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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

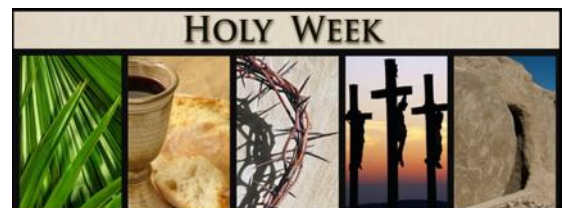
Holy Week holds profound spiritual importance as it commemorates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on His ultimate sacrifice, embrace His teachings, and find renewal in the hope and joy of His resurrection.

Each day of Holy Week invites you to grow in your faith:

- **Palm Sunday** reminds us to welcome Jesus into our hearts with the same joy and reverence as the crowds in Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday** teaches the power of love and humility, symbolized by Jesus washing His disciples' feet and sharing the Last Supper.
- **Good Friday** calls for deep reflection on the depth of His love and the price He paid for humanity.
- **Holy Saturday** urges patience and trust in God's plan, even in times of silence and waiting.
- **Easter Sunday** celebrates the triumph of life over death and the promise of new beginnings.

If you're seeking encouragement, let Holy Week serve as a reminder that no matter how challenging life may feel, there's hope and redemption at the heart of faith. Use this sacred time to let go of burdens, connect with God through prayer, and extend kindness and love to those around you.

May this Holy Week inspire strength and renewal in your journey—body, mind, and soul.



Our combined service schedule

between St. Paul AME Church, Faith UMC, and Christ UMC.

This collaborative effort aims to bring our communities together in worship and reflection during the Lenten and Easter season.

April 17 **Maundy/Holy Thursday** at Faith UMC (104 N Potomac St, Wboro) at **7:00 PM** with Rev. Sydnor bringing the message

April 18 **Good Friday** at Christ UMC at **7:00 PM** with Rev. Grove bringing the message

Sunday Services at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM (in-person and livestreamed)

April 13 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

April 20 **Easter Sunday**

We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship as we continue our journey together through Lent. Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated as we come together to support and uplift one another.

Mayor-on-the-Mend Invited to Speak to Men of Christ Church

Retiring Waynesboro Mayor Richard (Dick) Starliper is willing, if able, to speak of his career to Men of Christ Church at our April meeting. We will gather at 5:30 PM for a meal at 6 PM on the second Monday of the month, the 14th, in Wolff Hall.

The mayor had agreed to visit earlier this year but then was hospitalized and had to cancel. If he has to scratch again, Bob Davis will present a PowerPoint talk on "Religion in the Civil War."

The March meeting featured an outstanding talk by Quincy Township orchard keeper Nelson Petrie on the joys and concerns of managing an apple orchard.

To reserve a seat at the table, or for further information, please call either Frost, 407-446-9093, or Davis, 717-315-7526.

Herb Meininger, longtime Christ UMC lay leader and current secretary of MOCC, has had to resign from that role and others because of ill health. The group asks for continuing prayer for Herb and his wife, Marie. MOCC Vice President Bob Frost will carry out Herb's secretarial duties.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP Saturday, April 26th

- ◆ 8 AM - Dutch-treat breakfast, at the Parlor House Restaurant
- ◆ 9 AM - Meet in Parlor House parking lot and head over to our area

Help beautify our community by picking up trash along Rt. 997 South. Our cleanup area covers **State Hill Rd from Clayton Ave to the Maryland state line**. Your helping hands would make a big difference, and we'd love to have you join us in this effort to "clean up" and care for our shared space. Contact: John Forrester

WOMEN'S NEWS

BOOKWORMS meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 12:30 pm at Rooster Moon Coffee House in the Long Meadow Shopping Center, Hagerstown for lunch. Our book is ***The Fire and The Ore*** by Olivia Hawke.



CRAFTERS meet on Thursday, April 3rd from 10:00-3:00 PM in the Frehn Classroom. Bring your lunch. Project is small jar tea light luminaries.



Contact Patti Lewis or Colleen Middour

Crafters needed. Do you enjoy working with your hands? Can you use a glue gun? (if not, we will teach you). Do you love putting a smile on the face of shut-ins and sick church members? Do you love creating things and learning new skills? Do you need a deeper connection with other church members? Consider joining the Crafters. We usually meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Frehn Sunday School room from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring your lunch. Contact Patti or Colleen or just show up. We would love to have you.

PASTORAL CARE



If you or a loved one is hospitalized, having surgery, entering a nursing home or rehab, or would like a pastoral visit for any other reason, please reach out to Pastor Dave (text 717-420-6283 or email PastorDeatrich@gmail.com). Please provide the following info:

- person's full name
- specific need or reason for the visit
- exact location where the visit is needed (hospital, nursing home, rehab, etc.)
- For surgeries, include the day and time of the surgery

Pastor Dave is dedicated to offering support and comfort during these times, ensuring that you or your loved ones receive the pastoral care needed. Thank you and please pass the word.



From the Roost On Easter

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away,
tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!”
She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

East is the direction to which people for ages have looked for the sunrise. In times of darkness heads craned seek the first rays of light, knowing that light will come in fullness hours after those first rays. The hope a new dawn brings can change mourning to morning.

Advent is also a season of waiting, preparation. God’s people wait for the savior. Will they receive the kind of savior they want or the kind of savior they need? Many claim to be this Messiah, but only one is. Who will recognize the sunrise when it does come?

Shadows were always around Jesus as he ministered and taught. Light casts shadows, and Christ’s light, being the brightest of all, seemed to cast the darkest shadows. Some of the Romans and some of the Jewish leaders always seemed to be lurking in the background, waiting to strike.

Torment in its ultimate form was suffered by Jesus upon the cross for our sins and our sakes. Worse than the physical torture was the lack of the presence of God the Father while Christ hung upon the pieces of wood designed for shame and death.

Ebony was the darkness of the night. The disciples knew their leader was dead. They wept and cowered in fear, believing their hope had been ground into ashes. They should have known that these ashes were to be those of the ultimate Phoenix.

Resurrection can come in our darkest hours when God lifts us from pain to triumph. During our darkness comes to us the opportunity to walk in newness of life, to see in a new light. Sin, evil and the tomb have been overwhelmed by a greater force from the Greatest Source.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED

Do you like to share in the social time in Frank Hall between the early and late services? It's a great time to talk with and share time with church members and visitors.



Sign up at the snack table to provide a simple snack (cookies, crackers, fruit, etc.) some Sunday morning.

Thanks for your help and hospitality! Contact: Karen Walters

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Education

Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM ...

✠ The **Frehn class** meets in the West Wing (old Parsonage), first room on the right. Current study: ***"The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven"*** by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Join us as we dive into the teachings of Jesus, exploring. Contact Peter Walters

✠ The **New Beginnings Class** meets in the Education office, off of Frank Hall. The **Lenten Study: *"The Grace of Les Misérables"*** by Matt Rawle Join us as we explore themes of grace, justice, poverty, love, and hope through a Christian perspective, inspired by Victor Hugo's classic. Contact Pastor Dave.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Herb Meininger for his unwavering dedication and countless hours devoted to teaching Sunday School, leading Friday Men's Bible Study, and guiding the Wednesday Prayer Breakfast. His contributions to these and numerous other activities have been instrumental in spreading the Gospel at Christ UMC. Thank you, Herb, for your faithful service and inspiring commitment to our community. -Pastor Dave

Weekly Digital Adult Bible Study

Stay connected and grow in faith with our Weekly Digital Adult Bible Study, available via email. This study is perfect for those who are unable to attend the Sunday morning class or simply want an additional resource to deepen their understanding. If interested, contact Pastor Dave at pastordeatrich@gmail.com

Teaching Moments: Hosea

He is the first of the Twelve Minor Prophets, whose collective writings were aggregated and organized into a single book in the Jewish Tanakh by the Second Temple period the last but which are distinguished as individual books in Christianity. Hosea is often seen as a "prophet of doom", but underneath his message of destruction is a promise of restoration.

Little is known about the life or social status of Hosea. According to the Book of Hosea, he married Gomer, but she proved to be unfaithful. Hosea knew she would be unfaithful, as God says this to him immediately in the opening statements of the book. This marriage was arranged in order to serve to the prophet as a symbol of Israel's unfaithfulness to the Lord.

The Book of Hosea was a severe warning to the northern kingdom against the growing idolatry being practiced there; the book was a dramatic call to repentance. Christians extend the analogy of Hosea to Christ and the church: Christ the husband, his church the bride.

The Book of Hosea is deeply significant in the Bible, especially for its themes of love, redemption, and covenant. As one of the prophetic books in the Old Testament, Hosea speaks to the relationship between God and His people, using the prophet's own life as a powerful metaphor.



Children's Church

Join us for Children's Church, designed for kids ages 3-12, during our 10:45 AM Worship Service. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to learn and grow in a fun, engaging environment.

Want to help? The gift of teaching a child lasts a lifetime!

Contact: Karen Walters



SUSANNAH’S FOOD PANTRY

People come to CUMC seeking immediate food assistance. We strive to extend Christ’s helping hands. We hand out groceries to Waynesboro community members in need that come to the church. This act of faith ministry involves giving food to needy families, trusting that God will provide even more! **You can help by donating food.**

We hand out **NON-PERISHABLE** (canned/boxed), **SIMPLE FOOD ITEMS**, such as spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, mac-n-cheese, canned ham /chicken /tuna, beef stew or similar, soups, corn, green beans, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, side dish (noodles, rice, or potatoes), crackers, granola bars or similar, cereal.



We could use **canned meats** (*chicken, tuna, ham*), **canned fruits**, jelly, and **cereals or breakfast items**.

For our “Side Pantry”, we could **use** personal care items -- **shampoo, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes**, etc.

Susannah’s Pantry (Usually)
Open: Monday – Friday
from 10 AM – 4 PM

Thank you for your continued donations!

Think Green - Recycling

Christ Church has recycling programs to help the environment. We want and need your help. **Don’t throw those old batteries, ink cartridges, or pull-tabs in the trash ---** Bring them to the church so they can be kept out of landfills and recycled. Recycling containers are beside the counter by the 2nd Street entrance to Frank Hall.

- **Aluminum Cans Pull-Tabs:** We take them to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Hershey.
- **Batteries:** Household batteries of all kinds can be recycled – even hearing aid batteries. They will be taken for recycling. Contact: Bob Small



- **Empty Printer Cartridges:** We recycle toner and inkjet cartridges. Contact: Church Office
- **Metal Recycling:** Our metal recycling has ended as we no longer have the leadership to continue metal recycling within our community. We are continuing to recycle aluminum and steel cans within the church --**MUST BE CLEANED/RINSED** -- and small items. Contact: Bob Small or Carl Henry.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Volunteers Needed!

Dates: June 16th - 19th **Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Location:** Evangelical Lutheran Church

VBS for the children of our community!

We need you to help make this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) an unforgettable experience for our community's children. VBS is an opportunity for our local kids to learn, grow, and have fun, and it can't happen without the dedication of amazing volunteers like you.



Whether you can give one evening, all four evenings, or help with preparations before or after VBS, your time will be a true blessing. Every bit of help counts! We need helpers, teachers, guides, and actors to bring this wonderful event to life.

Your support and participation will not only enrich the lives of the children but also strengthen our community bonds. If you’re interested in making a difference, please contact Pastor Dave.



NOAH'S ARK CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE

A Ministry of Christ United Methodist Church

Last month Noah's Ark emphasized the importance of literacy in our lives!

March is Dr. Seuss' birthday & Read Across America, and The Ark was sure to celebrate in style. During Dr. Seuss week we invited family members to come and read their favorite story, cooked our own Green eggs and ham, dressed wacky for Wacky Wednesday, and even had a special visit from Thing 1 & Thing 2. The Ark continues to value the importance of reading to our students every day. We fill our classrooms with books that will invite our students to use their imagination skills while sinking into a good book. Our staff will use silly voices, puppets and props to bring those stories to life, in hopes to instill a life-long love of reading. Thank you to Dr. Seuss and the many family members who volunteered their time to read to our students.

This month, our Wonder Ink Series is titled "Easter Connected" and it focuses on the resurrection of Christ. Throughout the arc of God's big story, we see God at work executing a rescue plan to bring His people from slavery to freedom, death to life. During the Easter season, we remember that God's own Son, Jesus Christ, came once for all, offering the way into God's presence by way of His life and His blood. In this five-lesson series, we'll walk through what it looks like for God to show up, promise His presence, and make the way where there was none. We will connect the long journey of God's people from slavery to freedom, from Moses and the Israelites in Egypt to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive, and because of Him, we can transition from slavery to freedom, from death to life—now those are connections worth celebrating!

Noah's Ark will be hosting our first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, May 9th, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 in Wolff Hall. This fundraiser is open to the community as well as our Ark families, so please help spread the word. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be gifted as staff retention and appreciation. These ladies and gents do so much for both our students and our community, and The Ark wishes to give back to those who give so much! Contact the daycare office for tickets and pricing for dine-in or carry-out. The Ark will be looking for church volunteers to help serve and distribute food. Contact Director- Lindsay Cook if you are willing to help with this great cause.

Thank you for the all the continued love, support and prayers for this ministry of Christ United Methodist Church,

Lindsay Cook

Director



MONTHLY AND YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATES

2025 Budget/Estimated Annual Income \$ 285,000

2025 Budget/Estimated Annual Expenses \$ 383,272

Operations & Ministry Update:

	Actual Income	Attendance	Actual Expenses
2/2/2025 Offering	\$ 7,484.00		
2/9/2025 Offering	\$ 2,915.00		
2/15/2025 First Fruits	\$ 2,325.00		
2/16/2025 Offering	\$ 2,464.00		
2/23/2025 Offering	\$ 12,766.58		
Allocations and Interest	\$ 3,112.10		
Total for January & February 2025	\$ 47,475.29		\$ 57,263.33



Why Give?

Giving to the church is a meaningful way to support its mission and community. It helps fund essential programs, outreach efforts, and maintenance of the church facilities. More importantly, it reflects our gratitude and commitment to God’s work, allowing us to contribute to something greater than ourselves. Through our generosity, we can make a positive impact on the lives of others and further the church’s mission of love and service.

Ways to Give

Your donations allow us, as the body of Christ, to continue ministering to the community and the world. Without you, this would not be possible.



Here are some ways for you to give to Christ UM Church:

- Place your donation (cash or check) in the **Offering Plate** (located in the back of the sanctuary) on Sundays.
- Use **Offering Envelopes**. We offer Offering Envelopes with your assigned giving number printed on them. The envelopes can be dated or undated - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly - whatever works best for you. If you do not have them and would like to please contact the Church Office (Financial Secretary).
- **Mail checks** to the church office (Christ United Methodist Church, 100 S Church St, Waynesboro, PA 17268)
- If you use **online bill paying** through your bank, set up the church as an account and have your bank send checks at your request.
- Sign up for **First Fruits Electronic Funds Transfer (efts)** by completing the form and returning it to the Church Office (Attn: Financial Secretary). Christ Church has an automatic electronic payment plan for those who wish to send their offerings in directly through their bank. It is safe, confidential, and very easy to do.

The form is available on the bulletin board by Second Street entrance, through the Church office, and online at www.umchrist.org/giving.html Completed forms are kept secure by our Financial Secretary. If you are interested in giving through our **First Fruits** program, you may also contact the Church office or Michelle Bumbaugh, our Financial Secretary.



- **Donate Online** using PayPal which is trusted by millions across the nation. Secure and convenient online giving with your Credit / Debit card or Checking / Savings account.

PayPal charges a 2% + \$.03 fee per transaction (ex: we receive \$9.48 out of a \$10 donation).

To make a donation through PayPal, click the link below or scan the QR Code:

www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=EKTXEDQSW7HYJ



SERVING THIS MONTH

Ushers/Greeters

8:15 AM Service

April 6 Pat Wolff
13 Susan and Jim Hatcher
20 Janet and Galen Mowery
27 (*Open*)

10:45 AM Service

April 6 Barb Gaydick and Bill Hovis
13 Linda and Tom Wynkoop
20 Peggy Etter and Betty Wolff
27 Patti Lewis

Altar Guild

April Peggy Etter

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Ushers/Greeters make sure the candles are lit on the altar, greet people as they enter, hand out bulletins, and help during the service when needed. Contact: Bill Hovis

Worship Leaders - Liturgists assist in the worship services by leading the responsive readings and prayers, and reading the Scripture Lessons. Contact: Rev. Karl

Altar Guild - We are in need of volunteers to help with this in July, August, and September. Also some helpers to be on call when needed. It's a simple thing to do that gives a lot of satisfaction. Contact: Betty Wolff

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God ...

April (*all Sundays - Open*)
Except April 20 Easter Flowers



Sponsoring Altar Flowers

Sponsoring the altar flowers is a beautiful way to give thanks to God for someone in your life, past or present. We will acknowledge these honorariums and remembrances in the Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter.

The **2025 Altar Flowers Chart** is posted on the bulletin board in the Second Street entrance (by Frank Hall). If you would like to present flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please check the chart to see what dates are available, then write your information on the chart. You order the flowers from the florist of your choice.

New to sponsoring flowers at CUMC: beside the chart (on the bulletin board by Frank Hall), there is a yellow "**How to**" guide sheet for sponsoring flowers to help you with the process.



CHANGES. Have you moved?
Changed phone numbers?
Heading south for the season?
Please let the church office know of any changes so that we can update our database.
Thanks!

CHURCH LEADERS:

The master **church calendar** is **now** on the **bulletin board** by **Second Street entrance**.

Please make sure that **all meetings** and **events** (including outdoor events) are on the master **church calendar** as soon as possible (even while in the planning stages). Thanks!



The deadline for articles to be placed in the **May 2025** issue of *The Messenger* is **12 Noon** on **Thursday, April 17th**.

Please **email** your articles, information and calendar dates to the **Church Office** (UMCChrist@gmail.com) by the 17th. In your email, kindly include "**Newsletter**" in the **subject line**."

(Information received after deadline may **not** be included in the newsletter) (Newsletter will be emailed/posted/mailed by the 24th.)

Thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bookworms 12:30 PM	2 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	3 Crafters in Frehn classrm. 10 AM - 3 PM	4	5
6 <i>White / Purple</i> Lent  Bible Study in Parlor 6:30 PM	7	8 Missions Mtg in Parlor 6:30 PM	9 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	10	11	12
13 <i>Purple</i> Palm/ Passion Sunday 	14 Men of CUMC in Wolff Hall 6:00 PM	15	16 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	17 <i>Purple</i> Combined Service at Faith UMC 7:00 PM  MAUNDY <i>Thursday</i> 	18 <i>No Color</i> Combined Service here at CUMC 7:00 PM Good Friday 	19
20 <i>White</i>  Easter Sunday	21	22	23 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	24  Newsletter	25 Office Closed	26 Highway Clean-Up meet at Parlor House 8 AM Breakfast 9 AM Parking Lot 
27 <i>White</i>	28 SPRC Meeting 1:00 PM	29	30 N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	Sunday Schedule Worship 8:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM <i>In Person & Online</i>		

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LENT & HOLY WEEK

Lent is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. This period represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. Lent started on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and ends on Holy Thursday, April 17.

Holy Week is one of the most significant periods in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the final week of Jesus Christ's life on Earth, leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection. Holy Week serves as a time for prayer, repentance, and reconnecting with one's faith. It's often filled with meaningful rituals, processions, and services that draw believers closer to the heart of their spiritual journey.

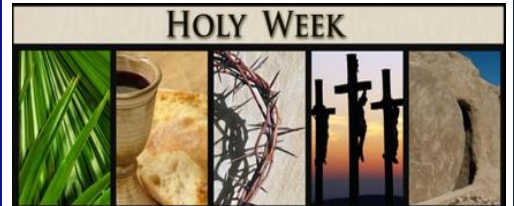
Live Stream Watch our LIVE events

(our Worship services):

- www.facebook.com/UMCChrist
- www.youtube.com/UMCChrist
- www.umchrist.org/live-stream

Sunday Schedule

- Worship 8:15 AM
- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Worship 10:45 AM
In Person & Online



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- Debbie Votral NoahsArkOfficeManager@gmail.com NA Office Manager
- Pat Wolff Church Council Chair
- (Open) Finance Chair
- Cindy Gettins Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair
- Bob Frost..... (new) Trustee Chair
- (Open) Worship Chair

Christ United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

- 8:15 AM - Worship
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:45 AM - Worship
In Person & Online

(Regular) Church Office Hours:
Mon. – Fri. 10 AM to 4 PM

The Mission of
Christ U. M.
Church is to...



Our Purpose
is to
Grow God's Kingdom.

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