



## **CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**February 28, 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.

**Order Easter Flowers:** Please submit order in the envelope marked “Easter Flower” and place in the offering plate. Order forms are located at the back of the sanctuary. ***Money is due with the order and orders are due no later than March 14. Please order today!***

**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.

**3D-Developing Deeper Disciples:** please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or go to <http://j.mp/gecregistration> for more info; event is April 17, 1-7pm at CrossPoint, Harrisburg.

**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 Trinity UMC in Walnut Bottom on March 5. 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.

**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.

**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!

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

**Yarnspinnners** will meet on Wednesday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.

**Offering counters** needed. The open position is for the (1<sup>st</sup>) 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!

**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 Krapf – cancer treatment
- DENA Webb - recovery from hip surgery (Bob's daughter)
- Linda Goodyear (my co-worker) - going thru tests
- The family of Chris Davis – sympathy
- The family of Russ Mentzer, Jr. – sympathy
- Becky Gehres - surgery

Susquehanna Conference churches:

First Huntingdon, Gibson, Mill Creek, Trinity Mifflin, Kitchens, Mt. Zion Dillsburg, Broad Avenue Altoona, Centenary Hamlin, Lewisberry, Faith Sandy Ridge

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.

**This Week with Christ!**

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

**Sunday, February 28**

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

**Tuesday, March 1**

10:00 AM Prayer Group

**Wednesday, March 2**

7:30 AM Lent Breakfast at Greenvillage Restaurant

**Saturday, March 5**

8:00 AM Lent Breakfast at Trinity United Methodist Church-Walnut Bottom  
9:00 AM Clothing Bank with breakfast and Kids Corner

**Sunday, March 6**

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

*Christ United Methodist Church  
Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors*

Rev. Sandy Kraft, Pastor  
Phone: 532-6850, email: Revskraft@hotmail.com

February 28, 2016  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Whitworth

\*Call to Worship

L: Isaiah 40:31 says, "Those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength."

**P: We will wait on you, Lord.**

L: Psalm 37:7 says, "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him."

**P: We will wait on you, Lord.**

L: Psalm 40:1 says, "I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry."

**P: We will wait on you, Lord.**

L: Lamentations 3:24 says, "The LORD is my portion, therefore I will wait for him."

**P: We will wait on you, Lord.**

Invitation to God "Come, All Who Look to Christ Today"

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #519

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we bow before you. We confess our hurry, our busyness, our rushing about. We fight against stillness, against quiet, against waiting. In this day and age, waiting is an inconvenience and stirs in us anger and frustration. Yet, what we need is to wait on you. You have asked us to wait – to be still, to listen, to quiet ourselves, to wait. It is in those moments when we sit in waiting that we are able to hear you, to feel you, to experience your sweet presence. Slow us down, God. Help us to relish stillness, to love quiet, and to embrace waiting. Thank you for your grace as we put this into practice.**

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Special Music "The Love of the Lord"-Wagner Brenda Mason, Richard Saul

Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Message

\*Hymn of Response **"Blessed Assurance"** UMH #369

Personal Silent Prayer, Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Offering "How Blessed from the Bonds of Sin" Karvonen

\*Musical Response **"Give Thanks"** FWS #2036

\*Offering Prayer  
**Lord, accept these gifts, we pray, and use them to proclaim your love and forgiveness to people everywhere who need another chance to change their lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn **"I'll Fly Away"** FWS #2282

\*Benediction

Postlude "Jesus Dies for Me" Powell

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\* 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

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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