

July 2017

**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:

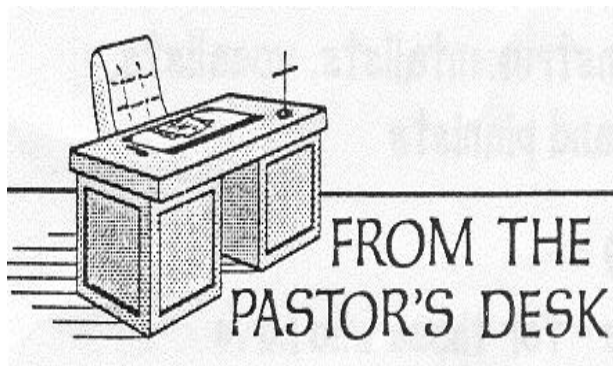
Taking Christ into the community by...

Creating disciples for Christ

Celebrating diversity

Connecting to the community

Commitment to love and justice



It is hard to believe that one year ago I became the Pastor at CUMC. It feels like I have been here forever. Looking back on the year it has been great to get to know each and every one of you as well as minister alongside of you. Everyone has welcomed me and my family with open arms and for that I am very grateful. This past year has been a year of listening, reflecting, putting together one, three, and five year ministry plans. I am pleased as to how open you are to new ideas and new ministries that begin at CUMC, and I look forward to developing more ministries with you as the time goes on. Thank

you for allowing me to be your Pastor, it has been a blessing to me, and I look forward to not only what the rest of 2017 will bring, but many more years serving as your pastor as we move CUMC forward, taking Christ to the community.

God bless,
Pastor Tom

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New sermon series:

7/16 *Thirsty* John 4:6-18, 26-32

7/23 *The Desert* Matthew 4:1-11

7/30 Unity Sunday (combined worship at 10 a.m.)
(There will be no sermon this day...instead we will be asking for individuals to give a word of testimony about how God is working in their lives)

8/6 *Drink the Water* Matthew 23:1-7/John 15:1-8

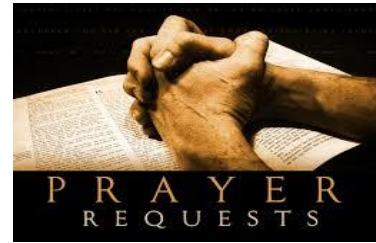


Don't forget that on July 30th we will have a combined service as we come together for Unity Sunday (One God, One Church, One Service). The combined Unity Sunday service will be at 10:00 a.m. We will not be having a sermon that day but

instead will be asking for individuals to give a word of testimony about how God is working in their lives. Please prayerfully consider sharing on this Sunday! Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to come with you!



The United Methodist Women will not hold a meeting during the month of July.



During the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services we will no longer be doing joys and concerns beginning the month of August. Instead of having joys and concerns at each service we would like to utilize the prayer cards that are located in the back of each pew. If you have a joy or a concern, please fill out the green prayer card. There will be a basket provided up front at the 9:00 a.m. service where cards can be placed. At the 11:00 a.m. service you can place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher and they will be brought forward. Pastor Tom will read each prayer card during the service and will have a time of prayer for each of them.



Sunday School time – 10:05 – 10:55
Primary Department – age 4 thru grade 6

During June, July, and August the Primary Department will be using Gospel Light, “Summit Seekers”. Summit Seekers will help us develop an awareness and confidence in the promises of God. No matter what life’s circumstances are, we can depend on God to help us.

Don't forget that CUMC offers Sunday School for all **youth** in grades 7-12 in the Youth Room at 10:05 AM every Sunday morning.

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.”
Mahatma Gandhi



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

We had a great time during Operation Arctic VBS! The offering challenge was a huge hit as the boys raised \$276.95 and the girls raised \$294.09 for the food bank. With two additional gifts the grand total that was raised for the Columbia Area Food Bank through VBS was \$676.20! Since the girls won the challenge Pastor Tom ended up in the dunk tank and dunked several times! Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success and to all the kids who came and helped raise \$676.20 for the food bank!



WHY GRANDMA GAVE

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

Operation Christmas Child Collection: We continue to collect gifts for the packing party which will be held November 5th at 12:00. **In July we will collect:** flip flops.



JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: Supports Outreach ministries – Day Camp, Bright Chefs, Operation Christmas Child, Food Bank, Power Packs, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hot Dog Saturdays, etc.

FOOD DRIVE: The Outreach Team is asking for donations of non-perishable food for the Columbia Food Bank. During the entire month of July we will accept donations. On Unity Sunday, July 30, the donations will be blessed and then delivered to the food bank. Recently they requested the following items: packs of rice or noodle "sides", canned peas, juices (especially apple), soups, instant rice, ketchup, mustard, and mayo. Bring your donations to church during July and place them on the table in the lobby near the "food bank" can.



CUMC COMMUNITY DAY CAMP!

Who: Kids entering grades 1-6 (*fall 2017*)
What: Maker Fun Factory! (*Games, Bible Stories, Science experiments, Food, Crafts, Field Trip, Special Events*)

When: July 31 – August 4
 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Where: Glatfelter Field

How: Register! Forms have been mailed to past campers and are also available at the church.

Questions: See Kathie Ingoglia or Jaime Weisser
JOIN THE FUN!



Please note: There will be a Day Camp meeting on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. If you are helping at Day Camp or would like more information on volunteering please attend this meeting.



Currently Kids Own Worship (Children's Church) will be offered as scheduled below. We still are in need of individuals to help with this ministry. See Pastor Tom if you are interested.

Odd months:

(January, March, May, July, September, November)

4th Sunday - 9:00 a.m. service

Even months:

(February, April, June, August, October, December)

1st Sunday – 11 a.m. service only

2nd Sunday – 9 a.m. service only

Kids will be led downstairs by the volunteer doing Kids Own Worship and can be picked up in the children's Sunday School room. The nursery is open on the 1st Sunday of the month on even and odd months during the 9:00 service only. Please prayerfully consider helping out with Kids Own Worship...it only takes about 20-30 minutes prep time each week and Pastor Tom has all the resources that you need.



YEAR TO DATE (as of July 5, 2017)

Received \$141,958

Expenses \$147,702

- \$5,744

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of CUMC. God's priority is investing in the local church and community where you worship and on service. Our focus is on the vision of "taking Christ to the community", as we focus on our hearts attitude, not the amount we give, as God loves a cheerful giver.



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

Juniper Village, 607 Hearthstone Lane, Mount Joy

➤ Minerva Brommer

Manorcare, 320 S. Market Street, Elizabethtown

➤ Clyde "Tick" Smith



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| 1 | Cathy Derr | Keifer Kemmerly |
| 2 | John Gates | Jenifer Helm |
| | Charles Williams | |
| 3 | Charles Bink | |
| 5 | Shelby Gorman | Jensen Lewis |
| 6 | Tressa Falcon | Duane Peters |
| 7 | Sandra Stine | |
| 8 | Caci Simms | |
| 9 | Garrett Haldeman | |
| 10 | Joanne Zink | |
| 13 | Samuel Garner | |
| 14 | Caitlin Gorman | George Leschke |
| 15 | Meredith Lightcap | |
| 16 | Mary Catherine Edelman | |
| 17 | Shannon Arnold | |
| 18 | Javery Price | Joann Price |
| 19 | Melody Collier | Judith Geyer |
| 20 | Teagan Lutz | Clarissa Wolcott |
| 21 | Beverly Splain | |
| 23 | Jenn Davis | Amy Hooper |
| 24 | Mallary Anderson | Mia Studenroth |
| 25 | Chris Powers Jr. | |
| 27 | Judah Ross | Shirley Staman |
| 30 | Jessica Eisenhauer | Steve Hedgepeth |
| | Brooke Leader | Eric Smith |
| 31 | Morgan Bright | |

If you are having a birthday in July 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!

UPDATE ON MINISTRY STAFF

PPRC and Pastor Tom would like to thank Keifer for his years of service as the Director of the Praise Service. We give thanks for how he gave of his time, his talents, his gifts and his service. As PPRC looks to fill his position, Kathie Ingoglia will be stepping in as the interim Director of the Praise Service. We are currently advertising for the position on multiple fronts and would ask for your prayers that individuals would respond and that the right person would be selected.

We are still also actively seeking a part-time Youth Director as well. We have had two interviews for this position over the last few months but they have not been a good fit for the position.

Please continue to keep PPRC and Pastor Tom in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to look for individuals for these two positions. If you have any questions regarding the Director of the Praise or Youth Director opening please see Pastor Tom, Kathie Ingoglia, or Liz Smedley.

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	3	4 Fourth of July Office closed	5 8 PM AA	6 6:30 PM AA	7 11 AM AA	8
9 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	10	11	12 6:30 PM Day Camp meeting 8 PM AA	13 6:30 PM AA	14 11 AM AA	15
16 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 12:15 Ad Council	17	18	19 8 PM AA	20 6:30 PM AA	21 11 AM AA	22
23 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	24	25	26 8 PM AA	27 6:30 PM AA	28 11 AM AA	29
30 Unity Sunday 8 AM Breakfast 10 AM Worship	31 9 AM Day Camp	Notes:				