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Happenings, Announcements, Concerns, etc.

September 5, 2010

On this Sunday before Labor Day, we're glad to welcome each worshiper. May we all dedicate ourselves to labor for the Lord and to help make the world as God would have it be.

Attendance – August 29, 2010:

8:30 a.m. – 105

9:30 a.m. – 58

10:45 a.m. – 171

Wednesday Service (9/1) – 8

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Visitor Information

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 visitor 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 are 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.

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Worship Notes

WELCOME to worship at Christ Church during Labor Day Weekend!

THANK YOU to those serving as Communion assistants today:

8:30—Bruce & Anna Shelton

10:45—Debbie Rotelle

NEXT WEEK begins a new sermon series, "What's So Great About Jesus?" Also, the fall session of Christian Education begins with "Moving Up Sunday." And don't forget the annual church picnic's food, fun, and fellowship immediately after the 10:45 worship service!

FOR FALL READING related to the sermon series, check out *How Christianity Changed the World* (2001) by Alvin J. Schmidt.

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 18th 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

Please pray for the world situation, in particular Nelson McLaughlan, Steve Dlužniski's friends AJ and Jimmy, Tommy Miller, Rich Clowser, Bryan Williams, Ed Fotiades, and other servicemen and women who are serving in the military.

All those searching for a job: Steve (friend of Ryan Fealy), Joyce Gorman, William Greiner, David Landolt, Warren Shuey, Sue Ruoff, Randy Gorman, Jim Gilmore, Ruth Patterson, Matt Ruser, and Mike McGeary (Dick's brother).

Julie & Brad Meilak (Gingrich's daughter and son-in-law) - traveling across the U.S. before moving to Australia on Sept. 15

Joan Kuntzel (Bob Colwell's sister) - hamstring pull (recovering from knee replacement surgery).

Norman (offered by Pastor Nancy) - serious health issues.

JoAnne Cowles' Aunt Eleanor—in her last days.

George (JoAnne Cowles' cousin) - will have an operation for cancer.

All our college children (and their families!) as they begin their new school year

Wendy Beatty Burg—prayers for strength with dealing with bad news about family and friends.

Jerry (friend of Betty Thomas) - recovering from surgery; battling cancer

Diane and Jim (friends of Julie McGeary) - dealing with health issues.

MaryLou Adams (Stephen Hildebeitel's grandmother-in-law) - recovering from surgery.

Matt Cook (Sherry Harris' brother) - recovering from anaphylactic reaction.

*Danielle & John Alexander on the death of their full-term unborn child.

*Beverly Keegan (offered by the Stauffers) - reoccurrence of cancer.

*Rick (offered by J. James) - in need of a kidney transplant.

*Ken Wait - moved to St. Mary Manor for rehab; recovering from brain surgery

*Fred (friend of Joyce Gorman) - in nursing facility receiving physical therapy

*Jim (friend of Betty Thomas) - recovering at home after serious bike accident

***Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to Mid-Town Parish. Four bags of groceries, including 100 hotdogs, snacks, and water were provided.**

*denotes names newly added/updated this week.

The altar flowers are presented by Frieda & Dave Bailey in celebration of Tina Eckhart's Birthday. *Happy Birthday!*

The pedestal flowers are presented by John & Pat Sullivan in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. *Congratulations!*

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Today's Volunteers

Acolytes: 8:30—Kner/Horvath
10:45—Brooke Rotelle

Greeters: 8:30—Bill & Susan Schwarz
10:45—Barb Gingrich

Nursery 8:30—Kim Sisian

Volunteers: 9:30—Janet Yacovelli
10:45—Ellen Faw, Aimee
Heavener

Sound 8:30—Steve Fallows

Technicians: 10:45—Chet Coupe

Hospitality 9:15—Frieda Bailey

Desk: 10:15—Julie McGeary
11:45—Krystyna Supplee

Circuit Kids: Betty Thomas, Norma
Kaufman, John Reed.

Thanks to Betty Thomas for providing today's craft.

Ushers: 8:30—Tom Wick, Jim Hare, Tony Trifiletti, Jeff Baer, Richard Weand. Joe Spanial is head usher.

10:45—Rosanne Harris, Paula Miller, Jason Heavener, Greg Plummer, Richard Kaufman, Vera Matour, Bob & Barb Tibbits, Mark Stauffer. Joe Miller is this month's captain.

Special Happenings at Church This Week

Donuts for Nothing But Nets - For her Confirmation project, Natalie Slick will be providing donuts in the Narthex in exchange for donations going to the *Nothing But Nets* organization which provides mosquito nets to the people of Africa. The nets help protect the people from Malaria-infected mosquitoes. Each net costs about \$10. She will be providing donuts **today** and **9/12** before and after each church service. *Thank you for your support.*



Labor Day is September 6th. Please note that the church office will be closed.

Choirs Begin THIS week! Check the back page or the Events Calendar on our website for the times and locations of our choir rehearsals. Come on out and share your talents. Whether a singer, musician, bell ringer, or signer (or all of these!), there's a group for you! If you have any questions, check out the September *Evangel* for the director list and feel free to contact him/her.

Mid-Week Worship Services continue this week on **Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.** Feel free to come and go as you please. **Brain Dalbow** will bring the message, **Ed Sims** will provide the music, and communion will be served.

Disciple 1 Bible Study - if you are interested in beginning the *Disciple 1* program, please contact Pastor Nancy Shane. The class will begin with an orientation on **September 9th** at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming and Community Events

Annual Church Picnic is coming up on **September 12** at noon. **Please sign up TODAY** on the clip board in the narthex and tell us how many of your family will be attending (so we can plan food accordingly) and what you would like to bring. **This fun event is always a wonderful time of fellowship.** Feel free to bring a friend!



Deborah Circle will begin their monthly meetings on **Sept 13th** at 11:30 a.m. in the Rose Garden Room. They will continue with their study of the book "Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned..." by James W. Moore. Bring your lunch (beverage & dessert provided) and join us for food & fellowship. Questions, please contact Dolly Sweet.

Safe Sanctuaries training – Every adult who works with children and youth is required to complete annual training. All other adults are encouraged to complete this training. This year's training is based on a video available at our conference web site. Current workers will receive instructions via email. Other adults may contact me for instructions or pick up an instruction sheet from the hospitality desk or the church office. Thank you for helping to make Christ Church a safe place for young people to learn and grow. - Debra Reed

Friendly Activity Seniors - Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 1:00 p.m. "GOOD DEEDS" Our speaker, Nancy Becker, Recorder of Deeds, will bring us up-to-date concerning the many aspects of various deeds. Much has changed since most of us bought our last house or last requested an official document from the Recorder of Deeds Office. She will provide information specific to veterans on how military discharges are recorded and other information that every vet should know, and more. **People of all ages are welcome.** Light refreshments will be served.

Susanna Wesley Circle - is meeting at **The Sunney Tavern (note location change)** on Sumneytown Pike & West Point Pike, in Lansdale, for our fall dinner. All women are invited to join us on Thursday, **Sept. 16** at 6:30 PM. It's always a good time of warm fellowship. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

Calling all Sunday School Teachers and Aides! On **Saturday, September 25** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Central District of the UM Conference will hold a Teacher Training session at Bethel Hill U. M. Church on Bethel and Skippack Roads. Pre-registration is requested. Email: karleco915@hotmail.com. Subject: Teacher Training 9-25-2010. Cost is \$10.00 payable at the door. This includes handouts and lunch. Topics include: Classroom Management; Adapting Curriculum, and Recruiting Teachers. Rev Eva Johnson, Pastor of Christian Education at First UMC of Phoenixville will lead this training.

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Upcoming and Community Events, continued

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - The Fall Blood Drive will take place on Monday, **Sept 27th**, from 1-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made on our church web site www.cumclansdale.org at the bottom page under Announcements or by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE. There is also a sign up sheet hanging in the back of the church. **5% OF ALL AMERICANS DONATE BLOOD, YET ALMOST 95% OF ALL AMERICANS WILL NEED BLOOD AT SOME POINT DURING THEIR LIFETIME. (Pennsylvania has moved the donation age for youth to age 16 with parental consent.)**




Volunteers In Mission - have you received your VIM Team Leader training? Do you want to gain the "Haiti experience" and lead a team there? A trip has been scheduled for **December 6-14, 2010**. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Murphy at murphnyjets10@yahoo.com or 603-557-2781 for more information about this mission opportunity.


Notices

September Evangel is now available for pick-up in the narthex! This month there are loads of great pictures from Vacation Bible School and the softball team. Check them out in color on-line under *Resources* on our website!

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Sunday Night Sponsors Needed for Youth Group - What is a Sunday Night Sponsor? - a parent or other adult from the church who is willing to provide approved snacks and beverages for the youth and also be responsible for kitchen care and clean up. Sponsors are asked to remain on church grounds the entire duration of youth group. We have some dates that are still available: **Sept 26th, Oct 3rd & 10th and Nov 14th**. Please let Brian know that you can help on one of these dates ASAP.

YOUNG MEN SIGN UP NOW for the evening Bible study by pro football coach, Tony Dungy. "Dare to Be Uncommon" is for men ages 20-40 (give or take!) every 2nd & 4th Monday evening at 8 p.m., starting **Sept 13th**. You'll need a book, so join 17 other men and sign up now by emailing Pastor Knerr at pastor@cumclansdale.org.

Electronic Giving Available Now - CUMC is pleased to announce the introduction of electronic options for making regular offerings. **Please see today's insert for more information!** An authorization form which also contains "Frequently Asked Questions" is available at the Hospitality Desk or from the church office. Fill out the form, attach a voided check, and send the form in a sealed envelope to the church office, attn: Frank Ross.

Needs/Requests



Manna on Main Street Food Collection - Suggestions of food contributions for Manna during *September* are applesauce, canned fruit, juice, Jello/pudding mixes, cake mixes. Contact information: Jean Fischer: 215-368-5696, Frieda Bailey: 610-584-0773, Manna on Main Street: 215-855-5454, if you want to make a hot meal for them.

Aid for Friends Breakfast/Lunch Bags - "For the past 36 years, *Aid for Friends* has provided free home-cooked dinners and friendship for the isolated homebound of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. We can guarantee a delicious, balanced meal for our client/friends, but we cannot guarantee the kinds of treats found in breakfast and lunch bags. Believe me, our clients look forward to receiving the breakfast and lunch bags when they get their meal delivery, and are disappointed when we don't have any to send to them." This is an excerpt from a thank you letter we received from *Aid for Friends*. Last spring, the Susanna Wesley circle donated 72 bags. The UM Women are sponsoring another breakfast and lunch bag collection. **We'll be collecting through the month of September.** Bring your completed bag, including a card or note and, if you can, a family photo, to the church. While you're buying goodies for back-to-school lunches, remember *Aid for Friends*. See insert for a list of suggested items. *Thank you for your support.*



Financial Information: Special offerings

August's Mission of the Month – Atlantic Bridge \$1,130
September's Mission of the Month – Good Shepherd \$

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network - Over more than a century their facilities expanded from one building in Allentown to over 30 locations in eight PA counties. Their specialized programs meet the physical, emotional, and religious needs of those physically challenged by strokes, brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations, and more. Many residents with severe permanent disabilities live at Good Shepherd much of their lives. Good Shepherd becomes their home.

An iPad, part of the assistive technology, is urgently needed. An iPad is used for patient education and to improve the quality of life. It is portable, small, and light and operates independent of a computer. Good Shepherd has only one which, therefore, has to be shared by multiple departments in three separate buildings. Only one, because due to the down economy, there is a freeze on the purchase of any equipment costing more than \$1,000. An iPad costs \$1,250. The need is great. Can we meet that need?

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Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY:

9/5 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
6:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship

MONDAY: Labor Day

9/6 Church office closed

TUESDAY:

9/7 7:00 a.m. – Men's Reading Group Lounge
7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees Reichley Room

WEDNESDAY: choirs resume fall schedule

9/8 5:15—5:40 p.m. - Preschool Choir Reichley Room
5:15—5:55 p.m. - Melody Chimes Fellowship Hall
5:55—6:30 p.m. - Carol Choir Choir Room
6:00—6:30 p.m. - Cherub Choir Reichley Room
6:00—6:45 p.m. - Youth Choir Sanctuary
6:00—7:00 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Worship Service Reichley Room
7:00—8:00 p.m. - Agape Ringers Fellowship Hall
7:30—8:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir Choir Room

THURSDAY:

9/9 6:30 & 7:00 p.m. - Preschool Parent Orientation Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Event Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. - Disciple I Orientation Lounge
7:30 p.m. - Praise Band rehearsal Sanctuary

SATURDAY:

9/11 set up for church picnic

NEXT SUNDAY: "Movin' Up" and Annual Church Picnic, Confirmation breakfast

COMING EVENTS: 9/13—Deborah Circle, Christian Ed
9/14—"Kaleidoscope" noon book group resumes
9/15—Friendly Activity Seniors
9/16—Susanna Wesley Circle fall dinner