

The Bridge

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019
CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As the plan to develop our Vision Teams was formed, Leadership Council also approved a team that would look at the current CUMC Mission and Vision statements. This would

also include reviewing the Pathway to Discipleship and Strategic Plan used by staff and leadership in planning, ministry review, and budgeting. The team discovered our mission statement came from Jesus' command to all churches and could remain the same. Upon reviewing the Vision Statement, which is how CUMC will strive to achieve this mission in practical ministry, they rec-



ommend a revision aiming for a concise statement that even our youngest children could know and share.

In the sermon series that began April 28 and runs through June 2 the Pastors will share how CUMC can strive to Live Like Jesus.

As our Vision Teams do their work of reviewing and dreaming for our ministries now and into the new facility, they will

use these statements as their foundation and focus for dreaming. We look forward to ways at CUMC where we can Live Like Jesus – as a congregation and individuals – that invites all

in the greater Carlisle area and beyond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are looking for examples and stories of how we at CUMC Live Like Jesus to highlight in upcoming newsletters. If you have an idea or person to nominate, please contact Rhonda Dyson (rdyson@carlislepaumc.org) or Pastor Mira anytime.

OUR MISSION

Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving the greater Carlisle community and beyond.

OUR VISION

Living like Jesus improves our lives, our families, the Carlisle community and beyond. At Carlisle United Methodist Church, we strive to **LIVE LIKE JESUS.**

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, JULY 14 in WORSHIP



CUMC is turning 6! In the past six years we have focused our ministries on the pillars of Worship, Connect, Grow and Serve. Through these we have connected with each other and our community, growing in our personal relationships with God and sharing Christ in our community. We also continue to welcome guests each week – and have had over 60 become members of CUMC. This year we also have seen the

planning, prayers and fundraising result in Spring Garden Campus coming to life. Utilities and rough roads are in place for our new home with walls going up. We have a lot to celebrate this year!

In honor of our anniversary, CUMC will join others in our community to help kids in need in our community go back to school. This year CUMC is collecting pencils (mechanical and regular). Pencils will be collected July 1-21st in the Gathering. Join us Sunday, July 14, at all three worship services for a time of celebration and special treats afterward.

SUMMER VBS AT CUMC

Summer VBS will be held August 6-8 here at CUMC in the MPR and Friday, August 9 as a special "Camp-Out" at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center in Newville. Registration at 5pm, Dinner at 5:30, and program from 6-8pm. Theme will be "God's Encampment - the Armor of God." Banners, flyers and much more information will be coming out this summer!

KIDS

JUNE

JUNE 9 - KIDS'PRETEEN,
5-7:30pm, Room 1

JUNE 15 - Family Event,
Noon-3pm,
Sport Emporium

JULY

JULY 14 - KIDS'PRETEEN,
5-7:30pm, Room 1

AUGUST

AUG 6 - VBS, 5:30-8pm, MPR

AUG 7 - VBS, 5:30-8pm, MPR

AUG 8 - VBS, 5:30-8pm, MPR

AUG 9 - VBS, 5:30-8pm,
Mt. Asbury

AUG 18 - Family Ice Cream
Social, 5-7:30pm,
Room 1

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT DEB SNOUFFER

No matter when or for what event, I can always count on Deb to be there and willing to help in any way. I know that she will always do her best whatever the situation calls for. The kids love her and are always happy to see her. She always has a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. I know I can always call on her and know that she will help.

SUMMER CAMPS

Each summer CUMC helps to send young people to church camp paying 50% of their fee. Statistics show church camp is the largest single event that impacts and grows the faith of a young person. CUMC currently has four campers going this year: Peyton Snyder to Fun, Faith & Friends Camp (June 23-29), Sophia Morrison to Theatre Camp (July 7-13), and Laurel and Kellen Weiser to Grandparents & Me Camp (Aug 2-4).

Kellen Weiser, new to church camp, is excited to make new friends. His sister Laurel who has been to several camps is excited to spend time with her grandparents and looks forward to the campfires and new bunk beds at Mt. Asbury. Parents Heather and

Brad Weiser share: "We are glad the kids have a Christian camp close by so they can explore their relationship with Jesus and interact with other kids with shared values and build friendships."

Sophia Morrison, a teenager going to Music Theatre camp says: "I am really excited to go to church camp this year because I will be able to meet new kids, do what I love (aka theatre) and learn more about God. I am really excited to see how Greene Hills has changed since I have been there 3 years ago."

Please keep these young people, and all the church campers, in your prayers throughout the summer that they may grow in their faith and love of Christ.

THIS I BELIEVE...

Here's a peek at what our Confirmation class wrote in their "This I believe" statements:

"I believe that God created us to worship Him. I believe this because He would have never created us or loved us if He had just created the earth. He created us to live on the earth that He has made."

– Aaron Kearns

"Then Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but on the third day Mary and her friend were going to put spices on Jesus' body and Mary saw an Angel and the Angel told them that Jesus was alive and then Jesus overcame death."

– Lydan Grim

"You cannot get rid of your sins by helping a neighbor or giving to the poor. So God sent Jesus. Jesus was the only person who was good enough to be crucified for our sins because He had no sin. If you trust in God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit then you can live an eternal life with Him."

-Noah Butler

"Ever since I was little I was always wondering how life came to be and what was the purpose. Was I supposed to live my life and enjoy myself or was life a realm that all the unfortunate were blessed into. I had no idea, until I began to commit myself to the church. This congregation sprouted an idea in my mind that maybe life isn't a place where the unfortunate are left, but maybe an unfinished worksite, whose foundation was created by the one true God."

- Jayden Creech

"I believe that God sent us here on earth to serve one another and worship Him. You can serve any way you want to, to God and your neighbors. Ever since I was young, I would try to serve and help others in some way. Since I was little, I have been going to church and worshipping God. This is what I believe"

– Parker Heberlig

"I believe that God is always with us wherever we go. If you are going through a tough time, God will always be with you. When you pray, God is listening."

– Molly Myers

"I believe that everyone in life is given a chance and it is up to them to decide to take it or not. I took a chance and when me and my family moved here that chance became a reality. We found a church named Carlisle United Methodist Church (CUMC). So at first we have not really gone to church so we were a bit hesitant to go. And I had friends that went to that church so they shared that with me and I started to realize. They were trying to spread God's love with me."

– Sal Brown

YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUNE

- 5 - Pool Party @ Stafford's, 5-9pm
- 9 - Confirmation Sunday, 9:45am
- 13 - Hike @ Fuller Lake, 5-8:30pm
- 23 - VB Final Meeting, Noon
- 24 - Waterpark Trip @ Sandcastle, 7am-9pm

JULY

- 7-13 - Virginia Beach Mission Trip
- 16 - Pool Party @ Sallie's, 6-9pm
- 25 - SERVE @ Mission Central, 9am-3pm

AUGUST

- 5 - Beach Trip to Atlantic City, 7am-11pm
- 18 - MS Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 25 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE

- 2 - SC Commissioning, 11am (final trip meeting @ Noon)
- 2 - Lunch & Games after church @ LeTort, Noon-4pm
- 8-15 - SC Mission Trip
- 18 - SC Trip Reunion @ Leo's, 7-8pm
- 19 - Pool Party @ Staffords, 5-9pm

JULY

- 12 - Bowling @ Midway, 9:30-11:30pm
- 14 - Bahamas Commissioning, 9:45am (meeting at 11am)
- 20-30 - Bahamas Mission Trip
- 25 - SERVE @ Mission Central, 9am-3pm

AUGUST

- 1 - Bahamas Reunion @ Dave & Buster's
- 5 - Beach Trip to Atlantic City, 7am-11pm
- 19 - HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
- 25 - SERVE @ MBT, 3-7pm
- 26 - HS Youth Group, 7-9pm

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ADULT SUMMER OFFERINGS

LIFT

Thursdays, May 23, June 6, 20 & 27, 6:45-8pm, Pastor Mira's home

Join Pastor Mira and Erin Burd for a discussion of, "TORN," by Justin Lee. For women 20s-40s. Childcare available.

7 MEN & 7 WOMEN: AND THEIR SECRET TO GREATNESS

Tuesdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9 & 16, 6:30-7:30pm, Library

Join Pastor Mira looking at 5 of the 14 individuals who dedicated themselves to living out God's call on them to serve and shape the people around them. Each week a new person; join as many as possible. Childcare available.

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG

Tuesdays, June 18, 25; July 2, 9 & 16, 11am-Noon, Library

Debbie Goeltsch will be leading the discussion of this though-provoking book by Adam Hamilton.

VBS FOR ADULTS

Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 6-8, 6-7:30pm, Room 3 (Room 4 on Thursday)

Forgiveness: Making Peace with the Past.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

Sunday, July 21, 4-7pm, Butler home; Sunday, Aug. 11, 4-7pm, Wardle Home

Join us for BBQ and potluck (pool party on Aug. 11) to stay connected. Families invited!

ADULT GROW CLASSES



I continue to be amazed at how the Adult Grow offerings at CUMC are relevant to me and where I am on my faith journey.

The people I have met, the classes I have participated in, the books I've read have all helped me gain a better understanding of how to Live Like Jesus; and just how important it is to set that example for my children, friends, family and co-workers.

My wife, April, and I attend the Pathways class (Sunday mornings - 11:15-12:15.) The lessons there have helped us gain a better understanding of the Bible in an environment in which I feel comfortable asking questions to help find answers to things I want to know. We recently studied the book of Revelations, then talked about the Old Testament Joseph, read "Experiencing God" by Henry and Richard Blackaby, and are now talking about Moses.

In addition to that class, April and I regularly attend Theology Pub, where we finished talking about Nehemiah.

In the wake of the General Conference I am participating in the Tuesday morning book study ("Torn" by Justin Lee) and the Sunday evening book study. I felt "Torn" would give me insight into the personal struggle's homosexuals experience in Christian churches. I was looking for a more theological discussion, so I am also participating in the "Bible, Gender, Sexuality" by James V. Brownson study on Sunday nights. I hope to gain a better understanding of this issue going forward.

I also look forward to more opportunities to live out the ideas and values I've gained from these classes and hope to continue serving in Carlisle, Central Pennsylvania, nationally and back in Haiti. It has been the relationships formed in the different GROW events that have led me to serve in these areas as well.

I am thankful for these offerings and for the people leading and participating in these classes as they have all helped me along my faith journey. I appreciate the welcoming atmosphere afforded in these classes and throughout CUMC. I look forward to continuing to learn how to live like Jesus.

~ Sam Butler: just trying to figure life out while being a husband to April (for soon to be 16 years), father of Noah (13), Cameron (10), Grayson (7) and Kaylee (4), attendee of the Contemporary Service (9:45) and ChildLine caseworker.

"MATURE CHRISTIAN"

I have a favorite benediction from Richard Halverson, former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. It goes like this: "You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who dwells in you has something He wants to do through you where you are." There is a benefit to being a more "mature" Christian. It's the benefit of having years of experience to look back on to realize that God was there in my life all along the way. Many times I

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SAMARITAN FELLOWSHIP

Since 1958, the Samaritan Fellowship, a nonprofit ministry, has worked to carry out the Lord's admonition to help our neighbor. Our purpose is to help those who have exhausted every available means for providing adequate shelter, utilities, medical care, fuel, vehicle repair, short-term shelter, food, clothing, or other emergency services. We serve families living in the Carlisle Area School District, South Middleton School District, and Middlesex Township.

Samaritan Fellowship meets every Saturday morning (as it has continuously without missing a Saturday for the past 61 years) in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Carlisle United Methodist Church. Here we interview candidates and decide the level and type of help we will provide for them. Cases are usually resolved before the client leaves on Saturday morning.



Samaritan Fellowship is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to which contributions are tax deductible. Because Samaritan Fellowship is an all volunteer organization our administrative expenses are very low. Ninety-five cents of each one dollar donated is used for direct client assistance.

In 2018 Samaritan Fellowship interviewed 930 potential clients and funded 590 families. The average gift to each family was \$402.14. The total provided in 2018 was \$237,262.12. These funds are never paid directly to the client, but they are directed to a designated service provider

for the client. Samaritan Fellowship maintains an extensive database of the interactions with all of its clients to ensure our efforts are producing positive results. We also have a large database of other service agencies in the area who serve the same population. This helps us to better serve our clients and to not duplicate efforts.

Please consider helping Samaritan Fellowship by your gifts, or becoming a member who works with these people in our community. If you have any questions, one of the following Samaritan Fellowship members will be glad to help. Ron Chipriano, Susan Deringer, Bill Doll, Cheryl Hale, Wayne Henderson, Lois Kielkopf, Kevin Lyttle, Carol Stuart and Roger Woods.

~ **Wayne Henderson**

INFO CENTRAL HOSTS



Each Sunday we have volunteers serving as Info Central Hosts at the Information Center in the gathering area. They each wear a nametag that says, "Ask Me." They arrive before each worship service to review the bulletin and announcements and new items that have been placed at Info Central. They

leave well after most have gone home for the day.

They are available to answer questions from guests and members and to help direct and escort guests to the nursery, classes and any event happening at CUMC that morning. During the gathering time these volunteers intentionally look for guests or anyone standing alone in the Gathering and ask if they can assist them. They help to make our guests feel at home!

This is a vital ministry at CUMC, and we are thankful for all those that serve in this ministry. Please take the time to thank our Info Central Host for serving. ~ **Kathy Charette**

CONNECT WEEKLY CONNECT

SUNDAYS Narcotics Anonymous, 6pm, Room 4

MONDAYS Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Room 1

TUESDAYS Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 or 8pm, Building 33

Narcotics Anonymous, 7pm, Room 4

AlAnon, 7:30pm, Room 1

WEDNESDAYS Bridges Prayer Team, 11am, Library

THURSDAYS Co-Ed Volleyball, 7pm, MPR

Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Room 1

SATURDAYS Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Building 33

Shepherds/LAMs and our Home Communion team visit at least monthly based on personal schedules. Card and Altar Flowers are sent/delivered each week by our teams.

VIM TRIPS A BLESSING



One of the blessings of week-long Volunteers in Ministry trips is getting to know the homeowners. In March, six of us had the opportunity to repair the homes of two South Carolina women facing daunting challenges. Mrs. Allen is currently living with an implanted ventricular assist device that beats for her ailing heart while she prays for a transplant. She had a constant stream of family and friends calling on her to show their support. Mrs. Cooper has been raising three grandchildren for the past five years. One granddaughter is now studying biology at a college in Florida. Both their homes suffered damage from Category 5 Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and repairs have been oh-so-slow in coming. As usual with these trips, there was more to be done than we could possibly do, and as usual we took on more than the "defined" scope of work. Several bro-

ken windows covered with cardboard and a dangling air conditioner were not part of the plan, but they were repaired anyway. We took a little heat for expanding our work (sigh), however the windows made an amazing difference for Mrs. Allen. She could now see her backyard through her kitchen window, and light shone in again! She hopes to get new curtains with a donated Walmart gift card.

Another blessing of these trips is having volunteers with all skill levels. Ken taught Jacquie how to re-glaze a window; Randy taught Frank to install guttering to prevent future water damage.

There were tears of joy when the work was completed, and Mrs. Cooper exclaimed that she would surely miss having us around. Yet another VIM blessing.

~ Cheryl Hale

LETORT SNACKS

Remember the three "R's" in school - Reading, Writing, Arithmetic? The teachers at Letort Elementary School provide daily instruction in these three content areas as well as in science and social studies in order to give the students a better chance to succeed in life. This school year the staff decided to focus their after school program on those students who are struggling in math and writing. Every Thursday in the school year 42 students from first to fifth grade attended an after school club for an extra 45 minutes of instruction in either math or science. If you know anything about kids, you know that they like to eat and usually like a snack as soon as they get home from school. Since they did not go

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NEXT UP FOR VIM...

About two years ago we sent several day trips to Selinsgrove to help rebuild a church destroyed by fire. This coming fall and Spring 2020 VIM trips will be local - at our new Spring Garden campus! Using the VIM skills teams will be needed to help with projects at our new church both inside and outside the building. VIM Days will include devotions, work time, lunch together, work and closing with reflections before heading home for dinner and sleep. Details on dates and projects will be shared in the bulletin.



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didn't acknowledge that fact, or believe that that was even true. But as my faith continued

to grow, I am certain that God was there every step of the way. And in this stage of my life, I am always aware of the closeness that I feel knowing God is walking with me. My family moved to Carlisle about 25 years ago. Friends from Chambersburg, where we used to live, John and Bunny Parsons, suggested we attend Grace Church, which we did. Donna Myers, who I worked with at school, also suggested Grace to me. God was sending me there.

I found friendships that I cherish to this day, at Grace. I joined the choir, and the bell choir, and various small group studies, as time allowed. At that time, we were raising our family and life was

busy, but God was still with me. As Grace became CUMC, I found even more wonderful friendships and learning experiences through GROW to enrich my life. I enjoy being a member of the Faithful Journey Sunday School Class, and taking various studies offered by GROW. Women of the Word studies have renewed my thirst for knowledge, and for understanding of God's word. I also know now that God has a purpose for me in this church. One way that I have strengthened my walk has been through the different women's retreats that I have been to. I love planning for those retreats and enjoy thinking of ways to enrich the experience for all who attend. I always walk away from those "mountain top" experiences with a renewed faith and appreciation for all that God means in my life.

I'm looking forward to see where God leads CUMC and what He wants to do through us.

~ Sue Baxter

VISIONING TASK FORCE

As chair of the Leadership Council and now also chair of the Visioning Task Force Steering Committee, I am blessed to receive pictorial updates of the Spring Garden Campus from Jeff Barnes, chair of the Building Committee, several times each week. It seems that Jeff is at the site daily. Receiving a recent photo depicting cement block walls now requiring scaffolding to install, my one word response was simply, "Inspiring!" I wish I could use the same word regarding the formation of our nineteen Visioning Task Force Teams. As part of her sermon on April 28, Pastor Mira reported

that fifty volunteers were already members of these teams and invited others to join. Only a few have stepped forward since. We had many more who participated in the Focus Groups, which the Transition Team had formed prior to our unification six years ago. Please consider my final plea to get involved in the important final planning for our new church. We want to do this right, and we only get one chance to do so. Contact Pastor Mira or Kerm Leitner, kermleitner@comcast.net if you want to join one of the Visioning Task Force Teams.

~ Kerm Leitner

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am

(Thelma McCullough/Seekers/Ever Faithful) will meet in the Chapel.

Bible study based theme "Discipleship and Mission." Led by Gary & Bonnie Ankabrandt and Vicki Morley

PATHWAYS

Sundays, 11:15am-12:15pm

Will meet in the Library studying the life of Moses. Michelle & Greg Williams lead the discussion.

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT

Sundays, June 23-July 28, 9:45-10:45am, Room 4

DVD based study.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

Sundays, June 2, 9 & 16, 9:45-10:45am, Room 4

The award winning movie revealing the true story behind MercyMe's smash hit song, "I Can Only Imagine," details lead singer Bart Millard's abusive upbringing and path to reconciliation and forgiveness. Rated PG.

PAUL: APOSTLE OF CHRIST

Sundays, Aug. 4, 11 & 18, 9:45-10:45am, Room 4

Movie about how Paul becomes Jesus' most influential apostle. Awaiting execution in a Roman prison, he reflects on his life with his friend and physician, Luke - who resolves to write a book detailing the birth of "The Way." Rated PG-13.



WHAT'S NEXT IN HAITI?

I'm excited to announce that CUMC will once again be commissioning a team to serve beside the people of the Methodist Church and School in Mellier, Haiti.

The trip is scheduled for January 3-11, 2020 with plans to provide an opportunity for at least ten members of CUMC to make the journey. During the week we will visit with beneficiaries of the Micro Credit Community Bank, will help with making repairs to another of the school's buildings and will deliver financial support for the teachers.

Most importantly, the team will further strengthen our relationship with the Congregation in Mellier. My prayer is that the relationships we are building will far outshine the work we could ever expect to complete.

If going is not where you are called, the CUMC Haiti Team needs your prayers and financial support. I invite you to be an "active" sender of our team. The cost for sending one person is about \$1900 (travel, food, cooks, drivers, interpreters, school repairs).

Would you consider helping to sponsor one of the ten who will be representing CUMC in Haiti?

If you are interested in making the trip (Sign up by July 1st) or interested in sponsoring someone who will go, please contact me via email at rcharette62@comcast.net.

Your generosity has made our service in Haiti possible. Please know that your contributions will again make a significant impact in the lives of our church and our world.

~ Rich Charette

UMW ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE



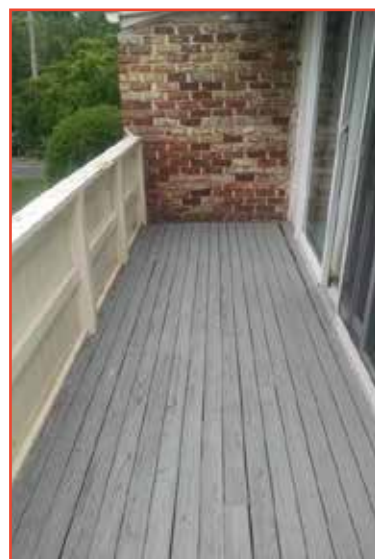
As you do your spring cleaning and empty those drawers and closets, plan to donate your treasures to support missions. The UMW annual Indoor Yard Sale will be Friday, Oct. 11, 8am to 2pm and Saturday, Oct. 12, 8am to 1pm. Keep watch for info regarding donation drop-offs, and as always we will need volunteers as we will begin sorting and pricing items each day throughout the week. We'll once again be needing soups and

baked goods too. Sign-up in the Gathering or contact Deb Washinger or Carolyn Roller. Additional details will be published in the weekly Bulletin. Thank you in advance for your support – proceeds of the sale and the Salad Smorgasbord held this spring benefit UMW missions locally, nationally and internationally. In 2018, we donated over \$7000 to missions near and far.

JUNE BOOK COLLECTION

UMW will be collecting new and used children's books for ages 2-12 during the month of June to donate to area daycares, preschools and non-profit groups serving children. A collection point will be in the Gathering.

BLESSED TO SERVE



Blessed to Serve helps CUMC members and friends with small house projects that improve safety and help older members stay in their homes. Some projects have included porch repairs, sidewalk railing, interior lights, and trip hazards. Owners pay for materials, Blessed to Serve does the work. If you have a project they could help with, please contact Bill Yufer at 717-249-4642 or Pastor Mira in the Church Office.



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directly home on Thursdays, volunteers from CUMC provided treats for the students before the teachers began their instruction. The students would descend upon the school's library where two of an eight member team from CUMC were prepared with a drink and other items such as chips, cookies, fruit, donuts, crackers, fruit chews, or veggies. For 30 minutes the room was filled with chatter and laughter as the students not only satisfied their hunger pangs, but they talked with their friends and the volunteers from CUMC - sharing highlights of the day and other interests. The teachers appreciated the support from CUMC and the extra attention given to the students during this half-hour of down time, but the real blessings came from the smiles and interactions with the students each week.

~ Jane Boley

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CUMC is blessed with 9 scholarship funds for students in higher education. This year \$21,000 was given towards their education. Thank you to the families who gave Legacy Gifts for scholarships.

Connie Gruber Scholarship

Connor Paul

Dorothy & Roy Hill Grants

Cody Breon, Douglas Day, Devon Greenwood, Nathan Fogelsanger, Emily Kearns, Najae Nickerson, Connor Paul, Marc Stafford, Josh Willard

Harding Family Scholarship

Erin Anderson and Joe Charette

Mary Alice Lippert Scholarship

Nathan Fogelsanger and Emily Kearns

Mary Peters Scholarship

Erin Anderson, Joe Charette, Devon Greenwood, Nathan Fogelsanger, Marc Stafford, Josh Willard

Thank you to the Scholarship Team for their work this year.

SPRING GARDEN CAMPUS UPDATE

As springtime changes into the long awaited summer season, the appearance of our Spring Garden Campus is likewise transforming into more and more of a reality each day. Our outstanding construction team has made steady progress in spite of the frequent spring rains, and our new building continues to rise up from ground level.

Most of the site work is now complete, and grass is growing on our recreation fields and storm water management areas. The first layer of paving has been completed on East Baltimore Street and our driveway in an effort to minimize the amount of dirt and dust carried offsite by the construction related traffic.



Water service has been activated up to the building, and electric service will soon follow. All of these on-site utilities are underground to preserve the beauty of our new campus. Driveway and parking lot lighting will be installed this summer, along with parking lot islands and the first layer of parking lot paving.

Meanwhile, the quickly rising masonry block walls outline the building footprint, with steel framing and roof decking soon to follow. Construction of the two building wings has been the focus of the construction thus far, with the central worship center and gathering area to follow.



Doors, windows, AVL and gym equipment, plumbing fixtures and electric fixtures have been ordered, and our interiors building team is confirming final color selections for flooring, walls, painting and other finishes. Designs are likewise being finalized for the building fire protection and security systems along with the entry courtyard. Planning is also underway to finalize placement of current furniture and equipment that will be brought along with us as well as furnishings that we have recently acquired or are yet to be purchased within budget constraints.

Our anticipated construction schedule is detailed in the table on page 11, which indicates that we remain on target for a Spring 2020 completion and move-in. To God be the glory for His continuing blessings as CUMC looks forward to arriving at our new church home in less than one year!

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Updated photos of Spring Garden Campus progress are posted weekly on our Facebook page and on our website at:
www.carlislepaumc.org/photos

ANTICIPATED SGC CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

MAY THRU JUNE 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Grading & Foundations • Block Walls & Under Slab Utilities 	JUNE THRU JULY 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel & Floor Slab 	JULY THRU AUG 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Roof 	JULY THRU SEPT 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Framing 	AUG THRU OCT 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mech/Elect/Plumbing Rough-In 	SEPT THRU OCT 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Paving
FALL '19 THRU WINTER 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drywall, Ceilings, Casework 			WINTER THRU SPRING 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finishes, Painting, Flooring 		SPRING 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-In

WE WON'T ALWAYS GET A SECOND CHANCE



As they searched for a church to call home, a couple who had recently moved to this area discovered the CUMC website and decided this was definitely a church they would like to visit. The first time they came to CUMC they arrived early, knowing parking would be an issue, and entered our building through the parking lot door. They were greeted at the door, but no one asked if they knew where they were going or offered to help them find the sanctuary.

On their own they saw signs pointing up the ramp to the sanctuary, so they struggled up the ramp, one with limited mobility and a walker, only to reach the top and realize the stairs would be impossible to climb. They then struggled back down the ramp, where the greeter was busy talking to someone else. Eventually the greeter told them there was an elevator right there, so they made their way to the sanctuary.

After this difficult beginning, their morning didn't

improve much, as few people spoke to them. The couple left the church, feeling disappointed and not welcome, and decided they would not return to this church.

Fortunately for us, this pair still had not found the right church two months later, so decided to give CUMC one more try. The second time here was much more positive, not only because they knew where they were going, but because they felt more welcome and found that more people greeted them and spoke to them. It made a huge difference and they resolved to return.

The story ultimately has a happy ending, as these two are now members of CUMC. They have become involved in Worship, Serve, and Grow ministries and are feeling that they now have a church home. We got a second chance this time, and it worked out well for all. But many times people who leave our building feeling unwelcome will not return and try again. Let's vow to keep our eyes open on Sunday mornings and any other time we have guests in our church. Be intentional in watching for anyone who looks like they are unsure where to go or in need of help. We are all responsible for warmly greeting and talking with guests. We can only feel like a friendly church if we are all friendly and welcoming!

~ Sue Barnes

WELCOME!



Jennifer Graybill CUMC CUSTODIAN

Jennifer is excited to be the new custodian here at CUMC. She loves staying busy, paying attention to detail and interacting and meeting new people. Family time is #1 to Jennifer. She also enjoys yard work, kayaking, camping and outdoor fun.

WHERE WE STAND

In Feb. 2019 delegates gathered in St. Louis at the UMC Special Session of General Conference to consider the Bishops' recommendation and vote on how our church laws focused on human sexuality, particularly LGBTQ+ clergy and weddings. 856 delegates represented diverse cultures, nations, and theological standpoints among the elected clergy and lay members. After three days of heated conversation and debate the Traditionalist Plan was affirmed. The Traditional Plan keeps the current language around human sexuality and increases accountability by streamlining the processes to enforce penalties for violations of The Book of Discipline related to marriage and ordination of LGBTQ+ persons. Some parts of the Traditional Plan, and the entire plan itself, was referred to the Judicial Council for review Apr. 23-26, 2019. This was followed by a presentation from Bishop Park on May 3, 2019. After Judicial Council ruled, parts

deemed constitutional will go into effect Jan. 2020.

Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira presented a joint sermon on Mar. 3, 2019. On Mar. 24 in the afternoon they shared "Where We Stand" with their personal reflections and views on the outcomes of General Conference around LGBTQ clergy and marriage. If you missed their presentations, or to learn more about General Conference decisions, visit: www.carlislepaumc.org/way-forward/. As more information is learned it will be shared.

Throughout spring several GROW Adults classes read "Torn" by Justin Lee; along with a class on "Finding Our Way" by Reuben Job; "Bible, Gender, Sexuality" by James Brownson; and "Embracing the Wideness" by Kenneth Carter. If you missed a class we encourage you to pick up one of these titles to learn more about this topic and the implications for our church and community.

WE CARE VISIONARY AWARD



Our church received the "We-Care Visionary Award" at the Community CARES fund-raiser banquet held April 9 at the Carlisle Expo Center (Community Cares is the new name for the former Carlisle CARES homeless shelter and center). Kendra Hatch has coordinated the shelter program for CUMC and we thank her and the many CUMC volunteers who help when we host the shelter in our church. The award is given to those who help further the mission of CARES in a variety of ways.

The award reads: "You make a world of difference," followed by The Power of One: "The little things you do each day have the power to affect a great many people. You inspire us with your willingness and ability to help others. You take on the world, one day at a time, continuously searching for a way to make things better, seizing the opportunity to improve everyday life."

Others receiving award were Alex and Shane's Lemonade for their commitment to community service; The Meeting House Church Construction Team for their work in expanding the resource center in 2017; and Bobby Rahal Toyota for their financial support.

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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