



News from Christ Community
 United Methodist Church
 3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

JANUARY 2018

Ham Loaf Sale

The Busy Bee's will be making ham loaves, macaroni & cheese, and stewed tomatoes on Monday, January 15th. Pick up will be from 2-5pm. The prices are: 1 lb. ham loaf \$6.50, 2lb. ham loaf \$13.00, macaroni & cheese \$6.00, and stewed tomatoes \$5.00. The deadline to order is January 7th. See the sign up sheet on the office window. Extra forms are available.

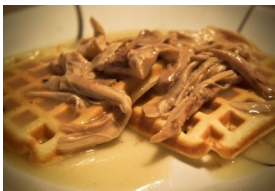
Chef Salad Sale

The Uganda Mission Team will be making chef salads consisting of ham, turkey, cheese, tomato, and egg on a bed of lettuce greens with homemade dressing and crackers. Salads are available with or without onion. Cost is \$6.75. Extra salad dressing is \$3.25, but if you return a pint size jar the dressing is only \$3.00. Deadline to order is January 10th. Pick up will be on Thursday, January 18th from 10am-5pm.



Uganda Monthly Meal

The Uganda Mission Team will be having their "monthly dinner" on Sunday, January 21st at 12 Noon (after second service has concluded). Menu: Chicken & Waffles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Vegetable Soup, Dessert & Beverage. Cost is \$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit projects for The Uganda Mission. Find us on Facebook @ January Uganda Mission Meal. Please fill out the Insert found in the weekly church bulletin. Thanks for your continued support!



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, cancellations of worship services or church events and activities will be made over the following radio stations:



- WGRC 91.3 FM;
- Big Country AM 1240;
- News Radio 1070 WKOK-AM;
- Talk Radio 1380 WMLP-AM.;
- The Valley 100.9 WVLY-FM;
- 94.1 KX WQKX-FM; and
- Eagle 107 WEGH-FM.

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January at Christ Community



MEETINGS

January

1st– Busy Bee’s, 1:00 P.M.
9th– Happy Hearts, 2:00 P.M.
Staff Meeting, 4:00 P.M.
14th-Tweeners, 12 Noon
16th-Christian Classics, 7:00 P.M.
18th– SPRC, 7:00 P.M.
23rd-Trustees, 7:00 P.M.

EVENTS

January

15th-Busy Bee’s, Ham Loaf pick up
18th-Uganda Mission, Salad pick up
21st– Uganda. Noon Meal
25th-Rotary Club Banquet
26th-Farmer’s Breakfast

January 7 8:20 am First Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:50 am Second Service
7:00 pm Prayer Time

January 14 8:20 am First Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:50 am Second Service
7:00 pm Prayer Time

January 21 8:20 am First Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:50 am Second Service
7:00 pm Prayer Time

January 28 8:20 am First Service
9:40 am Sunday School
10:50 am Second Service
7:00 pm Prayer Time

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The family of Erma Hawley greatly appreciated the lovely service and dinner provided for her funeral. We also want to thank all of the members who helped and made donations in her memory.

Thank You

We collected 176 boxes to distribute to the Operation Christmas Child project this year. Imagine the delight as each child receives this gift of our love and then is given the opportunity to receive the best gift of all.... an invitation to learn about our Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this mission and as a church let’s consider how we can grow this ministry for next year!

Blessings to you,
Melissa Portzline

God Bless,
Erma’s children
Carl, Beth, & Pam

To my CCUMC friends:

In lieu of sending Christmas cards, I am making a contribution to our Preschool. They are doing great things and I am glad to help in this way with their many expenses. So—To one and all I wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Joy, Happiness, and Good Health.

Merry Christmas, Love and Prayers,
Arlene Hummel



Membership Interest Class January 14-February 4, 2018 at 9:45a.m.

Anyone interested in learning more about church membership is invited to attend an interest class starting January 14, 2018. We will meet each Sunday morning in the classroom at the back of the sanctuary beginning at 9:45a.m. Questions may be directed to Pastor Randy at rbennett@susumc.org or 743-6021.



Confirmation Class to Begin Sunday February 11, 2018 at 4:00p.m.



Youth who are interested in going through confirmation will begin classes on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 4:00p.m. at the church. Please email or call Pastor Randy if you have not yet registered at rbennett@susumc.org or 743-6021.

Uganda News



Hello friends,

I hope your well on your way to being ready for Christmas in your heart and in preparations for the celebration. I just wanted to put out one more invitation if you are interested in going to Uganda in 2018 or you have questions I am getting close to firming up the dates and putting names to the tickets. Currently looking at June 25th to July 10th . Then if you are interested in extending your stay to travel to Zanzibar an amazing island off the coast of TZ. The cost of the 25th to the 10th will be right around \$3500 (additional costs would be your visa \$100, any vaccinations you opt to get, and possibly some incidentals I am not thinking of right now). If you have questions please let me know. If you are interested let me know so I can put you on the list to keep you posted.

Also if you want to send a Christmas meal to your family or a monetary gift towards something for all the children you need to get it to Betty Davis this week as we are about ready to send those out too. If you want to send a Christmas card to Uganda my husband is leaving on Jan 3rd so I need them by the end of the year. Thank you all for your contributions and being part of this ministry. May you have a blessed Christmas season and make sure to take time to remember WHO it is all about.

Merry Christmas, Lori

January

Birthdays

01 Kii Fisher
01 Denise Cover
02 Michele Clark
02 Carrie Gilbert
03 Betty Snyder
03 Ian Walter
04 Amanda Michael
05 Keith Young
05 Joe Villatoro
06 Zachary Hicks
07 Candace Willard
09 Brooke Fisher
09 Silas Betz
10 Michael Stong
10 Karissa Good
11 George Schell
11 Kealy Stumpff
13 Marge Dunkin
13 Scott Gehman
14 Sandy Foster
14 Peter Ackley
14 Dianna Larzik
14 Melissa Portzline
14 Melissa Apanel
15 Dennis McNally
16 Ginny Forbes
16 Megan Heintzelman
17 Patricia Gilbert
17 Hollis Jacoby
18 Jamie Waters
19 Chuck Smeltz
19 Jan Boyer
19 Hannah Carter
21 Edith Ferguson
23 Mary Musser
23 Margaret Wendt
23 Crystal Schmidt
23 Steve Eister

23 Alice Snyder
23 Thomas Abrahims
24 Joanne Semanchick
24 Brittney Jessick
25 Daniel Plank
25 Wittney Ferguson
25 Emily Toland
26 Alexis Savidge
27 Bruce Hoover
27 Kyra Straub
28 Amy Barben
28 Sally Liesenfeld
28 Ryan Clark
28 Joshua Clark
29 John Messner
29 Brooke McEvoy
31 Janet Jacoby
31 Russella Fisher

January

Anniversaries



08/1978 Kii & Kim Fisher
08/1994 Betsy & David Fisher
11/1997 Jean & James Keyser
14/2006 Dianna & Gregory Grabowski
17/1982 Kim & Kevin Ditty
29/1999 Martha & Leonard Burst, Jr.

Thank you note:

As the semester is winding down, and I find myself up to my ears in studying for exams and editing final papers, I am comforted by the prayers and support that I receive from my church family. It just hit me a few days ago that I will be graduating in May, and will have to get a “grown up job,” though most of you know that I will never truly grow up.

I am so grateful to have such a loving church family, and I truly cherish those brief moments that I can return to Selinsgrove and step into CCUMC. Your smiles, cards, text messages, scholarship donations, and care packages mean the world to me. This church is an accurate representation of what a church should be; caring, compassionate, Christ-like.

I hope to see you all soon, but if I don't, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Thanks again,
Megan Heintzelman

Youth Summer Mission Trip



The Youth are hitting the road again this summer. This time we will be heading to Kentucky on June 9th for a weeklong mission trip at the Henderson Settlement.

The Henderson Settlement offers programs and services to the under-served community of Bells County in Frakes Kentucky. The Youth will be spending the week working either at the Henderson mission or helping to fix up homes in the community.

The cost of the trip is \$300 each for their stay at the settlement. We will be raising enough to cover \$150 of each of the youth's trips and the cost of our building supplies. Currently we have 18 youth signed up for the mission trip and 9 adults. To date the Youth have raised \$2,050 towards their trip through fundraisers and donations and have about \$650 dollars left to raise to pay for the 18 youth who would like to go. We will then start raising money for any supplies needed for the projects we will be doing while we are down there. We will need to pay for any supplies we will need for any of the work projects we will pick. We will pick our work projects some time in February. We will also need to do additional fundraising because we will need to rent additional vans for transportation.

It is not too late to join us on the mission trip, see me for details!

Our next fundraisers will be our Hoagie Sale for Super Bowl Sunday and Chocolate lollipops for Valentine's Day.

Please keep the youth group in your prayers as we plan for this trip and continue to raise the money.

In Him

Christina McDermott

Opportunities for Growth



Sunday School Classes for January

Ages 0-4	Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
Ages Pre-K-K	Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
1-2 grade	Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
3-5 grade	Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
6-12 grade	Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
Junior/Senior High	- Apostles' Creed
Agape	"The Ten Commandments, Thunder from Sinai"
Elective #1	"The Journey", by Adam Hamilton
Elective #2	McCahan

Youth Groups

Jr. High	- Who is God?
Sr. High	- Who is God?
	Who Am I?
	Where Do I Fit In?

Upcoming Dates & Events in February

February 4 - Youth Hoagie Sale

February 10 - Valentine Dinner



PRAYER CHAIN NEWS

“I call to you in times of trouble, because you answer my prayers.”
Psalm 86:7

If you have a prayer request, call Delores Kauffman 743-8322 or the church office 743-7303.

Mary Musser - hospitalized with heart problems

Jim Martin - knee replacement

Dave Thomas - hospitalized with blood clots in lungs

Donna Hetrick (Randy Treas' aunt) -hospitalized with pneumonia

Carla Bless - found cancer cells in her blood work

Bill Rathburn - very ill & fell out of bed Update: He passed away

Joyce Dean - emergency surgery on her retina

Barb Griblen - passes away suddenly (Suzy Tressler's sister-in-law)

Carla Bless - hospitalized at Geisinger

Kim Beck - surgery at Evan

Kris Tate - high blood pressure—work related

Nina Eisenburg - high blood pressure, having tests and heart catheterization



Please remember our shut-in members with a visit, phone call, or “Thinking of You” card to let them know that we miss them. If we have missed anyone on this list, please call the church office.

Those at **The Manor at Penn Village**, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Lee Shaffer, Room 321

Manor Care, 800 Court Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

Diane Rogers, Room 127

Nottingham Village, Strawbridge Road, Northumberland, PA 17857

Frances Tisot, Room 128

Lois Thomas, Room 145

Brookdale-Grayson View, 29 Grayson View Court, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Marge Dunkin, Room 231

Alice Longenberger, Room 303

Mary Musser, Room 116

Emmanuel Home-800 Priestly Ave, Northumberland PA 17857

Rose Buch, Room 100 A

Martha Zimmerman, 201 Fairview Street, Avis, PA 17721

Betty Kauffman, 100 Pine Lane, Selinsgrove

Betty Snyder, Pennsfield Apt. #5, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove

Ed Wendt, 1713 Sunbury Road, Selinsgrove

Dorothy Wagner, 1839 Cypress Chapel RD, Suffolk, VA 23434-8950

Jean Walter, 5818 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Charles Tressler, 716 Bogar Drive, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Norma Bidelspach, 3066 North Old Trail, Selinsgrove

What's New With Youth?

December was a very busy month for the youth. Dec. 1st we attended a *Walk Through Bethlehem* in Herndon. This is an awesome live nativity. The youth had an opportunity to see the nativity story come to life and experience a market in Bethlehem. It was a long wait but a wonderful night and they all had a great time. On the 17th we will join our church family for the Christmas Family breakfast. This is sure to be a great meal and fellowship time with our church family. Dec 17th will also be our Penny March. We collect pennies and other spare change to go towards our summer mission trip. On the 20th we will have our Christmas celebration in Youth. This is always a fun night. We will play games, act out the Nativity story, eat some Christmas treats and take a look back at our year with some photos.

This month we have also been gift wrapping presents for Christmas to raise money for our summer mission trip. This has been an awesome way for us to spread some holiday cheer this season and to raise some money for our mission trip. We have been sitting at some tables in the Bon-ton and wrapping gifts for a few hours on Sunday and a Saturday in the late afternoon/evenings.

This month we have been taking a look at the Nativity Story. We visited the live Nativity, we watched and discussed the movie *The Nativity Story* and as is our youth group tradition we acted it out at our Christmas celebration. These were some fun ways to really have the Nativity story come alive and to truly try to understand what an amazing thing God did for everyone on earth when He sent His only son to be born in a manger.

In the New Year Youth will be back on Jan 10th and we will hopefully be slowing things down a bit. We will be selling hoagies in January for Super bowl Sunday. The sign up sheet will be on the office window in January or you can take one with you to sell to your friends and family. Order will be due January 24th and pick will be anytime after 4pm on Super Bowl Sunday Feb 4th.

We are also in the process of planning a retreat for the youth at Wesley Forest for the spring of 2018. We are looking at a weekend in mid to late April. Hopefully I will have more details for you in the new year.

The end of December can be a very busy time for everyone. So while you're decorating, making Christmas cookies and wrapping gifts I hope you take a moment to appreciate *the best gift ever*. The best Christmas gift ever was the first one given- Jesus Christ.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

"...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." ~Luke 8:10-11

In Him,
Christina

Looking Ahead:

Hoagie sale- All January long

Hoagie Sale and Super Bowl Party-Feb 4th

Helping with the Valentine's Dinner- Feb 10th

Confirmation begins-Feb 11th

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OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Information

Weekly Services

Sundays

8:20 a.m. - Service of Praise
9:40 a.m. - Sunday Church School
10:50 a.m. - Service of Proclamation and
Response

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Monday--Friday
Phone 570-743-7303

Pastor: Rev. Randall Bennett, Jr.
Youth & Program Director: Christina
McDermott
Director of Education: Jamie Waters
Secretary: Pam Eister - Barbara Inch
Nursery: Kim Ditty, Sally Yohn, Kellie
Kline
Preschool: Jayme Knouse, Kellie Kline
Sexton: Rosanne Thomas
Organist: Charles Kauffman
Pianist: Diane Jay

Nursery Care

Infants to age four Sundays during 8:20 &
10:50 a.m. services

Children

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. for:
Nursery Beginners, grades 1 & 2
Primary, PreK & K Middlers, grades 3-5

Youth

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. for:
Juniors, grade 5 & 6 Junior/Senior High

TGIW (Thank Goodness It's Wednesday)

6:00 P.M. Awana For age 3-Grade 6
6:00 P.M. For youth grades 6-12

Prayer Time

Meet Sundays 7:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am

LIBRARY

We have books and videos for all ages

Adults

Sunday School Classes
Young Adults Elective 1
Elective 2 Elective 3 Agape Class
Support Group - 2nd Tuesday at 2:00

Music

Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. - Tues
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. - Wed.
Praise Team 7:00 p.m. - Thurs.

Seniors

Christian Classics usually meets on the
third Tuesday of each month.

Women

United Methodist Women meet on the
first Monday of even numbered months
at 7:00 p.m.

Puppet Ministry

The Puppet Team meets Tuesday
evening at 6:30 pm.

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 1 pm Busy Bee's Meeting	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Awana NO Choir NO Youth	<i>4</i> 5 pm TOPS 7 pm Praise Team	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 6-7 pm Multi-purpose room in use
<i>7</i> 8:20 am Worship 9:40 am SS 10:50 am Worship Noon-3 pm Multi-purpose room in use 7 pm Prayer Time	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 2 pm Happy Hearts 4 pm Staff Meeting	<i>10</i> 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Awana 6 pm Youth 7 pm Choir	<i>11</i> 5 pm TOPS 7 pm Praise Team	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 10 am-5 pm Multi-purpose room in use
<i>14</i> 8:20 am Worship 9:40 am SS 9:45 am Membership 10:50 am Worship Noon - Tweeners 7 pm Prayer Time	<i>15</i> 2-5 pm Ham Loaf Pickup NO Preschool	<i>16</i> 7 pm Christian Classics	<i>17</i> Kitchen in use 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Awana 6 pm Youth 7 pm Choir	<i>18</i> 10 am-5 pm Uganda Salad Pickup 5 pm TOPS 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm SPRC	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 10 am-5 pm Multi-purpose room in use
<i>21</i> 8:20 am Worship 9:40 am SS 9:45 am Membership 10:50 am Worship Noon - Uganda Meal 7 pm Prayer Time	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 7 pm Trustees Meeting	<i>24</i> Kitchen in use 8:30 am Prayer Time 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Awana 6 pm Youth 7 pm Choir	<i>25</i> 9 am-9 pm Rotary Club Banquet 7 pm Praise Team	<i>26</i> 7 am-12 pm Kitchen in use 9-11 am Multi-purpose room in use-Farmer's Breakfast	<i>27</i>
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