



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 14, 2016

“A place where visitors become friends.”

Christ United Methodist Church! We especially greet those who are worshiping with us for the first time and rejoice that you have chosen to spend this special time with God and us. Feel free to secure a maroon colored information packet about Christ Church found near each door. As God leads, we welcome you to become an active participant with us!! If you desire to speak with our pastor, please contact the church office.

Offering counters needed. The open position is for the (1st) first Sunday of each month. Training is available, if you can spare an hour or less after church. Please contact Georgia Connelly at church or call 532-7561. Thanks!

Transportation needs: If you know of anyone in need of transportation to or from Worship service please contact Steve VanDixon – 830-9510 or Bill Morgan – 532-7519. We will make every attempt to see that this is not an obstacle for anyone wishing to worship!

Music of the “Invitation to God” song “*Come, All Who Look to Christ Today*” are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one for future reference.

A green liner to the altar vases is missing. If you happen to have it please bring it to the church as soon as possible.

Yarnspinnners will meet on February 17 in the church library at 10 AM.

Dry cereal is needed for families of our community immediately and continually. Place boxes in the bin marked King’s Kettle – Thank you!

Lenten Breakfasts: Members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church will be meeting at the -- Greenvillage Restaurant on Wednesdays at 7.30 a.m. during Lent for breakfast and a time of devotion. All are encouraged to come and to invite neighbors and friends.

--The churches of the Shippensburg Cluster of the UMC will host a series of Saturday Lenten breakfasts. This week’s breakfast is hosted by Oakville UMC on Feb. 20. The format consists of a light breakfast starting at 8 AM and a time of meditation and sharing. Although the UM Cluster does sponsor the breakfasts, they are open to all members of the community. A freewill offering will be used for local outreach needs and beyond.

We are taking seriously our call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, therefore, we are taking part in the Matthew 28 Initiative. One thing we are considering is whether our congregation is ready to partner with God for such a time as this. To that end we are asking you to take an online survey called Readiness 360. The Readiness 360 will help us identify opportunities for strengthening our church through assessing our spiritual intensity, dynamic relationships, missional alignment, and cultural openness. After a critical mass within our congregation takes the online survey, we will report back our findings and discover next steps together at our Consultation Weekend scheduled for April 8-10, 2016. Please log in to: <http://app.readiness360.org/survey/login> and type in our congregation’s passcode: 9318922153 Set aside 20 minutes to take the survey between now and February 28, 2016 at midnight.

Pastoral Care Course designed to teach how to minister effectively to hospitalized patients will be

offered at the Chambersburg Hospital. Sessions begin in April. Please see the flyer posted or contact Beth Shetter, 262-4526 for more information. Deadline to register is Feb. 15.

We are a Safe Sanctuaries compliant church, if you wish to volunteer at any of our service opportunities, you must get state mandated background clearances. If you wish to volunteer please see Mandy Gehres, our nursery coordinator, and she will help you through the process. We thank all of our current volunteers that have completed the process and made our church a safe place for all.

Prayer Requests.

- Byron Kraft – cancer treatment
- **DENA Webb** - recovery from hip surgery (Bob's daughter)
- **Linda Goodyear** (my co-worker) - going thru tests

Susquehanna Conference churches:

Calvary Waymart, Bethel, Camptown, Mt. Olivet Delta, Montandon, Whites Valley, Osceola, Hicks Memorial Duncansville, Wells Valley, Dellville

In an attempt to keep our prayer list up to date, persons and situations will be listed for three consecutive Sundays. If you wish to continue the listing after this, simply call the church office and request the prayer listing continue. Thank you.

Prayer request, if you have one, call the prayer-chain, starting with Linda Miller, 532-8000.

Our church greatly appreciates the generosity of M & T Bank and Orrstown Bank for allowing us the use of their parking lots during worship services. There are four designated *parking spots* in the M&T parking lot on Sunday mornings; two are for handicap parking and two for visitor parking. Overflow parking is available in the Orrstown Bank parking lot.

Christ United Methodist Church
Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors
Rev. Sandy Kraft, Pastor
Phone: 532-6850, email: Revskraft@hotmail.com

February 14, 2016
1st Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM Service

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

Greeting & Welcome

Prelude:

The prelude is when we turn with others to experience God with us. It is a time of prayer, when we pray for ourselves, each other, and those leading our service.

Lighting of the Altar Candles:

The lighting of the candles on the altar serves as a visual symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us as we worship God together.

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Prelude	“Lenten Meditation”	Peterson
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*Call to Worship:

L: As Christians, we rejoice that when we seek God, God finds us first. We have come to claim our destiny.

P: We have decided to become -- or become yet again -- the people of God. We have come to do and to be what God calls us to. We welcome you with thanksgiving to this time of worship and this place of empowerment and grace. Come, let us worship the king!

Invitation to God **“Come, All Who Look to Christ Today”**

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn	“The God of Abraham Praise”	UMH #116
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Prayer of Confession

O God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, we seek the unity of the nations, and pray for that day when people everywhere will turn to you as the source of all truth and knowledge. At the same time, we have failed to show by our own lives that we are your children, and that our lives are directed by you. We come now seeking your forgiveness and asking that you will strengthen us as we seek to demonstrate your love to everyone we meet. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Special Music	“Lord Most High” –arr. Sorenson	Brenda Mason, Keith Davis, Sandi Davis, Marge Young
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Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Message

*Hymn of Response	“In the Midst of New Dimensions”	FWS #2238
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Personal Silent Prayer, Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering	“A Lenten Blessing”	Southbridge
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*Musical Response	“Give Thanks”	FWS #2036
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*Offering Prayer

Lord, bless these gifts and those who give them that they both may be used by you to reach out to those who do not know you, and to share with them the knowledge that your love knows no boundaries of nationality, race, creed, or color. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Forward Through the Ages" UMH #555

*Benediction

Postlude "Chorale Postlude" Bach

* Indicates the congregation should please stand as each person is comfortable.
UMH – *United Methodist Hymnal* (blue hymnal) TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* (black hymnal)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Sandy Kraft
Pastor's hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 AM-Noon
Church office hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 AM-Noon
Secretary: Susan Hallett
Custodian: Amos Neil
Organist: Marjorie Young
Handbell Choir Director: Dorina Saul

This Week with Christ!

(Please note that all meetings will be held at Christ United Methodist Church unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday, February 14

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, February 16

10:00 AM Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 AM Lent Breakfast at Greenvillage Restaurant
10:00 AM Yarnspinners

Saturday, February 20

8:00 AM Lent Breakfast at Oakville Methodist Church
9:00 AM Clothing Bank with breakfast and Kids Corner

Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
Newsletter Items Due

Sunday School – 9:30 AM Worship Celebration – 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Vision: To be inspired by God's love to serve everyone.

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