# From The Desk

Christ United Methodist Church···Pastor Ryan Gephart

**The MARCH 2020 CUMC Crusader**

of Pastor Ryan……

**Atlas Lent**

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”* — Romans 12:12 (NRSV)

As I told the children this past Sunday in Church (Feb. 23), I love a good atlas. An atlas is “a book of maps or charts.” I can get myself lost in looking at all the maps and details you can find in an atlas. I love seeing where I have traveled and what places I could possibly travel to. I love seeing where our family has been on adventures and where I have participated in ministry & mission with brothers & sisters in Christ.

In the United Methodist Church, I have often thought of some of our guiding principles as an atlas to faith. John Wesley’s three general rules of “doing no harm, doing good and staying in love with God” are good directions for life. Our modus operandi or method of understanding the nature of God in the study of theology and formulating doctrines is Scripture, tradition, reason and experience. Our Wesleyan heritage has given us a beautiful map to understanding grace. It is prevenient in that God created us in the image of God out of love and God first loved us even before we knew God. It is justifying in that it saves us from the brokenness of the world and our own brokenness. It is sanctifying in that after we are saved by grace and accept that grace through faith, we are now called to grow in God’s love to the point of striving to perfection in love. This growth in love leads us to do good works of piety (loving God) and mercy (loving neighbor). The three rules, the method of understanding the nature of God, and our understanding of grace are all examples of our atlas to faith.

Now, in the midst of controversy over the understanding of some issues and yes how people view Scripture and tradition in light of those issues, our believed United Methodist Church could possibly split. This makes me very sad. You see, being born in 1976, I have been a lifelong United Methodist. I was baptized in the UMC, confirmed in the UMC, part of Sunday School & youth group in the UMC, active in conference council on youth ministry in UMC, called into ministry by God in the UMC, married in a UM Church and been fortunate to raise my family & serve God as a pastor in the UMC for the past 18 years. All 43 years of my life have been in the United Methodist Church.

As protocols for separation and other plans are drawn up, I feel the deep pain of what could happen. I have no map for what will happen next. And yet, I have hope! No matter what happens in May & June **(and I encourage everyone who can to come to Church Sunday Night March 15, 2020 at 6:30pm to hear from our Bishop & elected representatives from the Susquehanna Conference)**, I know that Jesus is still on the throne, that we are called to live the vision of *“loving Jesus, loving like Jesus & inviting others to love like Jesus”*, and that there will always been a need in this world for the guiding ways of Wesleyanism to be expressed in the Christian Church.

Friends, as decisions are made for the United Methodist Church, I ask you to be gracious and patient. I ask you this Lent to *persevere in prayer* and practice each day of Lent the Examen prayer ~ 1. **Become aware of God’s presence.**  
2.**Review the day with gratitude.**  
3. **Pay attention to your emotions.**  
4. **Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.**  
5.**Look toward tomorrow.**

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I also ask you to continue to live together as a community of faith as we figure out what comes next after May and June. My prayer is that Christ UMC will be able to continue to live together as diverse people who do not always agree on everything but hold together the essential principles of the faith. I admire how this church, Christ UMC ~ Selinsgrove, embraces and loves unconditionally. I love the missions and ministries we are part of as a church. I love how we welcome everyone. I love the care you give to each other and to the community & world. I love how you practice being the Church. You are an awesome community of disciples. I have hope first because of Jesus and second because of all of you!

As one who does not know what will happen next (no map) but has hope in God & the Church (a bigger atlas of faith which is not changed ~ thanks be to God!), Pastor Ryan

**God’s Grown-ups**

by Kathy Bunch

God’s Grown-Ups meets once a month 12noon on the third Thursday of the month. We meet at different local restaurants and occasionally have a guest speaker. If anyone is interested in attending or would like more information, please call Kathy Bunch at nanaKbunch@gmail.com.

On Thursday, March 19th we will meet 12noon at Denny’s. Kathy Showers will be showing how to make flower pins.

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Dear Folks,

Words cannot express our thankfulness for your love and prayers offered for my granddaughter - Katie, her husband – Chuck, son – Jonah, newborn girl – Persephone Kate.

Baby is fine and beautiful. Mother-Kate is recuperating after a

C-section with complications.

Continued prayers would be appreciated. We are thankful for strength and courage to go on.

*Julie Breon and family*



**March BIRTHDAYS**

01-Tara Moyer

01-Sally Moyer

04- Adelyn Lehman

04-Nathaniel Orner

05-Laura Brehm

07- Shirley Pontius

08-Hazel Betz

09-Jason Carpenter

11-Diana Ritter

15-Amy Boyer

15-Trudy Estep

16-Melissa Reed

17-Gabriel Conrad

17-Ron Wolf

17-Jessica Cooper

18-Judy Simcox

19-Christopher Bailey

19-Barbara Naugle

19-Misty Gephart

19-Christopher Boonie

20-Chip Moll

20-McCartney Roman

21-Max Ferry

25-Cameron Shambach

26-Amber Gabrielson

27- Ron Boyer

27-Alexis Row

28-Crystal Hoffman

28-Gabriel Dunkelberger

29-Theresa Beaver

30-Ryan Mowery

31-Ken Miller

31-Jan Boyer

31-Tammy Kauffman

**Anniversaries for March**

04-Jeffrey & Amy Klick

18- Ron & Dottie Row

22- William & Sally Moyer

24- Chip & Susan Weaver

25- Raymond & Linda Leach

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision:** Love Jesus, Love like Jesus, and Invite others to Love like Jesus

**SOLES4SOULS**

by Jim Rinck

The Missions Committee of Christ Church will collect gently worn footwear March 1 – March 29, 2020 to donate to Soles4Souls.  Collection boxes will be placed in the Church narthex. All footwear must be bound in pairs with a strong rubber band or by tying the laces together with a loose knot.  Our collection is only for footwear, although Soles4Souls also collects other goods. For more details, go to Soles4Souls.org or contact Jim Rinck at  [rinckrj@ptd.net](mailto:rinckrj@ptd.net)



**CHRIST UMC, SELINSGROVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/NIGHT YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:**

Sunday, March 1 ~ *6:30pm to 8pm* Board Game Night with Food & Devotions

Sunday, March 22 ~ Haven Ministries Mission Night. Arrive at 4pm, eat at 6pm and leave by 7:30pm.

Sunday, April 19 ~ *After Second Service of Church:* Pizza Party and Christ UMC Work Day at Kidsgrove in Selinsgrove.  The youth have been an amazing volunteer force for this ministry at Kidsgrove during the summer and we hope that this will continue starting with this church family event.

*Reminder that youth Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:15am.*



**Agapeland**

By Michele Hoch

Agapeland Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 6-8pm. Come stroll through the artistic talents of our little ones at your leisure.

Agapeland would like to welcome God’s Grown-Ups on Monday, March 9th from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Hope to see you there!

Agapeland Preschool is participating in **Raise the Region 2020,** a unique, **online** giving event that provides an opportunity for people who care about their community to come together and raise as much money as possible for local non-profits in 30-hours — **starting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 and ending at 11:59 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020**. To donate visit: [**www.RaiseTheRegion.org**](http://www.RaiseTheRegion.org)**.**

Please consider logging on to make a charitable donation for Agapeland Preschool. (Be sure it is Agapeland Preschool and not AGAPE.) Each gift is 100% tax deductible and irrevocable. All donations will be granted for unrestricted use by the chosen charities. A minimum donation of $25 is required. Be sure to check out the prize board to see when the best time is to donate. Thank you in advance for your support.

**CARING MINISTRY**

The Caring ministry team visits those who seek connections to The United Methodist Church in their private homes, care homes, or hospitals. We provide spiritual care in the form of scripture, prayer, communion, phone calls, meals, transportation needs, or by simply being a caring, listening presence.

Currently we have 15 members in the Caring Ministry Team. The team sends out cards on Tuesday with the help of Tuesday Morning Bible Study. On the third Wednesday of every other month, Carolyn Gemberling leads Conversation Ministry at Pennsfield Apartments and, on the last Thursday of every other month, Dawn Miller leads Conversation Ministry at Grayson View.

If you or a loved one would like to be visited by the Caring Ministry team or would like to take part in any of these opportunities, please email us at [office@christ-umc.net](mailto:office@christ-umc.net) or call *(*570*)* 374-8539. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please use this contact information as well.

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conversation and enjoy new friendships. You and others will soon feel like you belong and so will they!

Wear Something Unique – A T-shirt supporting a sports team or a community event will be a good conversation starter – and, a new friendship may evolve!

Go For It! – Here are a few simple conversation starting comments/questions using the acrostic “**FIRE**” to help you think of something to talk about!

**F**amily – (Do you have children? Did you grow up around here?)

**I**nterests – (What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?)

**R**elationships – (Who do you like to hang out with? Do you have friends in the area?)

**E**ducation – (Did you go to school/college in the area? Do you work?)

Note: Your parents probably told you this when you were quite young, but here’s a reminder: You have to be friendly to others for them to be friendly to you.



**EVANGELISM & HOSPITALITY**

By Jinny Harnum

From BFF – Being a Faithful Friend

By Group

Talk To Me

There’s no way you would invite someone into your home and then just turn your back on that person or family. Whether the plan is to eat, play a game, watch a sporting event, or to do a craft project, you’ll be talking together the entire time. Yet when we walk through the doors of our churches, many of us become solitary figures who nod at those nearby, but barely say a word! Why is that?

Conversations with others are really the only way to get to know others. When we open up and talk, we learn about interests, beliefs, families, needs, reasons to celebrate and praise God, and so much more! Here are some meaningful ideas to get conversations going:

Leave the Lingo Behind – When we use “Christianese” or denominational language it’s confusing for those who are new to the church or who are new Christians – that leads to making others feel like outsiders. So, it would be best to use everyday terms that anyone can understand without having a dictionary.

Join a Small Group – Here you will find others with similar interests connect through

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**Thank You**

Dear Christ United Methodist Church:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of $657.72, to Bethany United Methodist Church fire fund.

The building was damaged due to the fire but the church is going strong. God’s word tells us God will be with us through the water and the fire (Isaiah 43:2). As a church, we survived the flood and we will survive the fire.

In the season of Advent, the first lesson is a lesson of Hope so we are filled with the hope of resurrection that out of chaos God created all, so out of the chaos of the fire God will create a new church. In which, Bethany UMC plans to do so, restore the church building.

Thank you again for your generous support to help us rebuild our church again.

God is Good,

*Pastor William (Bill) McNeal*

**FIRE**

**January Attendance**

Church Sunday School

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| **5** | 121 | 44 |
| **12** | 165 | 47 |
| **19** | 68 | 36 |
| **26** | 145 | 59 |
| **Average** | 125 | 47 |

**February Attendance**

Church Sunday School

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| **2** | 135 | N/A |
| **9** | 120 | 45 |
| **16** | 158 | 57 |
| **23** | 149 | 62 |
| **Total** | 141 | 55 |

**Easter Eggstravaganza**

March 28th from 9-11AM

For children under 8 and their families, we will have Easter themed activities, treats and prizes. Invite your friends and family for a fun morning celebrating the love of Jesus at Easter.





Thank you so much for all of the kindness and sympathy this past holiday season. First of all, thanks to everyone for the Christmas cards and food that was sent to me. Mostly, thanks for all of your prayers and sympathy when Shirley passed away on New Year’s Eve. Special thanks to Pastor Ryan for his visits to both the hospital and ManorCare. Even though Shirley could not respond, I firmly believe that she was aware at some level. Also, thanks for everyone who helped at her memorial service, and especially to Kathy Bunch and her crew who served the meal afterward.

Although I’ll miss her forever,

I truly believe that she is at a better place where things like Alzheimer’s don’t exist.

God Bless you all,

Dick Herbert

Dear Friend of Mission Central,

Thank you for your donation of $300 received on 12/31/19! Mission Central can only exist through generosity like yours. One warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA is able to help millions of people every year throughout the world thanks to partners like you.

Whether it’s an orphan in Haiti, a victim of abuse in Zimbabwe, a child living in poverty in PA, or a family who lost everything to a hurricane in Louisiana, the sentiment is the same. YOU are making a difference, and YOU are changing lives.

Thank you for your part of the Mission Central family.

With Overwhelming gratitude,

Hope Harrison, Executive Director



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** 9:15-10:15am

**Preschool & Children up to 5th grade**: led by Amanda Rousu & Crew;

**Middle School & Jr. High Youth (6th through 9th grade**): led by Pastor Ryan, Mike & Tara Moyer, and Jason & Jaime Carpenter.

**Study for Preschool, Children, Middle School & Jr. High Youth**: Classes meet in the Children’s wing & Youth Room plus side ministry office.

**Contemporary Christian Music Study**: for 10th grade & Up, led by Dawn Ritter & Tara Moyer, meets in conference room. Focusing on - Living Life Together: The group focuses on sharing daily life struggles and triumphs. We continue to use contemporary Christian music as a tool to support our feelings and daily struggles/circumstances, and just to grow in our relationship with Christ.

**Nomads**: led by Ed Fox meets in room beside Pastor Ryan’s Office.

**Seekers**: led by Marrianne Hoyt & Carole Hupp, meets in Choir Room. Study: TBD.

**Willing Workers**: led by Barb Naugle, Mary Emily Neitz, and Kathy Showers, meets in the Adult Groups Room. Study: Adult Bible Studies: “God”

**March 2020 Worship Themes**

*By Pastor Ryan*

*Theme for the Month: “****Entering the Passion of Jesus”***

*by Dr. Marsha McFee*

***Synopsis:*** This series will be based on Dr. Marsha McFee’s work on the scenes of the Passion/Holy Week. We will also look in depth at our Vision Statement at Christ UMC and how that calls us because of the Passion of Christ, to be in loving relationships of wholeness with others.

**March 1** ~ 1st Sunday of Lent & Holy Communion

*Theme:* The Parade: Risking Reputation

*Scriptures:* Zechariah 9:9-10

& Matthew 21:1-11

**March 8** ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Theme:* The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

*Scriptures*: Psalm 69:8-16

& John 2:13-21

**March 15** ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

*Theme:* The Teaching: Risking Challenge

*Scripture:* Today We will deal with various passages related to the Controversy in the United Methodist Church; there will be a special Children’s Church time during the Sermon for those 11 years old and under

**March 22** ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

*Theme*: The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

*Scripture*s: Psalm 23 (KJV)

& Mark 14:3-9

**March 29** ~ 5th Sunday of Lent & UMC Scout Award Sunday

*Theme*: The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

*Scripture*: Luke 4:16-21 &

John 13:3-16

**Missions-** Christian volunteers in love and action bring their talents to the mission program through the local outreach ministries, emergency response, and recovery work around the world.

**Adult Sunday School-** Is led by Kathy Showers

**Children's Sunday School-** Is led by Amanda Rousu.

**Choir-** Is led by Marrianne Hoyt. They practice Wednesday night at 6:30pm.

**Bells-** Is led by Lisa Orner. Meets the second Sunday of every month during the Sunday School hour.

**Praise Team-** Is led by Deb Stauffer & Jayme Knouse. They practice Thursday night at 6:15pm.

**Kitchen Ministry-**Is led by Kathy Bunch.

The Kitchen Ministry prepares and serves meals at funerals, weddings, for church gatherings, and special occasions.

**Valet Parking-** They have a need for volunteers to assist some of our worshipers to park their car before the service and to bring their car to the circle after the service

**Visuals-** Is led by Carole Hupp. From flowers to banners, the beautiful settings in the sanctuary are provided by this team.

**MINISTRY AT CUMC**

These are ministry opportunities at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC). If you are interested in joining one or more of these opportunities, please contact the church office at (570) 374-8539.

**Caring Ministry-**Caring Ministry creates and maintains a connection with the person who is unable to fully engage in the life of the church. The team will send cards, visit, call, provide meals, etc.

**Conversation Ministry at Pennsfield Apartments-**

They meet the third Wednesday of every month at 2pm.

**Conversation Ministry at Grayson View-** Is led by Dawn Miller.

They meet the fourth Tuesday of every other month at 2pm.

**Evangelism and Hospitality-** Is led by Jinny Harnum.

Evangelism and Hospitality Team makes visitors feel welcome, sends visitor notes, letters and cards.

**Health and Welfare-** Is led by Pam Wildt.

Health and Welfare Team can make a difference in the lives of many. Helping others after a catastrophe and/or gathering food baskets for those in need.

**Youth-** Led by Mike & Tara Moyer and Jaime & Jason Carpenter.

If you have an interest in learning more about any of these teams, please contact the church (570) 374-8539.



**Small Group Ministry**

 Monday Morning Men (MMM) – meets at 9am at CUMC, and, occasionally for breakfast at local restaurants like Pepper Tree. For more information, contact Ed Fox at eddyfoxy@ptd.net.

Monday Night Men (MNM) – meets at 7:30pm at 202 Pleasant Drive, Selinsgrove. For more info, call or text George Hupp.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – meets at 10am each Tuesday in the Adult Groups Room at the Church. For more information, contact Pastor Ryan at pryan@christ-umc.net or (570)374-8539.

God’s Grown-Ups – meets once monthly to enjoy lunch and a program/speaker at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Kathy Bunch at nanaKbunch@gmail.com.

**Thank You Notes**

Thank you to each and every person who picked me up and drove me to or from the church, or took me to Planet Fitness. What a beautiful church family I have!

Lovingly,

Lyn Fear



Thank you to all my friends for the calls, visits, prayers, and food due to my recent hospital stay.

God Bless You,

Mary Laudenslager

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|  | **Agapeland:**  Monday-Wednesday-Friday  1st 8:30am-11am/ 2nd 12pm-2:30pm  Tuesday & Thursday  1st 9:00am-11am/ 2nd 12:30pm-2:30pm  **Worship**: 8am Praise Service  9:15am Sunday School  10:30am Traditional Service |  | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 **Palm Sunday** | 6  9am Monday  AM Men @ CUMC  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 7  10am Tues. Bible Study | | | 8  6:30pm Choir | 9  No Agapeland-  6:15pm Praise  Team  7pm Maundy Thursday Service | 10  ---------------------🡪  Office Closed  Noon-3pm Good  Friday services @ Sharon Lutheran  7pm Good Friday Service | 11 |
| 12 **Easter**  6:30am Sunrise Service  7am Continental Brkft. | 13  Office Closed  No Agapeland | 14  -----------------🡪  10am Tues. Bible Study | | | 15  6:30pm Choir | 16  6:15pm Praise  Team | 17  10am-3pm BOOM  In Sanctuary | 18 |
| 19  Kidsgrove after church-  Pizza & Mission work | 20  9am Monday  AM Men @ CUMC  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 21  10am Tues. Bible Study | | | 22  9am & 12:30pm Pastor @ Agapeland  6:30pm Choir | 23  6:15pm Praise  Team | 24  **Crusader Deadline** | 25 |
| 26  10:30am Agapeland Sunday | 27  AGAPELAND-  9am Monday  AM Men @  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 28  BIKE-A-THON->  10am Tues. Bible Study | | | 29  6:30pm Choir | 30  6:15pm Praise  Team |  |  |

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| **March** | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| 8am Hosts/  Ushers | Ed & Bette Fox | TBD | Keith & Theresa Beaver | Amanda Bielskie &  Kathy Bunch | TBD |
| Nursery | Amanda  Bielskie | Bette Fox & Theresa Beaver | Phil or Cassie Betz | Barb Brandt &  Wanda Heimbach | Jeanette Weaver  Helper: Adelyn Lehman |
| Roamer | Tony Weaver | George Hupp or Dustin Emery | TBD | Frank Wetzel | Misty Gephart |
| Valet | Nick Knouse | Tony Weaver | Phil Betz | Gary Brandt | Tony Weaver |
| 10:30am  Hosts/  Ushers | Karl & Carol Wink  Barb Blakley, Gloria Marlette | Jim & Robyn Rinck | George & Carole Hupp, Dick Norman, Donna Frederick | Ken & Dawn Miller, Paul Heintzelman, Carla Ferry | Dan & Charity Ney, Michael & Tara Moyer |
| Acolyte | Henry Leland | Max Ferry | Maddy Benner | Nate Orner |  |
| Liturgist | Pat Wendt | Deb Crabb | Carol Wink | Jan Boyer | Jason Carpenter |
| Nursery | Peter or Jennifer Kay & Sara Dunkelberger | Misty Gephart | Lisa Orner | Amanda Rousu | Jason Carpenter |
| Valet | Christopher Fisher | Jason Carpenter | Tony Mowery | Jason Carpenter | Dustin Emery |

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| Sunday  March 2020 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1  **SOLES4SOULS-**  3/1-3/29  5-6pm Scout Awards  6:30-8pm Youth Game Night Board game | 2 Pastor off  🡨-----Art--------  9am Monday  AM Men  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 3  --------------------  10am Tues. Bible Study  12:30pm Pastor at Ministerium | 4  ---------------------  6:30pm Choir  6:30pm Church Council | 5  Agapeland--  1pm Health & Welfare Mtg.  6:15pm Praise Team | 6  ------------🡪 | 7  6-8pm Agapeland Arts Festival |
| 8  **Daylight Saving Time**  8am Baptism  9:15am Bell Choir | 9  9am Monday  AM Men  Pastor @ BOOM All Day  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 10  10am Tues. Bible Study  Pastor @ BOOM All Day | 11  6:30pm Choir | 12  6:15pm Praise Team | 13 Pastor off | 14 |
| 15  6:30pm @ CUMC General Conference 2020 Lewisburg district | 16 Pastor off  9am Monday  AM Men  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 17  **St. Patrick’s Day**  10am Tues. Bible Study | 18  9am & 12:30pm Pastor @ Agapeland  6:30pm Choir | 19  12noon God’s Grown-ups  6:15pm Praise Team | 20  **CRUSADER DEADLINE**  8:30am Pastor’s Prayer Breakfast @ Perkins | 21 |
| 22  9:15am Bell Choir  4pm- Youth  going to  Haven Min. | 23 Pastor off  9am Monday  AM Men  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 24  10am Tues. Bible Study  Lenten Worship  Sanct./Kit. Reserved (District Ministers) | 25  9am-12:30pm Pastor @ PLD  6:30pm Choir | 26  6:15pm Praise Team | 27  8:15am -3:30pm  Mission Central Day  5-7pm Eggstavaganza setup | 28  9-11am Easter Eggstravaganza  3pm Winter Jam |
| 29  9:15am Bell Choir  10:30am Scout Awards | 30 Pastor off  9am Monday  AM Men  7:30pm Monday  PM Men | 31  10am Tues. Bible Study |  | **Agapeland:**  Monday-Wednesday-Friday  1st 8:30am-11am/ 2nd 12pm-2:30pm  Tuesday & Thursday  1st 9:00am-11am/ 2nd 12:30pm-2:30pm  **Worship**: 8am Praise Service  9:15am Sunday School  10:30am Traditional Service |  |  |

**March 2020 Schedule Highlights & Announcements**

* ***Children’s Change ~*** Easter Food Baskets (SACC)
* ***Lenten Coin Folders ~*** CUMC Budget Missions (Haven Ministries, Mission Central, Give Ye Them To Eat – GYTTE)
* ***March 1 – March 29:*** Collection of gently worn footwear to donate to Soles4Souls. All footwear must be bound in pairs with a strong rubber band or by tying laces in loose knot.
* ***March 1 – March 26:*** Collection of Mission Central’s Greatest Needs ~ Fingernail and/or Toenail Clippers, Band-Aids (3/4″ x 3″), Snack Bags, Reusable Towels - Handi Wipes, Baby Sleepers – Newborn to 9 Months & Rubber Bands.
* ***Sunday, March 1:*** Scout Awards Session 6 from 5pm to 6pm
* ***Sunday, March 1:*** Youth Board Game Night with Food & Devotions from 6:30pm to 8pm
* ***Wednesday, March 4:*** Church Council @ 6:30pm
* ***Thursday, March 5:*** Health & Welfare Committee @ 1pm
* ***Sunday, March 8:*** Child Baptism in Worship @ 8am
* ***Sundays, March 8, 22, & 29:*** Bell Choir @ 9:15am
* ***Sunday, March 15:*** District Gathering with Bishop Park, DS Larry Leland, & General Conference Delegates Here at CUMC @ 6:30pm
* ***Sunday, March 22 (note date change):*** Youth Serving Meal @ Haven Ministries (Arrive 4pm, Eat 6pm, Leave 7:30pm)
* ***Friday, March 27:*** Mission Central Day ~ Leaving at 8:15am and Returning at 3:30pm (pack a lunch)
* ***Friday, March 27:* EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA** Set-up from 5pm to 7pm
* ***Saturday, March 28:* EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA** for Children under 8 and their families from 9am to 11am
* ***Sunday, March 29:*** Scout Awards in Worship @ 10:30am
* ***Sunday, March 29:*** Kitchen Cupboard Food Collection

**April 2020 Looking Ahead Dates:*****Saturday, April 5:*** *Food Basket Packing and Delivery*; ***Sunday, April 19:*** *Church Kidsgrove Day*; ***Sunday, April 26:*** *Agapeland Sunday in Worship at 10:30am*

**General Conference 2020 of the United Methodist Church ~ Lewisburg District Gathering At Christ UMC, Selinsgrove ~ Sunday, March 15 ~ 6:30pm**

**All are welcome & encouraged to come hear from our Bishop, DS & General Conference Delegates from the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church**

**Pastor Ryan will be speaking on the issues surrounding this Conference at both worship services (8am & 10:30am) on Sunday, March 15**

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Jeanette Weaver, Chair

Jennifer Rager-Kay, Lay Leader

Jinny Harnum, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Jason Fasold, Trustee Team

Tony Mowery, Trustee Team

Brett Fisher, Trustee Team

Robyn Rinck, SPRC Team

Frank Wetzel, SRPC Team

Christopher Bailey, Finance Team

TBD, Finance Team

Hannah Reichenbach, Youth Representative

Ryan Gephart, Pastor

**Mission Giving Through Children’s Change 2019**

1. Total received for World

Communion: **$82.50**

2. Total for Mission Trip

GYTTE: **$246.28**

3. Total for SACC (Food Boxes

& Transient Ministries):

**$949.02**

4. Total for Families & Churches in Need (Fire Victims, Bethany UMC Fire, Wood-Mode, & General Need): **$2,691.23**

5. Total for UMCOR (Disaster Relief Domestic/International & One Great Hour of Sharing): **$1,233.24**

For a **Grand Total of *$5,202.27***

March 1 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent & Holy Communion Theme: The Parade: Risking Reputation Scriptures: Zechariah 9:9-10 & Matthew 21:1-11

March 8 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ` Theme: The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger Scriptures: Psalm 69:8-16 & John 2:13-21

March 15 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent Theme: The Teaching: Risking Challenge Scripture: Today We will deal with various passages related to the Controversy in the United Methodist Church; there will be a special Children’s Church time during the Sermon for those 11 years old and under

March 22 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent Theme: The First Dinner: Risking Rejection Scriptures: Psalm 23 (KJV) & Mark 14:3-9

March 29 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent & UMC Scout Award Sunday Theme: The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends Scripture: Luke 4:16-21 & John 13:3-16

September 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday