

October 2018

# THE DOVE



## COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Tom Grubbs, Pastor



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



### Series: 24 A Day with God

Oct. 7 Spending time with God when we leave home

Oct. 14 Spending time with God at night

*end of 24 A Day series*

### weekly sermon titles:

Oct. 21	Ambition	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 28	Sight Unseen	Mark 10:46-52
Nov. 4	Invested	Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 11	God's got your back	Revelation 21:1-6a
Nov. 18	Gratitude	Psalm 126 and 145:2-11
Nov. 25	Back to the future	Luke 21:25-26



United Methodist Women

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The next scheduled meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our guest will be Sandy

## CUMC e-mail Directory



Copies of the CUMC email directory are available on the credenza. If you are not included or your email has changed, please send your information to [cumc@comcast.net](mailto:cumc@comcast.net).



**Operation Christmas Child Collection:** Packing party will take place on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 12:00.**

**Oct.:** donations toward shipping costs (\$9 per box). Also, any additional items that you would like to donate from previous month's lists.

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



Sunday, October 21 – 1:00 PM  
CUMC Parking lot

For children ages 12 and under

Dress up in your favorite costume and bring a bag to collect treats and have some fun!

**Help is needed:** you can participate by decorating a car, handing out treats, or donating treats. See the signup board in the lobby.



## Hot Dog Saturdays!

Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks

Every Saturday in October

11:00-1:00  
CUMC parking lot

Volunteers are needed for the prayer station and to help with the food. See Mary Catherine Kelly to volunteer.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATE

### Kid's Ministry:

Kid's Community Group: Sunday, 10:05 AM

Oct. 7 Be content

Oct. 14 Don't be controlled by money

Oct. 21 King Ahab and Naboth's vineyard

Oct. 28 Israelites long for Egypt

### Children's Church: Sundays (9 AM & 11 AM)

#### *Wee Church*

Oct. 7 Abraham

Oct. 14 Joseph

Oct. 21 Ruth

Oct. 28 David and Jonathan

#### *Jr. Church*

Month of October– Ministry of Elisha

### Kid's Activities

Oct. 19 Fun Night: games, crafts, food and fun  
bring a snack to share (6 – 8 PM)

Oct. 21 Trunk or Treat (1-3 PM)

### Youth Ministry:

Student Impact – Oct. 3 and 17 (6:30 – 8 PM)

### Youth activities:

Oct. 13 Pack food @ Gain for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries

Oct. 17 Assemble boxes for Operation Christmas Child (6:30 PM)

### Children and Youth:

Nov. 4 Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child (noon)

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

There are less than 15 weeks till Christmas. Boscov's and Columbia Homes of Hope (not to be confused with Cherry Street- Our Home of Hope) want to help you get a head start on your Christmas shopping. For a \$5 donation to HOH you will be given a coupon for 25% off sale and regular priced items. This coupon is good for one day only, Tuesday, October 16 at any Boscov's store. Store hours are 8 AM to 11 PM. Coupons are available from Sue Leas (717-522-1789) or the church office. Shop till you drop! Thank you for your continuing support of Columbia Homes of Hope.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP  
MINISTRIES**



The PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) is excited to announce that we are looking to hire a part-time Director of Worship and Music Ministries. This position is 12 hours a week. The Director of Worship and

Music Ministries will oversee all aspects of the 9:00 AM Praise service as well as lead it, and also oversee all the music details of the 11:00 AM Traditional service, namely directing the Chancel Choir and working with the organists. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this positions have them send a resume, statement of faith, and three references to Pastor Tom at: [rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com) or by mailing them to: CUMC, 510 Walnut Street, Columbia PA 17512.



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
- Clarissa Wolcott - 204

**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

Jean Crist – 305 Country Place Drive, Lancaster 17601

Geraldine Beaton – 1047 Barber Street, Columbia

**What will happen is God’s business. Remaining faithful no matter what happens is yours.**



*October*  
**BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Daniel Nikolaus       | Jill Nobile        |
| 2 William Kelly         |                    |
| 4 Russell Hanes         |                    |
| 6 Melissa Hobday Motley | Shannon Powers Jr. |
| 7 Carol Aston           | Laurie Gerfin-Lutz |
| Sue Leas                |                    |
| 8 Annemarie Riggs       | Andrew Rodriquez   |
| 9 Carter Berdiner       | Justus Keller      |
| Brittany Mock           |                    |
| 12 Deb Von Stetten      |                    |
| 13 Carol Sener          |                    |
| 14 Cass Moser           |                    |
| 16 Gary Fritz           | Andrew Rupp        |
| Courtney Ryno           |                    |
| 17 Lori Winders         |                    |
| 19 Kelsy Williams       |                    |
| 20 Tate Lutz            |                    |
| 21 Ashlyn Phillips      |                    |
| 22 Deborah Stoltzfus    |                    |
| 23 Jenna Eckman         | Brittany Krow      |
| 24 Sophie Hinkle        |                    |
| 25 Matthew Derr         |                    |
| 27 Angela Diffenderfer  | Angie Leader       |
| 28 Charles Fry IV       | Alexander Reed     |
| 29 Sarah Anderson       |                    |
| 30 Sally Draper         |                    |
| 31 Abby Irons           |                    |

If you are having a birthday in October 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!

**WISDOM FROM JOHN CALVIN**

- “Whatever a person may be like, we must still love them because we love God.”
- “Humility is the beginning of true intelligence.”
- “Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults.”



# Help and Donations Needed!

## Bazaar and Yard Sale

Saturday, November 3  
from 8:00 AM -1:00 PM

- Oct. 1 Proverbs 10-12
- Oct. 2 Proverbs 13-15
- Oct. 3 Proverbs 16-18
- Oct. 4 Proverbs 19-21
- Oct. 5 Proverbs 22-24
- Oct. 6 1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chronicles 2-3
- Oct. 7 1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4
- Oct. 8 1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5
- Oct. 9 2 Chronicles 6-7, Psalm 136
- Oct. 10 Psalm 134, Psalm 146-150
- Oct. 11 1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8
- Oct. 12 Proverbs 25-26
- Oct. 13 Proverbs 27-29
- Oct. 14 Ecclesiastes 1-6
- Oct. 15 Ecclesiastes 7-12
- Oct. 16 1 Kings 12-14
- Oct. 17 2 Chronicles 10-12
- Oct. 18 1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chronicles 13-16
- Oct. 19 1 Kings 15:25-16:34, 2 Chronicles 17
- Oct. 20 1 Kings 17-19
- Oct. 21 1 Kings 20-21
- Oct. 22 1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18
- Oct. 23 2 Chronicles 19-23
- Oct. 24 Obadiah 1, Psalm 82-83
- Oct. 25 2 Kings 1-4
- Oct. 26 2 Kings 5-8
- Oct. 27 2 Kings 9-11
- Oct. 28 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24
- Oct. 29 Isaiah 1-4
- Oct. 30 Isaiah 5-8
- Oct. 31 Amos 1-5
- Nov. 1 Amos 6-9

### We are asking for donations of:

Handmade crafts such as:  
wooden items, knitted/crocheted items, etc.

Costume jewelry, vintage hats/gloves, shoes for the Boutique Shoppe

Bakery items for the Bake Shoppe

Books for the Book Shoppe

Volunteers to face paint and give out balloons to children

If you are willing to help or donate, please contact Kay Leader (717-449-0231) and fill in the form below:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Items to donate: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with: \_\_\_\_\_

CUMC Outreach Committee is sponsoring this event and thanks you for your help with this project!!

Copies of the donation and "help" form are also available at the church. If you are interested in renting a table please see Kay Leader.

### HE'S EVERYWHERE

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested. "Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"



## State of CUMC/Pastor's Report

Let me first say it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Lead Pastor at CUMC. I consider CUMC my home away from home and my second family. The people care for me as if I was one of their own. It continues to be an exciting time at CUMC. We have had many great experiences where God continues to grow and work in our church as well as some challenges.

God is faithful and will continue to be faithful as I look back to 2017 I see how we have enhanced our worship services by providing a children's church for the kids so that they can grow and learn in their own setting, and that allows their parents to focus on worship and grow and nurture in their Christian faith as well. We had four successful Unity Sundays and have added a pot luck lunch after our combined service on Unity Sundays. We polled the congregation and these services were well received and we have had two exciting ones so far in 2018. Earlier in the year we had a gospel choir come and lead us in worship, and in July we had Jesse Rothacker from Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary come and present a program on Creation and reptiles. This month the children and youth will be leading the Unity Service and we are very excited to once again have a children and youth Sunday.

Our yearly Day Camp was a success again. We had 60 plus kids that came out for a week from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day to learn about how Jesus rescues them. It was a great time of getting to know the kids and hanging out with them and spreading the good news. CUMC is the only church that does Day Camp in our area and we are very thrilled to offer that to the community of Columbia each year. VBS this year was run by Child Evangelism Fellowship in which we had over 30 kids that came out each night. This year we did an offering challenge again with the boys vs the girls and we collected \$900 to go to support a missionary from CEF.

Our outreach ministry team continues to "take Christ to the Community". They offered the Bright Chef's program and we had 15 kids who came out for a week to learn about good food choices and cooking. The outreach ministry team also served ice cream at one of the baseball games in Columbia to all the kids and parents in attendance free of charge. Of course the big hit was our annual hot dog Saturdays where we give out free hot dogs and fries every Saturday from 11 to 1 to the community. It was a great time of food and fellowship and getting to know the people in the community better. Our annual thanksgiving community meal saw over 200 people attend again this year. CUMC takes seriously our call to "take Christ to the community."

This year we also renamed our Sunday School program to Community Groups. We offer several opportunities throughout the week for people to grow in their faith and felt that since we at CUMC are a community of believers that Community Groups was a more appropriate name instead of Sunday School or Bible Study. I have taught and continue to teach two Community Groups, one specifically for the Columbia Senior Center and those that attend as we have been looking at the book of Revelation.

I had the honor this year of participating in the Veteran's Day celebration and meal at the local VFW in Columbia, participated in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethel Cemetery in Columbia, and helped to lead and plan the Columbia High School baccalaureate service that we hosted at CUMC this year.

As you can see there has been a lot going on and God has been good. This year has not been without its challenges though. We continue to struggle with the best way to educate our congregation on the financial situation of the church, as well as struggle with how to meet our current budget each year. We have put some new things in place this year by having a finance minute at each service and reporting weekly in the bulletin so everyone knows where we are at financially. This year the finance committee is going to work together to do a stewardship drive for the 2019 budget.

Our Choir Director, Chuck Williams submitted his resignation in July and will be retiring in December after many years of service to CUMC. So the PPRC committee has been tasked with filling his position as well as finding a director of praise service, which we have had no luck this far in doing. After much thought and prayer PPRC decided to combine the praise director and choir director position into one calling it the Director of Music and Worship Ministries. We have just begun to advertise for the position. We are hoping to have it filled by the end of the year.

Finding volunteers to do the work of the many different ministries at CUMC is a struggle. Many people feel they have served their time and that it is time for someone else to step up. Others already have a lot going on in their daily lives and with families that they cannot add anything else to their schedules. As CUMC continues to grow and more ministries are added to CUMC this continues to be a challenge because without volunteers and their support they cannot be maintained. Discipleship is another struggle at CUMC. Although we have Community Groups and have our children and youth and 65 people involved (45 on Sunday, 10 on Wednesday night, and 10 from the senior center) no one wants to seem to commit anything else to their busy schedules. In providing a Bible reading plan to the congregation as well to encourage them to get into the Bible and read, only a handful of people have taken on that challenge. There is a lot of room for growth and as the Lead Pastor of CUMC I will continue to challenge and encourage spiritual growth outside of Sunday Morning, as well as doing my best to provide opportunities for them to be involved and grow. This is the same struggle that many churches are facing as well.

Lastly, I have to mention the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church has been weighing heavily on the leaders of our church and my heart as well. Some are disappointed with the stance the Council of Bishops took, while most of us are left wondering what the future of the UMC holds, especially for those churches who might not agree with the outcome of General Conference. We continue to be in prayer about this issue as a church, and are hopeful that the UMC can come to an agreement to continue to fulfill the great commission, but our hearts are weighed down and we are getting weary of this battle that continues to wage on within the UMC, and we just want to do ministry and to continue to "take Christ to the community."

All in all it has been a good year at CUMC. God is good and faithful and will continue to be. No matter what struggles we face at CUMC I can look back and see God's faithfulness and know that if we are seeking first his kingdom and his will He will take care of the rest. I look forward to 2019 and to the many ministry opportunities that God has in store for us.

Consumed by the Call,  
Pastor Tom

## COLUMBIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUDGET 2019

### Revenues

Envelopes: \$182,856  
Initial: \$300  
Plate: \$ 9,404  
Sunday School: \$1,571  
Holiday: \$2,500  
Investment Income: \$1,000  
Rentals: \$24,615  
Miscellaneous: \$400  
Endowment (Donations): \$2,000  
World Service Fund: \$5,000  
Donors: \$6,000  
Fruit Cake: \$12,293  
Endowment (Balance Budget): \$44,927  
**Total Revenue: \$292,866**

### Expenses

Personnel Expenses: \$167,451  
Conference Expenses: \$35,271  
Publicity: \$200  
Administrative: \$5,923  
Adult Sunday School: \$200  
Family Ministries: \$4,500  
Worship Ministries: \$8,538  
Hospitality: \$300  
Finance Committee: \$800  
Trustees: \$67,858  
Bus Ministry: \$1,825  
**Total Expenses: \$292,866**

The Ad Council at their September 16th meeting passed the 2019 church budget which is above. In order to meet the budget needs of CUMC for the 2019 year we will need to borrow roughly \$45,000 from our endowment fund in order to make sure that we meet expenses, pay staff, as well as continue to have two vital worship services and the ministry programs for children, youth and adults. This will be the third year that we have had to borrow money from the endowment in order to meet the church budget. At this time for 2018 we are roughly \$25,000 behind budget. We cannot continue this current trend. I am asking that each of us prayerfully consider how much each of us gives and whether or not we can increase or giving by \$1, \$5, \$10 or more depending upon your current situation. We still have three months to go to meet our budget needs for this year, so let's finish out 2018 on a strong note. There are many ways that you can give to the church. You can use offering envelopes that are provided by the church, or you can give online (so if you miss a Sunday, your giving still comes to CUMC) by going to [columbiaunitedmethodist.org](http://columbiaunitedmethodist.org) and click on the giving tab. You can make a donation of stocks or bonds to CUMC, and you can also remember CUMC in your will. Lastly, if you have to take an IRA distribution because of retirement you can have a portion of that money sent to CUMC tax free (meaning you would not have to pay taxes on that amount) to help meet your giving. If you have any questions about the 2018 or 2019 budgets and giving at CUMC please feel free to contact Keith Lutz, Finance Committee Chair, or myself. We know God is faithful but we still need to do our part. Let's all prayerfully consider what that might be. Thank you to everyone for your faithful giving to CUMC. Without it we would not be able to have the ministries that we currently have that help to "take Christ to the Community." Consumed by the Call, Pastor Tom

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Charge Conference at Hempfield UMC	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth) 8 PM AA	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11 AM – 1 PM Hot Dog Saturday
<b>7</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM PATH	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 PM AA	<b>11</b> 9 AM Worship 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Youth @ GAIN 11 AM – 1 PM Hot Dog Saturday
<b>14</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service 12:30 PM Executive Leadership	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 PM UM Women	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth) 8 PM AA	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	<b>19</b> 6 PM Kid's Fun Night	<b>20</b> 11 AM – 1 PM Hot Dog Saturday
<b>21</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service 1 PM Trunk or Treat	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM PATH	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8 PM AA	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11 AM – 1 PM Hot Dog Saturday
<b>28</b> 8 AM Fellowship Bkfst. 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8 PM AA			

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