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On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember those who have died while serving our country.

We welcome all who have come to worship, and pray for peace in the world.

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 Welcome Packet at the Hospitality Desk (or pick one up at the Information Center) before you leave. We have available for your use:

1. FM system for those with hearing aids – request from ushers.
2. Wheel chair and walker.
3. Wheel chair locations 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.

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Worship Notes, Staff/leader bios

WELCOME to worship at Christ Church on this Memorial Day Weekend when we mark Trinity Sunday.

Pastor Gary Knerr is in his ninth year serving Christ Church. 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 enjoys talking about cars, firefighting, & sacramental theology.

Brian Dalbow is our Pastoral Assistant and Student Ministries Director. He is transitioning into many of the roles Pastor Nancy Shane 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.

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

Katie Campbell, our organist, grew up in the Lansdale area and currently lives in Philadelphia. She is a music teacher & choral director at the Pennbrook Middle School in the North Penn School District. She earned her Bachelors degree from Syracuse University and Masters degree from Ithaca College, both in music education and organ. Katie directs our Youth Choir, is active in school & community events, and teaches voice and organ.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the world situation, in particular Bryan Williams, Nelson McLaughlan, Ed Fotiades, and other men and women who are serving in the military.

*Jonathon Kohl - severely injured in helicopter crash in Afghanistan in mid-March; he has been moved to the Polytrauma Center at the Hunter Holman McGuire VA hospital. His new address is: 1LT Jonathon Kohl, Ward 2B, 1201 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond, VA 23249

Debbie Louie – seriously ill at the Hospital of the Univ. of PA

Crystal McHugh (Laura Kline's sister) - pregnancy complications

MaryLou Raab (Anne Marie Legates's mother) - upcoming surgery for colon cancer.

Students of Penndale Middle School mourning the accidental death of a classmate

Yvonne Fischer Aein and family mourning the death of her mother, Jean Fischer, on May 10th.

Bill Applegate (Pat Solomito's father) - Parkinson's Disease, diabetes, heart problems

Bill Applegate (Pat Solomito's brother) - rheumatoid arthritis

Barbara Applegate (Pat's sister) - providing care for her father

Leslie Whitehouse - recovering from cardiac ablation procedure on May 7

Karen Moore & family (friend of Deb Knerr) mourning the death of her mother.

Jim Kramer (Marge Kramer's uncle) - congestive heart failure.

Kevin Ellis - diagnosed with Lyme Disease

*Lorraine Kuebler (Kathy Ellis's aunt) - re-hospitalized, this time with pancreatitis

*Madalen Renner - in ICU at Fox Chase

* "We thank everyone for your continued prayers, calls, and concerns. We know we are blessed with our wonderful family and friends. The last two weeks have been a rough ordeal for both of us, and you all have helped lift us up. We are very grateful!! Peace and God's blessings to each of you. With love to all, *Lanny & Leslie*"

Gena Roma wishes to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls, their visits and prayers as she adjusts to her new living arrangements.

*denotes names newly added/updated this week.

Special Happenings at Church This Week

A short **Disciple Bible Study on Romans** is being offered this summer. It will meet on Sundays, 9 AM to 10:30 AM (this extended Sunday school "hour" allows for ample time to see the video and for discussion). If you are interested in participating please let **Frieda Bailey** know **TODAY** so that the student books can be ordered in time. The letter to the Romans has always been a challenging one for Christians, and a very important one for understanding the Christian Life. Frieda Bailey: Phone - 610 584 0773 or email: fbbailey@comcast.net.

Memorial Day - please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, **May 27** in celebration of the holiday. Enjoy and be safe!

Tuesday, May 28 will be the last day that Kaleidoscope Book Group will meet until the fall. They will resume on Sept. 17.

Graduate Recognition - June 2 - Are you or someone you love graduating this year? If so, please let the church know - complete an information form (available at the Information Center) with the graduate's name, degree, school, future plans, etc., and return the forms to the Hospitality Desk or church office **today** (or email the info to secretary@cumclansdale.org).

Save the date, **Saturday June 1st**, for the 6th annual **Jim Hayes Memorial Golf Outing**. NEW this year - $10 per golfer will be contributed to the CUMC Preschool and Playtime Express program to supplement tuition for those in need. So come out for the things Jim loved: golf, prizes, food, fellowship and children. All are welcome. The first tee time is 8:30 a.m. at Mainland Golf Course. Cost is $20 plus green fees. More information can be found on the sign up sheet in the church lobby or by contacting **Don Albacker** at dlalbacker@comcast.net or at 215-855-3893.

Pastor Nancy's luncheon - **June 9** - please pick up an "invitation" letter at the "Information Center" and complete the form and remit your payment in the "Celebration - June 9" box at the Hospitality Desk (or the church office) **today**. You don't want to miss this celebration! Stick around after the luncheon for the Bell Choir Concert, which will begin around 2:15 p.m.

Upcoming & Community Events

The film, "A Place at the Table," a new documentary on hunger in America, will be shown **at Trinity Lutheran's Hyson Hall** on **May 29** at 7:00 p.m. **Please sign up no later than Sunday, May 26** on the narthex bulletin board if you plan to attend. For more information on the film, please go to: http://www.magpictures.com/aplaceatthetable/

Hands-On Mission Opportunity - On **May 31 and June 1** volunteers will treat 2,000 needy dental patients at the Liacoras Center in Phila. Dental professionals and **LAY VOLUNTEERS** are needed (to help with escorting, data collection, and serving food). See the flyer in the narthex, go to www.mom-n-pa.com to learn more or to volunteer, email Dr. Ronald Heier at volchair@mom-n-pa.com, or contact **Dr. John Nase** (drjohnbnase@gmail.com or 610-222-8132) for more information.

Camp Innabah - Open House on Sunday, **June 2**, 2:00-5:00 PM. See flyer in the narthex for more information.

Lansdale Catholic to Host a FREE Anything with a Plug™ Recycling Event on June 8, 2013 for All Area Residents from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This special e-waste recycling collection event is intended for items that are typically purchased during the year like toys, computers, laptops, televisions, cell phones, mobile devices and much more. "Anything with a Plug™" will be accepted and recycled…except large appliances, smoke detectors, and rear-projection TVs. *See the flyer in the narthex*, or for more information about eForce Compliance and the types of materials they accept and recycle, visit their web site at www.eforcecompliance.com or give us a call at 215.964.6665.

Church Conference - mark your calendars now for our next Church Conference which will be held after the second worship service on **June 16**. Among other items, we will be electing committee officers for the coming year.

SonWest RoundUp Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 9:00 am - noon

Registration for preschool is still open!

The elementary section is full. There are still a few spaces for preschool students. Register online at cumclansdale.org, ministries tab, children's ministries, Vacation Bible School.

- Debra Reed, Director of Vacation Bible School, 215-513-1070
children@cumclansdale.org

Notices

PHONE SYSTEM TO BE UPGRADED - With a phone system that was used and outdated when installed more than 10 years ago (free to CUMC), that breaks down leaving us no phone service, and doesn't allow for an answered call to be transferred to voice mail, the Board of Trustees is taking steps to get a new phone system installed. The estimated cost is $5,400, and is not budgeted for 2013.

Your Trustees are partially funding this purchase through cost saving measures that the Trustees have recently identified.

- New trash removal service as of July: 2013 savings = $600
- Changing roof repair contractor, savings = $350
- Snow removal service, shifting to church volunteer, 2013 savings up to $3,000

Please consider making a special contribution that will help us afford this necessary improvement to the phone system throughout the church building. Use any of the envelopes in the pews, and mark it "PHONE SYSTEM".

Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Trustees,
Warren W. Shuey - President, Board of Trustees

At-Large Members of Church Leadership Council needed: persons interested are invited to self-nominate by signing up in the narthex (by **June 9**). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity by asking yourself the questions listed on the sign-up sheet and honestly answering whether you can fulfill the responsibilities required. Any questions should be directed to Pastor Knerr.

Safe Sanctuaries training – A training document is available for anyone who was not able to attend a training session. Please contact **Debra Reed**, children@cumclansdale.org

Time to start thinking about **Summer Camp** - pick up a brochure in the narthex. Our Sunday School will support you with $100 towards your camp cost. Contact Barb Gingrich for more info.

Need a job? Check out the bulletin board by the coat rack sanctuary door. New job postings have been listed there.

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Notices, cont'd

The June newsletter is now available! Pick up your copy in the narthex, or view it online under "Resources" on our church website. Mark your calendars now for all the exciting summer events!

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Attention All Musicians/Singers!

We are looking for people who would like to offer **special music selections throughout the summer**. If you play an instrument or sing, we would love to have you share your talent with the congregation. Here is a chance for you to play for others and share the love of God through your music. Age does not matter. If you can play or sing, and you want to share your music with others and God, you can participate. If you would like to sign up and/or have any questions, please contact **Miki Chelton** at 215-257-3557 or trumpetmidget@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Summer Sunday School

Plan now to grow in your faith by participating in a class this summer.

(Adults, see today's insert for options and sign up!)

Children:

Pre K – 2nd grade **Betty Thomas & Amy Thomas, Debra Reed & Kira Knerr**

3rd – 6th grade **Kim Harris**

Wrangler Roundup packs the fun and excitement of the Wild West with the discovery of the Ultimate good things Jesus gives to God's family. Through engaging lessons, music, and activities children will develop an awareness and confidence in who they are as followers of Jesus. Every child faces challenges in everyday life. Through the lessons in *Wrangler Roundup*, they will know that whatever happens, Jesus is with them and will help them.

Youth: Jr. & Sr. High **Erin Corne & Chad Hussein**

CUMC notepads for sale: ***Have you noticed our new church logo?***

Thanks to **Stacia and Geoff Slick** of Slickideas, Inc. (in consultation with the Communications Committee) for the fabulous design! The Hospitality Ministry Team has worked with Reino's Design Print Mail (Mike & Linda) to create CUMC notepads as a small remembrance for visitors to our church. To help defray the cost, we are offering the notepads to our church family for $1 each – you'll find them on a table in the narthex. Money collected will go to the Hospitality Ministry Team account.

Needs/Requests

Manna on Main Street Food Collection -
Suggestions of contributions during ***May*** are canned soup, corn, applesauce, rice. Items may be placed in the baskets in the vestibule. Contact information: Frieda Bailey: 610-584-0773, Manna on Main Street: 215-855-5454.

Special Food Drive: ***Manna on Main Street*** is in need of many items for their food pantry. The number of people they serve is rapidly increasing and they need our support. From **May 5th through June 2nd**, CUMC will be having a 'special' collection of food. ***Manna*** especially needs **fresh produce**. If you are able to donate fresh produce and are able to drop it off, ***Manna*** is located at 713 W. Main St. in Lansdale. You can drop off your donation through the back entrance of ***Manna*** on Mondays from 9-7, Tuesday-Saturday from 9-6, and Sundays from 11:30-1:30. If you are unable to deliver any fresh produce directly to ***Manna*** , please clearly label it and leave it in the refrigerator in the kitchen and contact **Christina Harris** at (215) 256-4625. ***Manna*** *is greatly in need of: canned fruit, healthy snacks, peanut butter & jelly, eggs, pasta (other than spaghetti), pasta meals, rice, canned chili, beef stew, chicken dumpling, canned salmon and other canned meats,* ***fresh fruits and vegetables.***

Summer Sunday School Teachers/Assistants Needed – Christian Education is important throughout the year. This summer children's classes will be combined into a prekindergarten – 2nd grade class and a 3rd – 6th grade class. Prayerfully consider helping for one or more Sundays as a teacher or as an assistant. Offer your service by contacting **Debra Reed**, children@cumclansdale.org or (215) 513-1070

Spring is here and that means it's time to mow the church lawn. If you would like to volunteer for this service opportunity, please choose the week(s) you want by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to learn more about the job, please contact **Eric Thrash** (215-256-4745, ept512a@yahoo.com) or **Bob Vincent** (215-362-9086, bvincent@comcast.net). Thanks for your help!

Photographs of Vacation Bible School activities share the fun and learning to parents, students, and the congregation. **A photographer is needed** for this year's program (mornings during the **week of July 15**). Contact **Debra Reed** to offer your time and skill.

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Needs/Requests, cont'd

IHN families arriving soon to CUMC! The Mission Committee asks that you ***prayerfully consider volunteering*** *to help welcome our guests. There are many ways you can help:*

- cook (or bring take out) and eat dinner with our families
- stay overnight with our families (a minimum of 2 people from our church must stay each night - cots are provided for church members)
- grocery shop for the weekly food needs of our families (food is paid for by our church)
- do laundry once a week
- Drive our IHN guests to/from the day center

There are **sign-up sheets in the narthex - Sign up for as many times as you wish to help!**
For more information, contact **Kim Harris** at 267-638-8323 or kim_m_harris@yahoo.com or **Sherry Harris** at 215-256-4625 or SJCH@comcast.net

Financial Information: Special offerings

April's Mission of the Month - Interfaith Hospitality Network $ 1,330
May's Mission of the Month - TentMaker Ministries $ 502

Since 2004 **TentMaker Ministries** have been serving orphans and vulnerable children in Southern Africa (South Africa and Malawi) by partnering with local ministries to assist them in caring for the impoverished and disadvantaged in their communities. Current projects include providing food security, shelter, healthcare, educational assistance, and spiritual formation opportunities to orphans and vulnerable children through local community-based organizations.

In addition to addressing the immediate physical needs of the children, they also speak directly into the spiritual lives of those they minister to, conducting in-depth Bible studies and ministerial training with an emphasis on salvation and discipleship as well as topical studies relating to real-life issues.

YOU can help provide these children with food, shelter, healthcare, and education, but most importantly securing their eternity through the Good News of Christ's love for them. For more info, visit www.tentmakerministries.com.

Organ Fund $ 2,285
"Replace the Roof" $89,825

Today's Volunteers

Greeters: 8:30—Phil and Mary Eckart
10:45—Carrie Harris

Sound Technicians: 8:30—Bill Schwarz
10:45—Erich Greiner

Nursery Volunteers: 8:30—Anna Shelton
9:30—Jessica Snyder
10:45—Ineke McCrea

Circuit Kids: Laura Kline, Judi Plummer, John Reed

Ushers: **8:30**—Jim Hare, Tony Trifiletti, Jeff Baer, Mark Stauffer, Jim Stevenson. **Joe Spanial** is head usher.
10:45— Barbara Doyle, Judi Plummer, Harry & Clare Sherlock, Vera Matour, Dick Robinson, Bruce & Anna Shelton. **Phil Woodruff** is this month's captain.

The **altar flowers** are presented by the Supplee Family in celebration of Mom and Babei Zofia Bak's birthdays.

The **pedestal flowers** are presented by William & Ann Greiner in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Attendance - May 19, 2013:
8:30 a.m. – 127
9:30 a.m. - 111
10:45 a.m. – 210

Praise Service - 24

Adult Sunday School

Summer Sunday School

There will be several options for Sunday School classes for adults this summer. See today's insert for more information!

Reichley Fellowship Class – meets in Room #18, near the office. A challenging curriculum that relates scripture to daily living, taught by a group of leaders offering varying points of view and opportunity for discussion. We begin each week with devotions and hymns. We are hoping to add some new members, so join us in the Reichley Room (as you enter the church, make a right as you go through the lobby - we are the fourth door on the left). We'd love to become an intergenerational class - we can learn a lot from each other!

Open Forum – For the last three weeks before Summer Sunday School we will be finishing up a series by Jonathan and Amanda Witt, *The Birth of Freedom, How Biblical Foundations Changed History*. The curriculum traces the biblical roots of liberty, which we will learn about the historical development of freedom and see how it grows out of the Judeo-Christian world view. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall, Room #8. Judi Plummer is the facilitator.

Bible Study Class - Come and join us as we begin our study on the Book of James. We meet in Room #7 of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join us. Ken Gingrich is the facilitator.

Seeker's Sunday School Class – meets in room #24 of the south (preschool) wing. We are watching and discussing the DVD, "Doing the Right Thing: Making Moral Choices in a World Full of Options" featuring Chuck Colson, Robert George & Brit Hulme. The series, taped at Princeton Theological Seminary, "examines how ethical and character issues relate to your life at home, at school and in the workplace." Please join us. Ken Dickinson and Deb Knerr are the facilitators.

Pairs and Spares Class – This class is open to all young (and young at heart) adults. We have begun "That the World May Know" video series (for 18 weeks). Just grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Lounge for a friendly and open discussion.

Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY: Memorial Day Weekend

5/26	8:30 a.m. - WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. - Sunday School	
	10:45 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	Noon - Signing Choir	
	6:00-8:00 p.m. - Youth Group	

Monday: Memorial Day - Office Closed. Enjoy the holiday!

5/27

TUESDAY:

5/28	7:00 a.m. - Men's Reading Group	Lounge
	12:00 Noon - Kaleidoscope	Lounge
	6:30 p.m. - Gloria Dei Ringers	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. - Cub/Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. - **Softball game**	Ball field

WEDNESDAY:

5/29	6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts	FH/Preschool wing
	7:00 p.m. - Agape Ringers	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

THURSDAY:

5/30	7:30 p.m. - Praise Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

FRIDAY:

5/31 Youth Lock-In Friday/Saturday

SATURDAY:

6/1	**IHN Families arrive**	Fellowship Hall
	UM Men Golf Outing	**Mainland Golf Course**

Next Sunday: Graduate Recognition Sunday