

# THE DOVE



## COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The people of The United Methodist Church™



### MISSION STATEMENT:

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*

*for the Transformation of the World*

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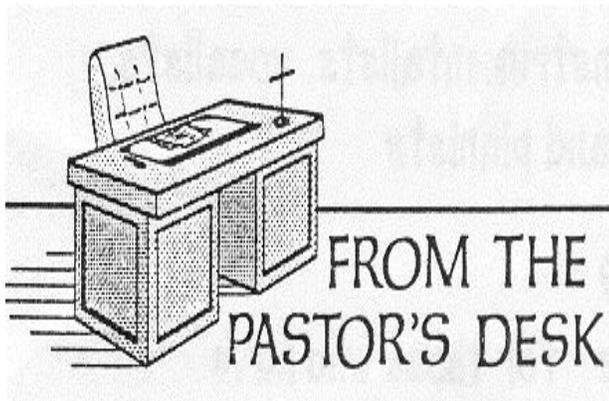
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CUMC is a community of believers who “takes Christ into the community” of Columbia PA, sharing the good news of the cross of Christ.

### Romans 12:3-8 New International Version (NIV) Humble Service in the Body of Christ

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your <sup>[a]</sup> faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, <sup>[b]</sup> do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

A few weeks ago I preached a sermon during our sermon series on “I Love My Church” on super heroes and how we all are super heroes. That God



### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 New International Version

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

has given each a different gifting to serve others here at CUMC and in the community in which we live. If you remember in that sermon that I mentioned that outreach is not only what takes place outside of the walls of CUMC but what also happens inside the walls of CUMC. As a church we do a great job reaching out to the community and taking the good news of the cross to them. We then invite them to come and visit CUMC. Over the last several months I have noticed new people that have families as well as new individuals who come to CUMC to check us out. They fill out the visitor/welcome card, I follow up with them and they are never to be seen again. In talking with individuals who visit, as well as member who have families and attend CUMC, I have found that inside the walls of CUMC we don't have a lot to offer people when they come. Yes, we have two great worship services, and a good children's program, and some Sunday School classes, but there is nothing for young adults, or families that have youth or kids.

When I held the YEP (Your Evening with the Pastor) meetings back in the summer the one point that was hammered over and over again was that CUMC needs to grow and needs to bring in people. How can we do that if we don't offer programs that are tailored to individuals with children and youth? Currently we can't even staff the nursery for either of the worship services because we don't have volunteers that are stepping up to do it. What does this mean...it means the mom or dad that come with their children to worship and finds there is no nursery or anything for their kids during the service are less likely to come back. It means that current families that have small children either take them out of the service or don't come because they spend more time focusing on their kids than worshipping.

We are trying to start a children's church called "Kids Own Worship" where kids from both services can go downstairs after children's time so that parents are able to worship freely without having to worry about what their kids are doing during the service. It will allow parents to actually worship. What do the nursery and the Kids Own Worship have in common...well it is that it makes CUMC a welcoming family friendly church, who wants to meet the needs of others inside our walls. The great

thing about it is that if enough people volunteer individuals would only have to serve one Sunday a month, every other month! Not a huge time commitment!

There are many other areas of need at CUMC besides the children's program ideas mentioned above. We are in need of welcome hosts, liturgists, individuals to usher, to sing in the choir, to sing and play in the praise band...the list goes on. We all have different gifts to offer. Some might be saying well I already serve somewhere so let someone else step up and do it. That is fine, but remember CUMC is your church as well. As PPRC and Ad Council finalize the one year mission plan for CUMC I am excited about what lies ahead. I can come up with tons of ideas and we can pass a mission plan, but if no one helps make it reality, if no one volunteers then it is not worth the paper it is printed on. The people of CUMC must be the ones that decide that they want to see the church grow and move forward as the Pastor can only do so much. So during the season of Lent...I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can help CUMC not only become a family friendly church, but a church that continues to grow together. I love my church of CUMC...and I hope you love it as much as I do!

Consumed by the Call,  
Pastor Tom

### **SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Don't forget to join us for our community breakfast on March 26 at 8:00 AM. Hope to see you there!

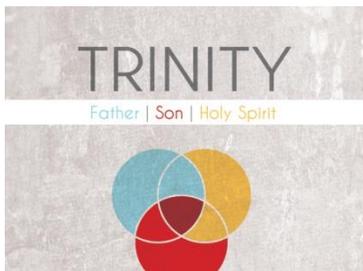


On March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM CUMC will be having an Ash Wednesday service with communion. All are invited to attend as we begin the season of Lent. Pastor Tom's sermon for Ash Wednesday is called "Redeemed" taken from 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10.



Don't miss the final week of the I Love My Church sermon series:

March 5 – We are called to Share  
Matthew 5:13-16



New Sermon series: The Trinity

March 12 – Father knows best (God the Father)  
Luke 15:11-31

March 19 – A Hero will rise ( God the Son)  
Luke 5:18-25

March 26 – We got Spirit (God the Holy Spirit)  
Galatians 5:16-26

On March 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Tom will begin a new sermon series on the Trinity. The Trinity can be a challenging topic to address, but this sermon series will help us gain a clearer understanding of who God is – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God is a Father who rescues sinners as the Son, and the Holy Spirit dwells inside us and guides us. Understanding the Trinity will help us realize that God is not some distant God who simply created the world and left it all to its own devices. God truly is close by. A clearer understanding of God's nature allows us to lead lives built on the solid truth that God the Father loves us with open arms; Jesus the Son is the rescuer of humanity who sets us free, and God the Holy Spirit works inside of us to guide us and to shape us into the people God wants us to become. We hope that you will join us for this three week series as we explore the Trinity.

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The annual Easter Egg project will begin on Sunday, March 26. Please check the credenza for order sheets and volunteer signup sheets. Peanut Butter (milk or dark chocolate) and Coconut Cream (dark choc.) eggs will be available for 95 cents each. We will be making eggs for two weeks, so orders will be due on Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2. Help is needed on Sunday (following the traditional service) to help form the eggs, on Monday morning to dip and trim the eggs, and on Tuesday morning to pack the orders. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, March 29, and Wednesday, April 5.



CUMC is in need of liturgists for the 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service. We are also looking for people to read scripture at both of the worship services. If you are interested in helping as a liturgist or in reading the scripture please contact Pastor Tom.

**WAYS TO CONTACT PASTOR TOM**

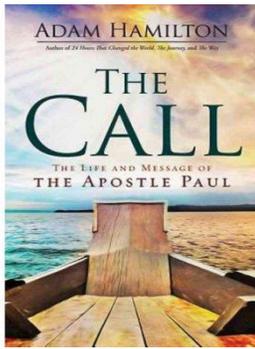
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717-917-7164





Pastor Tom's short term study on the life of Paul wraps up on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

- March 5 - Called to Love  
*(Paul's second missionary journey, part 2)*
- March 12 - Called to Give  
*(Paul's third missionary journey)*
- March 19 - Called to be Faithful  
*(Paul's death and legacy)*

# Confirmation

There will be a confirmation class meeting for all parents and students who have not been confirmed on March 26 at 10:05 a.m. in the Chapel. Confirmation class is for all students in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who have not already been confirmed. Confirmation class will begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Students that are confirmed will be taken into full membership at the worship service of their choice on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation class will meet during the Sunday School hour from 10:05-10:45 a.m. Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions.



If you would like to subscribe to the weekly email newsletter that Pastor Tom sends out please contact the church office or email Pastor Tom at [rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com)



We are looking for some musicians, singers, and technicians (audio and/or PPT) for the contemporary Praise service. Singers and technicians are volunteer opportunities, but instrumentalists are paid. If you're interested, or know somebody who might be, you can contact the church office at 717-684-2356 or email [cumc@comcast.net](mailto:cumc@comcast.net).

## Welcome



## Center

CUMC is in need of individuals to help as welcome hosts before our services. We are in need of individuals to staff the welcome center before the 9:00 AM Praise Service and before the 11:00 AM Traditional Service. First impressions are everything! Please prayerfully consider serving as a welcome host. Contact Pastor Tom if you are interested.



## Day Camp for Kids

### Save the date

Day Camp 2017  
July 31-August 4



**Sunday School time – 10:05 – 10:55**

The Primary Department will be using David C. Cook, Bible-in-Life materials:

**Early Elementary (ages 4 – grade 1)**

“Jesus Shows His Love”

Matthew, Luke, John (scripture used)

Jesus wants us to trust Him and ask for help when we need it. He loves us and forgives us.

**Elementary (grades 2 –3)**

“Final Days of Jesus”

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (scripture used)

Jesus comforts us and accepts us even when we mess up. We should remember His sacrifice.

**Upper Elementary (grades 4-6)**

“Final Days of Jesus”

Matthew, John (scripture used)

Jesus willingly died to save us. We follow Jesus because we know Him and want to willingly serve Him.

**WINTER HAPPENING!** Children are invited to join us in the Primary Department for fellowship, fun, and food on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:05-10:55.



**Operation Christmas Child**

**Collection:** Each month we will collect gifts for the packing party on November 5, 2017 at 12:00.

Here is a list of items that will be collected each month:

March: soap, wash cloths, combs, brushes, hairbands, etc.

April: small plush items, small toys

May: small books, Bibles, coloring books, tablets

June: small balls, plastic bowls, drinking cups

July: flip flops

August: crayons, markers, pencils, school supplies

September: socks, knit hats, gloves

October: cash donations for shipping costs and additional items to pack

Items NOT ALLOWED: scissors, candy, liquids, glass, military toys, sharp items, toothpaste

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING:**

We will continue to collect loose change for the “Joyful Noise” offering each week to support Outreach ministries – Day Camp, God’s Chefs, Operation Christmas Child, Food Bank, Power Packs, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hot Dog Saturdays, etc.



**COMING IN 2017!**

As part of the outcome of the YEP (Your Evenings with the Pastor) in the fall, one of the things that came from it was to have a time during both services where kids can go downstairs after children’s time and have their own worship experience. This would allow parents to enjoy the worship service without distractions and would help make CUMC be more family friendly.

Pastor Tom will provide all the materials you need to do a 20-30 minute kids church. This will not be in place of Sunday School and will not be using the same material as Sunday School. But in order to make this happen Pastor Tom needs people to help. You can sign up for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month (even or odd months) and also select the 9 AM or 11 AM service time. We need at least two adults to help each week. A signup sheet can be found on the easel next to the Welcome Center.

Please sign up for one of the weeks if you are willing to help grow our kid’s ministry and help with this new program. Pastor Tom will then schedule a meeting with all the volunteers to go over things and a schedule will be mailed and posted when completed. Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions.

# Youth news

Don't forget that CUMC has Youth Sunday School every Sunday in the youth room from 10:05-10:55 a.m. for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth! They are currently studying the parables of Jesus.



Sunday night Youth Group returns on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be going bowling at Leisure Lanes. Cost per game is \$4 with free shoe rental. Meet at the church at 3:45 and return at 6:15 p.m. Youth Group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their friends!

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CUMC is in need of volunteers to staff the nursery during our 9:00 AM Praise Service and 11:00 AM Traditional Service. You would not need to help every week...the schedule is listed below. Email Pastor Tom with the week (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup>) of the month (even or odd months), and also select the 9 AM or 11 AM service time if you are willing to help. A signup sheet can also be found on the easel next to the Welcome Center.



Even months: (February, April, June, August, October and December)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month

Odd months: (January, March, May, July, September, and November)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month

Please note which service you wish to help with in the nursery when you sign up. A schedule will be mailed and posted when completed. Contact Pastor Tom with any questions.

## HOMES OF HOPE SPAGHETTI DINNER

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Columbia Homes of Hope will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 4 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.



Dinner will include spaghetti with meat or plain sauce, garlic bread, pepper cabbage, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$7 (children 6 and under eat free).

We are asking for donations of desserts which can be brought to the church on Saturday, March 11 from 1 PM until the time of the dinner.

If you have any questions contact Sue Leas (522-1789). Your continuing support of Homes of Hope is greatly appreciated.



### **"PRAY ALWAYS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE"**

As a part of our ongoing commitment to "pray without ceasing" we want to lift up to you for prayer these members of our church family who are residing in nursing homes:

**St. Anne's Home**, 3952 Columbia Avenue, Columbia

- Jean Grider – 211
- Sara Anne Linkous

**Susquehanna Valley Nursing & Rehab**

745 Old Chiques Hill Road, Columbia

**Juniper Village**, 607 Hearthstone Lane, Mount Joy

- Minerva Brommer

**Manorcare**, 320 S. Market Street, Elizabethtown

- Clyde "Tick" Smith



## MEETING NOTICE!

- March 9 Finance (1:00 PM)
- March 12 Ad. Council/Teams (12:15 PM)  
PPRC (12:15 PM)
- March 20 Worship (paid music staff) (6:30 PM)



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Victoria Knight
- 3 Janice Shultz
- 5 Scott Sener
- 7 Russell Hanes III                      Charles Kelly III
- Donna Von Stetten
- 9 Charles Reinhart Sr.                    Michael Sheckard
- 11 Carol Rupp
- 12 Simone Lutz                              Patrick Smith
- 14 Zachery Greer                            Robert Williams
- 15 Patricia Loreto                          Carley Richardson
- 16 Gordon Groome
- 18 Florence Jones                           Keith Lutz
- 19 Tiffany Garris                           Tyler Miller
- 21 Alivia Nobile
- 22 Lauren Cook
- 23 Ruth Peters
- 24 Sue Gerfin                                Justine Leschke
- Blake Miller                                Bonnie Pennell
- Austin Von Stetten
- 25 Amy Eck                                    Marilyn Hobday Pierce
- Barry Miller                                Deborah Mountz
- 28 Elizabeth Smedley                      Gordon Tolson
- 29 Joseph Hinkle Jr.

If you are having a birthday in March and are not listed here, that means we do not have a record of your birth date. Please call the church office with that information, and have a happy birthday!



### EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Each year we decorate the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. Pick up an envelope on the credenza and place your order for plants in honor or in memory of loved ones. You may take your plants home following

the Easter service that you attend. **Orders are due by March 19.**



## Finance Update

### YEAR TO DATE TOTALS (as of February 22)

Received \$30,293

Expenses \$39,395

-\$9,102

## Ways to Give



### In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop in the offering plate as it goes by.



### Online

Visit [columbiaunitedmethodist.org](http://columbiaunitedmethodist.org) to set up a one time or recurring donation.



Remember CUMC in your will. What better way for your legacy to continue to live on at CUMC. If you have questions about this contact Pastor Tom.

### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

At Columbia United Methodist, we are committed to giving back to God for all he has given us so that we can help others locally and around the world.

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Ash Wednesday 7 PM Ash Wednesday service 8 PM AA	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Sea Scouts 7 PM Choir	<b>3</b> 11 AM AA	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>6</b> 6 PM PATH	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Jr. Girl Scouts & Cadettes	<b>8</b> 8 PM AA	<b>9</b> 1 PM Finance 6:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Sea Scouts 7 PM Choir	<b>10</b> 11 AM AA	<b>11</b> 4-7 PM Homes of Hope Spaghetti Dinner
<b>12</b> Daylight Saving time 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 12:15 PM Ad Council 12:15 PM PPRC 3 PM Youth Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Jr. Girl Scouts & Cadettes	<b>15</b> 8 PM AA	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Sea Scouts 7 PM Choir	<b>17</b> 11 AM AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>20</b> 6 PM PATH 6:30 PM Worship (paid music staff)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8 PM AA	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Sea Scouts 7 PM Choir	<b>24</b> 11 AM AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8 AM Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service Easter Egg mixing/forming	<b>27</b> Egg dipping/trimming	<b>28</b> Egg order packing	<b>29</b> Egg orders available	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Sea Scouts 7 PM Choir	<b>31</b> 11 AM AA	<b>Notes:</b>

More Calendar: [Apr.](#), [May](#), [PDF Calendar](#)

**Reminder: Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 12. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11 so you'll be on the right schedule for Sunday services.**



## **2017 Proposed Budget**

(Approved by Ad Council, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

### **General Fund**

<b><u>Projected Income</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Envelopes	\$175,000
Initial	\$ 200
Plate	\$ 9,000
Sunday School	\$ 2,200
Special Holidays	\$ 3,600
Investment Income	\$ 2,000
Rentals	\$ 12,000
VBS	\$ 400
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000
Endowment	\$ 3,000
World Service Fund	\$ 4,350
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$215,250</b>

**(over)**

<b><u>Projected Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Administration and Leadership	\$116,725
Facility and Grounds	\$ 60,350
Youth Ministries	\$ 1,200
Children's Ministries	\$ 2,950
Worship	\$ 8,400
Publicity, Communications and Office Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,620
Conference Expenses	\$ 65,582
 <b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	 \$262,827
 <i>Projected 2017 Income</i>	 \$215,250
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<i>2017 Deficit</i>	-\$ 47,577