

# THE BRIDGE

SEPT/OCT/NOV 2017  
CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## COMBINED SERVICE ON SEPT 17

In preparation for the congregational member vote on September 24, we are having a combined worship service on Sunday, September 17 at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. It will be

**AN EXHILARATING, JOYFUL, LARGE GROUP, SOULFUL EXPERIENCE!**

Following the worship service, the Building Committee will give a presentation and recommendations. You won't want to miss being here. But... you may be wondering, **"WHERE WILL I PARK?"**

Let us offer these suggestions...

**CONNECT** with someone from CUMC and carpool. Enjoy the opportunity to make an event of the day – go out to breakfast before the service or to lunch after the information session (which will end around Noon).

**PARK** for free:

Street parking around CUMC

Bosler Library lot adjacent to the CUMC lot

Pomfret Street Municipal Lot with **free SHUTTLE service!**

Pomfret Street Municipal Garage **with free SHUTTLE service!**

Yes, you read that correctly! There will be FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE from the Municipal parking lot to CUMC from 8 - 9am. After the building information presentation, RETURN SHUTTLE SERVICE will be provided from Noon-1pm. If you're one to arrive early make sure you grab a cup of coffee or tea and a cookie to tide you over.

## THE VOTE ON SEPT 24

On VOTE Sunday, September 24, members will be voting on the preliminary design and budget. Ballots will be distributed at tables located in the Gathering from 7:30-8:30am and from 10:30-11:15am for the Traditional and Celebration Services. Ballots for those attending the Contemporary Service will be available in the MPR from

9:30-10am. In order to vote, you must be a member of CUMC and you must be present. No absentee ballots per rules of our denominational Book of Discipline. Results of the vote will be placed on the website that day and emailed with the Midweek Minute. Please, please attend CUMC on September 17 and 24.

### COMING UP... SEPTEMBER

**17** • Combined worship, 9:15am, Sanctuary. Design update.

**24** • Vote Sunday, all worship services. Members will vote on the preliminary design and budget.

### OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Complete design development, detailed design & final costs.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 18, 2018**

Combined Worship, 9:15am, Sanctuary, followed by BC presentation on Final Design & Budget.

**March 25, 2018**

Vote on final design & budget

**Spring 2018**

Construction Begins

**Fall 2019**

CUMC Relocates to Spring Garden Campus

# CHILDREN

## FALL PROGRAMS

will officially start on Kick-Off Sunday, Sept 10 with a very special time in both Children's Church and Sunday School. Mini Youth will also kick-off for the fall season, 5:30-7:30pm.

## SEPTEMBER

- 10 • Mini Youth Kick-Off, 5:30-7:30pm
- 14 • KidsTime, 6:45-7:30pm
- 16 • Family Event, Golf & Games Party at Sports Emporium, Noon-2pm
- 23 • Harvest of the Arts - A downtown Carlisle Event on Children's Row.
- 24 • Mini Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

## OCTOBER

- 8 • Mini Youth, 5:30-7:30pm
- 12 • KidsTime, 6:45-7:30pm
- 22 • Mini Youth, 5:30-7:30pm
- 28 • Harvest Halloween Bash, 3:30-6:30pm, Loudon Farm

## NOVEMBER

- 9 • KidsTime, 6:45-7:30pm
- 12 • Mini Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

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# A HUGE FALL HIGHLIGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

**HARVEST HALLOWEEN BASH**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 3:30-6:30PM • LOUDON FARM**



Once again we will have this very special event (hopefully without the wind). We will have hayrides, pumpkin picking and decorating, a cookout, trick-or-treat, a bonfire and so much more!  
An event for all families at CUMC. More information online and in the bulletin.

## INTRODUCING 2 NEW KEY LEADERS FOR EACH AREA OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...



**DARLENE SHEAFFER**  
Sunday School Program Leader

I am a retired Special education teacher of 37 years. I retired from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU #15). My favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. My favorite movie is, "The Ten Commandments." I enjoy scrapbooking for my granddaughter, Mackenzie and other friends. I have a husband, Daniel; one daughter, Kristi; her husband, Brad; one granddaughter, Mackenzie; two brothers, Charlie and Frank; and one sister, Carol. I love to cook and bake and make food for people to enjoy. I serve in the Children's ministry because I miss the students I used to teach and I feel it is my calling! I also love crafts and like making bulletin boards for church.



**KELLY MCCARTY**  
Children's Church Program Leader

I am currently an Audit Manager for the Commonwealth of PA. My favorite food is Ice cream! I don't really have a favorite movie. My favorite thing to do is seeing new things and places with my family or relaxing with a book. I like hobbies, etc. and I play the clarinet in the Carlisle Town Band. My husband is Kevin and I have Ali and Madi, my daughters, ages 8 and 6. I like serving in Children's Ministry because I like being a part of the spiritual growth of not only my kids but also the other kids in the Children's Ministry.

**FALL CALENDARS** are available online or at Info Central.  
All children & family events are on the calendar.



**WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOLERS SAW GOD ON OUR GEORGIA MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER:**

**"I felt an overwhelming presence of God during tonight's time of prayer."**

*"I saw God in hearing Trevor singing and praising God."*

*"I saw God in Doug today when he went out of his way to hold the door for everyone."*

*"I saw God today when 3 different kids asked about my WWJD bracelet and I got the opportunity to tell them about Jesus."*

**"I saw God today working at VBS giving me the ability to cheer the kids up when they were sad."**

*"I saw God at the work site when all day it was gloomy and cloudy and then out of nowhere, the sun burst out of the clouds!"*

*"I saw God's power in the waves at the beach."*

**"At VBS I was dancing with the little kids and as they were in my arms, they were so happy! Seeing them happy helped me see God working in their lives."**

**GOD WORKED BOTH IN US & through us**

*"I saw God in Nick helping a little girl from the trailer park get a cup of water while we were working."*

*"My God moment was listening to all the powerful prayers during chapel."*

**"I saw God when I was in the van and saw a rainbow reflected on the ceiling, reminding me that God created a beautiful world with many amazing creations within it."**

*"My God moment was seeing God work through us on the worksite and at VBS by getting jobs accomplished and showing all the kids we love them."*

*"I saw God when we all worked as a team to fit the roof over the playhouse."*

*"I saw God when we were driving away from the mission site and we could see children playing on the newly built playground."*

**YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SEPTEMBER**

- 3 • No Youth-Happy Labor Day!
- 10 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 17 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 22 • Invite Night (movie night)
- 24 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 25 • Adult Leaders at Training

**OCTOBER**

- 1 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 8 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 15 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 22 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 29 • Costume Dodgeball, 5-7:30pm

**NOVEMBER**

- 3-5 • Fall Retreat, Teen Quest, Cost \$145
- 12 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm
- 19 • Invite Night (Thanksgiving Feast - drinks, dessert & turkey provided. Bring a side.)

**HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER**

- 4 • No Youth-Happy Labor Day!
- 11 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 18 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 23 • Serve (at Project SHARE, 7:45am-Noon. Meet at church. Optional: Bring \$ for lunch)
- 25 • Adult Leaders at Training
- 29 • Hangout (Card game night at the Harpels)

**OCTOBER**

- 2 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 9 • Serve (Central PA Food Bank. Pack a lunch. Meet at church 11:30am, return 5:30pm)
- 20 • Hangout (Costume Bowling, 9:30pm-Mid., Midway. Cost \$15).
- 23 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 30 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm

**NOVEMBER**

- 6 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 13 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm
- 15 • Serve (My Brother's Table, 3:30-6:30pm).
- 17-19 • Fall Retreat, Camp Joyel Cost \$145
- 20 • Friendsgiving (bring a side. Desserts, drinks & turkey provided, Location TBA)
- 27 • No Youth Happy Thanksgiving!

## ADULTS SEPTEMBER

- 9 • Surrendering the Secret begins, 10:30am, Carlisle Area Family Life Center  
UMW Baby Shower, 1-3pm, Gathering
- 10 • Fall Sunday School classes begin, 9:45 & 11am  
Transitions begins, 6pm, Lib.  
Theology Pub, 6pm, CUMC Annex
- 12 • LIFT begins, 6:30pm, Pastor Mira's home
- 13 • In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day Book Group begins, 1:30pm
- 14 • Women of the Word begins, 1pm, Library
- 19 • Disciple 1 begins, 6:30pm, Room 3  
Men 20s-40s begins, 6:30pm, CUMC Annex

## OCTOBER

- 8 • Theology Pub, 6pm, CUMC Annex
- 13 • Indoor Yard Sale, 8am-1pm, MPR
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- 30 • Women of Faith & Friendship, 6:30pm

## NOVEMBER

- 12 • Theology Pub, 6pm, CUMC Annex
- 27 • Women of Faith & Friendship, 6:30pm

### **CHRISTINA BENSON** Grow: Adult Leadership Council Chair

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## THE IMPACT OF ADULT GROW

Ellen Otto Peters is a dedicated worshipper and active participant in GROW studies. She has a special knack of applying her faith in all aspects of her life. Here is her story:

### **What drew you to CUMC?**

In November 2016, my husband, Ivo, and I moved to Carlisle from the rural outskirts of this area. Years ago, before we knew one another, we attended Allison Methodist Church at different times. Life took its path for both of us and drew us away from attending church in Carlisle. But when we moved into Carlisle, we both knew we wanted to rejoin the United Methodists for worship and as a church family. We have roots in this church in different ways: three of our four children were confirmed in this church as Allison, Grace and now John was confirmed at CUMC this summer. We are so grateful to God for knowing that our families would one day unite into one family and for planting a common church seed for our families. We are thankful that it is CUMC.

### **What appeals to you about Adult GROW?**

Learning is a passion of mine. I have always been curious and am rarely satisfied until I have looked at all angles of a topic. In the church setting, it is greatly important that I strive to learn more about Jesus and about God's purpose for my life. Adult GROW classes are a great way to deep dive into topics and work together with other believers to learn more about our Creator and His purpose for us. Iron sharpens iron, and it is through the dialog with other believers in women's groups

like Women of the Word, Mindful Women and Sunday School that I am sharpened. A great side benefit of being involved in these groups is having a network of Christian sisters and brothers to enjoy. Fellowship with other believers and the church family has gotten me through the hardest times in my life. God does not promise us that we will not suffer, but he does promise that we won't suffer alone. He will be with us, provide for us and counsel us. I believe He gives us opportunities like Adult GROW classes to help us learn. As a stronger church family, we can be there for each other through good times and difficult times. Learning and serving together helps us strengthen our bonds.

### **How has GROW enhanced your faith?**

Each GROW class and retreat deepens my faith. The thought-provoking and challenging discussions drive me to dig deeper and think harder about what I am here for and what I am to do with the brief vapor of time that I walk this earth. We are all given but one life to live. And during this one life I desire to live as closely as I possibly can to God. I want to know him as intimately as I possibly can here on earth. GROW challenges me to go deeper into my faith, to trust God even more with every aspect of my life, to know that He is good and wants good for me. I am better off giving him the reins. I appreciate the other adults who share their wisdom with me in GROW classes. We all have a lot to learn from one another.

Ellen Peters Otto  
Celebrating every breath!



## CUMC SOFTBALL

The 2017 CUMC Softball team completed a very successful season in the Carlisle Area Church Softball League. The team finished in second place in their Division with a record of 11-4. In the League play-offs the team advanced to the Championship game but lost to Meeting House 8-7 in extra innings. The team received a second place trophy for their efforts.

After getting beaten badly in a game earlier this season (I was too embarrassed to even send out an email with that score), the team regrouped and came together winning 5 of 6 games.

Players had fun playing and got to know some really good people. The team played well together and represented the Church well. The team started as individu-

als and ended up as a really good team. The team would like to thank both pastors and members of the church for their support and to thank them as well as families of the players for coming out to the games in all types of weather.

The following players participated this season: Todd Peffer, Mark Lemon, Scott Jumper, Mark Workman, David Hatch, Kendra Hatch, Beth Anne Keller, Scott Greenwood, Chad Chenot, Devon Chenot, Nick Wardle, John Wardle, Chuck Anderson, Mike Landis, Jeff Kauffman, Donovan Brown, Sam Butler, Tom Shambaugh and Gary Ankabrandt.

**- COACH TOM SHAMBAUGH**

### NEW MEMBER-TO-MEMBER

The Connect pillar is creating a friendly, Member-building tool, linking CUMC members looking for specific businesses or services with other members providing that particular business and/or service. The cardinal principle in businesses for a Christian is: It's about SERVING. It's not about using church members to make a living. It's about SERVING. It's not about using the members business or service to get a job done as cheaply as possible. It's about SERVING the person working for you. It is about being a blessing to each other.

Our new Member-to-Member will be an online resource under the CONNECT pillar; to allow for constant additions and changes. Watch the bulletin for when this new CONNECTION is available.

If you own a business or provide a service, and are a CUMC member or regular attendee, contact Ron Chipriano for more info: [Chipgonefishing@verizon.net](mailto:Chipgonefishing@verizon.net).

## UMW EVENTS

**SEPT. 9** - Baby Shower, 1-3pm in the Gathering to benefit the Carlisle Area Family Life Center. Everyone welcome!

**SEPT. 10** - Community Hymn Sing, 3-4pm, Chapel Pointe.

**OCT. 13 & 14** - Indoor Yard Sale, 8am-1pm, MPR. Donations may be dropped off at the MPR beginning Monday, Oct. 9 and continue throughout the week. Volunteers are needed to help sort, fold and price. Food will also be offered both days. Sign up at Info Central.

**NOV. 12** - Carlisle UMW will receive offerings in celebration of God's blessing in our lives and in the lives of those around us. 100% of the offering collected goes to missions. Later that day, 3-5pm, UMW Annual Pledge Service and Installation of 2018 officers. All women of the church welcome to attend.

## CONNECT SEPTEMBER

**11** • Line Dancing, 9:30am, MPR

**16** • Lunch Bunch, 11:30am

Knitted in Love, 1pm, Chapel

## OCTOBER

**9** • Line Dancing, 9:30am, MPR

**20** • Lunch Bunch, 11:30am

Knitted in Love, 1pm, Chapel

## NOVEMBER

**13** • Line Dancing, 9:30am, MPR

**17** • Lunch Bunch, 11:30am

Knitted in Love, 1pm, Chapel

## WEEKLY CONNECT

### SUNDAYS

Narcotics Anonymous, 6pm, Room 4

### MONDAYS

Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Room 1

### TUESDAYS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30pm or 8pm, Building 33

Narcotics Anonymous, 7pm, Room 4

AlAnon, 7:30pm, Room 1

### WEDNESDAYS

Bridges Prayer Team, 11am, Library

### THURSDAYS

Co-Ed Volleyball, 6:45pm, MPR

Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Room 1

### SATURDAYS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Building 33

## SERVE SEPTEMBER

**20** • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm

Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot

## OCTOBER

**13-15** • VIM Trip with Philadelphia Project

**18** • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm

Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot

**22** • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4:30-6pm

## NOVEMBER

**15** • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm

Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot

## WEEKLY SERVE

### WEDNESDAYS

Homework Club, 6pm, Hope Station

### THURSDAYS

Emergency Assistance, 9:30-11:30am, church office

LeTort Snacks, 3-4pm, LeTort Elementary School

### SATURDAYS

Samaritan Fellowship, 8-10am, Room 3, 4 & 9



### **A recollection Ron Chipriano sent to volunteers after a meal this year**

We served 85 meals tonight. Many of our guests had very kind words for me since I wasn't there last month. This is the most meals we've served in a very long time. I'm overjoyed at what happened tonight during prayer time. I received 10 prayers from our guests. Yes that's wonderful; but it's what happened after that which filled me with joy. My friend John and I went back to pray for the requests that I wrote down. John invited Andrew and Gabby to join us in prayer. They are new guests to MBT. They joined us and I started praying then allowed a quiet moment for them to also pray if they felt so moved. Both Gabby and John prayed beautifully. The words spoken in prayer were God inspired. Needless to say, tears welled up in my eyes as I praised God. What really blew me away was when we finished praying. I walked back toward the kitchen when Phyllis (a regular guest) stopped me and said while you and John were praying at the back table our table prayed also! Phyllis is a woman in her late 70's. Tonight was truly a God moment. I just had to share it with you all.

**- RON CHIPRIANO**

## PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUNDS

Carlisle UMC is a very active member of Samaritan Fellowship, providing ten Stewards and several thousand dollars annually to assist families and persons in financial crisis who apply on Saturday mornings throughout the year. Your church, through the Pastors' Emergency Fund (PEF), augments this emergency assistance by providing gift cards for food, gasoline and meals. In addition, it connects those persons to available and appropriate support in the Carlisle area. The PEF generally operates Thursday mornings, interviewing applicants who drop in seeking help. For the first six months of 2017, through the PEF, helped 15 persons with prayer and \$950 in financial support. In 2016, CUMC assisted 31 persons, donating over \$1200 for food, gasoline and temporary lodging.

When a critical financial need arises at other times during the work week, one of the Pastors will listen to the person's situation and make a decision.

Each of our original churches had a similar program for providing emergency assistance. For example Grace UMC formed HOT Grace, the homeless outreach team, which operated under very similar guidelines.

The latest PEF guideline is to welcome the person, identify them, hear their need and situation, and determine if the church can offer financial assistance, or if another agency is better suited to the situation. If CUMC can assist, the PEF generally offers one or two gift cards. The last PEF guideline is that it does not offer assistance more than once a year. If you want to help serve the PEF, please get in touch with Pastor Mira.



## LITTLE LIGHTS READERS

CUMC partners with Little Lights Learning Center, with a volunteer assigned to each classroom to visit at least monthly. While most of our volunteers read, some have participated in crafts, special activities, and even field trips. Through a few hours a month CUMC members are able to build relationships with the teachers, students, and families at Little Lights...and both have been blessed!

▶ **“The Little Lights Readers have been an *absolute joy* to have in the classroom.**

Our children enjoy having someone different read to them, and the teachers enjoy having some time to decompress. It’s another way that our children become familiar with those of CUMC, which then allows them to know a familiar face when they come to services here!”- **AMANDA GARTZKE**

Assistant Director & Dolphin Teacher (Pre-K)

## ELECTION TO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Are you committed to the cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Are you striving to live a life of discipleship? Are you willing to help CUMC equip, implement and move forward in our mission? If you are, then we NEED YOU! Our church needs you to pray about becoming a member of the Leadership Council.

The Leadership Council is the governing body of the church, and it is comprised of nine members. Each member serves on the Council and also leads a specific area within the church: CONNECT, Facilities, Finance/Legacy, Finance/Stewardship, GROW Adult, GROW Children & Youth, Personnel, SERVE or WORSHIP. The Council meets on the third Monday of every month. The newly elected members will participate in an orientation program which is presented in two sessions prior to taking office.

All CUMC members will have the opportunity to vote on October 29 at all three services for the three seats currently occupied by Kerm Leitner, Tracy Sands and Bill Yufer.

If you can say “yes” to the three questions above and agree to the items on the Leadership Council Covenant (available from Pastor Jim or Pastor Mira), please pray about stepping forward as a candidate. If you wish to be included on the ballot for the position, the deadline to submit your request to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mira is Friday, Sept. 22. Please note: Pastor Jim will be on vacation Sept. 8-18.

If you have ANY questions at all, please contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Mira or Ron Chipriano, LC Vice Chairperson. The term of office is Jan. 2018-Dec. 2020.

## MEET THE STAFF...



Can you guess who was given the job to guard a newly installed bronze statue and wet cement while he was in college? Yes! It was our own Pastor Jim.

Jim received his BS degree from Michigan State University and his Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has served congregations in North Bend, Lock Haven, Red Lion and now here in Carlisle. "I really enjoy preaching - the creation and delivering of messages. I also enjoy working with our staff. We have some really gifted people here!"

Pastor Jim describes himself as "faithful, dedicated and dependable." He enjoys tinkering on his 1968 Mercury

Cougar, going to music concerts, fishing and traveling. "I love our National Parks. There is nothing like being in God's nature. But my favorite place to be is with my wife and family - wherever they are."

Even though he didn't mention golfing as a hobby, golfing does supply a secret talent of Jim's: "I can tee up a golf ball and instead of standing parallel with the fairway, turn perpendicular (my back to the fairway) and still drive the golf ball." We need a video of that!

Jim's hopes for CUMC are "to become a vital tool of God to make disciples of Jesus Christ in a place God has planted us, with the resources God has given us."

### JIM VANZANDT

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## FALL SERMON SERIES LINEUP

The fall line up of messages from Pastors Jim and Mira include a series on fear, encouragement and opportunity; lessons from the book of Acts and how to sense God in the storms of our lives.

**Chasing the Lion** is the theme for the messages from Aug. 27 through Sept. 17. It's based on the life of God's prophet Samuel from which we can learn lessons on faith, courage, certainty, risk and opportunity. The idea came from the title of the book by Mark Batterson. There will be much to take home from the series for us personally and for our church, as we will be asked to take some courageous leaps as we approve a building design and a funding plan as part of our next steps.

**A Study in Acts** is a four (4) week series looking at the story of the first century church - its leaders, its people and what they understood about God, Worship, Holiness and Prayer. This should help bring clarity to these issues and for us as we develop our faith today.

**Sensing God in the Storm** looks at examples of courage in the face of the common storms of life. The series begins appropriately on our Veterans Day observance.

Plan now to be in worship in any of our three services each Sunday morning. You will be giving God the opportunity to touch you in ways you can't even imagine.

## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**8:15am - Traditional Worship**  
Worship in the Sanctuary with traditional hymns, a full choir and traditional UMC liturgy.

**9:45am - Contemporary Worship**  
Worship in the Multi-Purpose Room led by our Praise Band using contemporary music.

**11am - Celebration Worship**  
Worship in the Sanctuary. A variety of traditional hymns, songs from "The Faith We Sing," and choruses of praise.



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