

GOD'S VISION. OUR MISSION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 1 UPDATE

Throughout our Capital Campaign we have heard stories of families giving generously and seeing the blessings of following God's leading. An 80+ year old woman in our congregation received an unexpected estate from a family member. She called Pastor Jim to come visit and gave us a check for \$10,000 to put towards "building that new church." A family with little kids already tight on their budget changed how they eat out to keep a little aside each month to contribute to the new church for their kids. A retired couple decided to take vacations through this campaign that were scaled back and used a large portion of their vacation fund to contribute to the capital campaign. And many of our seniors living on fixed incomes give a bit week after week making sacrifices to follow God's vision for our new church home.

As of September, we have a little over 6 months to go in our first three-year Capital Campaign. Currently 339 families have committed pledges or one-time gifts after praying, "Lord, what can you do through me?" In our past 30 months of the campaign not a month has gone by without a new family giving – praise be to God! As of July 31st 83 families have fulfilled their commitments, with some families doubling what they initially pledged.

In May Pastor Mira got an unexpected, Friday morning call, "can I



come see you?" Unsure what this was about, she was a bit anxious since no topics or hints were given by the caller. "It's been bothering me that we are at \$3.49... for our campaign and I would like to see our committed amount be \$3.5 million. What do you need to make that happen?" Praise God it became a joyful Friday afternoon!

Currently (as of July 31) we have \$3,502,271 committed and at 80% received which is remarkable. Thank you to everyone who listened to God's voice and gave because of your faith in God and the opportunity to be a part of making God's Vision a reality on South Spring Garden Street.

As we enter fall, early planning has already begun on Capital Campaign 2, "A Move of Faith," with Leadership Council hiring Paul Nixon, EpiCenter Stewardship as a consultant. In 2020 we will begin our 2nd of 3 campaigns, pack up at our current location, and move into

our new permanent home at 333 S. Spring Garden Street.

Thank you to everyone who has given, is giving, and is making plans to give before 2019 ends so that we can hit our goal for this campaign – making God's Vision, Our Mission come to life.

Worksite Blessings

This much I can say for certain, all of the construction workers enjoy the snacks/food that is brought to the site; many have commented that this is not what they are used to as most sites do not get food delivered. The prayers have been bountiful and I think they keep a great team of workers uplifted and hopefully in good health and safety. I am from a generation of construction workers that had food trucks show up to sell food at the job site. Bureaucracy has changed the entire "food truck" landscape to a point that most construction workers bring their own lunch, don't eat lunch or leave the job site for food. The latter does not help with productivity if there are no food options close by.

I would like to thank all of those involved in all aspects of our new CUMC SGC work. Keep up the good work and there are and will be opportunities for the CUMC Members to help with our new church and vision for the future.

Bless you all
Mike Landis



SGC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hot dry weather has been a welcome change for the construction team building our Spring Garden Campus, as it has enabled significant progress to continue this summer.

Our building wings are taking shape, and will be completely under roof by the end of August, enabling many of the other construction trade subcontractors to finally arrive onsite and get to work. These trades include steel erection, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, framing, drivet (stucco), architectural stone, roofing, insulation, carpentry, doors / windows, plate glass and metal work.



Our administrative offices and nursery areas together with the LLLC classrooms have been the first to receive concrete floors, steel roof framing / decking, insulation and rubber roofing, immediately followed by interior framing. Right after the framing of the interior rooms comes the "rough-in" of plumbing, electrical and HVAC ductwork. As rough-in of the Admin and LLLC areas are complet-

ed, the contractors will move to the opposite building wing and continue in the children's, youth, gym / kitchen and adult / community rooms areas following the same sequence of events.



At the same time, site work continues on the parking lot curbing and islands, with stone placement, sidewalks and initial paving of the parking areas this fall.



Building exterior work will likewise be ongoing throughout the fall to complete the drivet and architec-



tural stone finishes together with the installation of windows, doors and trim.

Also occurring this fall will be the arrival and erection of the steel framing, walls and glass

work for our centerpiece worship center and gathering area. Once in-place, the entire building will be under roof and closed up before winter weather sets in, allowing for interior finish work to continue throughout the winter and spring months.

Our updated construction schedule is detailed in the table on Page 8. All the wet weather this spring and early summer has unfortunately pushed our completion date back by more than a month. However, everyone involved with the project is working hard to make up some of this lost time. At present, we anticipate a May 2020 completion date pending no further significant delays. THANK YOU for your continued prayers and financial support of this amazing project, inspired and so richly blessed by God!

~ Jeff Barnes

CUMC KIDS ROCK!

We are so thrilled to have our children be such an integral part of the CUMC KID'S MINISTRY. We offer so many fun and educational things for all ages from 3 years old to 5th Grade. Along with all we have for our kids, we also have things for the whole family. This fall we will once again be part of the Harvest of the Arts in Carlisle; will have a Special Retreat Day here at CUMC for our KIDS'PRETEEN group [Grades 3-5]. Our Harvest Halloween Party, as well as other things to do. Of course, we could not do any of this without our many volunteers. We are looking forward to a great Fall 2019.



KIDS

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Kick-Off Sunday
KIDS'PRETEEN, 5pm
- 21 - KIDS'PRETEEN ONE DAY
RETREAT, 8am-6pm
- 22 - KIDS'PRETEEN Fundraiser
begins
- 26 - KIDS'TIME, 6:45pm
- 28 - Harvest of the Arts, all day,
Downtown Carlisle

OCTOBER

- 20 - Children's Sabbath,
all services
- 24 - KIDS'TIME, 6:45pm

NOVEMBER

- 2 - Harvest Halloween Bash,
Loudon Farm
- 21 - KIDS'TIME, 6:45pm

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A SPECIAL DAY..... FOR OUR KIDS'PRETEENS

SOMETHING NEW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 8:00AM-6:00PM

- 8:00AM - Opening & Breakfast
- Morning Outing
- Noon - Lunch
- Afternoon Outing
- 5:00PM - Dinner
- 6:00PM - Dismissal

FALL FUNDRAISER

Sunday, September 22 thru
Sunday, October 13.
Money Match Madness
more details coming soon!



5 BIG WAYS WE SAW GOD THIS SUMMER ON OUR MISSION TRIPS

YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - No Youth, Labor Day
- 8 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 15 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 21 - Project SHARE SERVE Day, 7:45-2pm (bring money for lunch)
- 22 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 29 - Mt Asbury Work Day, 2:30-7:30pm

OCTOBER

- 6 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 13 - Fall Fun Trip, 5-7:30pm
- 20 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 27 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 - Fall Retreat
- 10 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 16 - Rent-A-Kid, 7am-4pm
- 17 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 24 - No Youth, Thanksgiving

HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - No Youth, Labor Day
- 9 - Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 16 - Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 21 - Project SHARE SERVE Day, 7:45am-2pm
- 23 - Youth Group, 7-9pm

OCTOBER

- 7 - Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 14 - HS Hang Out, TBA
- 21 - No Youth, Halloween Parade
- 25 - Card Night, 6:30-10pm
- 27 - SERVE @ My Bro Table, 3-7pm
- 28 - Youth Group, 7-9pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 - Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 11 - Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 16 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm
- 17 - Worship Night, 5-7:30pm
- 18 - Friendship, 6:30-9pm
- 20 - Concert @ PSU
- 23 - Work Day
- 24 - No Youth, Thanksgiving

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1 In South Carolina we really needed a jig saw to complete the deck we were rebuilding and I felt crazy asking our homeowner who had lost everything but I felt God pushing me to ask him if he had

a jigsaw. I found out that before retirement he built cabinets for a living and he pulled a jigsaw from below the house in a shed. He came out with it and stated I don't know if it will work it had been through the flooding. I replied I believe it will work God is providing for us. That saw helped us complete his deck in 3 days and it passed inspection the following Tuesday.



2 In the Bahamas at VBS a girl broke her shoes and was so upset and crying because she didn't want to walk down the road to the game rotation in her bare feet. Without missing a beat two of her friends took their shoes off and walked bare foot with her to the playground.

3 In South Carolina we had a group that was made up of all male students and this allowed all the boys to bond. This even included nightly Bible reading before bed.

4 In the Bahamas we taught the kids the fruit of the spirit and everyday we practiced our memory verse. Every kid learned the fruits of the spirit some just after one day some it took all week. It's very important to learn scripture but being 5 years old and putting it into practice is God working. After learning earlier that day about self control a young boy said, "I was going to do something mean but I'm going to practice self control."



5 In Virginia Beach we saw God through the protection He provided daily but one specific time really stands out. A group of Middle Schoolers and their leaders were getting ready to fix up a shed for the homeowner and one student stepped back into a huge ground nest of hornets. A whole swarm kicked up but we only had one sting after it all settled down.

MEET VICKI MORLEY...

By way of introduction, my name is Vicki Morley. I have been married to my husband, Dale, for 33 Years. We have two daughters, Ashlee and Shannon. Shannon is married and is the mother of Callum who attends church with us regularly. I have been



a social worker for 30 years working with the aging population, the terminally ill, the poor and the homeless. I was drawn to CUMC by the compassion that I experienced from my first visit. I have never been so welcomed by a congregation. It became apparent to me very quickly that CUMC was truly a people serving God and trying to be disciples. The most amazing part to me, was that CUMC was trying and is trying to help everyone grow in discipleship.

In my experience with Adult GROW, I

have been brought out of many comfort zones and have learned that the Lord truly directs my path. Time and again I have been involved in teaching and in classes that have reminded me that God's love is always with us.

The fellowship and the encouragement that is found through each class is another steppingstone toward growth in my faith.

I am reminded of Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

I truly believe that without the inspiration and teaching of adult GROW that lamp would dim.

Vicki co-leads the Sunday evening Transitions class with Roger Woods and is the current Vice-President of the CUMC United Methodist Women.

or because your children are involved in a church activity at the same time. Overwhelmingly, people indicated a desire to continue to grow in their faith and want a variety of opportunities. They offered dozens of comments on what currently works well for them and identified areas of challenge.

Spiritual growth moves us forward to a deeper understanding of God and a more committed faith; sometimes it's a steep learning curve, sometimes it's an enriching experience; sometimes it's an uphill slog and sometimes it is mind-boggling. The spiritual journey is very often more fulfilling when we travel together and share our questions, our observations and our lessons learned. The Adult GROW pillar strives to help each of us progress in our personal spiritual growth.

ADULT GROW SURVEY - THANK YOU

We had a tremendous response to our request to participate in the Adult GROW survey. Thank you to the nearly 110 people who filled out our questionnaire, especially for your comments. We so appreciate your time and energy in giving us an excellent snapshot for planning the future of the Adult GROW program at CUMC. You represented a range of diversity in a number of important factors. We heard from people who regularly attend a group or class and from those who've never attended; from people just entering adulthood to those who have been there a while and from people with very busy calendars to those with extra time on their hands.

Many of you said you are part of a group/study because you want to further your personal spiritual growth

ADULT FALL OFFERINGS

TRANSITIONS

Every other Sunday, Sept. 8-Nov. 17, 6-7:30pm, Library

MINDFUL WOMEN

2nd Monday of the month, 6-8:30pm, Various locations

LIFT

Every other Tuesday, Sept. 10-Dec. 3
OR Every other Thursday, Sept. 12-Dec. 5, 6:30-8pm, Room 109

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Every other Thursday, Sept. 12-Dec. 5, 1-2:30pm, Library

THE FORGE

Organizational Meeting, Sept. 17, 6:30-8pm, CUMC Annex

PARENTING DISCUSSION

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, 6:45-7:30pm, Room 111

WOMEN OF FAITH & FRIENDSHIP

Sept. 17, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 10, 6-7:30pm, Cindy Kunst's Home

EXPLORE CUMC

Sundays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, 12:30-1:30pm, Library

THEOLOGY CAFE

Sundays, Sept. 8-Dec. 15, 5-6:30pm, Room 109

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 11am-12pm, Room 109

WIERSBE BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 26, 10-11:15am, Library

CORINTHIANS

Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 6, 6:30-8pm, Library

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 11am-12pm, Room 109



SUMMER FUN WITH THE HOMEWORK CLUB

We will soon be back to school and start up our Wednesday night Homework clubs at Hope Station and Safe Harbour. But not before having some summer fun! Pool parties, fishing, bowling and hiking, are just a few of the fun things we like to do over the summer months with our homework club kids. Throughout the school year we are hard at work on reading and times tables, but summertime is for having fun! We think it's important for us to stay connected with the kids that attend the CUMC Homework clubs at Hope Station and Safe Harbour. For that reason, and to continue to build relationships, we gather our homework club kids several times throughout the summer months and have some fun together. Many of these kids had never gone fishing

before we began to have an annual picnic with fishing at the Loudon's farm. Now the kids look forward to their chance at reeling in the fish! Bowling and hiking and sharing dinner together are also activities that our homework club kids enjoy. The kids love to swim too, so we try to have several swim parties as well. Although it seems that our swim parties are always plagued by summer storms, we still have fun, even when it means swimming in the rain! As we explore new adventures and have some fun together, we continue to share God's love with our community children and try to foster Christian Values. Teaching moments can spring up at any time! But even if they don't, we give the kids plenty of love and attention.

~ Kendra Hatch

20/20 VISIONING UPDATE

As a child growing up in the home of a doctor whose office was on half of our first floor, I was able to memorize the eye chart that was hanging on the wall in Dad's laboratory. Thus equipped, I was able to give myself 20/20 vision until I went to the ophthalmologist when I was in second grade, and I have been wearing glasses ever since. Wouldn't it be great if CUMC was totally blessed with 20/20 vision as we prepare to move into our Spring Garden home in the spring of 2020?

Toward that end, the Leadership Council last fall created the Visioning Task Force to examine a number of areas within our

church. The Steering Committee comprised of Bill Bunt, Kathy Charette, Pastor Jim, Pastor Mira and myself oversaw the creation of eighteen Visioning Teams, established the timetable for these teams to complete their work, revised the strategic plan, updated the mission statement and rewrote the vision statement to emphasize Live Like Jesus in all of our ministries.

Of the six Tier One Visioning Teams tasked to complete their work this summer, reports have been completed and submitted to the Leadership Council from General Communications, Personnel, Way Forward, Worship and

GROW Children's. GROW Youth will begin in earnest now that the youth's three summer mission trips have successfully been concluded. Presently, the Tier Two Visioning Teams are either beginning or in the midst of their work. These include Administrative Finances, Facilities and Security, GROW Adult, Leadership Council, Moving and Signage. The Leadership Council completed most of its visioning responsibilities during its day away on May 17, and its report is in final draft form.

This fall, the final Teams, designated as Tier Three, will be examining in depth Administrative Policies, (continued on Page 7)

WOMEN AT RISK PROGRAM & LUNCHEON



The Carlisle United Methodist Women will host a luncheon/program on Women at Risk (WAR) on September 14 at 12:30pm in the Gathering.

Join us for lunch and hear guest speaker, Fort Davis, a volunteer with WAR, discuss the risk issues women

face and how WAR supports and assists vulnerable women.

All women are invited to attend. Please sign up at www.carlislepaumc.org/signup or contact Sandi Price at 717.245.8539 or Vicki Morley at 717.422.1212.

UMW YARD SALE

The Carlisle UMW annual Indoor Yard Sale will be on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9am til 2pm and Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8am til 1pm. If you have books, clothes, decorations, toys, household goods, jewelry and other items you don't want or need – we'll take them. Please be sure clothing is clean!

Drop offs are Monday, Oct. 7 thru Thursday, Oct. 10, noon until 6pm in the MPR. No items may be dropped off Friday or Saturday. For large items, please contact Deb Washinger or Carolyn Roller. Volunteers are always needed to help sort, fold and price through-

out the week, and a sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering, along with sign-up sheets for donations of homemade soups and baked goods. Food donations may be brought to the MPR kitchen on Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning.

Proceeds of the sale will benefit United Methodist Women's mission projects locally, nationally and internationally.

Thank you for your support! Questions? Please contact Sandi Price at 717-245-8539 or email to sandiprice1@yahoo.com

(Visioning continued from Page 6) CONNECT, Heritage, Little Lights, SERVE and Volunteers. Communications with our New Neighbors crosses all three tiers. If you have any interest in working on one of these Tier Three Visioning Teams, this will be your final opportunity to contact either Pastor Mira or Kerm Leitner.

While the structure of the Visioning Task Force is somewhat com-

plex, our goal is simple – we want our start at 333 S. Spring Garden Street to be the best that it can be. We realize that once there we will probably have to make some changes and adjustments as we learn to live with our new building. Even folks with 20/20 vision sometimes have to apply eye drops to clear up their vision!

~ **Kerm Leitner, Chair Leadership Council**



KNITTED IN LOVE PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, Knitted in Love, will resume its knitting classes September 20 at 1pm in the Chapel.

This group combines compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting with a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice to reach out to those in need of comfort and solace. Prayer shawls are created at home and during monthly meetings by individuals. Shawls are consecrated at monthly group meetings then given to those in need by our pastors and shepherds.

Meets the third Friday of the month (Sept.-May). For info, contact Lois Weibley at lweibley@embarqmail.com



In 1975 the predecessors of Carlisle UMC (Allison, First and Grace UMCs) worked together to sponsor the Dang Family from Vietnam. Leaders from all three churches worked together to help the family find housing, jobs and learn about our area and culture. The Dang family parents, siblings, grandmother, aunt and two uncles arrived in August. Shortly after arriving their grandmother passed

away. Over the years most of the family moved to California looking for "a bit" warmer climate. On Sunday, June 23, 13 members of the family traveled back to Carlisle together to meet with old friends and visit their grandmother's grave. They worshipped with us and wanted to share their appreciation, even all these years later, for the outreach, hospitality, and welcome of our former con-

gregations. They were hosted by Ginny and Dick Suter and have remained close over the years. The history of working together and supporting families in need began long before Allison, First, and Grace congregations unified in 2013 to form Carlisle UMC. May CUMC continue to work together and building relationships with those in and beyond our community for 44+ years ahead!

INVESTING IN CHILDREN

One of the Serve programs at CUMC is a partnership with Letort Elementary School. The church provides funding for an after school program which meets once a week and offers extra instruction in math and writing. This program along with regular classroom instruction really paid off during the 2018-2019 school year in the

language arts area. Each year students take a state achievement test (Pennsylvania System of school Assessment). They are tested in language arts(reading, writing, grammar) , math, and science. Teachers want to see scores of Proficient or Advanced from their students. Last year, 82% of the fourth graders at Letort were

able to meet their teachers' expectations on the ELA (English Language Arts) portion of the assessment. In fourth and fifth grade, 97 of the 100 students produced acceptable scores on the ELA. Aaron Carmichael , principal, gave credit to CUMC's Serve program for the extra boost in writing skills that it provided to many of the students in fourth and fifth grade. Thanks to the investment made by CUMC, these students are becoming proficient in important skills needed to succeed in life.

ANTICIPATED SGC CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- Complete Grading & Foundations - Aug 2019
- Complete Block Walls & Utilities - Aug-Sept 2019
- Complete Steel & Floor Slab - Aug-Oct 2019
 - Interior Framing - Aug-Oct 2019
- Mech/Elect/Plumbing Rough-In - Aug-Oct 2019
 - Roofing - Aug-Nov 2019
 - Complete Initial Paving - Sept-Oct 2019
- Exterior Finishes, Windows, Doors - Sept-Dec 2019
- Drywall, Ceilings, Casework - Sept 2019-Apr 2020
 - Finishes, Painting, Flooring - Jan-May 2020
- Final Paving, Sidewalks, Landscaping - Mar-Apr 2020
 - Completion & Move-In - May 2020

THANKSGIVING BAGS

Each month Project SHARE provides food for over 800 families in need in our community. At the holidays the number grows even higher, often hitting around 1000 (continued on Page 9)

BACK TO SCHOOL IN HAITI

It's "Back to School". We will soon see children running and playing and sitting attentively at their desks... eager to learn. On the surface, "Back to School" in Haiti is not unlike "Back to School" in the US. But we know from our own experiences in Haiti that even though kids run, laugh and play and sit attentively at their desks school is much different in Haiti. Here access to education is taken for granted but in Haiti access to education is not a guarantee. Most schools are private and require a monthly tuition.

Our focus in Haiti has shifted to community development. As part of that effort we have been raising funds to make a difference at the Methodist Primary School in Mellier. Like most schools in Haiti,



the Mellier School has no electricity, running water or playground. Classrooms are in disrepair and resources are limited.

89 students were enrolled during the 2018/2019 school year; only 9 whose parents could afford the \$10/month tuition. Even so, no students were turned away. Financial contributions from CUMC helped to make that possible.

Our 2020 Team is raising funds to support the Mellier School for the

2019/2020 school year. Your contribution will help to pay a teacher. This will allow a child to receive an education. Allowing a child to receive an education will relieve a parent of the difficult decision; do I feed my child or send my child to school. Your donation will make a difference.

Please ask me what you can do or look for details in the Gathering.

~ Rich Charette

(Thanks..con't from Page 8)
families who wouldn't have a special holiday meal with the generosity of many in our community.

During November you will have an opportunity in worship to sponsor Thanksgiving Dinners for Project SHARE families. Options include providing the entire meal, sides, or turkey. With the benefit of Project SHARE's purchasing power, they can purchase meals items for 1/4 what we would pay for it in the store. Exact prices will be shared in worship in November.

Thank you for helping all in our community enjoy Thanksgiving Day.



CARLISLE 4 KIDS

Carlisle 4 Kids took place on August 8th at the Carlisle Expo Center. This event helps students in Carlisle and surrounding areas receive the school supplies, backpacks, and sneakers that they need to start the year. Carlisle 4 Kids is organized by Project Share and The United Way and it continues to grow every year! These agencies coordinate the event and provide lots of resources and manpower. CUMC provided all of the pencils for the students and also handled the registration for the event. CUMC also provided amazing volunteers to staff the sign in

area for the registrants. These volunteers worked tirelessly to help check the students in and always had a smile on their faces! All of the volunteers were amazing and showed the love of God by their friendliness and caring attitudes!! This event could not happen without our wonderful volunteers! This year, Carlisle 4 Kids served over 840 students in the Carlisle and surrounding areas! It was so awesome to see so many smiling faces on students when they received their new school supplies and sneakers! The parents and students were so appreciative of

the help and were so proud to have their shiny new supplies.

This was truly a group effort with many community partners coming together to serve our community. CUMC provided volunteers for the event but many other CUMC members helped out by donating pencils, donating money, gathering needed office supplies, creating signs, and making copies. CUMC served our community well and helped to make this event AWESOME!

~ Lisa Myers

SHINING BRIGHT WITH LITTLE LIGHTS

July 31 was one of the hot, humid, gross summer days that we thank God for air conditioning and limit playtime for little kids on the church playground. However at 9:30am that day Erin Fleet and myself were waiting on the Summer Lights, our summer camp program for kids K- 2nd grade, for a field trip out to the new church site. The day prior the kids made dirt dessert, filled with worms, to deliver to the workers. They saw the roof going on over the new Little Lights wing, ran in the new gym without a roof and with a dirt floor; tried (but often failed) to avoid the heavy mud and showed lots of curiosity about the large equipment moving bricks and stone throughout the site. The workers loved seeing the kids – decked out in bright yellow summer camp shirts, construction hats and warning vests (adult size) – and explained what they did. Shoes were removed before getting into the vans. Sue Simmons, reception-



ist that day, and Johanna Kapura, secretary, helped de-mud their shoes when we arrived back at the current church. The kids were shocked when Pastor Mira said they could walk anywhere without shoes for the rest of the day. This was one of a dozen of field trips our Summer Lights did this past year. They visited a workout gym and the hospital (thanks Dr. Dave Yearsley), met a police officer (thanks Matt Johnston), crafted pizzas (thanks Chef Randy Heberlig), played music with Ms. Connie and Mr. Kerm and so much more. The kids had a wonderful summer thanks to their college-aged teachers Ms. Morgan, Ms. Alison, and Ms. Jordan under the direc-

tion of Mrs. Brymesser. And then it was time to say goodbye to Summer Lights and welcome our new classes of students on Aug 26 as everyone moved up a 'grade.' Ms. Tasha Yearsley continues to be a shining light for our center and teachers – introducing new innovative ideas, dealing with family concerns, and managing an ever-evolving staff of 21 teachers and assistants. This year the center has 84 enrolled for the fall currently with a few spots open in the PreK classes. Little Lights receives state funding to help 25 kids get care here that otherwise their parents couldn't afford. They also participate in the United Way program that helps fund Preschool for kids 3-5 years old with half tuition. For 2019-2020 the center is focusing on developing a staff training program to better integrate, train and mentor new staff coming to Little Lights. They also will be working on staff development, *(Continued on Page 11)*



BELL REFURBISHING

Six years ago hand bell ringers from Grace United Methodist and Allison United Methodist joined together to create the Celebrations Hand Bell Choir at Carlisle United Methodist Church. These two men and 10 women use their years of experience to ring the 61 Schulmerich hand bells once a month at CUMC. Most of the bells were purchased in 1973, so after almost fifty years of ringing, swinging, shaking, and hitting them with mallets, the moving parts wore out and needed to be replaced. Members of the church were asked for donations to fund this project.

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Many families generously contributed and the \$7900 needed to refurbish the hand bells was

raised. The bells were taken to the Schulmerich factory in Hatfield, PA. While they were there the clapper assemblies (the part that hits the side of the bell to make it ring) were replaced; new handles were installed; tension adjustments were made; the bells were polished; tuning adjustments were made; and the cases were cleaned inside and out.

A sincere appreciation goes to the members who graciously contributed towards the refurbishment of the handbells that are now ready for many more years of service in praise and worship at CUMC.

~ Jane Boley

REMEMBERING A NAME

When Fred Svirbly first came to CUMC, he expected it to be much like the Catholic Church in which he grew up. He was used to people attending church services out of a feeling of obligation, not particularly wanting to participate, and making little or no attempt to get to know one another.

When his girlfriend Courtney invited Fred to come with her to CUMC, she told him she found people at this church to be very friendly and welcoming. Fred found her description accurate and was amazed to be so warmly welcomed on his first visit. What came as more of a surprise,



though, was when he returned the next week and someone who had greeted him the previous week remembered him and greeted him by name. Fred said this was an incredible welcoming feeling.

Courtney and Fred have since gotten married and become members of CUMC. They are faithful in the

contemporary service with their sons and are active in the life of this congregation. CUMC feels like family to them and Fred says he looks forward to Sundays as well as other events at the church.

Have you remembered someone's name recently? Imagine the feeling of true welcome and caring you can provide someone new to CUMC simply by remembering their name and greeting them personally the next time you see them. If each of us did this, just envision the ripple effect of welcoming and hospitality that would spread through the church. Let's all try! ~ Sue Barnes

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

We need your input to help us find good people in our church with the gifting to serve on our Leadership Council. This year, the Leadership Council wants to hear your suggestions of person they can contact. On Sunday Sept. 8 there will be a Leadership Council Nomination slip for you to write the name of someone the LC can talk to about this ministry. Please give this prayerful thought! LC Elections will be Oct. 27.

If you are not familiar with our Leadership Council, it is our CUMC local governing body that works with the pastors and many volunteers in guiding our mission and ministry. There are nine seats, each with staggered three year terms - which means that every year three persons' terms are completed. This year we will be thanking Christina Benson, Jeff Boley and Debbi Goeltsch for completing the terms they accepted some time ago.

At the Leadership Council's Visioning Meeting in May of this year, it was decided that in addition to the self-nomination process that we have used in the past, all members

in attendance will be given an opportunity to nominate a member of CUMC on Nomination Sunday, Sept. 8. Everyone nominated in this manner will be contacted by a member of the Election Team and informed that they have been nominated and to consider seriously running for this important position within our church.

The deadline for informing Pastor Jim of your interest in running for Leadership Council is Friday, Sept. 20. Please prayerfully consider becoming a candidate if you love the Lord, love CUMC and love working hard. The election will be conducted on Sunday, Oct. 27, following each service. This will provide the newly elected members ample time for orientation conducted by the pastors and Leadership Council chair, and opportunities to attend the Nov. and Dec. meetings prior to assuming responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2020. The first meeting as a voting member will occur on Jan. 20, 2020. The 2020 Leadership Council will be leading the congregation into our new facility this Spring!



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getting more
staff licensed
and trained
with degrees in

early childhood education. Ms. Tasha is working on her masters and just this summer completed her Director credentialing program. She continues to work with the Building Team on the Little Lights rooms and is working on plans for how to move all their supplies and classrooms while limiting the days closed because of many working parents depending on their children being at Little Lights.

As we enter a new school year, please keep Little Lights, Ms. Tasha, all our teachers and families in your prayers. "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." May we pray that God's light continues to shine in and through Little Lights as they care for, teach, and guide the youngest disciples of Jesus at CUMC. ~ Pastor Mira

BUILDING YOUR FAITH

Upcoming Sunday sermon series from September 1 thru September 29 is a series called "Building Your Faith". This is a series of sermons to help us understand that God can use all of our common experiences of life to help build our faith - even the unpleasant ones! Over the 5 weeks we will look at experiences such as pain and grief; failure; wilderness times and more and discover how God often does His best work in the negative experiences of life.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS

OCTOBER 13-OCTOBER 27

Series is called, "Who Is Jesus?" There was often a big difference between who the people of the 1st century who followed Jesus thought He was, and who Jesus said He was. The reality is that the more we understand who Jesus said He was, and what His mission was, the more we can gain in an appreciation of Jesus which can deepen our faith.

SUNDAYS

NOVEMBER 10 & 17

Series is entitled, "What Ministers Wished Their Church Members Knew." We took this title from a book published years ago as it gives Pastor Mira and Pastor Jim an opportunity to share some things they wished our CUMC church members and friends knew about the church and faith.

SUNDAYS

DECEMBER 1-DECEMBER 29

Our Advent Series called, "Incarnation." It's a look at the royal titles given to Jesus of Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Word and more.



BAPTISM SUNDAYS

Baptism is an important moment in the life of the baptized, parents, and our family of faith at CUMC. It is the beginning of a journey of faith that is a continuing process throughout our entire lives. At CUMC we use sprinkling of water on the head of the baptized, due to the logistics of our church. However any method (sprinkling, pouring, or immersion) is acceptable

and may vary by United Methodist churches.

If you or your child would like to be baptized, CUMC would love to celebrate that with you on our Baptism Sundays this coming year. Please contact the Church Office to learn more.

October 27, January 12,
March 22, & May 17

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:15am - Traditional Worship

Worship in the Sanctuary with traditional hymns, a full choir and traditional UMC liturgy.

9:45am - Contemporary Worship

Worship in the Multi-Purpose Room led by our Praise Band using contemporary music.

11am - Celebration Worship

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



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