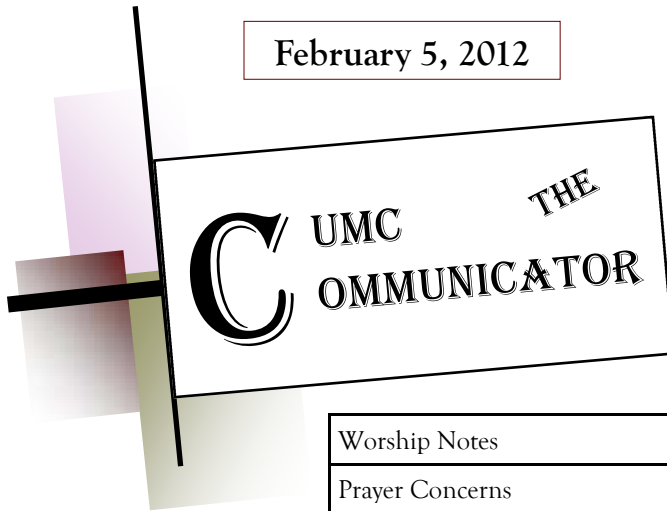


February 5, 2012



*We cherish the presence of everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator. May God touch each of our lives today.*

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**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY**, we are glad you're here! Please complete one of the yellow information cards in the pew rack and request a Welcome Packet at the Hospitality Desk before you leave.

We have available for your use:

1. FM system for those with hearing aids – upon request from the ushers.
2. Wheel chair and walker are available for your use.
3. Wheel chair locations are in the sanctuary.
4. Handicapped restrooms located in the north wing.
5. Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.
6. A Nursery is available in the south hallway.
7. A changing table is available in unisex bathroom in south hallway.



WELCOME to Christ Church.

**Pastor Gary Knerr** has been at Christ Church for over 7 years. An ordained elder, he is a graduate of Albright College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up in the Reading-Berks County area, along with his wife, Deb. They have two adopted daughters from India. Pastor Knerr loves Christian worship and teaching the faith.

Thanks to **Brian Dalbow** for serving as liturgist today. Brian is the Pastoral Assistant and Student Ministries Director here at CUMC. He is transitioning into many of the roles Pastor Nancy Shane has held over the years. Brian is a graduate of Bethany Bible College in New Brunswick, Canada. He is a native of southern Jersey and grew up in the Wesleyan Church. Brian is currently taking on-line classes at Asbury Theological Seminary.

**ABOUT COMMUNION AT CHRIST CHURCH.** It is our custom to serve communion in a variety of styles: in the pew with individual cups and pieces of bread, on one's feet at the foot of the chancel using the common cup in which to dip the bread, and kneeling at the altar rail. Sometimes we sing the responses; sometimes we speak them. The form is not as important as the sacrament itself. It is our habit to sing while communion is served, a custom retained from the early Methodists.

Jesus invites everyone to this holy meal prepared for you. The elements of bread and fruit of the vine dedicated on this altar-table do not exclusively belong to us. They are Christ's for you.

United Methodists have a policy of "open communion," which invites everyone to the table, including children. (If parents do not want their children to receive the elements, they will receive a blessing when brought forward.) Individuals who are not baptized are welcomed to the table, if moved by the Holy Spirit to desire the grace-filled love of Jesus Christ in their life. It is our sincere hope that if you are not a baptized disciple of Jesus Christ, you would use this opportunity to seek to become one, and learn more about this man who so graciously offers himself and God's forgiveness to you and the world.

If there is some reason that you do not want to participate, we respect your choice. Perhaps there is a personal sin that you believe bars you from the Lord's Table, even after the prayer of confession and words of forgiveness. If so, the pastors invite you to speak with them afterwards, so you can move to forgiveness and spiritual wholeness. You may have other reasons for not receiving, too. Whatever your reason, we still invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

At Christ Church, we also follow the custom of John Wesley, who made it his practice to take an additional offering whenever he served communion in 18<sup>th</sup> century Great Britain. This offering was designated for the needy. Please contribute to this Mission of the Month by using the blue envelope, placing it in the offering plate.

Prayer Concerns
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Please pray for the world situation, in particular Nelson McLaughlan, Steve Dluzneski's friends AJ and Jimmy, Ed Fotiades, and other servicemen and women who are serving in the military.

- Scott Cook (Sherry Harris's brother) - recovering from another surgery.
- John Long (Clare Sherlock's brother) - severe case of Crohn's Disease
- Virginia Wetzel (friend of Deb Knerr) - serious health concerns
- Friend of Tammy & Ken Buchmann diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- great-grandson of Penny Hild - very ill, in China
- Jenny Thorpe (friend of Miki Chelton) - recovering from surgery
- family of Saverio Minicucci (friend of Marge Kramer) who died 1/18
- Matt Cook (Sherry Harris's nephew) - has been having anaphylactic reactions and cause has not been determined
- Brian Stover (Bruce's son, offered by Leroy Horst) - serious heart condition, upcoming open-heart surgery
- Matt (coworker of JoAnne Cowles) - on medication for seizures
- Enos Heisey (Phil's father) - in his final days
- Doris Ross and family mourning the death of her sister, Charlotte
- Ron Ross (Frank's brother) - upcoming heart surgery
- Rev. Ken Wait - recovering at Golden Living Center after hospitalization
- Bob Conroy (Mary's husband) - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- \*Lucy Chelton - recovering from surgery to replace ear tubes and remove adenoids
- \*Penny Hild - recovering from cardiac procedure
- \*Barb Curtin - separated shoulder
- \*Jack Kelly (friend of Doug Johnson) - recovering from throat surgery
- \*Doris Hinkle - recovering after hospitalization
- \*Geneva Gingrich (Ken's mother) - recovering from second surgery on her hip. Presently in Hershey Medical Center.
- \*Erica (Denise Nase's niece) - recently entered a rehab program
- \*Julie Harris - prayers requested for safe journey as she travels to Dublin, Ireland for semester-abroad program
- \*Michelle (friend of Ryan Fealy) - hospitalized with migraines
- \*Miki Chelton - upcoming sinus surgery
- \*Brian Dalbow - starts on-line classes with Asbury Theological Seminary this week

\*denotes names newly added/updated this week.

Special Happenings at Church This Week



**Youth Super Bowl "Pre-Pre-Game party"** - Activities will start shortly after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service and will run till 2:30. Please arrive early to be able to participate in our football-themed activities. A \$5 fee will be collected at the door to cover the cost of pizza, drinks, and snacks (this event is in place of the normal Sunday night youth group).

**TODAY is Super Bowl Sunday!** All are welcome to join the Sullivan's to watch the Super Bowl starting at 5:30 pm at 808 Garfield Ave, Lansdale. Please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions call John or Pat at 610-584-6265.

**Midweek Worship Services** every Wednesday. Different people speak and bring music each week of the month. Join us at **7 PM** in the Reichley Room. This week the message will be brought by **Brian Dalbow**, music by **Chad Hussein**, and communion will be served.

**Missions Cooking for Manna** - this monthly activity has been changed for 2012 to the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in our church kitchen. Please join us **Feb. 9** and help make a meal for those less fortunate. Contact **Stacey Day** with any questions: [staceyday25@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyday25@yahoo.com), 267-644-1611.

**Help Needed for the Spaghetti Dinner** - The Youth Group is looking for anyone who can lend a **card table(s) or stock pots with strainers** for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. **We also need Valentine's decoration, pink & red hearts, doilies, streamers, etc.** Please label your items and drop them off at the church by Thursday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Tables can be placed by the coat rack to the left of the sanctuary and pots placed in the kitchen. More **helpers are needed to decorate** Fellowship Hall Friday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm and to help **clean-up** after the dinner on Saturday night, **February 11<sup>th</sup>** (7 PM in the kitchen, 8 PM in the dining areas). If you can make a **dessert for the dinner**, please sign up in the Narthex. *Pies are really popular!* Please contact **Linda Parnell** at 215-855-8931 or [blkk1@comcast.net](mailto:blkk1@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.



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Special Happenings at Church This Week, cont.

**Spaghetti Supper - Saturday, Feb. 11, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Funds raised will benefit Christ Church Youth Fellowship. This annual event is always fun, so plan to attend! Purchase your tickets and make your reservations in the narthex on **Feb. 5** (those without reservations are welcome, but may have to wait for a table!). Enjoy a dinner out while supporting our youth group!

**R Gang** will be gathering at 6 PM for appetizers on Saturday, **Feb 11** in the lounge. Then join us in supporting the Youth Group at the Spaghetti supper at 7:00. Please sign up in the narthex or let **Irene Dickinson** (215-721-2358) know that you will be joining us.

Upcoming and Community Events

**Scout Sunday February 12** - All boys, girls, and leaders participating in scouting programs -- regardless of the sponsoring organization -- are encouraged to attend church in their uniforms.

*A Glimpse of Heaven* - **Debbie Rotelle** is our special speaker for the February **Susanna Wesley Circle** meeting. We'll meet at Christ Church at 7 PM (note earlier time) on Thursday, **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Debbie's message will focus on God's healing power. Join us, and invite a friend. Please sign up in the narthex, or send an e-mail to [margek1@comcast.net](mailto:margek1@comcast.net).

**WANTED - ManPower**  
**The Many, The Humble**



Men's breakfast to inspire men to be involved in the cause of Christ.

**February 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast in the Cafe at Sanctuary UMC**

Join Rich Sparling—Chaplain to the Phillies &  
The Men of Mid-Town Parish

*Contact Pastor Knerr if you are interested in attending.*

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Upcoming and Community Events, cont.



NP Visiting Nurse Assoc. is offering a **grief support program**, "Friends in Grief." The program is offered to any adult who has suffered the death of a loved one. Programs are Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM or Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM, beginning **Feb. 21**. There is no cost, but registration is required. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Bill Garrison, Bereavement Coordinator at 215-855-8297 ext. 133.

**Short-term Disciple Study** - In the Gospel of John the invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". This Lent you, too, are invited to come, see, and follow Christ through an **11-week study** of the **Gospel of John**. The study begins Thursday, **February 23**, 7:15-9:00 p.m. See the ways in which Jesus is truth, life, bread, living water, and so much more! *Please contact Pastor Nancy or the church office if you are interested in participating.*

On **Feb 26**, join KOC (Keystone Opportunity Center) at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant for the annual **Meals with a Purpose**. Discounted advance tickets are available at the Keystone office or the restaurant- \$13.50 adults, \$8.00 children (ages 4-10), if purchased by Feb 22. The meal is served family-style and will include Herbed Chicken Marsala, salad, rolls, vegetables, beverages and assorted desserts. See flyer in the narthex for more information.

Notices

**February Evangel** is now available for pick up in the narthex and for viewing online under "Resources" on our church website: [www.cumclansdale.org](http://www.cumclansdale.org). Read all about "Ministering to Need," Ash Wednesday & Lent, and Leap Year. Catch up with the happenings of the youth and missions groups. Be sure to mark your calendars for the many special holidays and events coming in February!

**2012 Altar/Pedestal Flower Calendars** have been posted in the narthex. Sign up for your favorite Sunday(s) and dedicate flowers in honor/memory/celebration of someone you love or a special event. ***Please sign up for Feb & March soon*** so that we can get the notices out quickly (the church office will send you a dedication "form" to complete & return approx. a month beforehand). Cost is just \$33 per pair, and you can take them home after worship services if you wish!



Today's volunteers



- Greeters:** 8:30—Jim & Lois Stevenson  
10:45—Jack & Maggie Pauls
- Acolytes:** 8:30—Kira/Krista Knerr  
10:45—
- Nursery** 8:30—*volunteer needed*  
**Volunteers:** 9:30—Janet Yacovelli  
10:45—Lisa Nolan, Carolyn Hadka
- Sound** 8:30—Chet Coupe  
**Technicians:** 10:45—Eric Ohlson
- Circuit Kids:** Betty Thomas, Jessica Snyder, John Reed
- Ushers:** **8:30**—Jim Hare, Tony Trifiletti, Jeff Baer, Richard Weand, Jim Stevenson. **Joe Spanial** is head usher.  
**10:45**—Glenn McCrea, Doug Johnson, Geneane Yourl, Lynn Rinaldi, Paul & Micha Kohl, Brian Harrison, Dave Williams. **Phil Woodruff** is this month's captain.

The **altar flowers** are presented by Joe, Celeste, Joe, & Christina Loscalzo in celebration of Betty Boston's Birthday.

The **pedestal flowers** are presented by Florence Haring in loving memory of Peggy and Harold Thomas.

**Attendance - Jan 29, 2012:**

8:30 a.m. - 132

9:30 a.m. - 144

10:45 a.m. - 204

Wednesday (2/1) - 11



1020 S. Valley Forge Rd.

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[www.cumclansdale.org](http://www.cumclansdale.org)

*Announcing...* **SonRise National Park VBS**

**July 16 - 20, 2012**

9:00 am - noon (with a closing program and picnic on Friday)

Kids will enjoy the thrills of daily treks where they can face extreme challenges and learn to depend on the promises of Jesus. They will discover the true treasure described in Philippians 4:19, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Prayerfully consider how you will be a part of this adventure.

Opportunities include:

- ◆ Nursery leader and assistants
- ◆ Preschool teachers and assistants
- ◆ Preschool music teacher
- ◆ Elementary leaders and assistants
- ◆ Elementary teachers and assistants for Bible stories, music, crafts, games
- ◆ Snack leader and assistants
- ◆ Mission project
- ◆ Opening program leader and assistants
- ◆ Decorations

*Please respond with your preferred role.*

Thanks,

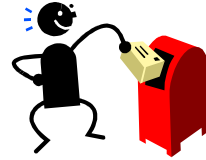
**Debra Reed**, Director of Vacation Bible School  
215-513-1070, reeddf@comcast.net



**Grocery Certificate Program - New Participating Stores!**

Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Desk and pick up your cards for the week! We now have cards for **CVS Pharmacy, Boston Market and Applebee's** restaurants, and **Boscov's** department stores. Of course, we also have **ShopRite, Acme, Giant, Henning's, Weis Markets, Lansdale Deli, and Kohl's**. Each of these stores sells the gift cards to Christ Church at a discount (5 - 25%), and as customers, we buy and redeem them at full price. The discounted money is then used by the church to pay down the building mortgage. So see Bob Vincent or Leroy Horst and get your cards today!

Needs/Requests



**College Boxes** will be packed on **Feb 19**. The students really appreciate this thoughtful outreach from our church and look forward to receiving their goodies! We are requesting donations (individually packaged) of



snacks such as popcorn, granola bars, candy, hot chocolate, cup-a-soup, etc. - items our students can enjoy while studying! Please bring your donations (clearly marked for "College Boxes") to the church kitchen anytime before 9:30 a.m. on Feb 19. Thank you!



**Manna on Main Street Food Collection -**

Suggestions of contributions during **February** are: canned juice or juice boxes, canned vegetables, peanut butter & jelly, noodles.

Items may be placed in the baskets in the vestibule. Contact information: Jean Fischer: 215-368-5696, Frieda Bailey: 610-584-0773, Manna on Main Street: 215-855-5454.

**Code Blue Shelter, Lansdale** - During the winter months, the Montgomery County Health Department declares "Code Blue" if evening temperatures are 20° or below. When this occurs, volunteers at Trinity Lutheran Church are ready to provide overnight shelter to North Penn area homeless men. **Male and female volunteers are needed.** This is a hands-on experience! You get to interact with the men, hear their stories, and help them as best you can. Volunteers are provided training on-site during the Code Blue nights. If you would like to help, visit their dedicated Code Blue page on website [TrinityLansdale.com](http://TrinityLansdale.com) to sign up, or contact Lanny Whitehouse at 610-584-5819.



**Nursery helpers needed for 2012** - What could be more rewarding than caring for our youngest children? **We need 4 "permanent" nursery volunteers** for the following shifts: 8:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, and 10:45 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. If you do not want to be locked in to the schedule, **we always need**

**substitutes, too!** The church will provide the necessary Safe Sanctuary paperwork and training. Please contact **Ellen Faw** at [efaw@aol.com](mailto:efaw@aol.com) or 215-361-4174.

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Needs/Requests, continued

Our preschool has enrolled in **the A+ Rewards program offered to schools through Giant Food Stores**. Help us earn points which translates to cash rewards now through the end of March. If you shop at **Giant** and have a bonus card, you can register. Go to [www.giantfoodstores.com/Aplus/](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/Aplus/) and scroll down to **Customers designate your school**. Our preschool code to enter is **06388**. You will register and go to the next screen to fill in your card number. Your family's other reward points are unaffected by your participation in this program. Any questions please call **Mary Conroy** at (215)412-7836. **Don't forget to buy your Giant grocery cards here at church!**

Financial Information: Special offerings

**January's MotM—Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF)** \$ 1,445  
**February's MotM—The John M. Fisher Endowment Fund** \$

**Elm Terrace Gardens** is a Lansdale landmark and has been operating as a faith-based CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) for the last 30 years. Elm Terrace Gardens serves over 230 community members each day from independent living residents to personal care and skilled nursing residents. As a non-profit organization, Elm Terrace is able to focus on the wants and needs of the residents first!

The congregation's money given during **February** for the mission of the month will go to one specific aspect of Elm Terrace Gardens: **The John M. Fisher Endowment Fund**. This fund was set up to benefit Elm Terrace Gardens' residents in need of financial assistance. For more information about Elm Terrace Gardens, visit their website: [www.elmterracegardens.org](http://www.elmterracegardens.org).

**"Replace the Roof"**  
**campaign update**

Total Cost of replacement: \$91,000  
 Contributions received  
 as of 1/29/12 \$58,384



**Christ United Methodist Church**  
 1020 S. Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446

REPLACE THE ROOF CONTRIBUTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENVELOPE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Sunday School

**Open Forum** - is starting *The Power of a Whisper* - Bill Hybels. Hybels' passion is to invite every Christ-follower to learn how to live with one ear perpetually tuned to heaven and how to obey what you hear. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall, Room #8. Judi Plummer is the facilitator.

**Bible Study Class** - is now starting a new book of the Bible this week. Come and join us as we begin a study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. Ken Gingrich is the facilitator of this class that meets in Room #7 of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join us.

**Reichley Fellowship Class** – meets in Room #18, near the office. All adults are invited to attend this class and join in a traditional type of Sunday School Class. They have a period of devotions and singing of hymns followed by a lecture.

**Seeker's Sunday School Class** – meets in Room #24 of the south (Preschool) wing. We will be doing "stand alone" weekly lessons based on either a DVD-presented topic and/or the morning sermon topic. Please join us and bring your thoughts and ideas!

**Pairs and Spares Class** – This class is open to all young (and young at heart) adults. Just grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Lounge for a friendly and open discussion.

Leader "bios" cont.

**Miki Chelton** has been the music director at Christ Church for five years. She holds two degrees in music therapy, a baccalaureate degree from Mansfield University & a masters from Immaculata University. She conducts the Chancel (adult) Choir & three bell choirs. Miki is the wife of Eric & mother of Belle & Lucy.

**Katie McCarter**, our organist, grew up in the Lansdale area. She is a music teacher & choral director at the Pennbrook Middle School in the North Penn School District. She earned both Bachelors & Masters degrees from Syracuse University. Katie directs our Youth Choir and is active in school & community events. She plans to marry Iain Campbell this coming July.

Weekly Church Calendar

**SUNDAY:**

2/5 8:30 a.m. - WORSHIP SERVICE  
 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Noon - Signing Choir  
**Noon-2:30 - YF “Pre-Game Party”**  
 5:30 p.m. - Super Bowl party

Sanctuary  
 Fellowship Hall  
 @ Sullivan's

**MONDAY:**

2/6 7:00 p.m. - Square Dancers  
 7:00 p.m. - **Communications Team**  
 8:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall  
 Lounge  
 Pastor's Office

**TUESDAY:**

2/7 7:00 a.m. - Men's Reading Group  
 8:30 a.m. - UM Men's Breakfast Club  
 12 noon - Kaleidoscope book group  
 6:30 p.m. - Gloria Dei Ringers  
 6:30 p.m. - Cub/Girl Scouts

Lounge  
 West Main Diner  
 Lounge  
 Fellowship Hall  
 FH & nursery

**WEDNESDAY:**

2/8 5:15 p.m. – Melody Chimes  
 5:20 p.m. - Precious Angels  
 5:55 p.m. - Carol Choir  
 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir  
 6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir  
 6:00 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers  
 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts  
 6:30 p.m. - **meatball making**  
 7:00 p.m. - Agape Ringers  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir  
**7:00 p.m. - Midweek Worship Service**

Fellowship Hall  
 Reichley Room  
 Music Room  
 Reichley Room  
 Sanctuary  
 Fellowship Hall  
 nursery/FH  
 kitchen  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Sanctuary  
**Reichley Room**

**THURSDAY:**

2/9 6:30 p.m. - **Missions cooking for Manna**  
 7:30 p.m. - Praise Band rehearsal

kitchen  
 Sanctuary

**FRIDAY:**

2/10 6:30 p.m. - **Decorating for Spag. Supper**

Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY:**

2/11 **4-7:30 p.m. - YF Spaghetti Supper**

Fellowship Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY: Scout Sunday**

**COMING EVENTS:**

- 2/12—Missions Committee meeting
- 2/13—Deborah Circle, Christian Ed
- 2/14—Valentine's Day, Trustees, Aktion Club
- 2/15—Friendly Activity Seniors, Endowment Committee
- 2/16—Susanna Wesley Circle

## **AID FOR FRIENDS FROZEN MEALS**

Instructions for getting frozen meals to St. Rose of Lima RCC

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday -- 9 am to 5 pm

Address:

143 Highland Ave. (at Sumneytown Pike), North Wales

Directions from Christ Church:

turn right onto South Valley Forge Rd.;

turn left onto Sumneytown Pike;

continue into North Wales; the church is 2.5 blocks beyond the RR tracks on your right;

turn right into the driveway at the church and look for the garage on your left located between the church & the school

- Enter garage door on left.
- Find Aid for Friends freezer straight ahead.
- Place frozen meals/soup inside freezer.
- Write name and # of meals/soups on left side of chart on outside on freezer door.
- Write name and # of meals/soups on Christ Church chart beneath; *if enough of us participate, we can get our own freezer at church!*
- Make sure freezer door is closed ... tightly!
- Pick up new containers, as needed.
- Leave garage and close door behind you.