

THE BRIDGE

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CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Save the Date for a special weekend in worship with a special worship schedule. This Sunday will include a special commissioned anthem and the participation of all of our choirs at the traditional service, preaching by Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, and special activities between services for us to connect with each other, serve our neighbors, and grow together! You don't want to miss this special Sunday. The schedule will be as follows: **8:30am** - Traditional Worship; **9:45-10:45am** - Reception PLUS hands on activities for all ages related to Connect, Grow and Serve; **10:45am** - Contemporary Worship

THE CRT

Our COVID Response Team continues to monitor all public health recommendations from the CDC and PA DOH along with our local community transmission weekly. As conditions continually change, our team seeks to be responsive. Our practices and protocols are subject to change quickly when conditions change. We have particularly been watching the Delta variant that is much more transmissible and deadly. Since our protocols can change quickly, the best way to stay up to date is to subscribe to our Midweek Minute. If you have questions or concerns please direct them to the COVID Response Team Chair, Kerm Leitner kermleitner@comcast.net. Thank you for continuing to live like Jesus as we walk together in love.

NEW GROUPS USING CUMC

- A dream of building our church was to be a new space in our community for community events to take place and non-profits to gather. Word is spreading in the community about our awesome space and willingness to partner with non-profits for special events.
- This fall you will see Cantate Carlisle practicing for their recitals at CUMC. For 2021 their recitals are already set at other locations, but long-term they hope to practice weekly and offer concerts here!
- The United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland Co. is making plans to host their Campaign Kick-Off

here in September and then in winter 2022 the 20th Celebration of Success by Six. Success by Six provides supports and grants to aid early education and prepare kids for Kindergarten in our community. Several kids at Little Lights have received scholarships over the years. We are also in conversations with CPARC (The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties) about hosting a few workshops and special events for adults with special needs and their families. We are also excited about this opportunity to connect with this community agency as well.

KIDS MINISTRY



During the month of August, we (or maybe just Christina) ate a lot of popsicles. We got to know Christina, our new Kids Ministry Director with water balloons and pool and popsicle parties. Christina graduated from Susquehanna University with a BS in Elementary Education and has a Masters in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University. She has spent the past 15 years working as a Director of Youth Ministries at a church in Selinsgrove. When she is not at work she loves to go hiking, take photos, read books, or cook some yummy food in her kitchen. Christina is really excited to be here and to get to know everyone. If you haven't met her yet, please make sure to find her on a Sunday morning and say hello! In August we also had a Sundaes on Sunday ice cream party to welcome Christina and kick off Sunday evening activities.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL...

Looking ahead to the fall in Preteen we will be having a back to school party on Aug. 29. We will play some games, get to know each other and talk about how we can be followers of God in our schools. We are having our color battle on Sept. 12. We will be playing games with colored powder. We will definitely get messy! This fall we are going to challenge ourselves to Be Bold! as we study Bible lessons that help answer some questions preteens ask. We will also celebrate Halloween with a Halloween Bash on Oct. 24 so feel free to wear a costume and we will take time to talk about giving thanks on Nov. 21.

We have some fun family events planned for the fall. We will be having a fun fall day out at the Loudon's farm on Oct. 9 from 2pm-5pm. We will have fun fall activities, bring your pole if you would like to go fishing in the pond and we will have hayrides. We will be having a Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 5-7pm. So before you head out trick or treating, or maybe if you need a break, stop up at the church and have some food, play some games, see the decorated trunks in the parking lot and have some treats.

If you would be interested in helping in Kids Ministry, please come talk to Christina



SEPTEMBER

- 5 - No meeting, Happy Labor Day!
- 12 - Color Battle, 5-7pm
- 19 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 26 - Preteen, 5-7pm

OCTOBER

- 3 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 10 - No Meeting
- 17 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 24 - Halloween Bash, 5-7pm
- 31 - Trunk or Treat, 5-7pm

NOVEMBER

- 7 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 14 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 21 - Preteen, 5-7pm
- 28 - No Meeting

SUMMER OF SERVING

Selfless **E**nergy burning **R**elationship filled **V**ery outside your comfort zone **E**xercise in Living Like Jesus



This summer, CUMC Student Ministry spent a lot of time serving. It got me thinking about what serving is really about. Here's what I learned SERVE is:

Serving is taking time from students that they could be sleeping, hanging out with their friends, relaxing, playing on their phone and instead doing something for someone else.

DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR VAIN CONCEIT. RATHER, IN HUMILITY VALUE OTHERS ABOVE YOURSELVES, NOT LOOKING TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS BUT EACH OF YOU TO THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHERS. - PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Rebuilding a home, or even picking corn in the heat of the day burns a lot of energy when we give it our full effort. This summer 26 students used their energy to rebuild a home, and collect many pounds of fresh produce for our neighbors.

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING. - COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

I could write books about the relationships that have been built serving together this summer, but I'll tell you just about one. Ms. Belinda was the owner of the home we rebuilt in North Carolina this summer. She lived in the home with her two daughters - one of whom was 8 months pregnant. They had only been able to live in a quarter of the home that wasn't destroyed by Hurricane Florence in 2018. The first 2 days we worked on their house without much interaction, but on day three, as we finished up, I got to show Ms. Belinda the progress we had made in the bathroom. She was overcome with tears upon the sight of her almost completed bathroom. She thanked God for sending us there to meet her needs. That night the graduating seniors went to the store and bought some extra finishing touches for in the bathroom (towel rods, TP holder, etc) and got baby clothes for the soon-to-be born little boy. When we were all finished on the final day we gave them not only the gift of their home back, but the baby gifts. Over a few short days students grew together as better friends, we all grew closer to God - whom we saw guiding us every day - as we made another friend in Ms. Belinda and her family.

Typically, every time we have served this summer, at least everyone has done something outside of their comfort zone. It might be simple like learning how to pick a good watermelon or more complicated like how to use a power tool or install new lights or door handles in a home.

I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH - PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Serving is a physical action that helps us to learn to Live more like Jesus. When we serve, we love others with our actions.

A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. - JOHN 13:34





FALL ADULT GROW OFFERINGS

JOHN WESLEY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Tues: Sept. 7-Dec. 7, 6:30pm, A2

Explore the basic beliefs of John Wesley's early Methodist movement and learn how those foundational beliefs allow CUMC to Live Like Jesus in the 21st century. Books available on Amazon for \$12.09. Led by Sharon Edwards. Class presented on behalf of Believers in Action.

THE BLESSED LIFE: UNLOCKING THE REWARDS OF GENEROUS LIVING

Sun: Sept. 12-Oct. 17, 11am, A3

Tues: Sept. 14-Oct. 19, 6:30pm, A3

When God changes your heart from selfishness to generosity, every part of your life journey is affected. Robert Morris presents the secrets of living a blessed life both financially and spiritually. Book available on Amazon for \$14.20. Study guide required at a cost of \$10.99. Min. of 5 participants for class to be held. Led by Stephanie Pepper and James Baity.

LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

Sun: Sept. 12-Nov. 14, 5pm, A2

LIFT will be reading "James - The Steadfast Life." Walk through the book of James and look at what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our everyday lives. Book is required, available from The Daily Grace Co. for \$20. Led by Erin Burd.

MINDFUL WOMEN

Second Mon of each month:

Beginning Sept. 13, 1 or 6pm, A4

Reading and discussing "Walking in the Dust of the Rabbi," by Lois Tverberg. Book is not required for this DVD based version of the study. Led by Christina Benson, Sue Baxter, and Sue Barnes.

TRANSITIONS

Every other Sun: Sept. 19-Nov. 28, 6pm, A3

Study, "The Call," by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton follows the journeys of Paul in this DVD study about Christianity's greatest teacher and missionary. Led by Vicki Morley and Roger Woods.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

Tues: Sept. 21-Nov. 16, 6pm, A1

Based on Pete Scazarro's book. Explore the top 10 symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality and core biblical practices to help us experience lasting, beneath-the-surface growth in Christ. Book and workbook required (\$30). Led by Pastor Jake Waybright.

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

Every other Thurs: Sept. 23-Dec. 16, 1pm, A4

Studying "1 Corinthians, The Challenges of Life Together" by Paul Stevens and Dan Williams. Book is available on Amazon for \$8.39. Led by Christina Benson and Sue Baxter.

EXPLORE CUMC

Sun: Oct. 3-Nov. 21, 12:30pm, A1

For those interested in becoming a member of CUMC, this seven session course covers who we are, the four pillars and how you can use your spiritual gifts to Live Like Jesus. Led by Chuck Steel with guest speakers each week. No book required.

Making Sense of the Bible

Sun: Oct. 3-Nov. 7, 6:30pm, A1

Have you ever had trouble making sense of the Bible? It's a collection of 66 individual books split into Two Testaments. No wonder it's a little daunting! In just six weeks we can find a way to make sense of the Bible. We'll be using Adam Hamilton's study series by the same name. Book not required. Led by Pastor Jim VanZandt.

SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AT

www.carlislepaumc.org/signup

or call the Church Office at 717.249.1512

 Class has Zoom availability

Childcare available Sunday & Tuesday evenings

**MORE INFO ON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES AND CONTINUING LIFE GROUPS @
WWW.CARLISLEPAUMC.ORG/ADULTS**



STAFF

This summer and fall there are many changes on staff at CUMC

Lia Garrett felt a call to pastoral ministry and received an opportunity to serve as an Associate Pastor at her home church in Hanover. Lia will continue to work at Little Lights, but now is serving on Sunday mornings in a new capacity in Hanover.

Natasha Yearsley wanted to reduce her hours at Little Lights as her oldest child heads to 1st grade in the fall so she will be stepping back to part-time administrative and project support for Little Lights.

Tessa Hein is expecting her first child in October and will be returning back to our Childcare Team to help care for our littlest ones on Sundays and evenings this fall. We thank Tessa for her work in Welcoming ministries the past year.

Amanda Cornwell, one of our part time custodians in Little Lights, is headed back to college this fall at Clarion University. We thank her for working this summer to help keep our facility clean and safe for school at Little Lights.

Jenny Snyder, part of our Childcare Team, is expecting twins this fall and will have her hands (and heart) overflowing with a two year old and infant twins so she is not able to continue as part of our childcare staff for this next season of life in their family.

Jason Weeber joins us as the Facilities Manager coming from working in a private school in Harrisburg previously. He brings a great depth of knowledge about facilities and a passion for service in the local church to our team.

Christina McDermott joins as the Kids Director to build on her passion and education in ministry to elementary kids and their families. She comes to us from a church in Selinsgrove after many years as a youth director. She brings lots of energy, success in ministry, and love for the United Methodist Church to our team.

Thank You to our Personnel Team for all their work to honor and thank our staff, plus interviewing to bring the best and right people to CUMC for ministry ahead.

Danielle Garcia joins us as the new Director of Little Lights, overseeing the staff and working to create a wonderful early educational experience for over 120 kids in our community each day. She now is able to work at her son's school and is very excited to be joining our team after directing a center in North Carolina before moving to PA.

Lindsey Underdork and **Alyssa Martin** are both joining our Childcare Team to help care for our littlest disciples during worship and also during adult classes in the evenings. They both come with experience in caring for kids and look forward to meeting our families.

Andrea Katz joins us the Welcoming Coordinator, guiding us as a church to better connect with our neighbors, welcome guests on Sunday mornings, and help guests and friends of CUMC join in ministries in and beyond our walls at CUMC. She comes to us experienced with Certified Lay Ministry having worshipped and led in her home church in Shippensburg.

BOOT SCOOTIN' LINE DANCING



CUMC's line dancing classes have begun again and it has been so exciting to see so many in attendance. Everyone is so excited to be getting some exercise and catching up with each other. The smile on everyone's face when they finished the dance "says it all". Not only are they getting exercise

but they are actually dancing and not giving up when they miss a few steps. As we've been asking ourselves "Lord, what do you want to do through me".... I realize that even though my dancing talent was ballet I can still get the North of 60 group out on the floor and enjoy just the experience of danc-

ing. CUMC members are bringing their neighbors, daughters and sons and their best friends. Line dancing has been a way to reconnect with each other and to praise God for giving us the strength to keep going when we are not quite sure we can. The ladies and gentlemen keep going...they don't give up. We have recovering knee replacements, hip replacements, etc., but they are not letting that stop them. I am so honored to be working alongside these dancers and watching them improve from month to month. God is good and so are our dancers! We line dance the second Monday of the month at 9:30. From one of my favorite songs, "When you get the chance to sit it out or dance....I hope you dance".

Debbie Washinger

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN COMING EVENTS

Sept. 11, 11am: Brunch and program featuring speaker Ash Morley who will address, "Building a Sustainable Future." We will meet in the Gathering/Cafe area. All are welcome.

Oct. 9, 9am-4pm: UMW Fall Bazaar in the Gym/Gathering area. Book sale, vendors and food. Church members who are interested in vendor space please contact Sandi Price, sandiprice1@yahoo.com or call 717.245.8539

UMW will NOT hold an indoor yard sale this year. In the event the Covid situation creates restrictions, both events will be postponed or cancelled. Watch for details in your mailboxes.

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

As we are blessed, Jesus taught us to be a blessing to others. Being a blessing requires us to act and to plan how we will give back in gratitude for what we have received in remembrance that we are stewards of what God provided during our lifetime.

Nature plants her seeds in the fall of each year, and we are reminded to do likewise. While Nature renews herself automatically by God's design, we must prepare a plan to carry on ministry to the next generation of disciples. God's gifts of free will, intelligence, and passion empower us to make this plan.

Here at CUMC we have been talking about the importance of legacy giving and the support it provides to CUMC. After faithfully giving during our lifetime, we have one last opportunity through a prayerful distribution of whatever property we

own at the time we die to support the ministries of CUMC and continue to make disciples.

A brochure describing methods of legacy giving is available at Info-Central and online at www.carlislepaumc.org/legacy-funds/. Consultations with members of the Legacy Team - Jay Layman, Frank Williams, Stephanie Pepper, Melissa Greenwood, Wayne Henderson, and John Seaton - can be arranged. Confidential discussions with Pastor Jake and Pastor Mira are available, and, on or about All Saint's Sunday, the Legacy Team will announce a new recognition of legacy givers.

Stay tuned for this announcement and take a moment to consider how God is calling you to act about legacy giving. We remember and thank CUMC members, past and present, who plan to or have made a legacy gift.

- Jay Layman



HOLIDAY GIVING

It's hard to believe but we are already making preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2021. 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.

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 Nov. 14 in the Gathering. Full details for the gifts will be available with each tag. 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.

SAFE HARBOUR BABYSITTING

The CUMC Serve ministry partners with various community agencies to build bridges and share the love of Jesus Christ. Safe Harbour, which has been providing secure housing for homeless and nearly homeless children and adults for more than three decades, is one of these community agencies. Several years ago, CUMC partnered with Safe Harbour by providing a Homework Club that assisted school-aged children with reading, math and homework. After a few successful years of working with children in this capacity, CUMC found that there was little need for this ministry at Safe Harbour due to the lack of school-aged kids living at Safe Harbour. Many families stay only briefly at Safe Harbour and the population is always changing. For that reason, the Homework club stopped at Safe Harbour and focused on their program at Hope Station. However, starting this September, CUMC has found a new way to partner with

Safe Harbour. CUMC volunteers will be entertaining kids for 1 hour on some Tuesday and Thursday evenings while their parents attend mandatory life skills and parenting classes at Safe Harbour. Volunteers will provide snacks, play games and assist with homework if needed. This not only allows for Safe Harbour parents to attend their classes without distraction or worry of finding a sitter, but also allows for CUMC volunteers to make a difference in the lives of these families. Volunteers showing up to help, demonstrates to parents that community support is there for them. Volunteers showing a little extra love and attention to these children can make a huge difference. You might be surprised at how much of a difference it can make in the volunteers' life as well! If you'd like to join me in sharing the love of Jesus Christ, and getting involved with this program, please contact me (Kendra Hatch) at KCJ66@comcast.net.

KNITTED IN LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS CELEBRATING!

Approx. 608 shawls and wraps, dozens of winter scarves, covers, and baby layettes have been given during our 16 years of gifting.

Our items have gone to many places for many reasons - celebrating retirements, honoring years of service, baptismal blankets, and of course to those who need the gift of love as they go through some life changing trials. Giving to the hospitalized and rehab facilities is always a priority. Our winter scarves are gifted to the guests from C.A.R.E.S when they spend their winter nights at CUMC. Our most recent gifting has been 21 covers to the Homeless to Home outreach.

Our knitted and crocheted items are done with an abundance of prayer in the spirit of Living Like Jesus. Seeing a smile on someone's face when they are

wrapped in their shawl is like a gift given back to us. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl, let us know.

There are presently 10 ladies in our group, some having joined when we started back in 2006. Thank you to the ladies for their faithfulness to this ministry. Their dedication is unshakable. You make our time together so much fun.

Our group is open to everyone, and you do not need to be a church member to join us. We gather the 3rd Friday of the month, September through May, in the Chapel at 1pm.

For more info, contact Lois Weibley at 717.243.4467 or lweibley@embarqmail.com.

FALL SERMON THEMES

Short Stories: Aug. 29-Oct. 3

What is God really like? Why do we struggle to do the right thing? Jesus often used short stories to answer these questions and to challenge us to live a life in the reality of the Kingdom of God. We will sit at Jesus' feet and hear the stories Jesus' told in fresh ways for our lives.

Celebrations: Oct. 10-24

We will have a Grand Opening 2.0 Celebration on Oct. 24 with our new Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball preaching. On the 10th and 17th, we will celebrate God's faithfulness and our calling. The 11am service on Oct. 17 will include a special celebration of the builders who through their gifts built our church.

The Bible For Grown-Ups:

Oct. 31-Nov. 21

As children, we were taught simplified stories of the Bible that helped us find faith as a child. What was oh-so-simple then is . . . well, it's not simple. Perhaps that's because we were taught Bible stories but not the story of the Bible. Based on a series by Andy Stanley.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, September 19 we hope the parking lot has gone to the cats and dogs and animals of all kinds! In several faith traditions they take time each fall to remember the ministry of St. Francis who found God's voice and presence in connecting with God's creation and animals.

At CUMC on September 19, at 5pm we will be hosting a special outdoor brief service for pet owners to bring their furry loved ones for a special blessing and worship. The service will include a time to bless your individual pet, to remember deceased pets, and to pray together.

To help this service be best for our furry friends and their families:

- Pets must be leashed or in carriers (just so escaped animals don't

dart for the woods)

- If your pet is best at home, bring a picture and we can bless him/her/it from afar
- Kids are welcome to bring a beloved stuffed animal
- All pets must have a rabies vaccine to attend
- Stay in your car with windows down or bring a lawn chair to sit in the parking lot.

Afterwards we will have an opportunity to visit with a local group who trains Seeing Eye Dogs and also the Healing Paws Veterinary Clinic who will answer questions about senior/end-of-life care for your furry friends.

Let's be mindful to invite a neighbor (and their pet) to join us for this special service outside.

NEW WORSHIP TIMES

beginning September 12

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:00am - Traditional

Worship in the Worship Center with traditional hymns and traditional UMC liturgy.

9:45am - Contemporary

Worship in the Worship Center led by our Praise Band using contemporary music.

11:15am - Relaxed Traditional

Worship in the Worship Center with a variety of traditional hymns, songs from "The Faith We Sing," & choruses of praise.

After a year in our new Worship Center, we learned that we need more transition time between services. The Leadership Council approved this new schedule at their August meeting. We look forward to seeing you in worship!

*8am & 9:45am services are live streamed to carlislepaumc.org/worshipexperience



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