

November 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



**weekly sermon titles:**

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
	<i>(Thankoffering service at 11a.m. with guest speaker)</i>	
Nov. 25	Back to the future	Luke 21:25-26

**VETERAN'S DAY**

Sunday, November 11 is Veteran's Day – a day set aside to honor our veterans. Please plan on attending either the 9:00 AM Praise Service or the 11:00 AM Traditional Service to help us pay honor and respect to our veterans for the sacrifices that they have made to ensure our freedom. This would be a perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor or family member who is a veteran so that we can honor them during this meaningful service.



Pastor Tom is looking for individuals or families to light the Advent Wreath on the following dates. Contact Pastor Tom or the church office if you are able to help.

Dec. 2	9:00 and 11:00 AM
Dec. 9	Children's Ministry (combined 10 AM)
Dec. 16	9:00 and 11:00 AM
Dec. 23	9:00 and 11:00 AM
Dec. 24	6:00 PM and 8:00 PM



The United Methodist Women's Thankoffering service will be held on Nov. 18 during the 11 AM service. Danielle Peters, Director of the Columbia Area Food Bank, will be the guest speaker. A special "Thank Offering" will be received at the service. The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**NEW COMMUNITY GROUP FORMING**

Are you a mom looking to connect with other moms? Then the new MOMS Community Group might be for you. Jami Lavery and Jaime Weisser are looking to form a MOMS Community Group to offer support and encouragement to other moms who might need it. They will be reading the book, "Love Life Again", (which can be found on Amazon.com) and will be discussing it as part of the Community Group. If you are interested in being a part of this new group contact the church office or talk to Jami Lavery or Jaime Weisser. A date and time has not been picked yet, so please indicate what might be the best time to meet.



**Bazaar and Yard Sale  
Saturday, November 3  
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed for the café, book sale, setup, and cleanup. See Kay Leader to volunteer.



**Operation Christmas Child:**  
The packing party will take place on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 12:00.** Lunch will be provided. If you are packing your own

individual boxes our collection week will be November 12 – 18. We are not a collection location this year, so all packed boxes must be at the church by November 18 so that they can be taken to the nearest collection location. We will not be able to accept any boxes after November 18.



**Kid's Ministry:**

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

- Nov. 4 Building the Tabernacle
- Nov. 11 Joshua wins the battle over the Amalekites
- Nov. 18 Jesus heals the paralytic/four friends
- Nov. 25 One body but many parts

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

***Wee Church***

- Nov. 4 Solomon's wisdom
- Nov. 11 Elisha
- Nov. 18 Naaman
- Nov. 25 Isaiah was a prophet

***Jr. Church***

Month of November– Ministry of Esther

**Kid's Activities**

- Dec. 9 Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 14 Fun Night: games, crafts, food and fun bring a snack to share (6 – 8 PM)

**Youth Ministry:**

Student Impact – Nov. 5 and 19 (6:30 – 8 PM)  
Study on trust

**Youth activities:**

- Dec. 28 Holiday party (White Elephant gift) 6-9 PM

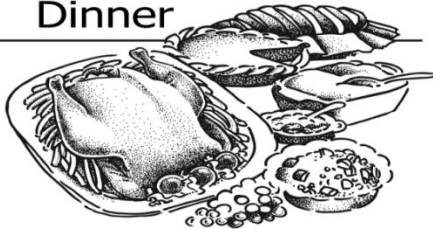
**Children and Youth:**

- Nov. 4 Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child (noon)
- Dec. 9 Secret Santa (noon)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER**

- December 2 – First Sunday in Advent
- December 9 – Children's program and Secret Santa
- December 17 – Walk a Christmas Mile 7 PM
- December 23 – regular worship schedule
- December 24 – Christmas Eve services at 6 & 8 PM
- December 30 – Unity Sunday service at 10 AM

## Thanksgiving Dinner



We will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 22. We need donations of turkeys and desserts. If you are interested in helping or providing a dessert or turkey, please add your name to the signup sheet on the credenza. Any help will be appreciated.

## DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC 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.

## ATTENDANCE CARDS

Starting in November we will be asking worshipers to complete an attendance card and drop it in the offering plate each week. Look for the "attendance basket" in each pew beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to complete a card each week and drop it in the offering plate.

## CHURCH BUS MINISTRY

One of the exciting things at CUMC is that we have a church bus. One of the most disheartening things is that the bus never gets used except on rare occasions. When the church bus was purchased a few years ago it was done with the hope that it would be used weekly, but that is not the case...No more!! We at CUMC are going to begin a bus ministry. This bus ministry would consist of individuals who would drive the bus and pick up people from the community and bring them to church and then take them home after services. Currently we have four drivers for the church bus. However, three of those drivers are involved in other activities on Sunday morning and are not able to drive the bus to pick people up. Would you prayerfully consider driving the church bus one Sunday a month to pick up from the community for church? Please contact Pastor Tom or the church office for more information or if you are interested. It's time we stop waiting for people to come to us...it's time we go to them!



## FROM THE FINANCE TEAM AND PASTOR

As we gear up for the holidays, please consider CUMC in your year-end giving. There are a variety of ways you can provide a financial blessing here at your home church:

*Via E-giving – check out our e-giving options at [columbiaunitedmethodist.org](http://columbiaunitedmethodist.org) Click on the giving link on the left hand side.*

*Consider a year-end appreciable stock donation, or consider donating your IRA rollover to the church (if you're 70 ½). Both offer great tax advantages to you while blessing the ministries of the church.*

*Stop in to see us, or drop a donation in the mail:  
CUMC, 510 Walnut Street, Columbia PA 17512*

*Remember CUMC in your estate. What better way to continue your legacy of giving than allowing CUMC to benefit from a gift from your estate.*

*Give a one-time financial gift to CUMC.*

All donations to CUMC are applied to the mission and ministries of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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
- Clarissa Wolcott – Personal care 30

**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 Beaston – 1047 Barber Street, Columbia

- 18 Debra Moore
  - 19 Joanne Meiskey
  - 20 Sheri Albert
  - 21 Noah Berdiner
  - 22 Frank Splain Jr.
  - 25 Stanley Knight Sr.
  - 26 Tierra Ross
  - 27 Diane Falcon
  - 29 Geraldine Beaston
- Allyson Wivell
  - Kaiden Matthews
  - Mary Jane Miltenberger
  - Rachel Rhoads

If you are having a birthday in November 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!

**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).



- 1 Jacquee Wood
- 2 Melvin Frantz
- 3 Mark Ingoglia Mitchel Lutz Jr.
- Dana Ronca
- 4 Jessica Leschke Jennifer Shoemaker
- 5 Timothy Smith
- 6 Brandon Bertoli
- 7 Heather Jones Brian Roberts II
- David Weisser Keri Welsh
- Rachel Winders
- 8 Jean Grider
- 9 Easton Lightcap Taylor Smith
- 10 Michael Hooper Ashton Paules
- Mary Jane Swarr
- 11 Cristopher Hetter Elizabeth Hooper
- 12 Todd Ackerman
- 13 Everly Berdiner
- 14 Angela Lutz
- 15 Sarah Goldsborough Robert Heaps
- Mitchell Heim Lisa Lau
- 16 Adriana Lutz

**COLUMBIA FOOD BANK REPORT**

January 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018

**747** families have been served

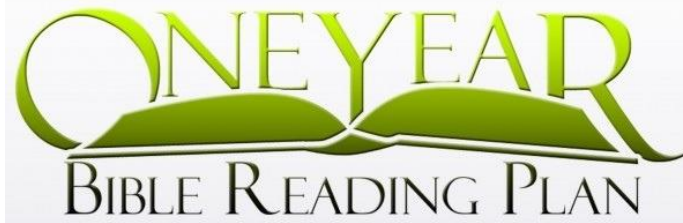
**1,394** people have been served

**29,274** meals have been provided

**CHOICE BOOKS 70% OFF SALE**

On Saturday, November 10, Choice Books of Pennsylvania (121 S. Main Street, Manheim) will be having a 70% off inventory reduction sale from 8:00 AM – noon. Thousands of inspirational books for all ages will be available. The sale will also continue Nov. 12 - Nov. 16 from 9 AM – 2 PM each day. Call 717-665-3933 if you have questions. Purchases must be made by cash or check only.



The logo features the words "ONE YEAR" in a large, green, serif font with a slight shadow effect. Below this, the words "BIBLE READING PLAN" are written in a smaller, black, serif font. The text is centered and set against a light gray background with a subtle gradient.

Readings for November 2018  
(Chapters are Listed Each Day)

November 1	Amos 6-9
November 2	2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12
November 3	Micah 1-7
November 4	2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16-17
November 5	Isaiah 13-17
November 6	Isaiah 18-22
November 7	Isaiah 23-27
November 8	2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chronicles 29-31, Psalm 48
November 9	Hosea 1-7
November 10	Hosea 8-14
November 11	Isaiah 28-30
November 12	Isaiah 31-34
November 13	Isaiah 35-36
November 14	Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 76
November 15	Isaiah 40-43
November 16	Isaiah 44-48
November 17	2 Kings 18:9-19:37, Psalm 46, Psalm 80, Psalm 135
November 18	Isaiah 49-53
November 19	Isaiah 54-58
November 20	Isaiah 59-63
November 21	Isaiah 64-66
November 22	2 Kings 20-21
November 23	2 Chronicles 32-33
November 24	Nahum 1-3
November 25	2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34-35
November 26	Zephaniah 1-3
November 27	Jeremiah 1-3
November 28	Jeremiah 4-6
November 29	Jeremiah 7-9
November 30	Jeremiah 10-13
December 1	Jeremiah 14-17

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Every so often I will be giving you an update on a few things that will have an impact on the ministries of CUMC. I am calling these updates the “CUMC Leadership Update”. The reason for this update is to address a few things.

1. **Attendance cards:** Beginning on November 4<sup>th</sup> at both the 9:00 and 11:00 AM services you will find a basket at the end of your pew with attendance cards in them. We (the leadership of CUMC) are asking that you take time to fill the cards out each week and place them in the offering baskets. If you attend the 9:00 AM service you can place them in the basket with the prayer concern cards or in the offering basket, and if you attend the 11:00 AM service you can put them directly in the offering plate.

The reason we are doing this is so that we can be better shepherds to our congregation. Too many times people fall through the cracks and their absence goes unnoticed and they wonder why no one ever reached out to them. It is our hope that by doing this we will have a better idea of who is attending each week and who might need a follow up visit to see how they are doing if they have not been here in a while. By no means does this mean we are collecting information in order to go to one service each Sunday. CUMC has no plans at this time to scale back the worship times that we currently offer. The sole purpose of these attendance cards is to make sure no one falls through the cracks and that everyone is cared for. If you have any questions about this let me know.

2. **2019 Specially-Called General Conference Session:** In 2016, in response to the controversial debate concerning sexuality and inclusion issues regarding the LGBTQIA+community at the General Conference session, the Council of Bishops created what they called, “the Commission on a Way Forward.” The Commission was charged with the responsibility of doing a complete examination and possible revision of those sections of the Book of Discipline (the denomination’s book of order) concerning human sexuality, and exploring options that might help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the denomination. In May 2018, the Commission on a Way Forward presented three options to the Council of Bishops, which will be considered at a Specially-Called General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. At this point, there has not been much communication from the Conference on this matter. Given the highly controversial, and potentially divisive nature of this upcoming General Conference, I have decided to engage in a congregation-wide conversation about this topic starting in the new year in anticipation of General Conference. We want all members and attenders of CUMC to be fully aware of the debate and its potential outcomes so that we may be able to respond appropriately to the General Conference’s decisions. Please stay tuned for further information as we get closer to 2019.

3. **Ad Council update:** At the September Ad Council meeting a motion was passed that I meet with the Executive Leadership Team (chairs of the Worship Team, Finance Team, PPRC team, Ad Council, Lay Leader, and church treasurer) to begin to re-look at the one, three, and five year plan of CUMC to address the growth and financial concerns of the church. As a result I met with the Executive Leadership Team in October and these were the outcomes of that meeting:
- A. John Leas is going to check around with other insurance carriers to see if they will cover us. The conference insurance limits the use of the bus. If we can get off the conference insurance plan then we can offer the use of the bus (for a fee) to the Senior Center for local trips. This would help increase revenue.
  - B. Pastor Tom will look into having two yard signs made up to put out around the church that advertise that we have banquet facilities and to call the church office for more information. He will also update our church ad in the Merchandiser to include that we have a bus for pick up on Sunday mornings as well as adding that we have banquet facilities.
  - C. John and Sue Leas are going to check into the Café at a church in Dallastown and will get more information about it so that we can consider whether or not this is a viable option for CUMC to generate income.
  - D. Individuals are needed to drive the bus on Sunday mornings. Once we have enough drivers, Ad Council will put together an ad campaign so the community knows we have a bus to get them to church on Sundays.
  - E. Pastor Tom and Keith will pick a Sunday in the very near future to discuss the financial state of CUMC.
  - F. Executive Leadership team members were given a copy of the one and three year plans to look over and asked to make recommendations at the next Ad Council meeting in November.

These are just a few important items that you need to be aware of at CUMC. If you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask me. I look forward to what God has in store for us! The future is bright!

Consumed by the Call,  
Pastor Tom

November 2018						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	2 Bazaar/Yard sale setup	3 8 AM – 1 PM Bazaar/Yard sale
4 Daylight saving time ends 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service 12 PM OCC Packing Party	5 6:30 PM PATH	6	7 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth)  8 PM AA	8 10:30 AM Reflections Community Group  6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	9	10
11 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	12	13	14 8 PM AA	15 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	16	17 FH reserved for private event
18 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service 12 PM Ad Council	19 6:30 PM PATH	20 7 PM UM Women 7 PM Homes of Hope	21 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth)  8 PM AA	22 Thanksgiving Office closed 11 AM – 2 PM Thanksgiving Dinner  6:30 PM AA	23	24
25 8 AM Fellowship Bkfst 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	26	27	28 8 PM AA	29 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	30	

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