

THE BRIDGE

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CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SGC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

"Surely the presence of God is in this place..."

Last month I had the privilege of meeting a former pastor of one of our churches (from a time preceding God placing the concept of unification on our hearts) for lunch followed by a tour of our SGC campus. Several days later I received an email from him with his reflections as to what God is doing in Carlisle. With his permission, coupled with affirmation from Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira, his eloquent and encouraging words are below:

"Among life's greatest blessings for me are those experiences in which I sense God is undeniably present in what may appear to be a part of one's ordinary day. Thank you for one of those times by giving me a tour through the evolving new ministry CUMC structure!"

The days that have followed since our Monday time together and the tour have brought reflections of the joy, peace and gratitude I experienced by seeing this new edifice. It is really challenging to express in words what I was sensing. But, it was one of those 'surely the presence of God is in this place.'

Realizing the journey for many of you at CUMC has been hard work, and full of decisions which included struggles, I was amazed over how the construction of the building projects possibilities for ministry because all of you have been willing to take the venture. As you led me through the building I was overwhelmed with the space being provided for persons to be as we hear about at Camp Hill UMC 'Ordinary people serving an Extraordinary God.'

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MOVING IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2

Ten years ago, only God knew where we would be today. Nine years ago on a dark and snowy night God brought together leaders of our former three churches to consider doing ministry and mission together in Carlisle. Eight years ago we joined together to make the vote to unify as one congregation focused on living and serving as disciples in the United Methodist tradition in Carlisle. Seven years ago we formed Carlisle UMC together. Five years ago we purchased 25 acres on South Spring Garden Street for a

new church campus. Three years ago we kicked off our first capital campaign, "God's Vision. Our Mission." Since then we approved the building master plan and budget, and we have seen the building rise from the limestone foundation to a 61,490 sq ft building that will enable our ministry today and well into the future.

Capital Campaign 1 was a huge success! We exceeded national trends and our consultants' predictions with \$3.25million donated in 2017-2020.

In March we enter the second leg

of the journey – Capital Campaign 2: "Moving in Faith." During this capital campaign we will be moving locations, into a new community within our town and with opportunities for ministry indoors and outdoors. We will be moving in ministry, building upon our current ministries and expanding them as we meet new people and see new needs in our community. We are moving in faith as we continue to live like Jesus and raise up new disciples in Carlisle and beyond.

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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT., APRIL 11, 2020, 2:00-4:00PM
MT. ASBURY RETREAT CENTER

For kids ages 1 through 5th grade and families. Come for hunting Easter eggs, playing games, experiencing the story about God's son Jesus, creating crafts and your snack! Carlisle United Methodist Kids' Ministry wants your family to leave with a smile, memories made, knowing the story about Jesus, and pictures taken with the photo booth. We are also looking for donations of candy, stickers, temporary tattoos or similar items that will fit into a plastic Easter egg. Look for a donation list at Info Central.

PRETEEN UPDATE

From the Welcome meeting to the Nerf Day event the PreTeens have been busy! The students and volunteers have fun connecting and growing together during the meetings and events. On Nerf Day, we joined the orange or blue team as we went against each other in friendly rounds of dodging the darts while creating memories with everyone. I look forward to this group discovering who God is and His story called the Bible.

KIDS

MARCH

- 1- No Preteen (recovery from the retreat)
- 8 - Sunbeams Sing, 11am
- Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 15 - SPArKS Sing, 8:15am
Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 22 - Sneak Peek, 1-4pm, Spring Garden Campus
- No Preteen
- 29 - Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1

APRIL

- 5 - Sunbeams Sing, 8:15am
- Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 11 - Easter Egg Hunt, 2-4pm, Mt Asbury Retreat Center
- 12 - No Pretee - Happy Easter!
- 19 - SPArKS Sing, 11am
- Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 26 - Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1

MAY

- 3 - Preteen, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
Move-up night (2nd graders join us; 5th graders move up to Middle School)
- 10 - Sunbeams & SPArKS sing, 11am
- No Preteen - Happy Mother's Day!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

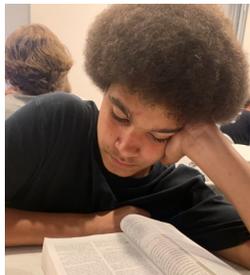
To everyone who helped out with the Children's Director transition and is currently helping in the Kids' Ministry, thank you! I know changes like this can bring so many emotions and uncertainty due to the unknown, however, from the start everyone made me feel welcomed and excited to be here at CUMC. The ministry would not be where it is without the willingness of others to help out and to Live Like Jesus. I look forward to our journey as a ministry to discover God's story, the Bible! If you are reading this and would like to help out with the Kids' Ministry please send an email to kids@carlislepaumc.org!

A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Over the last 4 years I have learned more about taking the time to slow down, talk with God, and experience life with my friends and family. I want to encourage you all through the busy schedules and experiences of life to slow down and find time to talk with God. This can look like journaling, praying, listening to worship music, reading the Bible, or other ways by taking a couple of minutes to continue your walk with God. In addition, to create a stronger relationship or friendship with each other, take 5 minutes to listen and share about your time with God as a family or with your friends.

To the current 2nd graders: I look forward to getting to know you all as we create memories in the Preteen group to discover who God is and his story called the Bible!

To the transitioning 5th graders: As our time comes to an end in the Kids' Ministry, the volunteers and myself want you to know it has been amazing getting to know you during our time together! Also, we want you to know that we are excited to see you continue to grow in your faith with God through the Middle School Ministry.



WHERE ARE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SERVING THIS SUMMER?

This summer we will continue our tradition of a summer of serving both locally, nationally and internationally. This summer students will serve locally at Project Share, My Brothers Table at the Salvation Army and at Mission Central. Students will serve nationally through Team Effort Missions in both Seymour, TN and Virginia Beach Virginia. In both Tennessee and Virginia Beach our students will work on home repairs like we have in the past. Jobs could include roof repairs, building a wheel chair ramp, painting a house, yard work and sometimes inside home repairs such as flooring. Our High School Students will again serve in Nassau

Bahamas, partnering with St. Michaels Methodist Church. They will lead a 5-day Bible School for our partner church, which will require them to plan and lead games, Bible lessons, Music, and crafts. Also, during their time in Nassau, they will serve in a few local orphanages and help the church with repairs to their buildings. This spring students will be preparing for their trips by fundraising, planning and team building. Please keep an eye out for a way that you can support these students with your presence, your prayers and your finances.

Erin Fleet Youth Ministries Director

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Last spring CUMC gave \$21,000 in funds for higher education to our college students as supported by 9 scholarship funds. We look forward to doing the same again this year!

Scholarship applications will be available online starting April 1 and are due back by April 30. Scholarships are available for both under-

graduate and graduate studies; with preference given (or sometimes required) by Carlisle UMC members.

- Connie Gruber Scholarship – for students pursuing Ministry, Music, Religious Education, Missions or Teaching
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MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCH

- 1 - Miracles, 5-7:30pm
- 8 - Miracles 2, 5-7:30pm
- 15 - Hoss's Fundraiser, 11am-9pm
Miracles 3, 5-7:30pm
- 22 - Unlock the Box, 5-7:30pm
- 29 - Easter Experience, 5-7:30pm

APRIL

- 4 - Yard Sale Fundraiser, 7am-3pm (for TN & VB mission trips)
- 5 - Easter Egg Hunt, 5-7:30pm
- 12 - NO Middle School
- 16 - VB Mission Trip Meeting, 6-7pm
TN Mission Trip Meeting, 7-8pm
parent & student need to attend
- 19 - High School Leaders Night, 5-7:30pm
- 25 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm (mission trip participants required to attend 2)
- 26 - What's Next Night, 5-7:30pm.

MAY

- 2 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm
- 3 - 5th Grade Move-Up, 5-7:30pm
- 9 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm
- 16 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm

HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH

- 2 - Deep Dive week 2, 7-9pm
- 9 - Deep Dive week 3, 7-9pm
- 15 - Hoss's Fundraiser, 11am-9pm
- 16 - Deep Dive week 4, 7-9pm
- 19 - Bahamas Meeting #2, 6-8pm
- 20-21 - Overnighter, 8pm-7am
(rescheduled from Jan) \$40, Dave & Buster's, Nerf Battle, late night food run
- 23 - NO High School
- 30 - Easter Experience, 7-9pm

APRIL

- 4 - Yard Sale, 7am-3pm (for TN mission trip)
- 6 - Hang Out @ Miseno's, 7-9pm
bring \$ for food
- 13 - NO High School
- 16 - TN Parent Meeting, 7-8pm
parent & student need to attend
- 20 - Small Group Night, 7-9pm
- 25 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm (mission trip participants required to attend 2)
- 26 - My Brother's Table, 3-7pm
- 27 - Game Night, 7-9pm

MAY

- 2 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm
- 4 - 8th Grade Move Up & Graduation
Celebration Dinner, 6:30-8:30pm
- 9 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm
- 16 - Rent-A-Kid, 7:30am-4pm



GROWING IN FAITH

It's great to be back. Thank you all for the warm welcome!

For those of you who remember, I stepped out of pastoral ministry and left Carlisle to concentrate on finishing seminary. Since then, I graduated in May 2015 and took another pastoral appointment in Newburg in July of 2015. All the while, I've been working as a marriage and family therapist in private practice. In 2018, I once again stepped back from church leadership to pursue more time in my own practice, and I continue to run a solo practice in Shippensburg, Whole and Holy Integrative Wellness.

Through all these ins and outs, I never left ministry. What I do now IS ministry, just connected to many different churches and the wider community with a more individual focus.

One of the things I particularly enjoy is watching people grow. I feel privileged to be a part of that process, whether as a therapist, small group leader, speaker, or now as the Director of Adult Grow.

Growing in our faith, otherwise known as intentional discipleship, happens best when faith intersects all areas of our lives and connects us in community. We mature as disciples, from wherever we may start, when we learn to understand our faith, deepen our faith, and expand our faith, and when we do so together.

To do these things – understand, deepen, and expand our faith – Adult Grow will continue to offer a variety of classes and small groups

ranging from Bible study to book studies to life topics. We intend to partner with the other three pillars – Worship, Connect, and Serve – to bring our faith from our heads to our hearts and our hands.

We are in the midst of an exciting time! We are looking forward to meeting new people in our new spaces and inviting them on this journey of becoming people who live like and love Jesus. Grow needs your help to do that. It is your invitation and your participation that will make the most difference.

If you have ideas or suggestions about books or studies that you found or would find interesting, or see a need, please let me know. You can reach me by phone/text or email. I will be reaching out to you all to find out how we can help you Grow!

SUSAN STEWART

3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP DINNER

With special guest, Christian recording artist:
Christabelle Braden.

Saturday, April 25, 4-6:30pm

Dinner, music & worship.
Tickets on sale Apr. 1: \$10.
Bring a friend (2 for \$18) or
Table of Friends (8 for \$70).
Tickets \$15 at the door.

All proceeds donated to
CARES and leftovers from the
dinner will be packaged and
delivered to the Salvation Army.

ADULTS

Kindred Spirits

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Chapel

Young Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Room 3

Pathways Sunday School

Sundays, 11:15am-Noon, Library

Theology Cafe

Sundays, 4:45-6:30pm, Room 109

The Forge

Every other Sunday, Jan. 5-May 10,
5-7pm, Room 111

SLAM (Spirit Led Accountable Men)

Mondays, 6:10-7:10am, Middlesex Diner

Covenant

Tuesdays, Apr. 14-June 2, 10:30-11:45am,
Library

Thursday Men's Breakfast

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30am, Fay's Country
Kitchen

Death & Resurrection of the Messiah

Thursdays, Feb. 27-Apr. 9, 10-11am,
Room 109

CSI: Resurrection Journey Young Adult Class

Sundays, Mar. 8-Apr. 12, 9:45-10:45am,
Room 3

Why Easter Matters

Sundays, Mar. 8-29, 6-7pm, Library

Women of the Word (WOW)

Every other Thursday, Jan. 16-May 7,
1-2:30pm, Library

Parenting Discussion

Thursdays, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 28,
6:45-7:30pm, Room 111

Women's Friendship Dinner

Saturday, April 25, 4-6:30pm

Dust To Dust

Ecclesiastes 3:20

2020 LENTEN STUDIES

DEATH & RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH

Thursdays,
Feb. 27-Apr. 9,
10-11am,
Room 109

Ray Vander Laan illustrates how Jesus' call to follow him turned the world upside down. We learn that confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, we explore unique insights into the Scripture's significance for modern believers. Book costs \$9. Sign up online.

JOURNEY YOUNG ADULTS - C.S.I.: RESURRECTION

Sundays,
Mar. 8-Apr. 12,
9:45-10:45am,
Room 3

The Journey Young Adult class will have a 5-week investigative Bible study entitled: CSI: Resurrection. Gary Ankrandt leads the group to examine and analyze the evidence of Christ's death and resurrection and discuss the importance of the findings. For adults 20s-40s.



WHY EASTER MATTERS STUDY

Sundays,
Mar. 8-29,
6-7pm,
Library

Have you ever been at odds with God? Have you resisted, defied, or tried to bargain your way out of what you thought God wanted? You aren't alone. Scripture documents similar stories. Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. Book costs \$8. Sign up online.

UMW SAVE THE DATES

March 28 – Call to Prayer/Self Denial Breakfast and Program

Guest Speaker Mary Pat Povirk, Carlisle Area Life Center

April 18 – Spiritual Enrichment Day – Lykens UMC, Lykens

April 25 - Luncheon/Speaker to be announced

April 28 – Spiritual Enrichment Day - Hershey UMC, Hershey.

Third date/location to be announced. Will be on a Sunday.

July 17-18 - MissionU 2-day School – Lewisburg, PA

July 25 – MissionU Express-Chambers Hill UMC

October 3 – Harrisburg District Annual Day. Location to be determined.

October 31 – Conference Annual Day, Fishing Creek Salem UMC, Goldsboro

WATCH FOR COMPLETE DETAILS IN YOUR MAILBOXES OR ON THE UMW KIOSK

(Scholarships...con't from page 3)

- Dorothy M Hill Grants – for students pursuing nursing or undergraduate degrees
- Roy Hill Memorial Grants – for students seeking a Bachelor's degree
- Harding Family Scholarship – student studying Psychology, Health Care, Social Service or Ministry graduate or undergraduate
- King-Crowding Scholarship – students pursuing a Christian vocation
- Mary Alice Lippert Scholarship – undergraduate students pursuing religious studies, education, health studies or social work
- Mary Peters Scholarship – undergraduate or graduate students of CUMC
- Ministry Education and Ministerial Income – students pursuing religious education

For a full listing of requirements for each scholarship please visit online: www.carlislepaumc.org/scholarship

Thank you to all who helped make these scholarships possible for CUMC students!

Carlisle UMW Disbursements for 2019 Missions Giving

Samaritan Fellowship - \$2500.00

Community CARES - \$300.00

Warm the Children - \$1,000.00

Project Share - \$200.00

Neighborhood Center – 500.00

Mission Central - \$500.00

UM Home for Children – 150.00

UMW Legacy Fund – 200.00

Hope Station - \$150.00

Total Disbursements: \$5,500.00

Thank you for your support of our fundraisers and mission efforts in 2019!



198 volunteers + 19 leaders (25% increase over 2018) • 3698 hours volunteered (10% increase over 2018)

HOW WE SERVED IN 2019

- **1298 MEALS** served at Salvation Army by CUMC averaging 13 prayers each meal served
- **80+ KIDS** read to in Little Lights by 10 volunteers averaging 13-18 hours a month in each classroom
- **43 FAMILIES** in crisis helped with \$1225 in gift cards through Emergency Assistance funds; plus another \$967 given in hotel, train tickets, etc.
- **26-43 KIDS** involved each week in the afterschool snack and tutoring program at LeTort Elem. School
- **6 VOLUNTEERS** helped repair a school and checked in on our micro-credit bank in Mellier Haiti, donating \$9700 into that community; CUMC also supported teacher salaries with \$7000 this fall
- **10 PEOPLE**, 3 new to VIM, traveled to South Carolina to help with hurricane recovery; 60 people completed many VIM projects at our new church
- **5-8 KIDS** receive weekly homework help at Hope Station by 6 mentors during the school year
- **5540 HYGIENE KITS** and 910 school kits were verified at Mission Central by CUMC and sent around the world to those in need
- **257 BAGS** were given to kids to keep busy while parents sought assistance out of crisis from Samaritan Fellowship
- **4 MONTHS** with Community CARES using 18-26 volunteers a month hosting 15-45 adults and averaging 8 kids without a home sleeping nightly at CUMC
- **19 HOUSEHOLDS** with 23 adults and 15 kids given supplies to equip a new home as they moved out of homelessness

- **2 PROJECTS** for mature persons to stay in their home by Blessed to Serve
- **28 MIGRANT WORKERS** received blankets, sweat-shirts, Bibles and fried chicken from 12 CUMC members; plus 4 nights of bringing workers to CUMC to play volleyball together
- **856 KIDS** received backpacks and school supplies through Carlisle 4 Kids with CUMC doing all the registrations
- **160 KIDS** in our community received Christmas gifts through our Angel Trees

Extravagant Mission Giving in 2019

- \$806 in Souper Bowl of Caring for Project SHARE to feed hungry in our community
- \$2892 given to Project SHARE towards our commitment of beef stew
- \$4270 given to Project SHARE to provide holiday meals to all in our community
- \$6063 Christmas Eve offering to purchase playground equipment for Little Lights Learning Center kids at our new church
- \$7165 given to Bahamas Methodist Habitat in response to a devastating hurricane
- \$10,514 given through Alternative Gifts to support our SERVE partners in honor and memory of loved ones at Christmas

Thank you for supporting CUMC's SERVE to make a difference and touch the lives of so many in and beyond Carlisle!



GREAT EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS “THE MOVE” APPROACHES

When I was asked to write this article for our Spring Edition of The Bridge, the reality and enormity of this time in the brief history of Carlisle United Methodist Church really struck me – when the Summer Edition is written and printed, we will be residing at 333 S. Spring Garden Street! As this chapter is completed, members of our current congregation, who were formerly from Grace, will have joined our brothers and sisters from Allison and First Churches in moving from their church homes where many had grown up, married, attended for many years and buried loved ones. As a former Grace member, albeit just from 1988, I understand that there will be some mourning mixed with “Joy in the Morning” on that last Sunday of worship at our current facility.

AT THIS TIME I AM ANNOUNCING THAT WE WILL BEGIN OUR MOVE TO OUR NEW CHURCH ON MONDAY, JUNE 8.

This date is still totally dependent on construction progress, and if there are any changes, you will be informed in a variety of ways – using the electronic Midweek Minute and hard copies for members and attendees who do not subscribe to email; announcements in the Sunday Bulletins and announcements by Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira.

• A final Sunday of Worship and Sunday School will occur on June 7 at our present building. We will have our three regular services with a specially designed Decommissioning Service occurring at the 11am

service in the Sanctuary. During this service, some things, which will not be moved to our new church, will be decommissioned using a special liturgy. Additionally, some things, which can easily be carried out of the Sanctuary, will be removed as the service reaches its conclusion and driven to our new church. The Decommissioning Service will end in the Worship Center at 333 S. Spring Garden Street with the singing of hymns and the pronouncement of the Benediction by Pastor Jim.

• On the following Sunday, June 14, we will worship at Lamberton Middle School in a Unified Service starting at 10am. There will be no Sunday School. Lamberton is located at 777 S. Hanover St. in Carlisle.

• Finally after our two-week move, on the third Sunday of June, the 21, we will have our first Worship Services at 8am, 9:30am and 11am in the new Worship Center of Carlisle United Methodist Church, and Sunday School classes will be conducted in their new classrooms.

The Grand Opening will occur on Sunday, October 25, 2020. The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church will have a new Bishop in place when this oc-

curs, and an invitation has already been sent to him/her. Our current District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Robison, has accepted our invitation to attend.

Over one hundred individuals have been involved in the visioning, planning and organizing the move. While we anticipate that everything will go well, we ask for your continued prayers – prayers for safety; prayers for patience as we work out the kinks and prayers that all of us can truly Live Like Jesus as we say our goodbyes to the old and embrace all of the new.

KERM LEITNER

IMPORTANT DATES

June 7

Final worships at current building

June 14

Worship at Lamberton Middle School at 10am

June 21

First worships at CUMC Spring Garden Campus

LITTLE LIGHTS READERS



I love reading to the children in the Lions room. Often times when I appear I am greeted by some child announcing “Ms Jane is Here”. When the class is new I always introduce myself and tell them things about me. One of the things I tell them is that I like to share hugs. The other day when I was leaving, one child ran up to share a hug and others followed. I was surrounded and I could tell the teacher was concerned that they might throw me off balance because of my walker. The teacher has developed a method that they hug before I get out of the chair. Another example of hugging is a little girl who I had several years ago. Whenever she sees me like at Giant or at the mall, she will come to me to hug! Her mother always smiles at me. Blessings, Jane Lerch

FROM GUESTS TO MEMBERS

Each spring and fall CUMC welcomes new members into our church family. I spoke to some of the most recent new members to learn how they found our church, what brought them back, and why they chose to become members. Some of their answers are shared below, hopefully giving us an idea of what we are 'doing right'.

The primary way new folks found our church was through our website, with personal invitations to children or youth activities also prominent. The reasons guests returned include feeling welcomed, appreciating our pastors' sermons, feeling comfortable here, and liking the children's and youth activities available at CUMC.

Some positive comments from recent new members include:

- "There was no pressure, just acceptance."
- "This was exactly the kind of church I was looking for and everyone was very welcoming."
- "I wasn't sure a new member class would be useful. I was wrong, it was well worth the time."
- "We felt like it was important for our family to really put roots down in a community, committing fully to the church's future."

As we get ready to move into our new church campus, we need to be prepared for more and more guest to come to CUMC to 'check us out'. If we invite others personally and continue to warmly welcome those who visit, we'll be LIVING LIKE JESUS and bringing more friends into our CUMC family.

SUE BARNES

LEGACY CORNER

"The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds." ~Psalm 145:13

As Christians we live our lives with Holy Spirit-inspired purpose to share the Gospel message. "Living like Jesus" requires a commitment to the wise use of our time, talents and financial resources. The CUMC "Planned Legacy Giving" brochure available at Info Central describes ways we as faithful Christians can achieve these goals.

In this edition of The Bridge we highlight making gifts to CUMC from retirement plans designated as IRA, 401K or 403B accounts by: (1) naming CUMC as a beneficiary of the account; or (2) directing the trustee for the account to make annual IRS Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to CUMC as a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

The first method occurs one time at your death and is a final, faithful gift to CUMC which is exempt from inheritance taxes. The second method can occur annually during your lifetime and is available to individuals who are 70 ½ or older prior to January 1, 2020 or are age 72 on or after January 1, 2020. The tax benefit for this second method is that the distribution directly to CUMC is not considered taxable income to you but counts toward your RMD; however, it may not be claimed as a charitable deduction.

Especially as you review your 2019 income taxes consult your attorney, accountant or financial advisor for information about how these charitable gift ideas can be helpful to you in 2020. Learn more about "The SECURE Act" passed by Congress, effective January 1, 2020, making major retirement law changes for the first time since 2006. Information about other Legacy Gifts is available at Info Central or online: www.carlislepaumc.org/give.

LEGACY TEAM



BLESSED TO SERVE

The blessed to serve team is willing to help our church members with repairs and maintenance around their home. We are willing to do almost anything from changing a light bulb to replacing a section of sidewalk. We have replaced a small porch roof and porch posts, installed vinyl railing, painted a deck and repaired gutters. We have a variety of volunteers that can do almost anything. We enjoy working together to help our fellow members. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 717.249.4642 or billyufer@gmail.com.

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From the Youth on one side of the complex,



through the Worship Center,



to the nursery and daycare children at the other end of the complex,



is evidence of a congregation focusing on an openness to God's will and daring to risk to provide a well-laid-out structure in which God will have opportunity to welcome home, engage, bless, transform people and make disciples.

The lovely environment of the land on which the building is being constructed is adding to the potential of ministry. Also, when we looked out from the inside and saw points of interest such as the hillside cleared by youth and wooden steps built by volunteers,



it made me think of my time participating in an ASP (Appalachia Service Project) mission trip with the youth of our church. It did lead me to think of all the Grace people who have died or for other reasons moved on from our past, and then of the same type of persons from Allison and First Church who gave of themselves in ways that lead to this moment. I envisioned how they would give thanks to God for what is taking place. Perhaps they would be so surprised to see what God is doing.

Well, I could keep going on and on but will not. My hope is that you will sense my gratitude for what the people of CUMC are doing for God and God's people. Thank you!!"

While we toured the SGC campus that afternoon, I heard other comments such as "it's going to be so obvious to everyone how much CUMC values children and youth," and "how wonderful it is that CUMC will continue to open their doors to host community groups and CARES, plus extend an open invitation to the community to share these facilities". With smiles and laughter all around I introduced him to various contractors along our way, and heard "it's immediately evident that these guys care about what they are building for CUMC, and appreciate working for you". My prayer for us all is that you will be touched and affirmed as I was by the impressions of one who knows our history, personally shared in it, and took the time to describe his amazement at what God has inspired us to do by "daring to risk to provide a well laid out structure in which God will have opportunity to welcome home, engage, bless, transform people and make disciples." To which we can all respond AMEN.

JEFF BARNES

AMISH DINNER

at Naomi's is **Friday, April 3**

Sponsored by North of 60 but is open to everyone. Cost is \$23 and tips are appreciated.

Please plan to arrive in time to be served at 6:15pm. Sign up at Info Central.

RSVP's are due by March 30.

Call Jane Lerch, 717.258.6864 if you have questions. Directions are available if requested. If you want a loaf of bread to take home it will be available for \$3 (please let Jane know in advance). Have cash to pay.

CELEBRATION SNEAK PEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 1-4PM

- GUIDED 30 MINUTE TOURS of the new building & vision for CUMC. 4 Tour stops. Final tour for persons with limited mobility. *Sign up for a tour March 1-15 online, in the Gathering or call the Church Office
- Staff available in other areas of interest
- Write prayers on the new Worship Center floor
- Snacks & fellowship
- Kids paint rocks for outside
- Plant a tree with VIM

**MOVING
IN
FAITH**
CUMC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2



GOD'S GIFT TO CUMC

As I reflect on all the missions, the community organizations, and the activities, where we as a church are participants and supporters, I ask, "What motivates us to act?" Besides living our faith and our attempts to "Live Like Jesus," "Why do we do what we do?" I believe many attendees of the church are filled to overflowing with compassion, which fills us with love for others and opens our eyes to the needs of our community and the world.

When we were asked to meet these needs, we responded with living gratitude. We became

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angels and stripped the angel tree bare. We choose

to support the "Alternative Gifts" opportunity benefitting six different groups at the highest level of giving ever, and we supported Little Lights, providing funds for playground equipment. In addition, we reached over 90% in the first capital campaign for our new church. We could not have accomplished these many deeds without God. In fact, since our three churches have come together, many persons have expressed God's presence in all our decisions, and many have been comforted by knowing that God is with us.

Looking forward into the near future, we again rely on God to be with us as we tackle Capital Cam-

paign 2, at which time we will be occupying our new church.

We will need to exercise our compassion for each other as we consider our financial support for this campaign. Our generous commitment should reflect our hope for the generations of new families that will attend and worship at the Spring Garden Campus now and in the future. With Jesus in our hearts we will succeed and reach our goal.

Praise God for the many blessings we have all received and for the blessing of compassion that has been given to us as a church family.

**JOHN SEATON,
THE GIVE TEAM**



MONEY BRIDGE TO SPRING GARDEN CAMPUS

It is approximately one mile (5280 feet) from our current facility to our new church. As a way of involving the children and youth of our church in the Second Capital Campaign, a Money Bridge will be constructed to span the one-mile distance. On Sunday, March 8, during the Children's Chats, the children will be given banks to collect the coins which will be combined to build the Money Bridge. Collection Sundays will occur on Easter (April 12) and Mother's Day (May 10).

As the coins are collected and counted, the amounts will be converted using the following key:

one foot of pennies = 16 pennies;
 one foot of nickels = 14 nickels;
 one foot of dimes = 17 dimes; and
 one foot of quarters = 12 quarters. One mile of pennies would raise \$844.80 while one mile of quarters would result in \$15,840. PLEASE PITCH IN YOUR COINS, too, so that our children and youth can reach their goal of completing the Money Bridge by the time we have moved to Spring Garden Campus. Containers will be available for your coin donations every Sunday while the bridge is being constructed.

KERM LEITNER

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We need your help to make this campaign successful! Here's how you can help:

- 1) Worship and celebrate God's work with us in and through CUMC Sundays March 15th – April 5th
- 2) Commit to reading the Devotional Book with articles by CUMC members March 15-April 5.
- 3) Through this time, join us in prayer: "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" and be open to listen to what and where God is leading you and your family in this area and other areas of your life.
- 4) March 22 in worship you will receive a detailed brochure about

"Moving in Faith." Extras will be available online, at Info Central, or by contacting the Church Office.

5) Complete a Commitment Card (available end of March) and return it April 5 during Commitment Sunday. We understand not all families will be able to make pledges, but we ask that everyone return a card to help our financial leaders plan.

The days ahead are some of the most critical and exciting in the short history of Carlisle UMC. Thank you for being a part of the CUMC family now, as your faithfulness is preparing us for ministry today and into the future at CUMC.



WELCOME SUSAN STEWART

In January CUMC welcomed on staff Susan Stewart in a new role as GROW Adult Director. Susan, who was on the merging pastoral team of our churches in 2012-2014, currently has a private counseling practice and was looking to reengage in local church leadership. Knowing many from her time in the part time associate pastor role, she now will be working closely with our GROW classes and groups to live into our Pathway to Discipleship. She will be working to expand our current offerings and add more options as we move into the new church with more space for daytime classes. Around CUMC you will likely see her granddaughter, 7-year-old Addy, who she cares for. Join us in welcoming back Susan and Addy to CUMC.



WORSHIP THIS SPRING

WE WILL BE HAVING SOME UNIQUE WORSHIP SERVICES AND THEMES THIS SPRING.

The month of March will be the roll-out of our Capital Campaign 2 with a four-week series called "Moving in Faith." We will concentrate on what God is doing with us as we move forward in our faith and trust in God.



Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter highlight the early weeks of the month of April. We will be having our annual series of Holy Week chapel services and breakfasts April 6-10 beginning at 7am each morning. A moving communion service is scheduled for Maundy Thursday, April 9 in the evening, and our Easter celebrations will begin with a sunrise service at our new church site at 6:30am followed by our regular worship schedule. The remaining weeks of April will be a short series of messages tied together by the theme, "On The Move," looking at work of the disciples spreading out to share the Good News of Jesus, The movement of Ruth and Naomi, and finally Abraham and Sarah who followed God despite not knowing where He would lead them.

The month of May is dominated by a preaching series called, "Won't You Be My Neighbor" – and obvious influence by everyone's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers. Since CUMC will be in a new neighborhood. We will concentrate on what that means for us as a church and as individuals with the new opportunities God has placed at our doorstep. The month of May ends with our celebration of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME LIA GARRETT



In January CUMC welcome Lia (Melia) Garrett as our new part-time children's ministry director. Lia comes to us days after completing the Disney College Program after graduating last May from Southeastern University. She majored Psychology with a Religion and Children's Ministry minor. This coming fall she will be enrolling in Southeastern's online Masters program for Family Ministries. Lia comes from Hanover, working with the Grace UMC Hanover children and youth. She enjoys spending time with her cat, family and being outdoors. One of her favorite desserts is smores which the youngest kids shared with her in January in a welcome event. Join us in welcoming Lia to CUMC!

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," choruses of praise, and a full choir.



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