

April 2018

**THE
DOVE**



**COLUMBIA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

Our Vision and Values:

Taking Christ into the community by...

Creating disciples for Christ

Celebrating diversity

Connecting to the community

Commitment to love and justice



On Sunday, April 15th at 10:05 AM and 12:15 PM, there will be a Q&A with Pastor Tom. If you have ever had questions about something that you've seen in a worship service, or questions about the sermon, or had a question about something you've heard about the church, this is your time to ask! Pastor Tom will be available on Sunday, April 15 for a "Question & Answer" session immediately after each service, in the Sanctuary. Feel free to walk-in and ask any questions, or sit down and listen to others ask their questions.

CUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

We are looking to expand our Sunday morning and mid-week Bible Study opportunities. We need to hear from you. Please take time to complete the Sunday School survey that can be found on the

credenza, or in the DOVE. Please return all surveys to the church office when completed. Your thoughts are important. If you already completed the survey online, please do not submit a paper survey. If you have any questions please see Pastor Tom.



A new sermon series begins on April 8th! Pastor Tom will begin a new three week sermon series called "Simplify Life". During this series we will be looking at how to prioritize our time and how to develop healthy priorities that will have a positive impact on our spiritual and home lives!

April 8 Why do we always say yes? Eph. 3:17-21
April 15 The heart of the matter Psalm 23
April 22 Just don't stand there...do something!
1 Kings 19:11-14

April 29 Unity Sunday service at 10 AM



Sunday School time – 10:05 – 10:55

David C. Cook materials:

Early Elementary (ages 4 – grade 1)

“God’s Special Son”

Scriptures used: Genesis, Matthew, Luke, John
Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus prays for us because He loves us.

Elementary (grades 2 –3)

“A Time for Decision”

Scripture: 1 Kings

We should pray to God and ask for help from Him when we have done something wrong.

Pre-teen (grades 4-6) (Rosekids Publishing)

“Our Awesome God”: Guides His Creation, Leads His People, Makes Us Conquerors

Unity Sunday is fast approaching again! The next Unity Sunday will be held on April 29th at 10:00 a.m. The Worship Committee will be bringing in the Keystone State Quartet for this special Unity Sunday service. The Keystone State Quartet is from Ebensburg, PA and has a unique Southern Gospel style. Don’t miss this opportunity on Unity Sunday, April 29th as the Keystone State Quartet comes to help us worship God by remembering all He has done for us. Tickets are not necessary and all are welcome to attend.



After our Unity Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. please stay for a potluck luncheon (members are encouraged to bring a dish to share) in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. What better way to celebrate that “we are one church, who worships one God”, then by coming together on this special day. Invite a friend, family member or co-worker to come with you on April 29th! We hope to see you there.

The Worship Committee is looking for individuals who would like to make a contribution to help with the cost of bringing the Keystone State Quartet to CUMC. If you are interested in helping to contribute financially to this event, please see Pastor Tom.



The class will begin a new topic on Sunday, April 8th. All are welcome.



Pastor Tom will hold a mid-week Bible study every other Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 pm. This study will meet in the Senior Center. The topic for this class will be "Making Sense Out of the Bible" as individuals begin to look at the Bible and try to understand it more as they apply it to their lives.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.



NEW MEMBER CLASS – April 22nd

Would you like to unite with us in membership? Are you desiring to transfer your membership from another church? You are invited to our New Member Class. We will meet at 10:05 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sunday, April 22. Come and hear what it means to be a member of CUMC – as well as what makes CUMC’s mission an exciting opportunity for you to grow in your faith. Participants making a decision to join would be received into membership during worship on Sunday, May 6th at the service of their choice. Call or email the church office if you plan to attend. Even if you did not sign up, please feel free to join us!



Operation Christmas Child Collection: Each month we will collect gifts for the packing party scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 12:00. Here is a list of

items that will be collected each month:

April: toothbrushes, soap, wash cloths, combs, brushes, combs, hairbands, bandaids

May: balls, dolls, puzzles, flashlights, yoyos, matchbox cars, jump ropes, harmonicas, marbles

June: plastic bowls, cups, plates

July: sunglasses, flip flops, socks, hats, shirts, bandanas

August: crayons, pencils, markers, stickers, glue sticks, tablets, Bibles, books, play dough, rulers, chalk, calculators

Sept. and Oct.: donations toward shipping costs (\$9 per box)

Do **not** include: toothpaste, candy, liquids, glass, sharp items, military items.

Paper goods drive: for “Hands Across the Street” at the Presbyterian Church (their programs include; homeless shelter, free meals, summer food program for children, clothing bank, etc.)

We will collect paper goods for their ministry on April 22 and April 29. Please bring donations of paper plates, 6 inch paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware, paper towels, toilet paper, cups, wax paper, foil. Donations can be placed on the table in the lobby.



We will observe UMCOR Sunday on May 13th. We will be taking a special offering to support children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. UMCOR stands for “United Methodist Committee on Relief”.

When disaster strikes around the globe – Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 – so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do.

Your giving equips Christ’s body to serve in His name. Your generous giving allows UMCOR to respond when disaster strikes.

“I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35-36, CEB)

When we meet the needs of those who suffer, we minister to Jesus.

HOMES OF HOPE SPAGHETTI DINNER

The 10th annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Columbia Homes of Hope will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 4 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner will include spaghetti with meat or plain sauce, garlic bread, 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, April 14th from 1 PM until the time of the dinner. Help is needed in the dining room.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sue Leas (522-1789). Your continuing support of Homes of Hope is greatly appreciated.



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| 1 | Wallace Cannon | Maya Rankin |
| 2 | Jamie Wolf | |
| 3 | Jessica Gilbert | |
| 4 | Ryan Draper | |
| 5 | Alec Cannon | |
| 6 | Jeffrey Diffenderfer | Pat Fasig |
| 7 | Chad Bink | Mikayla Kemmerly |
| | Robert Nonnenmocher | |
| 9 | Wesley Anderson | Bonnie Varner |
| 10 | Nathan Cook | Jane Moore |
| 11 | Andrew Hetter | Diana Hill |
| | Caleb Shellenberger | |
| 12 | Morghyn Erney | |
| 13 | Mindy Shellenberger | Alyssa Wright |
| 14 | Lloyd Arnold | James Berdiner |
| | Brandon-Lee Keller | |
| 15 | Adam Mowrer | |
| 16 | John Boyer | Isaac Gainer |
| | John Williams | |
| 17 | Jeremy Shifflett | |
| 22 | Ryan Berdiner | Michelle Hetter |
| | Owen Weisser | |
| 23 | Bettina Greider-Rankin | Stephen Knight |
| 24 | Charlene Evans | Elizabeth Mowrer |
| 25 | Darren Eckman | Austin Keller |
| | Dorothy Shultz | |
| 26 | Stephanie Douglas | R Todd Hobday |
| | Aileen Kemmerly | |
| 28 | Russell Fry | |

If you are having a birthday in April 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!



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, retirement homes or are homebound and unable to attend church:

St. Anne’s Home, 3952 Columbia Avenue, Columbia

➤ Jean Grider – 211

➤ Sara Anne Linkous

Juniper Village, 607 Hearthstone Lane, Mount Joy

➤ Minerva Brommer

Luther Acres, 400 St. Luke Drive, Lititz 17543

➤ Ruth Peters – Room 302

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Steve & Shirley Staman – 200 Luther Lane, Apt. 400
Columbia PA 17512

Pat Sprout – 1049 Strickler Run Drive, Columbia

Jean Crist – 305 Country Place Drive, Lancaster 17601

Geraldine Beaton – 1047 Barber Street, Columbia

CUMC is looking to hire a part-time Worship Leader for our 9:00 AM Praise Service. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Pastor Tom.





YEAR TO DATE (as of March 28, 2018)

Total operations income \$67,453
Total operations expense \$63,140
\$ 4,313



FRUITCAKE CHALLENGE REMINDER

Don't forget that CUMC's Fruitcake Challenge is still going on. You should have received a letter along with your original pledge card reminding you of this important capital campaign. Of the \$150,000 pledged only \$82,984 has been collected. That means that \$67,106 is still needed to fulfill the pledge amounts. If you have any questions about the Fruitcake Challenge contact Pastor Tom. Please continue to honor the commitment that was made to the Fruitcake Challenge to pay off the conference loan.

GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS

On April 30 the Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year. The application is available on the Conference website. It can be accessed as "Grants to defray Higher Education Costs." at the following address:

epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships

All applications received in the Conference Office between April 30 and May 21 will be considered for a grant.

FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATE



I want to thank all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. To those who donated candy and prizes, helped stuff and hide eggs, and helped organize kids during the Egg Hunt., I appreciated all that you have done. 31 children participated, 4 of whom were visitors from the Good News Club @ Park Elementary. I know it meant a lot to the children and families.

Kid's Ministry:

- Children's Church
 - Wee Church – Life of Jesus
 - Jr. Church – Journey through the Bible (Moses, Joshua, Judges and Ruth)
- Game Night – April 13th from 6:30-8 (Grades 1st-5th)
 - Board Games
 - Card Games

Youth Ministry:

- Youth Group – April 4th and 18th from 6:30-8 (Study Trust – Book of John)
- Geocaching – April 29th after Unity Sunday Luncheon (2-3 Hours – time includes traveling)

Save the Dates:

- VBS – June 25th – 29th
- Unity Sunday – July 29th (Jesse Rothacher - Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary)
- Day Camp – July 30th - August 3rd

CONCERNING THE SENIOR CENTER

Just a friendly reminder that when anyone uses the Senior Center please make sure that things (chairs, coffee stirrers etc.) are put back in the original condition in which you found the room. Also please make sure that any trash on the floor or on the tables is picked up and placed in the trash can. As we partner with the Senior Center as a ministry of CUMC lets do our part to make sure that we leave the room in the same condition in which we found it. If you have any questions about this contact Pastor Tom.

April 2018						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	2 Office closed 6:30 PM PATH	3	4 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study 8 PM AA	5 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	6	7
8 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 12:15 Ad Council (no team meetings)	9	10 1:00 PM Finance	11 8 PM AA	12 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	13 6:30 PM Game night for grades 1 thru 5	14 4 PM Homes of Hope Spaghetti Dinner
15 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	16 6:30 PM PATH	17 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM UM Women	18 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study 8 PM AA	19 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	20 7 PM Mt. Bethel anniversary celebration rain location	21
22 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 10:05 AM New member class 11 AM Traditional Service 2 PM Mt. Bethel closing ceremony rain location	23	24	25 8 PM AA	26 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	27	28
29 Unity Sunday 10 AM Unity Service Followed by a potluck lunch	30 6:30 PM PATH	We are working to create an email directory for members and friends of CUMC. To be included in the directory, please find the "CUMC Email Directory" on the small table in the lobby (outside the Nursery) and update or add your information. You can also send your request to be included to cumc@comcast.net . Please remember to inform the church office when your email address changes.				

STAFF CONTACT INFO

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CUMC Sunday School Survey

If you have completed this survey online please do not submit a paper survey.

Your Age

- 10 and under
- 11-17
- 18-25
- 26-39
- 40-49
- 50-62
- 62 and up

How often do you attend a Sunday School at CUMC currently?

- 3-4 times a month
- 1-2 times a month
- Occasionally throughout the year
- Never

If you don't attend a Sunday School class on a regular basis, why not?

- Time conflicts (activities, work, etc.)
- Class offerings don't interest me
- I didn't know there was adult Community Group (Sunday School) on Sundays or during the week.
- Not Applicable- I already attend a Community Group (Sunday School, or mid-week Bible Study at CUMC) regularly
- Other: *(please explain)*

Which types of programs do you prefer for Sunday School class or Bible Study? (check all that apply)

- Topic Studies (discussion based)
- Bible Based (study a book of the Bible)
- Book Study (you read text prior to meeting)
- Video Based (watch video, followed by discussion)
- Curriculum based- lessons planned out for teacher
- Other *(please explain)*

Would you attend a Sunday School group or Bible Study that meets outside of the church?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Would you attend a class or Bible study on a day other than Sunday? (During the week evening, or day time.)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Would you be willing to facilitate a Sunday School class or Bible study if materials were provided?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Would you be willing to lead a lesson with children (preschool-grade 12) so that another teacher could attend a class or Bible study on Sunday mornings?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Other Comments or Suggestions for Community Groups

Would you be willing to open your home to a class or Bible study to meet there if someone facilitated it?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Name (optional) _____

Please return your completed survey to the church office.