

December 2017

**THE  
DOVE**



**COLUMBIA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**510 Walnut Street  
Columbia, PA 17512 (717) 684-2356  
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



- 12/3** Sundays can change the world  
Matthew 16:13-18
- 12/10** Children's program at 10:00 AM
- 12/17** Gifted 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- 12/24** Carol sing at 10:00 AM  
Christmas Eve services at 6:00 & 8:00 PM
- 12/31** Unity Sunday service at 10:00 AM



**PASTOR TOM'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Tom would love for you to stop by to chat with him, have prayer with you, or just to talk about what is going on in your life. Below is Pastor Tom's tentative weekly schedule, which can change due to meetings and visitation.

Monday: 12:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 12:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 - 2:15 p.m.  
Friday: off

**When I feel frazzled amid all the Christmas preparations, God, calm my heart and remind me of the season's true meaning.**



## **December 24<sup>th</sup> services at CUMC**

- 10:00 AM** Carol Sing and Communion
- 6:00 PM** Praise Service with Candle lighting and Communion
- 8:00 PM** Traditional Service with Candle lighting and Communion

**Please also note** that there will be a 10:00 a.m. Unity Sunday service on **Sunday, December 31**. This will be the only service on December 31.



## **Children's Christmas Program**

This year on **December 10th** at **10:00 am** the children of CUMC will be presenting a Christmas play called "The Reluctant Innkeeper". Mark this date now and plan on attending!



United  
Methodist  
Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their Christmas banquet. The theme for the banquet will be "Christmas around the World". Bring a covered dish from the country of your ancestors. Plan to share Christmas customs and Christmas Carols of that country. Join us for some food, fellowship and fun!

**"Jesus took his place in a manger so that we might have a home in heaven."**

—Greg Laurie



## **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 is God's Son"

Scriptures used: Matthew, Luke

God sent His son to be born on earth which was good news for everyone.

### **Elementary (grades 2 –3)**

"Willing to serve"

Scriptures used: Mark, Luke, 2 Corinthians

When we choose Jesus our lives are changed. We should serve other willingly.

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

"Equipped for life"

10 Commandments

23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The Greatest Commandment

Lord's Prayer

**Reminder** – December 10 at 10:00 a.m. is the Children's Program, "The Reluctant Innkeeper" December 24 – one morning service only at 10 a.m.

**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.

## **ANNUAL SECRET SANTA EVENT**

Our annual Secret Santa Sale will take place on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Children ages 4-12 are invited



to shop for Christmas gifts for their friends and family. There will be door prizes and lunch will be available for parents, volunteers and children. Help is needed on Saturday, December 9 starting at noon to set up, and we need some men to help carry boxes from our storage area which is in the basement of the annex. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please see Chuck and Carolyn Flory or Cathy and Fred Polynone. Signup sheets can be found on the credenza.



### **Children's Church**

Children's Church will be offered at both our 9:00 and 11:00 AM services on a weekly basis. This is a new ministry that we are offering to families with kids. If you would like more information regarding the children's church contact Joe Kilgore.

#### **Age groups and upcoming lessons:**

**Nursery:** Birth – 3 Years old

**Wee Church:** Potty-trained 3 year olds – K

Dec. 3 – Elijah

Dec. 17 – Advent

Dec. 24 – The Holy Family

Dec. 31 – The Shepherds

**Junior Church:** Grades 1 thru 4

Dec. 3 - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Journey Through the Bible

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Time that takes place during both the 9 and 11 AM services.



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



## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3  | Mya Wright          |                     |
| 4  | Peyton Erney        |                     |
| 5  | Brett Pennell       |                     |
| 7  | Ashley Haldeman     | Jesse Koehler       |
| 8  | Kylah Farley        |                     |
| 9  | Gabrielle Sweikert  |                     |
| 10 | Robert Haldeman Jr. | Angela Lamparter    |
| 11 | Jeffrey Moore       |                     |
| 13 | Matthew Wright      |                     |
| 15 | Michael Crawford    |                     |
| 17 | Brent Hinkle        | Bryce Hinkle        |
| 18 | Josh Williams       |                     |
| 20 | Greg Kreiser        |                     |
| 22 | Kari Stoppard       | Charles Winders III |
| 24 | Brittney Haines     |                     |
| 25 | Melissa Paules      | Nancy Pollock       |
| 26 | Dylan Grubbs        |                     |
| 27 | Justine Ritzman     |                     |
| 28 | Brandon Smith       |                     |
| 29 | Janice Farley       |                     |
| 30 | Cody Grubbs         |                     |
| 31 | Paloma Ortiz        | Dulce Rankin        |

If you are having a birthday in December 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!



**Make ROOM  
IN YOUR Heart  
for JESUS**



Dear members and friends,  
 Thank you to Pastor Grubbs and Cathi for their visits while I am recuperating at home. I am beginning to feel a little better. The cards you people sent me are beautiful. May you all enjoy the holidays. I'll be thinking of you all. Praying for you too. I am spending Thanksgiving with my grandson, Ken Falcon, and family.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.  
 God Bless,  
 Geraldine Beaton



**YEAR TO DATE (as of November 28, 2017)**

Received \$252,869  
 Expenses \$272,626  
 - \$ 19,757

If you did not receive a copy of the Pastor's letter concerning the financial status of the church a copy can be found on the credenza.



Columbia United Methodist Church is looking to hire a part-time worship leader. This person would oversee the 9:00 AM praise service and occasional other events. Keyboard or guitar skills required. Must be open to many types of music and styles of worship. Individual must be committed to Christ, have organizational and leadership skills and be able to work well with a praise team and Pastoral team. Salary negotiable, depending upon qualifications and experience. Send resume, four references and a statement of faith to Pastor Tom Grubbs at [rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com).



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*

Join your friends and neighbors for the Columbia Ministerium annual **Walk a Christmas Mile**. This year's walk will begin at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** and will proceed in the order listed below. There will be a scripture reading and carol at each stop and a fellowship time at the final stop. This year's route:

- St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
- St. Peter Apartments
- Mt. Zion AME Church
- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
- St. James Lutheran Church



If you read the DOVE online and you would like to make a contribution toward a Christmas gift for Pastor Grubbs please pick up a "Christmas Gift" envelope on the credenza and return it to Kathie Ingoglia, Liz Smedley, the offering plate, or the church office. Please make checks payable to CUMC and turn in all contributions by Dec. 17. Envelopes can also be found included in the printed copies of the December DOVE at the church.



"At least they saved themselves a co-pay."

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 6:15 PM meet at the church for caroling at the Margaret Moul Home in York	<b>2</b> TBT Banquet
<b>3</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM PATH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group 7 PM Kraft Memorial Service 8 PM AA	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Secret Santa setup
<b>10</b> 10 AM Children's Christmas Program 12 PM Secret Santa	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1 PM UM Women Christmas Banquet 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 8 PM AA	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 AM UM Men @ Black Olive Restaurant
<b>17</b> 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM PATH 7 PM Walk a Mile ( Begins at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group 8 PM AA	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 10 AM Carol sing 6 PM Christmas Eve Praise Service 8 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Service	<b>25</b> Merry Christmas! Office closed	<b>26</b> Office closed	<b>27</b> 8 PM AA	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Chancel Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 10 AM Unity Service	<p><b>Please note that the Sunday schedule has changed for a number of services in December.</b></p> <p><b>Due to staff vacations there may be limited office hours on December 28th &amp; 29th. Please use the contact information below if you need to reach Pastor Tom.</b></p>					

More Calendars: [January](#), [February](#), 2018

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