for sharing the light of Christ with our neighbors during the holidays ahead.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

2020 sure has thrown some curveballs, but what it did not get to take from CUMC was our worship together! With the new Spring Garden church building and vast parking lot it offers, we are able to continue to worship each Sunday at our Outdoor Worship. The outdoor service has given us a way of worshipping at a distance and still being able to see familiar faces in person on Sundays. It is so fun to welcome everyone as they come in the parking lot. I want to thank all of our friendly volunteers who have made this service possible! I know you may not be able to tell, but we are all smiling so wide with happiness when each car rolls through the lot. If you have not already, I highly recommend you trying out this way of worshipping! Bring the family, bring a packed breakfast and join us in the parking lot!

Tessa Hein

MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Audra Clements
Administrative Assistant

Audra enjoys helping others and working as a team to reach a common goal at CUMC. She loves interior decorating, antiques, history and gardening in her spare time. aclements@carlislepaumc.org



Tessa Hein
Welcoming Ministries

Tessa loves interacting and meeting new people. She enjoys shopping/couponing, hanging out with her two cats and being outside and exploring. thein@carlislepaumc.org



Chuck Steel
Adult GROW Director

Chuck looks forward to helping others grow in their faith at CUMC. He enjoys reading science fiction/fantasy books, playing video games and spending time with his family. csteel@carlislepaumc.org

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discovered a passion for helping others grow, too. Wherever you may be in your faith journey, know that there is always room to grow

in Christ, whether that is through being part of a small group, regularly attending Sunday school, or even just taking that first step and trying a short term study. My hope

for all of you is that you find ways to grow in your faith and that I will do my best to make sure you have the opportunity to do just that. ~Chuck Steel



CELEBRATING BACK TO SCHOOL

In early August, CUMC joined other community organizations for Carlisle 4 Kids. CUMC donated over \$2500 for backpacks and supplies that went to over 700 kids in the greater Carlisle community heading back to school. CUMC, guided by Lisa Myers, ran registration and welcomed families to the "drive-up" pick up of backpacks, school supplies and personal care items donated or purchased by our community. As one volunteer said, "It was a great day to be reminded of the diversity of our community and help families in

need in a very tangible way."

In July CUMC also asked for offerings to support LeTort Teachers with gift cards to purchase needed supplies as they prepared their classrooms. With your amazing generosity, each teacher received \$140 in gift cards between Staples and Walmart to get what was most needed for the class or students who couldn't afford the supplies. Jane Boley, leader of our LeTort ministry, shared: "The teachers at Letort Elementary School were humbled by the generosity of the congregation at CUMC as they

received a substantial gift card to use for school supplies along with notes of support and encouragement. They have expressed their gratitude in numerous ways and they feel blessed to be in a partnership with such a caring group of people."

While back to school has been very stressful for families and schools, CUMC helped to provide many smiles and blessings to our students and teachers this fall. Thank you for loving our neighbors in our schools like Jesus would have!

CARLISLE AREA EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County partnered with the Carlisle Borough Council to create the Carlisle Area Emergency Response Fund in March 2020 to raise funds to help deal with the emerging needs of the community related to the health pandemic.

The goal of the Carlisle Area Emergency Response Fund Allocation Committee is to support efforts to reduce the spread of the virus, to respond to dynamic needs created by the COVID-19 virus, to address emerging health-related needs of the community, to create greater capacity to serve clients who are in need, and to meet community

members' basic needs
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refinished and brought to life items for our new church. We are so thankful for their gifts and willingness to share their talents with our church in this unique and beautiful way.

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Made from a piece of oak from a pew salvaged from Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Three Rivers, MA (Rich's parents church). The church was destroyed by fire on New Year's Eve 1988. Designed to follow the look of the main entrance to the new church.

Baptismal Font

Made from butternut and walnut boards from Rich's stock pile. The three supports are representative of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The bowl is from Haiti, hand crafted by a metal artisan. With the cross, dove, scallop shell and Haitian bowl, it is a reminder that we are baptized by the Holy Spirit (dove) to begin a journey (scallop shell) to go out into the world (Haitian bowl) to make an impact in our world for Jesus Christ (cross).

Crew: Rich Charette, designer & construction chief, Dave Brewer, Doc Loudon, Charlie Lebo, Larry Miller, John Roller, Dick Wimer

Lunch for the Elves: Shirley Garrison, Kelley Loudon, Darlene Wimer and Sue Lebo



CONNECT TAKES ON NEW MEANING

The coronavirus pandemic has restructured our daily lives, at home, at church and in our communities. Staying connected has been vital during the last six months. One of the main goals of the Connect pillar has been to stay in touch with those who were alone or unable to do things for themselves. Kathy Charette led a team of Connect angels to call assigned people on a call list. Each week since the spring, those who live alone and members who may have needed a little help received a phone call from a team member. Sometimes it was a check-in to see if they needed anything from the store, other times it was just to say hello and asked how they could be prayed for. Currently, there are over 90 people on the Call List covered by April Butler, Sam Butler, Sharon Edwards, Shirley Garrison, Marian Gible, Maisie Godfrey, Barb Harpel, Minnie Ilgenfritz, Deb Johnston, Robyn & Eric Krohn, Sherry

Monoski, Kathleen Niggli, Sandi Price, Charles & Joanne Reynolds, Carolyn Roller, Don & Nancy Schoeps, Shelva Walker and Jean Yufer. A huge thanks to all who are serving our congregation with phone calls, running errands, visiting, and prayers. The following made masks: Cheryl Hale and Sherry Monoski. Heather Weiser and Sherry Monoski delivered masks. Meals/groceries were delivered by Lauren O'Donnell, Kendra Hatch and Jenn Brink.

Connecting will continue to be challenging but there is hope ahead. In-person worship has begun again, but for some, it is not an option. So how do we continue to support those who need to stay home? With technology and innovations, we aim for all of our congregation and community to feel connected. Live worship streaming, continued connections through phone calls, mailing announcements, and newsletters,

all designed to keep everyone in the loop. Over the summer, Kathy Charette and the team called each of the 90+ people on the Call List to see if they had access to the internet, technology, and devices to access Online Worship. All but a few had what they needed and those who needed help were supported. Some opted not to have the internet, and the Connect team brainstormed on how to get Worship Services to them. One idea is to record DVDs of live worship services and deliver to members in person or by mail. When all the technology and expertise come together, we will know more about our capabilities. In the meantime, let's continue to stay connected to one another through serving, worship, small groups whether in person or online. We trust God in leading our efforts to fit in with His plan for CUMC.

Michelle Williams

PAYING IT FORWARD

Have you ever "paid it forward"? Bought coffee or paid the bill for the next person in line, or given a gift to someone because someone had done the same for you? It feels good to take care of someone like that. This idea was popularized in the 2001 movie "Pay It Forward" and caught the imagination of people worldwide reminding them that acts of generosity are powerful. We are witnessing the same principle now with the

efforts of medical and emergency personnel and scientific researchers assisting us during the coronavirus pandemic.

At CUMC we have many opportunities to do the same. A bequest is a simple and special way to "pay it forward" for the next generation and take care of them in lasting ways. The word "bequest" is old-fashioned but originally meant "to say, speak to, or encourage". Making a bequest to CUMC in

your Will is an important way to speak into the future of your faith community and encourage growth by helping fulfill Jesus's commandment to love another and make disciples. Check out the CUMC Planned Legacy Giving brochure at carlislepaumc.org/legacy-funds/ to learn more or call the church office for additional information.

NEW PASTOR ROLES

At its September meeting, the Leadership Council (LC) approved leadership roles, supervision structure, and titles for our two pastors as Executive Pastor (Pastor Mira) and Vision Pastor (Pastor Jake). The LC has worked with the District Superintendent and pastors from the beginning of the appointment process to take this transitional opportunity to rethink the pastoral roles as co-equal partners with roles based on the gifts of our pastors and needs of our congregation. Pastor Jake and Pastor Mira have worked with a coach since May to help define their responsibilities and relationships. Part of the focus has been particularly on best practices of churches that operate with an executive pastor. Included is a chart with specific

responsibilities for the Vision Pastor and the Executive Pastor and where their leadership is shared. This is what we know so far and as the pastors develop their working relationship this chart and their roles will be revised as needed. Moving is one of the most stressful activities anyone can experience. Moving a church this size during COVID-19 was even more stressful in the midst of a Capital Campaign, too. For those of us who attended the amazing services on our first Sunday worshipping together indoors since March, we saw overwhelming evidence that this new partnership is already working quite effectively and look forward to the new roles for both our pastors.

Kerm Leitner



THE HELPERS

CUMC is filled with helpers who serve both inside our church and beyond the walls of our church into the community and world. During the recent move from our old church to our new church building, CUMC leaned upon a new group of helpers that did everything from packing boxes; telling movers what moves, what stays, and where items go; to unpacking boxes hanging TVs and photos and mailboxes and more.

The move was coordinated by Kathy Charette, with Kathy and Carolyn on the moving out side and Pastor Mira and Cheryl Hale on the new building. Then each day 5-15 volunteers joined them in shifts to make every-



"LOOK FOR THE HELPERS YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPING." - FRED ROGERS

thing ready for worship on Sept 20. Thank you to everyone who helped us move, who prayed us forward, and who gave extra grace as our phones, email and other normal routes of contacting the Church Office were changed over. May CUMC always be known as a place with many people willing to help with whatever tasks is needed to keep our new church home safe and open to our church family and community.

UPCOMING SERMONS

OCT 11-25: POWER OF WORDS

NOV 1-22: WONDER WOMAN

NOV 20-DEC 27: HOPE

VISION PASTOR

- Vision/Discipleship Pathway
- Preaching
- Fundraising
- Community Leadership
- Ministry/Staff Supervision:
 - Worship & Grow

SHARED LEADERSHIP

Strategic Planning (*Vision meets Execution*)
Capital Campaigns
LC Relationship
Staff Team Leadership
Leadership Development

EXECUTIVE PASTOR

- Execute/Measure Strategic Goals
- Personnel Systems
- Outside Groups
- Ministry/Staff Supervision:
 - Finance/Facility/Admin/Comm/
Little Lights & CUMC Nursery/
Serve/Connect

(Carlisle Area...con't from Page 6) including shelter, food, drink, clothing, proper hygiene, health care, and transportation.

As of September 15, 2020 over \$113,000 has been donated to the fund from individuals and business throughout our community and the group has distributed close to \$95,000 to groups throughout our community, including our own Little Lights Learning Center for the new automated thermometer. The group, which Pastor Mira sits on, will meet until all the funds are given appropriately.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Online Worship

Live at 8am & 11am via
youtube.com/carlisleunited-methodistchurch

Indoor Worship

8am & 11am. Signups required.

Outdoor Worship

9:30am,
Parking Lot



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