

December 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:

Dec. 2	Hope	Isaiah 9:1-7
Dec. 9	10 AM Childrens program	
Dec. 16	Joy	Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 23	Peace	Isaiah 9:1-7
Dec. 24	(Christmas Eve) Jesus	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 30	Unity Sunday 10:00 AM service	

DECEMBER EVENTS AND SERVICES

December 2 – First Sunday in Advent
December 9 – Children’s program – 10:00 AM
Secret Santa – 12:30 PM
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
followed by pot luck lunch



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 willing 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



Please join the United Methodist Women on Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. for a Christmas Party covered dish in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited! A sign-up sheet is on the credenza. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, December 9.

Lorilei Bach will be our guest speaker and will talk about "Christmas in Russia". Lorilei is the wife of retired Pastor Ted Bach, who was pastor at Cookman UMC. They have two children. She is also a retired pastor of a Russian church in the Philadelphia area and is fluent in Russian. This should prove to be a most interesting evening. Please come and join in food and fellowship!

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.

SECRET SANTA SHOPPING EVENT



Our annual Secret Santa Shopping event will take place on Sunday, December 9 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for parents/guardians, and children in the Senior Center. Children ages 4 – 12 may shop for friends and family with lists provided by their parents or guardian. Parents are not allowed in the shopping area. Most gifts are priced from \$1-\$3 (cash only) and will be gift wrapped by volunteers. Children may buy multiple gifts, meet Santa, sign up for door prizes, and decorate cookies. Volunteers are needed to help with setup on Saturday, December 8 from 1-2:30. If you wish to help please see the sign-up sheet on the credenza. See Carolyn Flory or Cathy Polynone if you have questions.



Kid's Ministry:

Kid's Community Group: Sunday, 10:05 AM
 Dec. 2 practice for Christmas pageant
 Dec. 9 No KGC – Christmas Pageant 10 AM
 Dec. 16 Jesus is Born
 Dec. 23 Shepherds Visit
 Dec. 30 No KCG – Unity Sunday 10 AM

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

Wee Church

Dec. 2 Daniel in the Lions Den
 Dec. 9 No Wee church – Christmas Pageant
 Dec. 16 Christmas
 Dec. 23 Combined with Jr. Church – Christmas
 Dec. 30 No Wee church – Unity Sunday

Jr. Church

Month of December – Ministry of Daniel
(no Jr. Church Dec. 9 & Dec. 30)

Kid's Activities

Dec. 9 10:00 AM - Christmas Pageant
 Dec. 14 Fun Night: games, crafts, food and fun bring a snack to share (6 – 8 PM)

Youth Ministry:

Student Impact – Dec. 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:

Dec. 9 Secret Santa (noon)

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly."

–Andy Rooney



together followed by a pot luck luncheon.

On December 30th at 10:00 AM we will be having a very special Unity Sunday service as we honor the ministry of Chuck Williams as Choir Director at CUMC. Come and enjoy this special day



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 Salem United Church of Christ (324 Walnut Street) at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17th** 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:

- Salem United Church of Christ
- Columbia United Methodist Church
- Columbia Church of God
- Grace Evangelical Congregational Church
- St. John's Herr Estate

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. Keyboard or guitar skills preferred. 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 or by mailing them to: CUMC, 510 Walnut Street, Columbia PA 17512.

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 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



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. 16. Envelopes can also be found included in the printed copies of the December DOVE at the church.



Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart’s possessing
Returns to you glad.

John Greenleaf Whittier



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| 3 | Mya Wright | |
| 4 | Peyton Erney | |
| 5 | Brett Pennell | |
| 7 | Ashley Haldeman | Jesse Koehler |
| 8 | Kylah Farley | |
| 9 | David Shoemaker | 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 Hanes | |
| 25 | Melissa Paules | Nancy Pollock |
| 26 | Dylan Grubbs | |
| 27 | Justine Ritzman | |
| 28 | Brandon Smith | |
| 29 | Janice Boliver-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!



From Pastor Tom and the staff of CUMC!

The logo for the One Year Bible Reading Plan 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. A green, stylized mountain range graphic is positioned behind the text, separating the two lines.

(Chapters are Listed Each Day)

December 2	Jeremiah 18-22
December 3	Jeremiah 23-25
December 4	Jeremiah 26-29
December 5	Jeremiah 30-31
December 6	Jeremiah 32-34
December 7	Jeremiah 35-37
December 8	Jeremiah 38-40, Psalm 74, Psalm 79
December 9	2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chronicles 36
December 10	Habakkuk 1-3
December 11	Jeremiah 41-45
December 12	Jeremiah 46-48
December 13	Jeremiah 49-50
December 14	Jeremiah 51-52
December 15	Lamentations 1:1-3:36
December 16	Lamentations 3:37-5:22
December 17	Ezekiel 1-4
December 18	Ezekiel 5-8
December 19	Ezekiel 9-12
December 20	Ezekiel 13-15
December 21	Ezekiel 16-17
December 22	Ezekiel 18-19
December 23	Ezekiel 20-21
December 24	Ezekiel 22-23
December 25	Ezekiel 24-27
December 26	Ezekiel 28-31
December 27	Ezekiel 32-34
December 28	Ezekiel 35-37
December 29	Ezekiel 38-39
December 30	Ezekiel 40-41
December 31	Ezekiel 42-43
January 1	Ezekiel 44-45
January 2	Ezekiel 46-48

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	3 6:30 PM PATH	4	5 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth) 7 PM Kraft Memorial service 8 PM AA	6 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	7 6:15 PM Choir meets at church to go to Margaret Moul Home	8
9 10 AM Children's Christmas program 12:30 PM Secret Santa	10	11 5:30 PM UM Women Christmas covered dish	12 8 PM AA	13 10:30 AM Reflections Community Group 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	14 6 – 8 PM Kid's Fun Night	15
16 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	17 6:30 PM PATH 7 PM Walk a Christmas Mile – starts at Salem UCC	18	19 6:30 PM Student Impact Community Group (youth) 8 PM AA	20 6:30 PM AA 7PM Choir	21	22
23 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	24 6 PM Christmas Eve service 8 PM Christmas Eve service	25 Merry Christmas! Office closed	26 Office closed 8 PM AA	27 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	28 6 – 9 PM Youth Group holiday party	29
30 10 AM Unity Sunday service	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Walk a Mile – Dec. 17 – begins at 7 PM and travels in this order: Salem UCC CUMC Columbia Church of God Grace ECC St. John's Herr Estate				

More Calendars: [Jan 2019](#), [Feb 2019](#), [2019](#)

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