*From The Desk*

**June 2021 CUMC Crusader**

Christ United Methodist Church···Pastor Ryan Gephart

*of Pastor Ryan……*

*“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”* – Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

Blessings Christ UMC, Selinsgrove, PA Family:

Today you are receiving a shorter Newsletter covering the month of June. The reason for our brevity and covering one month is because we are still putting the summer schedule together. During the pandemic, it felt as if we as a church were “flying the plane while building it.” In other words, now that we are coming out of the pandemic, we are still working on ideas and structures that reflect both the way things used to be and the reality that other areas of ministry will be different or new. My friends, we have not figured everything out yet but we are working on what worship, Sunday School, ministry, mission, small groups and more will be like in the future as we live out the call to “love Jesus, love like Jesus, and invite others to love like Jesus.”

For some, this is frustrating and I completely understand. While several areas have come together well in ministry and mission at Christ UMC, others are still in formation. I am very proud of what so many of you have accomplished during unprecedented times. As one example of the amazing work happening at CUMC, on the weekend of May 22-23 we had the Selinsgrove/Sunbury Adult Band benefit concert for the American Cancer Society, an adult baptism in worship, 2 adult new members by profession of faith in worship, great worship inside & outside, youth family day at Wesley Forest lead by our youth leaders, and several of our high school seniors & myself participated in the Selinsgrove Area High School’s Baccalaureate service. It was a wonderful Spirit filled weekend and amazing way to celebrate Pentecost.

It reminded me of two points. One, while we do not have it all figured out yet (and probably in some ways this is always the case), we are fortunate to be blessed by the Holy Spirit still moving in amazing ways amongst our congregation. Two, we have work to do and while we are doing that work we can be reminded that we are one in Christ Jesus as we serve Him as Lord & Savior. As the Apostle Paul stated: *“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”* – Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

As someone who strives for us all to be one in Christ ~ Pastor Ryan

*\*Lay Member, Sara Dunkelberger, and Pastor Ryan will be hosting town halls with the congregation this summer and fall. Be on the lookout for more details as we get the summer schedule completed.*

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**june BIRTHDAYS**

**SACC EASTER BOXES**

By Pam Wildt

Volunteers packed and delivered 110 food boxes on Saturday 4/13.  Thank you for the referrals and thanks to Carol and Carl Wink who helped to deliver the boxes.   The boxes were packed with a ham, milk, eggs as well as all the fixings for a real Easter dinner.

01-Megan Kauffman

03-Matthew Ferry

03-James Kirchner

04-Tripp Bielskie

04-Landon Rawlings

05-Molly Naugle

06-Britnee Klinger

06-Chett Arnold

07-Evan Kauffman

07-Chloe Inch

08-Shawn Rawlings

09-Cassie Oelberg

10-Stuart Bielskie

**OUR MORTGAGE**

We borrowed $583,500 and are now paying it back. As of May 13, 2021, we owe $434,827.61. Our monthly payment is $4,765.62 and is funded by the “Imagine Christ” Fund.

11-Amelia Heimbach

11-Drew Gabrielson

13-Carla Ferry

13-Tyler Cook

14-Gloria Marlette

15-Jonathan Arbogast

16-Fannie McFall

21-Anna Gephart

24-Joseph Sanzotto

**VISITING POLICY In Hospitals and Nursing facilities**

Please leave the Church Office know when you are in the hospital or a Nursing Facility.

Due to policies in the hospital and nursing facilities, if you want a visit from your Pastor, you need to give permission for him/her to visit.

24-Richard Norman

25-Matthew Rousu

25-MaKayla Mowry

25-Tyler Hollenbach

26-Jerry Bogar

26-Joyce Walshaw

26-Jaime Carpenter

27-Lana Wildt

29-Tara Dunigan

30-Amanda Quinn

**June Anniversaries**

05- Ryan & Misty Gephart

**Dear Friends from Christ Selinsgrove UMC,**

Thank you for your donation of $75 received on 5/12/21! Your support is essential as Mission Central can only exist through generosity like yours.

With overwhelming gratitude,

Hope Harrison,

Executive Director

06- Nelson & Olga Bailey

11- Keith & Theresa Beaver

16- James & Laurie Kirchner

20- David & Jessica Hummel

20- Larry & Barbara Leland

22- Jim & Judie Charles

25- Pete & Jennifer Kay

26- Jim & Robyn Rinck

28- Ron & Jan Boyer

28- Ken & Amber Gabrielson

**GIANT AND WEIS** **GIFT CARDS**

The church has earned around $47,000 since we began selling them. All the profits go directly to the principal on our mortgage. Gift cards are in the church office and can be purchased during office hours.

**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.

**AGAPELAND**

By Michele Hoch

Agapeland Preschool has happily graduated another 39 preschoolers. We ask your prayers over our little ones as they head off to kindergarten this fall. May they always know God made them special and He loves them very much.



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Church Council will meet 6:30 pm the second Wednesday of every month except in July.

\*\*\*June we will be meeting the first Wednesday 6/2.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  | JUNE 2021  **Office Hours**  Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri  ~ 8am - 3pm  Thurs ~ 8am to 4pm | 1  **10am** In-Person Bible Study-SS  **12noon** Record online Bible Study  **12:30pm** Selinsgrove Ministerium | 2  **9am** Facebook  Live Prayer  **6:30pm** Church Council  **6:30pm** Choir | 3 | 4  Pastor vacation | 5  ----------------- -  **7pm** Online worship |
| 6  --------------------  **7am** Online worship  **9am** In-Person Worship - OWC  **10:30am** In-Person Worship Sanctuary | 7  ----------------  **9am** In-Person Monday Morning Men-brkft | 8  ----------------- | 9  -------------------  **6:30pm** Choir | **10**  **-----------------** | **11**  **-------------------** | 12  -till 6/12-----🡪  **7pm** Online worship |
| 13  **7am** Online worship  **9am** In-Person Worship - OWC  **10:30am** In-Person Worship Sanctuary  **3-8pm** OWC Reserved | 14  **9am** In-Person Monday Morning Men-MR | 15  **10am** In-Person Bible Study-SS  **12noon** Record online Bible Study | 16  **6:30pm** Choir | 17 | 18  **<-Annual**  **(online)** | 19  **Conference->**  **7pm** Online worship |
| 20  **7am** Online Worship  **9am** In-Person Worship-OWC  **10:30am** In-Person Worship Sanctuary | 21  **9am** In-Person Monday Morning Men-MR | 22  **10:30am** Pastor w/ DS  @ St. Paul’s  UMC  **12Noon** Bible Study lunch-OWC | 23  **9am** Facebook  Live Prayer  **6:30pm** Choir | 24  **11am**  Pennsfield Worship | 25 | 26  **7pm** Online worship |
| 27  **7am** Online Worship  **9am** In-Person Worship-OWC  **10:30am** In-Person Worship Sanctuary | 28  **9am** In-Person Monday Morning Men-MR | 29  **10am** In-Person Bible Study-SS  **12noon** Record online Bible Study | 30  **9am** Facebook  Live Prayer  **6:30pm** Choir |  | **SS-** Adult S. School Class | **MR-** Multipurpose Room/  Sanctuary  **OWC-** Outdoor Worship  Center |

