



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 6, 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!***

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

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.

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 Leesburg Charge on March 12. 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.

Flower chart: please sign up to provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or special event on the bulletin board. When the date that you have chosen is close, please call the church office and let the secretary know what you would like to have placed in the announcements.

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

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.

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!

Offering counters for the first Sunday of each month are needed. Please contact Georgia Connelly, 532-7561, if you can spare an hour or less after church. 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.

- Linda Goodyear (my co-worker) - going thru tests
- The family of Chris Davis – sympathy
- The family of Russ Mentzer, Jr. – sympathy
- Becky Gehres – surgery
- Ronald Freedman – kidney failure
- Byron Krapf – cancer treatment

Susquehanna Conference churches:

Lake Como, Salem Hillcrest, Bucks, Ebenezer East Point, Paupack, Mt. Holly Springs, Locust Run, Bowmans Chapel, Good Shepherd Community, Bethany York

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)

<u>Sunday, March 6</u>	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
<u>Monday, March 7</u>	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
<u>Tuesday, March 8</u>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:00 PM	Hospitality Committee
	6:00 PM	Trustee Committee
	6:30 PM	Finance Committee
	6:30 PM	Staff Parish Personal Relations Committee
<u>Wednesday, March 9</u>	7:30 AM	Lent Breakfast at Greenvillage Restaurant
<u>Thursday, March 10</u>	5:30 PM	Community Meal
<u>Saturday, March 12</u>	8:00 AM	Lent Breakfast at Leesburg Charge
	9:00 AM	Clothing Bank with breakfast and Kids Corner
<u>Sunday, March 13</u>	<u>Sunday, March 13</u>	<i>Daylight Savings – Spring ahead one hour</i>
	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
		Newsletter items due for the April “Good News”

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

Rev. Sandy Kraft, Pastor

Phone: 532-6850, email: Revskraft@hotmail.com

March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in 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: While we wander far from home, the Father awaits our return.

P: I will get up and go to my Father and say, "Father, I have sinned, and I am no longer fit to be called your child."

L: Our Father will welcome us home with open arms and celebrate our return, because we were lost but now we have been found.

P: Praise be to God, our merciful Father, who forgives our sins and restores us to wholeness. Amen.

Invitation to God "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (on screen)

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, there have been times when jealousy has overcome us. We have resented the good fortune of others, when our own faithful labors seem to go unnoticed. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live in harmony with all your children. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

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

Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Message

*Hymn of Response “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

Personal Silent Prayer and Prayers of the Church

Offering “How Blessed from the Bonds of Sin” Karvonen

*Musical Response “Give Thanks” (on screen)

*Offering Prayer

O God, accept these gifts, we pray, and use them and us to bring your lost children back home. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion (on screen)

*Closing Hymn: “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” v 1-3, 5 UMH #383

*Benediction

Postlude “Jesus Died 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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