



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

"God's Vision. Our Mission." into "Moving in Faith"

Entering 2020 we are on the final leg of the first CUMC capital campaign fueled by God's vision for our congregation to build a new church building on South Spring Garden Street. Almost five years ago CUMC purchased 25 acres on the Smith Farm for our new church home. January through May 2017 the Building Team and Committees worked with our architects and contractors to design and complete our master plan. In April 2017 CUMC embarked on our first of three consecutive capital campaigns to fund our new building. Together we prayed, "Lord what do you want to do through me?" seeking God's guidance and opportunities before us to create something lasting for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Capital Campaign 1 – "God's Vision. Our Mission." – exceeded predictions of our consultant with commitments to date over \$3.5 million. Capital Campaign 1 runs through March 2020,

as we seek to follow God's Vision for our church in this community and is exceeding expectations of receiving over 90% of pledged contributions. Ending October 2019, over 341 families have given to make this campaign a success.



In March 2020 Capital Campaign 2 will begin – "Moving in Faith." This campaign begins as plans are being made to literally move in faith – moving locations! Teams are meeting to talk about cleaning out, packing boxes, and furniture for the new church. We are also preparing to be moving in ministry – working with vision teams to seek the next steps in ministry in a new location, community, and

facility. We are also preparing to be moving in faith – believing that together we can build and finance this new church home for generations ahead. Our next two campaigns aim at the remaining debt of nearly \$6 million while supporting and expanding current ministries in and beyond our community.

Join us in PRAYER about what God wants to do through you and that God will continue to change lives as we are moving in faith. Join us in PRAISE giving thanks for God's blessings and guidance throughout our entire building project. Join us to PLAN for our future through "Moving in Faith" Sunday on March 15, Commitment Sunday on April 5 and Announcement Sunday on April 19.

**"Lord, what do you
want to do
through me?"
Let's find out.**

KIDS MINISTRY WILL BE...

1. A TIME FOR GRATITUDE

Thank you to the many parents and helpers who stepped up this fall to teach Sunday School, lead Pre Teen, play at the Harvest Bash, and celebrate Breakfast in Bethlehem. Your help between Children's Directors continued to share and show Jesus' love to all our kids and families.

2. A TIME TO SLOW DOWN

As Lia Garrett joins us in the role of Children's Director, this part-time position will focus on: Sunday Mornings, Pre Teen events and quarterly Family/Outreach Events. Using the reports of our 2018 consultant and Vision Team, she will take time to focus our programs and ways to go deeper with our kids and families.

3. A TIME OF REMEMBERING

This season may you slow down, give thanks for the kids in your life, and remember Jesus' birth as a baby, God with us. May you see the holidays through the eyes of a child and seek to see where God is with you each day of this season and into 2020.

MEET LIA GARRETT

In January CUMC will welcome Lia Garrett as our new Children's Ministry director. Lia was born in Hanover PA and attended South Western School District growing up. In April 2019 she graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology and minors in Religion and Children's Ministry at Southeastern University, also known as SEU, located in Lakeland, Florida.

"I realized my passion for ministry in high school because I grew up in a Christian family, so going to church on Sundays and being involved in the different church opportunities was a normal part of my childhood. Due to this I have been a student

and/or a volunteer with my church's youth group and children's ministry through the normal Sunday meetings, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and much more. During my time at SEU I had the opportunity to work in a church's student disability ministry. I had the chance to help or "be a buddy" to students who had a disability to participate in the normal student ministry activities on a Sunday morning and Wednesday night. As I attended SEU I had the amazing opportunity to go on a student-led mission trip each May for the past 4 years. I have been to China, Uganda, Kenya, and the Scandinavian regions of Europe – Norway, Finland,



Sweden, and Denmark to partner with fellow classmates to share the joy of Jesus Christ with others."

Lia spent this fall working in the Disney College Program as she began working to complete a masters in Family Ministry degree from Southeastern University. She enjoys swimming, watching tv, reading books, going on walks and spending time with family and friends.

"I am excited to work alongside the volunteers, staff, and families at CUMC to share the joy of Jesus Christ as we all grow in our faith and fellowship with each other." Join us this winter in welcoming Lia to CUMC.

DECEMBER

- 1 - Family Advent Calendar begins
- Breakfast in Bethlehem sign-up deadline
- PreTeen: Jesus is Promised, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 7 - Breakfast in Bethlehem, 9-11am, MPR
- 8 - Sunbeams sing in Worship, 8:15am
- PreTeen: Coming of John the Baptist, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 15 - SPArKS sing in Worship, 11am
- PreTeen: Christmas Party, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 24 - Christmas Eve Worships (check back page for times & info)

JANUARY

- 5 - PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 12 - PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Room 1 (meet Lia, New Children's Director)
- PreTeen & Parent Dinner, 5-6pm, Ciao Lia! (Italian dinner with Lia)
- PreTeen Only, 6-7:30pm
- 16 - Who's Who? 6:30-7pm, Gathering
- 19 - Sunbeams sing in Worship, 11am
- PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Bowling
- 26 - SPArKS sing in Worship, 8:15am
- PreTeen Bowling Competition, 1-3pm, Midway Bowling

FEBRUARY

- 2 - NO PreTeen (Super Bowl)
- 9 - Sunbeams sing in Worship, 8:15am
- PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 16 - PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- Retreat \$25 payment due plus permission packet for retreat
- 23 - SPArKS sing in Worship, 11am
- PreTeen Night, 5-7:30pm, Room 1
- 24 - PreTeen Panera Dinner Fundraiser, 4-8pm, Panera
- 28 - Leave for PreTeen retreat, 5pm, Mt Joy-El

TOP 3 REASONS

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING IN

YOUTH MINISTRY



1 YOU WILL ENJOY IT

Serving God by serving students is fun. Students enjoy life, and being around them will help you see little things that you often miss being your adult-focused self. They long for instruction and for your attention. Being in youth ministry gives you an opportunity to nurture students and watch them grow. Nothing is quite as fulfilling as watching a student grow over time.



2 YOU WILL HAVE AN IMPACT



Those who serve in Youth Ministry are choosing to invest in others during their most impressionable years. While students are impressionable, they are not innocent. None of us are. The Bible says we are sinful from the time we were born. All of us need the grace of Jesus to change us, and those who serve in youth ministry are helping students encounter God's grace. If you serve in Youth Ministry, you can make an eternal impact by giving stu-



dents a tangible expression of God's love. As a Youth Ministry leader, your consistent presence in the life of students sends a strong signal of God's consistent and faithful love.



3 YOU WILL BE REMINDED OF THE NATURE OF THE FAITH

Jesus told a crowd one day that unless we become like children we will not enter His Kingdom. Watching the students serve, share and love others like Jesus with such passion and strength helps youth ministry leaders grow in their personal childlike faith.

YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER

- 1- Nativity Movie Night, 5-7:30pm
- 8 - Cookie Baking, 5-7:30pm
- 15 - Reindeer Games Christmas Party, 5-7:30pm
- 22 - No MS Youth
- 29 - No MS Youth

JANUARY

- 5 - Youth Group, 5-7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL DECEMBER

- 2 - Flannels & Flapjacks, 7-9pm
- 6 - Game Night, 6:30-10pm, Harpels
- 9 - Christmas Story Experience, 7-9pm
- 16 - Christmas Luau Party, 7-9pm
- 23 - No HS Youth
- 30 - No HS Youth

JANUARY

- 6 - Youth Group, 7-9pm

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ADULTS WINTER/SPRING SMALL/LIFE GROUPS

Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT)

Every other Thursday, Jan. 9-Apr. 30,
7-8:30pm, Pastor Mira's home

Thursday Men's Breakfast

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

Women of the Word (WOW)

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

Parenting Discussion

Thursdays: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26,
Apr. 23, May 28, 6:45-7:30pm, Room 111

Transitions

Every other Sunday, Jan. 12-May 17,
6-7:30pm, Library

Women of Faith & Friendship (WOFF)

Dates to be announced, 6-7:30pm

Explore CUMC

Sundays, Feb. 2-Mar. 15, 12:30-1:30pm,
Library

Theology Cafe

Sundays, Jan. 12-May 10, 4:45-6:30pm,
Room 109

The Forge

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

Mindful Women

Monday, Mar. 9 & June 8, 6-8:30pm,
The Gathering (potluck dinner)

BIBLE/BOOK STUDIES

Dialogues on Race

Sundays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16, 9:45-10:45am;
Tuesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 6:30-7:30pm,
Library OR Wednesdays, Jan. 15-Feb. 19,
10-11am, Room 109

Lenten Study: 6 Faith Lessons

Tuesdays, Feb. 27-Apr. 9, 10-11am, Lib.

Covenant

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, Year-
Round, 9:45-10:45am, Chapel

New Beginnings - Sundays, Jan. 5-May
24, 9:45-10:45am, Room 109

Faith Journey - Sundays, Jan. 5-May 24,
9:45-10:45am, Room 4

Young Adult Bible Study - Sundays,
beginning Jan. 5, 9:45-10:45am, Room 3

Pathways - Sundays, Jan. 12-June 21,
11:15am-12:15pm, Library



ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIFE

I so appreciate the many opportunities Carlisle UMC offers each of us to enrich our spiritual life. In a recent Explore Class for people considering making CUMC their church home, participants talked about who influenced their spiritual growth and faith in God. For some, it was a family member such as a parent or grandparent, for some it was a friend, and for others it was a Sunday School teacher.

Pastor Jim mentioned in a recent sermon that the success of a church is less dependent on the minister than it is on the lay people who step up and meet the needs of the congregation. Pastor Mira identified 54 opportunities where members can share their gifts to help make CUMC successful. We are incredibly blessed that at least three dozen people responded to serve as an Adult GROW leader in the past year! They've enjoyed discerning, preparing and facilitating life groups, Bible studies, book discussions, seasonal and Sunday School classes.

Our leaders support these activities for many reasons. Erin Burd, one of the LIFT leaders, loves the camaraderie of being in a group and has "learned from the ladies in my group. They are a great bunch to "do life." We share our joys and sorrows, our insights and questions. We are stronger when we GROW together." Gary Ankabrandt enjoys

bringing the word of God to others; he "firmly believes that God wants us to use the gifts and abilities that He has given to all of us for the good of community" and "that God wants all of us to grow in our faith and that doesn't end until we get to heaven." Ron Chipriano of Faithful Journey is enthusiastic about sharing a particular subject or author: in the book "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff the key word is LOVE! Love everybody, always. Bob Goff is living for Jesus. He sees the positive in all situations." Ann Cook loves the way people are lifted up: "class members were enthusiastic and shared many personal feelings and experiences. That fact enriched our group immensely. It is so inspiring to teach a class like that!" Greg Williams of Pathways digs deep into the Bible: "Everything that happened before the Cross points forward to the Cross; everything that happened following the Cross still points back to the Cross and this remarkable person (Lord) Jesus." Nancy Schoeps believes in the power of a small group: "the New Beginnings class is where members feel a sense of community and get to know each other in a smaller setting... [we share] a great and wonderful diversity of opinions formed from our different experiences as we try to be followers of Jesus." Rich and Kathy Charette (continued on Page 11)



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

My Brothers Table is a local outreach area in SERVE to feed the hungry in Carlisle. CUMC has been serving meals on every third Wednesday of each month. We have partnered with the Salvation Army for many years to serve our Wednesday meals. The youth have started to serve the evening meal on the even months on Sunday.

At MBT we strive to serve a good hot meal to feed the less fortunate in Carlisle. However, we also strive to feed their souls and address all prayer requests that our guests may have. Before we start to serve we always introduce ourselves as members of CUMC and invite them to join us in church on Sunday. Then a prayer is given most of the time by John Stover who has become a member of our church from MBT.

When the meal is served I go around to each table and ask for prayer requests. No pressure is put on anyone to share a request. Usually we receive about 10 to 15 requests each time. The requests

range from praying for health, finding a place to live, keeping safe, finding employment and others.

I always assess if there's anything at MBT that we could do better or if what I'm doing in gathering prayer requests is effective. Are we making a difference? I know that we are making a difference when we serve the meal from all the compliments we receive from our guests. But I've questioned are we effective in comforting and gathering prayer requests. Well God let me know last Sunday that we are effective and we do make a difference when we try to comfort and uplift them for Christ.

God let me know through Brianna and Shawn that we are making a difference. After gathering all the prayer requests I usually sit with a number of guests that I know and just make small talk. As the night was coming to an end and some of my friends were leaving a young girl named Brianna sat down beside me and asked if we could talk? I told her I'd be happy to talk

with her and she proceeded to tell me about herself. She looked to me to be in her early 20's. Brianna told me she was 5 months pregnant with no health insurance and on top of that she had a brain tumor. I asked her if she had gone to some of the free clinics in town and she told me she had but got no help. I asked if I could put her on our prayer list and she said yes. She then asked where our church was located since she was new to the area. She asked for the times of our services. She thanked me and left, seeming to me to be uplifted with a smile on her face.

As I was heading into the kitchen to see how the cleanup was going Shawn stopped me and asked to talk. He told me he had accepted the Lord but that he had fallen away. Struggling with many things that he called idols in his life, cigarettes, alcohol, and other vices, he felt that he wasn't worthy of God's love. I said to him that all of us at one time or another have fallen

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VIM WORKS AT SPRING GARDEN CAMPUS

As the leaves changed colors and fell this fall, over 30 CUMC-ers joined our contractors at the Spring Garden campus as our new church continues to rise up from the limestone foundation on South Spring Garden Street. Volunteers painted the church offices, built steps behind the Worship Center to rise to an outdoor fire

ring and flat area, cleared space for the outdoor worship and amphitheater, and made benches for outdoor worship. Others unable to work helped to provide snacks and lunches for our volunteers and construction crew. VIM will have another work week in March 2020 as the new building receives the finishing touches.

If you missed the photos; check out the work of our VIM team on the CUMC Facebook page.

[facebook.com/
CarlisleUnitedMethodistChurch](https://facebook.com/CarlisleUnitedMethodistChurch)

SHARING LOVE



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

During Thanksgiving season CUMC joins with others in our community to provide over 800 families with holiday meals who otherwise would eat at an empty table. Through a partnership with Project SHARE, \$1 donated by CUMC can become \$7-\$10 with their purchasing power increasing dramatically the amount of food for our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who gave so all may enjoy the smells and foods of the holidays.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR LOVED ONES

An alternative gift is a sustainable gift you give to others in honor or memory of someone. It's a nontraditional way of giving and a meaningful gift that will help someone in need. Have an aunt that loves reading? Share her love by purchasing a book for kids at Little Lights Learning Center as they grow into reading. Have a grandfather or father that loved working on houses? Help support Blessed to Serve that serves the older population of CUMC through providing basic home repairs. Last year CUMC gave almost \$9,000 through our Alternative Gift program to support our SERVE ministry partners and people in need. Gifts this year range from \$2 to feed someone at Salvation Army to \$25 to support repairs on our partnership school in Mellier Haiti ...and there are many gifts in between!

One of the Alternative Gifts this year is for supplies for our Volunteer in Missions Team (VIM) going to serve in disaster recovery efforts in North Carolina this February. The team will take gift cards to help homeowners purchase supplies as efforts to rebuild after spring 2019 flooding and hurricanes still impact many homes.

Alternative Gift brochures are available in The Gathering, MPR, and online. Holiday cards are available for any gifts given in honor or memory

of loved ones. Gifts are available to purchase through December 24.

Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birth as we love our family, friends, and those in need. At CUMC our tradition has been to bless kids and families in Carlisle with gifts and support of SERVE ministries with monetary gifts.

GIFTS FOR KIDS

CUMC has many angels among us and will use 150 to make Christmas special for kids in our community. In November CUMC received information on children from Children & Youth Services and the Salvation Army in Carlisle in need of some extra love this Christmas season. Tags were placed on our Angel Trees where tags for clothing and a toy were shared for kids 2 months old through 16 years of age. Thank you to all our angels who returned gifts on December 1st and will provide joy on Christmas morning to many kids in our community.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

ITEMS AVAILABLE

- \$2 Salvation Army Dinner
- \$5 Little Lights Easter Books
- \$6 Samaritan Fellowship Kids' Bags
- \$10 Hope Station Homework Club Prize
- \$12 Mission Central Care Kit
- \$15 Homeless to Home Cleaning Supplies
- \$20 Fruitbelt Farmworkers Blanket
- \$20 VIM North Carolina Supplies
- \$25 Blessed to Serve Supplies
- \$25 Emergency Assistance Gift Card
- \$25 LeTort Elem. School Gift Card
- \$25 Haiti School Repairs



Mission Central's Purpose: Connecting God's Resources with Human Need

Mission Central accomplishes this goal in 3 ways: disaster response, mission outreach and mission education. Mission Central is not funded by the United Methodist Church or the United Methodist Committee on Relief. It exists because of the generosity of local churches, local businesses, and individuals. All these groups make it possible to open the doors at a cost of \$1500 daily.

In 2002 our Susquehanna Conference bought the huge, spacious warehouse in Mechanicsburg which became Mission Central. The conference had been looking to start such a facility, but it had been thought a new building would have to be built at great cost. A true "God moment" oc-

curred when Bishop Neil Irons spied the For Sale sign! Here it was -- ready made for the purpose of mission outreach!! Today the space is shared by a number of non-profits at low cost/no cost including Bethesda Mission (food bank ministry), Computer ministry, New Digs, Project CARE, Healthy Steps diaper bank, Change Purse (working against human trafficking), and more. Mission Central is now one of 6 warehouses in the eastern US that provides UMCOR with all needed resources/supplies for disaster relief and humanitarian aid to more than 80 countries. The work of Mission Central is carried out by 7500 volunteers, including our CUMC group which faithfully appears on the third Wednesday of each month. We have 10-20 people verifying (continued on Page 8)

UMW THANK YOU

A huge, grateful thank you to all who donated "stuff", worked during the week or during the sale, baked all those delicious goodies and made all those amazing soups, bbqs, cabbage rolls, chili, etc. And - we can't forget those who came to help us pack up and load the leftovers, which were picked up by Green Drop. It was truly an amazing outpouring of support.

We still have a couple of bills to come in, but it looks like our profit will be near \$3900. In December, we will combine that with the pro-

ceeds of the Salad Smorgasbord and distribute to deserving programs and organizations near and far. In addition to that, from the sale we were also able to:

Donated about 20 purses to Camp Hill UMC that they will sell to benefit an organization in Harrisburg which assists young women caught up in sex trafficking in our area. Donated handcrafted bags to the team who will travel to Haiti that will be used for children's school bags. Put aside several boxes of children's books that will be distributed next spring to area

daycares and non-profits. From 12:30 to 1:00 on Saturday, we offered those still shopping many free items, including some food. Green Drop will in turn sell and pass on proceeds to the Military Order of Purple Heart, National Federation of the Blind, the Salvation Army and others. Thank you all for helping us take our bounty out into the community! We are truly blessed.

SANDI PRICE

President-Carlisle UMW

HOMELESS TO HOME

In October, the Homeless to Home outreach ministry delivered household items to a family who was moving into a home after being homeless for some time. The family included a mom and her two high school aged children. We had previously met the family at our church in July



when CUMC hosted the Community CARES overnight shelter. The family stayed at CARES for an extended time as the mother searched for housing.

This family was not only challenged with finding a home that would accommodate their family, but they also had the challenge of finding a home in an area that provided a strong educational program, as one of the high schoolers had special needs. Many housing options were explored in their home community, with the hopes the current educational program would not be disrupted, though unfortunately, appropriate housing was not to be found.

As the search area for housing expanded, Mom finally located a house in the Carlisle School District. Upon our visit, they had recently moved in, though the kids were already getting integrated into school

activities. The young man had connected with the wrestling team, was enjoying the experience, and told us how much he liked the coach. The young lady was exploring running as an extracurricular, as she had participated in cross country at her previous school.

As evidenced by the above, it is not just about finding an appropriate, safe, and affordable place to live. This in itself is a very difficult task, but there are so many other details and concerns that Mom had to consider as she searched for housing. Our delivery of needed items lightened the load of one concern. Thanks for providing the means to make a difference. As Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Fine Tuning the Homeless to Home Outreach Ministry

Working in conjunction with other local churches and organizations in serving those moving from
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(Mission Central...cont from Page 7) hygiene kits, school kits, birthing kits, or whatever we are asked to do -- sometimes in the large workroom, sometimes in the huge warehouse. At the same time, we enjoy camaraderie with one another while volunteering our time and commitment for a better world. In early 2004 Harry Oberholtzer, the first executive director, spoke at many of our churches, telling the story of Mission Central and of the activities, needs and ways to support the effort. After speaking with him about the possibility of our local United Methodist

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Women contributing our time to the facility, we be-

gan to do that regularly. Shortly thereafter, entire congregations became involved as we collected flood buckets (5-gallon buckets full of supplies) for cleaning up after devastating hurricanes, including Katrina, in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. In 2006 it was realized that many folks traveled hundreds of miles to Mechanicsburg to volunteer and make donations. This led to the creation of 40 hubs over the eastern seaboard.

Mission Central is ready to respond to all weather-related disasters or emergencies in the US and around the world. Recently two truckloads of cleaning buckets and two of kits were delivered for

relief in the Bahamas. 4,320 flood buckets, 22,320 hygiene kits, and 5,120 school kits were sent. Relief efforts are not limited to UMCOR. About half of the aid provided stays in Pennsylvania. In 2018 total warehouse output was over \$7 million at Mission Central.

If you are interested, please consider stopping at 5 Pleasant View Drive in Mechanicsburg, and see for yourself the shelves of supplies in the warehouse, ready to be sent out where and when the need arises. You will also see the volunteers who make it happen. Mission Central is truly an amazing place!

GRACE LONG



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2020

The annual Leadership Council election for three seats was conducted on October 27, and validated the selection of Ron Chipriano, Debbi Goeltsch and Michelle Williams as members of the Class of 2022. Debbi is currently serving the last year of her two-year term having been appointed by the leadership Council following a resignation. Ron returns as a member after sitting out one year following the completion of his five-year term last December. Michelle, the daughter of a United Methodist pastor, is a writer and author with an interesting story to tell about her father's first three years of ministry in Maryland. I'll leave that for Michelle to tell.

As we will be welcoming our newest members to the table at our first meeting on January 20, 2020, we said our good-byes to Christina Benson and Jeff Boley

at a dinner in their honor on November 15. Christina led Adult GROW throughout her three-year tenure while Jeff led WORSHIP his first year and Facilities the past two years. At the dinner, Pastor Mira and Pastor Jim talked about Christina and Jeff before they were presented with their official CUMC mugs, which has become the traditional gift for our departing members.

This year a new nominating process was used, and over fifty members of the congregation received nominations. A number, who declined to run this year, indicated that they gave it prayerful consideration and will possibly run in the future. A question asked by a number of nominees was simply, **"What does the Leadership Council do?"**

That can best be answered with these four statements:

- Set vision and strategic planning for CUMC
- Develop and continually monitor policy and procedures
- Work with appointed pastors, and volunteers as a resource and guide
- Have fiduciary and personnel responsibility to ensure the success of CUMC.

The role of all members includes to attend LC meetings; be attentive to given work areas; listen with respect to the opinions of others; support all LC decisions; avoid conflicts of interest and support the Chairperson.

Please consider running for a seat on the Leadership Council in the future. Serving on CUMC's Leadership Council has been one of the highlights of my life.

KERM LEITNER

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away from Christ even the apostles fell away from Him. I said to Shawn even though he may have turned away from Jesus that Jesus had never turned away from him. I said to Shawn that because Jesus has always loved him that he needed to take the next step and get connected with a church family of followers of Jesus. He told me that he would and also said that

he was amazed I didn't beat him over the head with the Bible. Shawn said that he felt very comfortable speaking to me. He thanked me for listening to him and left with a big smile on his face. I know that it was not my words, but the words God gave to me to share with Shawn. The spirit of God was definitely present on that Wednesday. Thanks be to God!

RON CHIPRIANO

WELCOMING GUESTS



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homelessness into a home, changes are being made to CUMC's Homeless to Home Outreach to reduce duplication and stretch resources for assisting those in our community moving into housing.

With referrals from case managers, CUMC will now deliver start-up packs of personal care items and cleaning supplies to individuals and families moving into housing. A list of needed items is available on CUMC's website at carlislepaumc.org/homeless-to-home/ and will be accepted by Art and Cindy Kunst by emailing kunstfamily@comcast.net New Life Community Church, along with other churches and organizations, will provide the basic household items and furniture, also through a referral process by a case manager. Donations of household items and furniture can be made directly to New Life Community Church at 64 East North Street, Carlisle, by calling the church Tuesday through Friday at (717) 240-0060.

Thank you for your past and continued support of CUMC's H2H Outreach. CUMC is making a difference in our community.

**ART & CINDY
KUNST**

Each and every Sunday at CUMC we welcome guests to our worship service. Some are new to Carlisle, some lived here for years and are searching for a new church home, others visiting family or friends in the area and looking for a place to worship one Sunday.

This past summer Beth and John Wakefield (and kids Brynn 5 years old and Mitch 3 years old) visited CUMC as part of their search for a church home for their family. Beth and John both grew up in church but did not continue to attend as adults. It had always been their intention to get back to church. They first saw CUMC on the website, reaching out to Kathy Charette prior to attending. Their first Sunday at CUMC Kathy greeted

them and introduced them to others at CUMC.

Beth and John wrote: *"Our kids enjoyed the nursery and children's church, and when we all met back up for snacks after service, Kerm recruited Brynn for Sunbeams... just like that, we were a part of the CUMC family!"*

They were looking for a church that had families with younger children, a welcoming atmosphere, opportunities to serve in the community, and engaging pastors. CUMC "hit all the marks" for them.

Beth and John joined Explore CUMC, our new members class, to learn about the DNA of CUMC and decide if they wanted to be members of CUMC. *"We see God (continued on Page 11)"*

LEGACY CORNER

"We are only trustees for those that come after us."

~ William Morris

Our legacy is not what we have but what we leave behind for those we love and want to inspire. Legacies can be traditions or personal mementos, but today we are focusing on your financial legacies.

Planned legacy giving is a means where anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal wealth makes a considered choice about how it is distributed. You don't have to be wealthy to make a planned legacy gift to CUMC. Any amount is appropriate because this type of gift speaks more to your intention and generosity than to the size of your gift. Many small gifts will have a significant impact on the future ministries of CUMC as do larger gifts.

A legacy gift is in addition to your ongoing tithes, offerings and par-

ticipation in our CUMC capital campaigns. A variety of ways are available to make a planned legacy gift. The most popular are through your will or making CUMC a beneficiary of life insurance or retirement accounts. You can also make gifts that provide you with lifetime income with the remainder going to CUMC. Each type of gift has various tax benefits. Check with a financial advisor or estate attorney to select the best option for your situation.

In addition to your ongoing tithes, offerings and participation in our capital campaigns, please prayerfully consider making CUMC a part of your legacy.

Learn more about giving Legacy Gifts at Info Central or Online.

LEGACY TEAM

SGC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As we head into the winter months, the focus of our construction progress necessarily moves indoors. But before the snow begins to fly, we are steadily working outside to complete a number of projects as well as prepare the new building for the cold weather. In particular, the gathering area and worship center concrete floor slabs, walls, windows and roofing will be installed before year end to complete the "closing in" of the building, which is a major milestone in any construction project.



The building exterior drivet and stone finishes are well advanced, and should likewise be completed before year end along with sidewalks and curbing around the building. We have purposely delayed all paving of the parking lots until next spring, but have completed stone placement in the

paved areas which will provide an all-weather surface for the winter months. In November, our VIM volunteer crews built a staircase up the steep slope in our "backyard" area to access a future outdoor youth area in the woods, and together with our youth group, began preparation of our adjacent worship amphitheater by clearing brush and constructing benches.



Inside the building, work continues on installation of drywall, windows, doors, HVAC duct work

and audio / video / lighting electrical components. Painting has recently begun, which has been augmented by a week of work in November by our VIM painting crews. Ceilings, cabinetry, appliances, equipment and plumbing fixtures will be installed over the winter months, along with the continuation of painting and other finishes.



An amazing amount of work has been accomplished throughout (continued on Page 12)

CELEBRATION "SNEAK PEEK" EVENT

In celebration and anticipation of our new building – and in conjunction with the Second Capital Campaign – we are excited to announce that a Sneak Peek event will be held on **March 22, 2020** from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Spring Garden Campus. The event will include a tour of the facility, highlighting the many ways the new building will enhance CUMC's ability to meet our vision through our four pillars: GROW, CONNECT, WORSHIP, and SERVE. In addition to the tour, there will be opportunities for fellowship, food, prayer, kids' activities, and other special events to celebrate the new building and how it will enhance and expand the reach of CUMC's vision and impact even more lives. Join us as we IMAGINE the possibilities that our new facility will provide us in our mission to invite all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving the greater Carlisle community and beyond.

Registration and tour sign-ups will start in January. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event!

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are wonderful mentors who get to hear "the experiences of other parents and to share (their) own parenting experiences, because "parenting is an awesome and sometimes difficult responsibility, but we are not alone in teaching our children to Live Like Jesus." Pete Posey just loves to teach: "The best way to learn is to help others learn."

We invite you to come and immerse yourself in a class. You'll be richer for the experience!

CHRISTINA BENSON

Leadership Council, Adult GROW

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at work in several ways at CUMC: the feeling we get every time the choir sings, our daughter looking forward to shaking hands during Greetings each week during service, our son's curiosity when he hears music coming from the sanctuary, the Leadership Council's enthusiasm and engagement with our Explore CUMC class, and the well-prepared sermon that we truly look

forward to hearing every Sunday. Although we are still very new to CUMC, we already feel like we are members of the church, so we are excited to make it official! We look forward to being involved in the 4 Pillars, making new friends, and growing our family's faith!"

Welcome to CUMC Beth, John, Brynn and Mitch; we're glad you are part of our church family!



SPECIAL THEMES & OPPORTUNITIES IN WORSHIP

The highlight of December is the Advent and Christmas season. Our Advent theme is called "Incarnation." Incarnation is the word for God coming in the flesh in Jesus to us, the central celebration of Christmas. During Advent we hear

the Old Testament prophecies of the coming of Jesus who is often referred to as "Emmanuel" which means "God with us." We will begin the Advent season with communion at the Lord's Table during worship on December 1.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve schedule of services begins with our annual "Silent Night" service on Sunday afternoon December 22 at 4pm in our church sanctuary. This is a special time for us all to acknowledge the reality that for many people, Christmas is not as joyful as it could be due to loss and grief. This is a place to find healing and peace. Child-care available.

Our Christmas Eve service schedule is as follows:

- 4PM - COMMUNION SERVICE**
- 5:30PM - FAMILY SERVICE**
- 7PM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**
- 10PM - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

* this year note that we will have childcare available for all services except 10pm Candlelight.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

January brings to us the celebrations of Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord and the call of unity of MLK Sunday. At the end of the month and all through February our preaching themes will come from

a study of the Life of the Apostle Paul. We will look at the call of God in our lives as we look at the same in the life of this first century Christian missionary.

SUPPORTING CAMP KOALA

Four years ago CUMC was asked to consider supporting Children's Grief Awareness Day activities in Carlisle Schools. Camp Koala is a local non-profit that specializes in walking beside children who have lost an immediate care giver. Children's Grief Awareness Day includes a poster contest about helping friends who are grieving, jellyband wristbands for everyone, and a special program done

in conjunction with the school counselors and Camp Koala. Throughout the year kids touched by grief can get a buddy package from their counselors. CUMC is proud this is one of the many non-profits we support in our community helping kids and their families during challenging times. Support comes from our CONNECT ministry and previous legacy gifts to pastoral care ministries.

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the fall months, with much more to happen over the winter as we continue towards our goal of a May 2020 completion. CUMC continues to be richly blessed by God with a fantastic group of contractors and vendors supplemented by eager volunteers from our congregation, all supported by your financial generosity in Capital Campaigns giving. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas, let us also lift up our praises and thanksgiving to God for leading the way, and providing His inspiration and guidance as we move into the home stretch of this project!

JEFF BARNES

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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