



On Feb. 11, CUMC celebrated baptisms at all our services, baptizing 8 children. At our Celebration Service something even more remarkable, the moms of all the infants being baptized grew up at Allison UMC together. A few years, and several children later, they were again making public confessions of their faith this time on behalf of their children.

Laurel (Matangos) Williams, mom of Ben, shares "Not only do I have fond memories of growing up at Allison, I've forged friendships and created memories in my adulthood at Allison. I've worshipped elsewhere, but I never got the same feeling that I did when I was with my Allison family." Today she worships regularly in the Celebration Service at CUMC and continues to deepen and expand her church friendships. Laurel and Ben were joined by dad Matt and big sister Leah for the baptism.

Lindsay (Deringer) Dolan, plus husband Ben and big brother

Benson, brought daughter Lyla to be baptized. Lindsay says of CUMC, "I enjoy feeling inspired and empowered through my faith. I love the music in our services and how connected I feel in those moments."

Mari (Axsom) Grafstrom now lives in Fayetteville, NC, but always comes back home for the baptisms of her children - this time with Dylan. Mari shares, "We have moved around quite a bit since getting married and having kids and have found churches that we attend, but Allison and now CUMC will always be "home base" for us. I wish there was a CUMC here in Fayetteville. Your programs and pastors are amazing and you are fortunate to have them!" Dylan's dad Jim and big sisters Chloe and Leigha were present for his baptism as well.

Schyler (Reese) Heishman with her husband Ryan, and big sisters Lillian and Brianna, brought Isabella and Elizabeth to be baptized. When realizing that her daughter would be baptized with

children of friends growing up, "I felt even more joy that we could share in the memory and process together. It was even more special that we had all transitioned from Allison to CUMC amongst the changes and were still connected in our faith, commitments and beliefs. It was a full circle moment in the connections and bridges we had discussed when contemplating uniting the churches," said Schyler.

Mari remembers youth group fondly, "I made some wonderful (and forever) friendships during my time there and learned a lot about myself." Laurel agrees, sharing "I hope they're (the current youth group) as close with each other as I was with mine. There's a unique bond there that you just don't get with your other friends." Realizing only at worship that day that they had all been in youth together, each mom shared how special it was for them. "I spent a good portion of the week reminiscing about my friends

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CHILDREN

JUNE

- 15 • Senators Game & BBQ 6pm
- 24 • Summer PreTeen, 5-7:30pm, KidZone
- 28 • Summer KidsTime, 6:30-7:30pm, Gathering

JULY

- 22 • Summer PreTeen, 5-7:30pm, KidZone
- 26 • Summer KidsTime, 6:30-7:30pm, Gathering
- 31 • VBS, 5-8pm

AUGUST

- 1 • VBS, 5-8pm
- 2 • VBS, 5-8pm
- 3 • VBS Church-wide Pool Party 6:30pm
- 19 • Summer PreTeen, 5-7:30pm, KidZone
- 23 • Summer KidsTime, 6:30-7:30pm, Gathering

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SUMMER FAMILY & CHURCH-WIDE EVENT



Senators Baseball Game

Friday, June 15

Picnic & Game: Picnic from 6-8pm;

Game starts at 7pm

Fireworks after game

Tickets: \$26/adults (13 & up);

FREE/kids (through age 12)

Please sign-up online.

A Senators Baseball Station will be available in the Gathering on June 3 & 10 to pay for the event in advance.



MAKING A SPLASH WITH JESUS

This year our Summer VBS will take place on Tue, July 31 to Fri, Aug 3. Three nights at CUMC in the MPR, including dinner and many fun and exciting activities. Fri, Aug 3 will be a Church-wide Pool Party to end our Summer VBS. The schedule at CUMC will be: Registration: 5-5:30pm, Dinner from 5:30-6pm and the Program from 6-8pm. This is part of our "Bring a Friend" campaign and is meant for all our church, our friends and our community. Pre-registration will be available on-line.



MELISSA & STEVE ALWAYS THERE...ALWAYS CARE!

If you drop into Children's Sunday School on almost any given Sunday, you will find Melissa Greenwood and Steven Shughart there with our kids. They seem to just know what to do with the children whether it is coloring, cutting, playing games and

helping in so many awesome ways. It wouldn't be Children's Ministry without these 2 amazing volunteers. I am so blessed to have them work with me and all the wonderful Children's volunteers at CUMC.

SUMMER KIDSTIME

We will offer 3 of them, starting on June 28, July 26 and Aug 23 from 6:30-7:30pm. We will meet in the Gathering.

SUMMER PRETEEN

We will meet 3 times this Summer, on Sunday, June 24, July 22 and Aug 19 from 5-7:30pm in Room 1. A special event for kids grades 3-5, which includes all who will be going into the 3rd grade in the fall.

CONFIRMATION

This I Believe...

STATEMENTS

"I believe that the Holy Spirit really is a part of my life and present today in this world. I believe this because I have personally felt the Spirit there in me. I also want others to feel the way I did too, loved and cared for. 2016, Camp Penn Church camp, 11 years old. First time I have ever gone to a church camp. Not gonna lie, I was pretty nervous and didn't really want to go. Hours, minutes up to leaving I second guessed myself. Day by day I was making friends and getting used to how it worked there. Then one night it was beautiful out and they decided to have the service outside. We hiked for about 10 minutes to this beautiful outside worship space. Right as I took my seat I felt a sense of security and warmth. They did this service a little differently by doing one song first, the scripture and then the main singing portion of the service was last. The sun was setting and all I could think of was how beautiful it was. Then we sang this song, "How Great is Our God." While I was singing I felt as if I was being swept away. Carried to somewhere warm, loving and amazing. When I came back to reality I felt as if I realized something for the first time. I saw God more in my life. Something or someone had washed me from being blind. After I came home I didn't really think about it much, but I did feel new, better. Around a year or more later, after going to youth group and church more, worshipping I found out why I felt this way. The Holy Spirit was inside of me. It opened my eyes and gave me a new acknowledgement. Now today I see God places I didn't before. After my experiences with church camp and the Holy Spirit I want people to feel the way I do. More amazing then I have ever been. In conclusion, I believe the Holy Spirit is indeed in my life and around each and every one of you. Even though you can't see it, He is there present and right by your side giving you the warmth and love we all get from our Father's everlasting love. "

• **HOLLY MONOSKI**

"I believe that Jesus died for our sins and he is with us wherever we go. I also believe that he died for us on the cross and saves us from sin. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is with me."

- **JACOB STINE**

"This I believe
that God was here
here before it all
God was lonely
He wanted something to love
He was lonely there, there before it all
HE created us
He created us here
And He was before it all
He made us of love
Made us out of His love
The love that is still here, from before it all
He created a beautiful world
a world perfect for us all
because He loved us before it all
But suddenly
Sin!
We have corrupted His beautiful world
He loved us
but we ignored Him
Him before it all
God sent the Handyman
God sent Jesus
God from before it all
Jesus fixed the sin
Fixed the sin for those who believed
Believed in Him, Him before it all
Those who believed in Him
Him before it all
Will go to the beautiful world
the world before sin
This
This I believe"

• **SPENCER THORNBURG**

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YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL JUNE

- 3 • Photo Scavenger Hunt, 5-8pm
- 12 • Pole Steeple Hike, 5pm*
- 20 • Waterpark, 7:30am-8:30pm, \$55
- 27 • Pool Party, 5-8pm @ Staffords*
- 28 • VB Mission Trip Final Mtg. 7pm

JULY

- 8-14 • VB Mission Trip
- 17 • VB Reunion, 7-8pm @ Sweet Frog
- 18 • Mini Golf Tournament, 6:30-8:30pm, @ Sports Emporium, \$10
- 26 • Serve Day @ Mission Central, 9am-3pm

AUGUST

- 6 • Ocean City, NJ Beach Trip, \$10
- 19 • Summer Celebration Night, 5-7:30pm
- 26 • Youth Group, 5-7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL JUNE

- 3 • TN Trip Commissioning, 11am, Meeting @ Noon
- 3 • Photo Scavenger Hunt, 5-8pm
- 9-16 • TN Mission Trip
- 19 • TN Reunion @ Leos, 7-8pm
- 20 • Waterpark, 7:30am-8:30pm, \$55
- 24 • Pool Party, 4-8pm @ Staffords

JULY

- 11 • Pole Steeple Hike, 5pm
- 15 • Bahamas Mission Commissioning, 9:45am, Final Mtg. 11am
- 18 • Mini Golf Tournament, 6:30-8:30pm, @ Sports Emporium, \$10
- 21-28 • Bahamas Mission Trip
- 26 • Serve @ Mission Central, 9am-3pm
- 31 • Serve @ CUMC VBS, 5-8pm

AUGUST

- 1 • Serve @ CUMC VBS, 5-8pm
- 2 • Serve @ CUMC VBS, 5-8pm
- 6 • Ocean City, NJ Beach Trip, \$10
- 20 • Summer Share Night, 7-8:30pm
- 27 • Youth Group, 7-8:30pm

COLLEGE CREW

- June 23 • Serve Project at Safe Harbour, 8am-Noon
 - July 8 • Cookout with Theology Pub at Lemons, 6-7:30pm
 - Aug 12 • Pool Party with Theology Pub at Wardles, 4-6pm
- For ages 18-25. Let Erin know a week in advance if you will be attending.

CAROL & MARK LEMON

ADULTS

JUNE

- 3,10,17** • The Shack movie, 9:45am, Sanctuary
- 6** • UMW Executive Mtg., 2pm
- 10** • "Who Stole My Church" begins, 6:30pm, Library
- 12** • LIFT begins, 6:30pm
- 13** • Esther Circle, 2pm
- 21** • Eunice Circle, 10am
- 24** • When Christians Get It Wrong begins, 9:45am
- 28** • Parenting Discussion, 6:45pm, Room 111

JULY

- 1, 8, 15 & 22** • GOD Talks, 9:45am, Room 109
- 8** • Theology Pub, 6pm, at Lemon's Home
- 10** • "Crazy Love" begins, 6:30pm, Room 109
- 10** • SCARs begins, 6:30pm, Room 3
- 11** • Esther Circle, 2pm
- 19** • Eunice Circle, 10am
- 26** • Parenting Discussion, 6:45pm, Room 111

AUGUST

- 1** • UMW Executive Mtg., 2pm
- 5, 12 & 19** • Come Sunday movie, 9:45am, Sanctuary
- 8** • Esther Circle, 2pm
- 12** • Theology Pub, 4pm, BBQ & Swimming at Wardle's Home
- 16** • Eunice Circle, 10am
- 23** • Parenting Discussion, 6:45pm, Room 111



Carol and Mark Lemon are dynamically involved with CUMC, learning about their faith as they interact with other young Christians, and committed to making a difference in their spiritual lives. Mark and Carol are also the parents of two young girls, Catherine and Elizabeth, who you will frequently see in The Gathering following the 11am service.

"When we first moved back to Carlisle, we decided to check out Grace UMC because Carol knew people who went there. Little did we know that Grace had combined with two other churches to become CUMC while we lived in Baltimore. The first Sunday we attended we just felt like we were a part of a community. Everyone was so warm and friendly; which it made it "easy" attending a new church. When we did a little research on CUMC after that initial visit, we really liked all the opportunities/activities the church had to offer families. We also liked the idea of being a part of a church that had the resources to do a lot of mission work.

We were first drawn to Adult GROW because it gave us an opportunity to meet with people who were in the same age group and going through similar stages of life. It's nice to go have a Christian based conversation

with our peers and know that there is no judgment. Adult GROW has become very important to us as individual adults because it's a nice social "change of pace" from work and homemaking circles."

For Carol, it has really been inspirational listening to her peers talk about their faith journeys. Being a part of LIFT and Theology Pub has been a nice combination of education and socialization. GROW has challenged her to keep more faith practices and keep God in the forefront of her mind on a daily basis. The GROW classes help keep her accountable and, she hopes, make her a better Christian.

Mark echoes a lot of Carol's sentiments, but really finds enjoyment in listening to other people's takes on Christianity and how that has

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CUMC UMW

June - children's new and used books for ages 2-12 will be collected in The Gathering.

July - "Christmas in July." UMW will present a program on the Samaritan Shoebox collection. Items will be collected in October or early November, and then taken to the collection site mid-November. Both the Eunice & Esther Circles would like to expand to other members of the congregation who might be interested. Watch for more info.

COMING IN THE FALL

September 8 - "Women at Risk" tea and jewelry sale, 3-5pm, in the Gathering.

October 12 & 13 - Indoor Yard Sale, 8am-1pm in the MPR.

ALL ARE WELCOME

www.carlislepaumc.org/umw

CUMC SOFTBALL



The Carlisle UMC Softball Team has begun a new season of competition in the Carlisle Area Church Softball League. Most of the players from last year's successful season have returned as well as a few new players. The team is looking forward to the 2018 season. We have a great group of players who play well together and are good representatives for CUMC.

CUMC has a loyal fan base and the team is grateful for their support each and every game.

Members involved with the 2018 Team includes:

Beth Anne Keller, Mark Lemon, Brad Weiser, Mark Workman, Chad Chenot, Matt Kulp, Chuck Anderson, Mike Landis, Dave Reese, Nick Wardle, David Hatch, Paul Lay, David Yearsley, Sam Butler, Devon Chenot, Scott Greenwood, Eric Sands, Scott Jumper, Gary Ankabrandt, Shane Starner, Jeff Kauffman, Todd Pepper, Kendra Hatch and Tom Shambaugh.

• **TOM SHAMBAUGH**

YOGA CLASSES



Foremost in our minds during yoga classes was the quote from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you

must honor God with your body." With this scripture in mind the yoga classes had two purposes; the first was to glorify God, by encouraging members to stay healthy so that they can continue in their volunteer services, that God called them to, in the church and the community. The second was to learn movements and stretches, through yoga, that can help maintain balance, muscle strength, and flexibility that they can practice on their own.

The members enjoyed the variety of yoga classes and don't be surprised if you see them stretching in the church hallways!

• **ROBIN TURNER**

CONNECT JUNE

- 7 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Plainfield
- 11 • Line Dancing, 9:30am, MPR
- 14 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Otterbein
- 18 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Otterbein
- 25 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Otterbein
- 28 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Plainfield

JULY

- 9 • Line Dancing, 9:30am, MPR
- 9 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Plainfield
- 16 • Softball Game, 6:30pm, Otterbein

Shepherds/LAMs and our Home Communion team visit at least monthly based on personal schedules. Card and Altar Flowers are sent/delivered each week by our teams.

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, 7pm, MPR

Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Room 1

SATURDAYS

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Building 33

NOMADS AT WORK

SERVE JUNE

- 2-9 • VIM Puerto Rico Trip
- 9-16 • Youth Tennessee Mission Trip
- 20 • Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot
- 20 • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm
- 29 • Haiti Community Bank Trip through July 3

JULY

- 1-31 • CARES Women & Children Shelter
- 8-14 • Youth Virginia Beach Mission Trip
- 18 • Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot
- 18 • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm
- 21-28 • Youth Bahamas Mission Trip

AUGUST

- 9 • Carlisle 4 Kids, 2-6pm, Carlisle Expo Center
- 15 • Mission Central Work Day, 8:30am-Noon, meet in church parking lot
- 15 • My Brother's Table at Salvation Army, 4-5:30pm

WEEKLY SERVE

THURSDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

SERVE teams that meet as needed/volunteer schedules: Blessed to Serve, Homeless to Home, Little Lights Readers, and Samaritan Kids



One of our two 3-week Nomad projects this past winter was in Raymondville, TX. Raymondville is a small town south and west of Corpus Christy and has seen ever dwindling opportunities for employment. Our work at the Raymondville UMC involved community outreach repairing people's homes. There is extensive poverty in this area. In one home an elderly widow living by herself had become wheel chair bound. Her daughter lived next door and helped out

as much as possible. The bathroom door of the widow's home was only 24" wide and did not permit wheel chair access. She was using adult diapers and "showered "in the middle of the kitchen. Our Nomad team was able to replace the 24" door with a 36" wheel chair accessible door. We also rebuilt a good portion of an existing handicap ramp that

was not safe. God always has a way of providing Nomad teams with just the right skill sets for the jobs at hand. One of our team members had recently lost a life partner due to a protracted debilitating illness. His knowledge helped us quickly identify the needed handicap equipment to make the bathtub accessible. It's always a blessing to significantly improve the quality of life for someone in need. This is sharing the love of Jesus Christ and is indeed a privilege.

• **DON PATRICK**



CUMC NOMADS: Mike & Barb Druck, Don & Paula Patrick, Mike & Ruth Ann Weigle



LETORT HOMEWORK CLUB

Can you think of something that is fun, puzzling, challenging, educational, creative, active, interesting, fantastic, and intriguing? A group of 30 children

at Letort Elementary School have no problem coming up with an answer - LeTort's Homework/Enrichment Club!

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ARE YOU NEW?



Last night I was a welcomer of the CARES homeless in our gym for the second time. The first time, admittedly, I wasn't sure what I was to do. I didn't want to encroach on people's space, so I mostly waited until I was asked for help.

Last night was different. I was ready to get to know people. To interact. To ask if anyone needed prayer. To see if I could serve them in any way—hold babies while the mothers made their beds, carry mats for those with difficulty walking, help people find space for their mats since it was a pretty full night due to cold drizzle. I noticed lots of the same faces from two weeks ago when I volunteered. I also noticed that the people of CARES were a sort of family. They knew each other by name. There was a camaraderie. The children

had many "aunts and uncles" so to speak, and they felt at ease where they were.

The most significant moment of the night came when a young man stepped off the elevator into the entry area by the gym. He was in his low 20's, fresh faced and unsure of where to go. The entire first stack of mats had already been taken and the second stack was behind the shelves and not visible. Unlike everyone else who was bustling around making their beds, going to the bathroom, etc. . . he stopped walking and stood there looking into the gym, as if he was taking in the scene of where he would sleep. It was obvious that he didn't know what he should be doing or how to get started.

I began to approach him and asked if he needed some help. Before I could get the words out a small girl, maybe age 7 or 8, came straight up to him and asked, "Are you new?" He nodded. And she said, "The mats are back here. And the boys usually sleep on this side. And the girls on that side. And back there are the bathrooms. And over there

is the water." She followed all of this by a few other introductory instructions and finally lead him to the mats which she was also getting for her family.

He smiled, and got his mats.

I followed her introduction to see that he had a pillow and blanket. Meanwhile, he told me where he had come from and how he heard about CARES.

When I asked if he needed any prayers, he said yes— for that little girl. And he was able to ask for prayers for her by name. How? Because she had introduced herself by name to him as she opened the arms of the CARES family.

The sweetness and simplicity of her welcome and the effect it had on him and on their body of people at CARES acted as a great lesson and inspiration for me. If we, as a body of believers, greet and welcome each new person as authentically and openly as that 7 year old girl, simply asking "Are you new?" followed by a nice tour of the church, what will happen to our body of believers?

• ELLEN PETERS OTTO

FROM WHERE I SIT

• REV. DR. TOM SALSGIVER

This last year has been incredibly busy. I've had more flights to meetings and stayed in more hotels than probably almost any time in my recent memory. I must admit that the only perk for being on the road is that I now have "status" on one of the airlines and with one hotel chain.

It sounds more glamorous than it really is. But I must admit that with the airline, I don't have to pay for my first checked piece of luggage.

It also means that I can board the airplane with group four instead of waiting until group six or seven. The perk with this is, if I have a carry-on to go in the overhead bin, there is room when you're with group four, and not always with group seven. And, occasionally, but not often, I can get upgraded to first class (which I must admit is great).

With the hotel chain, I'm not charged for things like internet

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HOW CAN BRUTAL BLESS US SO?



In the Fall of 2017, a freak storm dumped 24 to 31 inches of rain in 24 hours north of Baton Rouge. Where flooding had never occurred before, thousands of rural residents' homes flooded - including senior citizens Richard and Sandy (disabled by two bouts of cancer). They lost almost everything and their home was bulldozed. Their bank insisted

IF NOT US, THEN WHO?



"If not us then who? If not me and you, right now, it's time for us to Do Something." These words from a popular contemporary Christian song have resonated with me since the first time I heard them. Doing something means different things for different people. Those of us who can go and do the physical work are no more important than everyone in the congregation who is able to provide financial and prayer support. All of us play an equal part in doing something to show God's love and be that shining city on a hill.

This was my second mission trip, and I've learned that though we never know for certain what we'll be doing or who we'll be doing it for, it's always a blessing for those of us who are able to go. Our homeowner, Miss Annette, has had blue tarps on her home since Hurricane Matthew

in Oct. 2016. She's lived with a piece of plywood on her living

they pay off their mortgage from the insurance money, limiting their housing options. Richard bought a used mobile office, had it set on concrete stilts on their property, and built a handicap ramp for Sandy. Sadly, his ramp didn't meet code and their home needed much work before it could be occupied.

In mid-March our team of NOMADS arrived. Richard watched sadly as we tore down his ramp, but as the new code-compliant ramp arose in its place, he exclaimed: *"It's beautiful!"* Despite all they had lost, we caught Richard and Sandy smiling with hope as work progressed.

NOMADS teams have been working

room ceiling covering temporary repairs that were not to be completed until a new roof was put on. She is a sweet spirit-filled sister in Christ and a mighty prayer warrior. She has her own ministry bringing the Word of God to the homeless in the Daytona Beach area.

Our team brought varying skill levels to the task of covering Miss Annette's asphalt shingle roof with a new metal roof. This was something new for all but one of our seven-member team, and we were fortunate to have an excellent VIM representative to lead us. We were blessed to stay in a house that had been rehabilitated and owned by Habitat for Humanity. It gave us a great opportunity to get to know each other better and become a family unit while together. Miss Annette told us how blessed she was to have us there and said that she had to wait a long time to get her house fixed just so that God could send our team to work on her home. Thank you for making it possible to be an answer to another's prayer by being God's hands and feet.

• **ROGER WOODS**

since March totally renovating the interior, adding two rooms, installing roofing, siding, and now hope to be done by May 25th. Two people have had their hope restored, and Christ has been proclaimed. You - the members of CUMC - have been a part of this because your prayer support keeps us NOMADS going! Barb and I call NOMADS work by 2 "B" words: BRUTAL, as in hard exhausting work; and BLESSING, as in *"How can brutal bless us so?"*

• **MIKE & BARB DRUCK**

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Supported by CUMC for 3 years, this after-school program has children in K-5th grade extending their learning and growing in knowledge each Thursday during the school year by getting help with homework or diving into interesting topics that go beyond the regular classroom curriculum. At 3:15pm the students came bouncing into the library at LeTort and happily chatted with their friends at tables while they enjoyed a snack provided by church volunteers. The students were asked to name their favorite snack items that they have enjoyed this year, and they eagerly responded with quite a list: Doritos, cupcakes, cookies, gummy fruit, cheese puffs, donuts, pretzel sticks, and juice boxes. After getting energized with these "taste-tastic" treats that were "the bomb," the students followed their assigned teacher to a classroom. Before the teachers arrived, the students channeled their creative sides using pattern blocks or legos. So what do you get when you combine a group of active kids, talented teachers, tasty snacks, and a caring church community? The LeTort Homework/Enrichment Club, of course! • **JANE BOLEY**



ADOPTING GRACE...

After months of paperwork, it was a joy to share with CUMC that this summer I will be adopting a five-year-old girl from China. I will travel for two weeks to pick her up and then take a 6-week maternity leave to help her, and me, adjust to life together. Thank you for your support, prayers, and cards already; it means so much!

In many ways Grace will be like a child who entered my family through birth. I will raise her to know and love God – giving her the strongest and healthiest foundation possible, emotionally, physically and spiritually. But there are a few differences in building a family through adoption.

Imagine moving to a new country where you don't speak their language, leaving all your familiar friends, toys and only "family" you have ever known, and moving from living in an institutional orphanage setting to a single parent home. You've never really attached to any one caregiver because they are always changing, you don't have likes or dislikes because you always shared the few toys available, and your normal meals were porridge, rice, vegetables, and mashed meat. You get on a plane, in a car, strapped into a car seat all for the first time, to travel to Carlisle where things are very different than you have ever seen or known...and you still don't

know what anyone is saying.

This is how the first weeks will be for Grace. As her mom we will need to build trust, boundaries and consistency of love that other children learn from infancy. I want her to develop a healthy connection with me as her mom so that it can then overflow to her grandparents, cousins, neighbors, friends and church family. But this will all take time. Adoption research says she may be 5.5 years old, but her development is likely around a 3 year old because of her time in an orphanage.

I am sharing this because I want you to help be a village around her as we go through these months together. A few areas in which you can help:

Setting physical boundaries. It will help immensely if adults limit what is typically considered normal physical contact with young children that you know. This will (for a while) include things like holding, hugging, carrying, and kissing. If she wants a snack or potty, I need to respond to her daily needs so we can grow the bond between mom and daughter. Children from orphanages are prone to attach easily to anyone willing to give them attention, which hinders the primary relationship with her new mom. Waving and high fives are perfect and welcomed!

No gifts (for now). To build trust quickly all good things have to come from the parent, otherwise kids in orphanages try to shower love on anyone who gives them something. I am so thankful for all your gifts and love to prepare for her, and if you have something you want to give

her, please give it to me in private and she will get it eventually. I will balance what she can handle since she likely has never had any dolls or toys of her own before.

Be patient and understanding as we stay at home for a while.

Children raised in orphanages are not used to the pace of life that is always on the go. Leaving home for Grace for years has meant going to the playground or walking down the hall. Everything will be overstimulating at first, so for our first months we will limit our outings to see how she handles one change at a time. This is called "cocooning" – just like new moms stay home after the hospital with a newborn. Except our time will be with a young child very much awake as she learns new foods, sounds and surroundings. Slowly I will introduce her to new places and people, but the process will be slow before she comes (and stays) in church.

Keep us in your prayers! Like all new moms, I am anxious, excited, nervous, and trying to be okay with so little control and many unknowns. All things will be new to me, too, as we learn each other and grow together as a family. Your prayers for travel, our bonding, and her transition to Carlisle would be greatly appreciated.

I am incredibly blessed to have so many at CUMC ready to love us. Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we build our family together.

• PASTOR MIRA

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use, and with some, I get free breakfast. And with one chain there is reserved parking right out front. I must admit these are nice perks, but they certainly don't define who I am or what I believe, or even how I act when I travel.

I'm reminded of an old TV advertisement that says, "With membership comes privilege." While that may be true with credit cards, hotel chains, and airlines, it isn't, nor should it be, true for those of us who belong to the church.

I wonder how many persons believe that in their local church, membership has privileges. How many of us believe that because I'm a member I can claim the same seat week after week - and heaven help the visitor who doesn't know that's my seat.

How many of us think that on Easter, Christmas Eve, and other crowded Sundays, the privilege of membership means I can spread my coat out and save seats.

Maybe some of us think that because of our long-term association with the church we attend, or because of how much money we give, our privilege is that we deserve to be on

boards or make decisions.

Three examples of this come from personal experience as a pastor and as the DCM. It was late summer and we were working on the slate of officers and committees for the new year. We came to discussion about the Board of Trustees and I made a few suggestions of new persons who had the skill and desire to serve as trustee. The discussion (honestly, I can't make this up) was, "they haven't been here long enough to know how we do things."

Another example was when I was working with a church that was considering Matthew 28. We got to the structure, and three different people said, "if we aren't on the committees, what do we do if these new people do something we don't like"? (Again, I can't make this up).

Many years ago I was leading a Bible study and we were talking about the passage of, "in my Father's house are many rooms." As we talked about that a woman (who was very faithful to the church and a wonderful Christian) said that she really believed that the many rooms meant that the "nicer" rooms were reserved for long-time church members.

These three examples are from a mindset that says, "my church membership comes with privilege." Indeed being a Christian and belonging to a church does have its privileges. Our privileges include being the hands and feet of Christ. Our privilege is feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, reaching out to the least, the last, and the lost. Our privilege is that we get the awesome joy of opening our arms wide to the children of God - whoever they are, wherever they live, and no matter their age.

Our privilege has nothing to do with status, seating, or the expectation that the pastor will care for me first. However, it has everything to do with living out a life that follows Jesus without regard to race, color, creed, where people have come from - without regard to sexual orientation, size of the house, or the neighborhood someone lives in.

The privilege of our call and commitment is to walk in the footsteps and the shadow of one and to emulate the one who cared so deeply and so fully that He gave His life for all.

God's Blessings. – Tom

COMING THIS SUMMER...

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church recently released an initial statement regarding their recommendation in response to a report of the Commission on the Way Forward. A second response from the Council of Bishops is expected by July 8. Pastors Jim and Mira will then write a future newsletter article about this work, the Bishops recommendation for the future of the UMC, and the steps ahead.

The Commission on the Way Forward was formed by the UMC Council of Bishops to explore options how we can love and care

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in youth group and what they meant to me. I remembered so many things that I haven't thought about for years. It also made me miss them so very much! It's exciting to know that my children will be growing up with some of the children of my youth group friends!" said Laurel.

Schyler shared, "Church and family are important to us. I feel like we have continued to have the same church family throughout the process of uniting the churches and I feel it's important to have that connection for our children. I love seeing multiple generations grow and change throughout the years in a supportive and loving environment."

CUMC is blessed to be a church of multiple generations, encouraging growth from infancy through youth group and into support for parents raising kids.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, JULY 8 IN WORSHIP

CUMC is turning 5! It's been five years since our first combined worship service out at Carlisle Fairgrounds. Since then we have grown into knowing and living out the pillars of CUMC: Worship, Connect, Grow and Serve. We have grown together as one church, but new faces joining CUMC today did not know the history of Allison, First and Grace UMCs unification.

Last year we voted to build on South Spring Garden Street a new church home that is accessible and supports our current ministries and mission well into the future. In May we finalized the building design and budget and hope to have ground



moving later this summer or early fall for the infrastructure work.

Within the Serve pillar we continue to deepen our relationship and service to the Carlisle community and beyond. Last summer Carlisle UMC worked with other organizations to host the first ever Carlisle 4 Kids, providing free backpacks, school

supplies and sneakers to over 800 kids in our greater community in need.

In honor of our anniversary worship, and to help the kids in Carlisle go back to school, CUMC is collecting 2" 3-ring binders. We need 1200 binders so each middle and high schooler can get 3 binders to begin the year. Binders will be collected July 1-15th in the Gathering.

Join us Sunday, July 8th at all three worship services for a time of celebration and special treats afterward.

Let's celebrate our anniversary AND make a difference for kids in Carlisle this July.

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helped him mold his own beliefs. He finds that the 20-40s Mens' Group is always filled with entertaining and thought-provoking conversations. He has been challenged by leading the group this past session and has grown from it.

Collectively, we think that taking time for ourselves, either at women's or men's group and Theology Pub has positively impacted the way we parent and run our household. GROW has become an integral part of our lives.

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of the church front and center in a changing culture. They were tasked with a complete review and options for possible revisions of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality. The recommendation by the Council of Bishops will be received by a special 2019 General Conference of the elected delegates from each UMC Annual Conference with a vote regarding the future structure and direction of the general larger denomination.

WELCOME LISA MYERS

GROW Adult Supervisor



Lisa is happily married to Steve. They will celebrate 22 years of marriage this summer. They have two amazing children, Molly who is 12, and Matthew, who is 11. Lisa is originally from Johnstown PA, but she loves living in Carlisle. She loves spending time with her family, especially outside bike riding or hiking.

Before Lisa had children she worked as a school counselor for over 10 years. She is looking forward to her new role as the GROW Adult Supervisor! She has a passion for helping others and really enjoys serving the church.

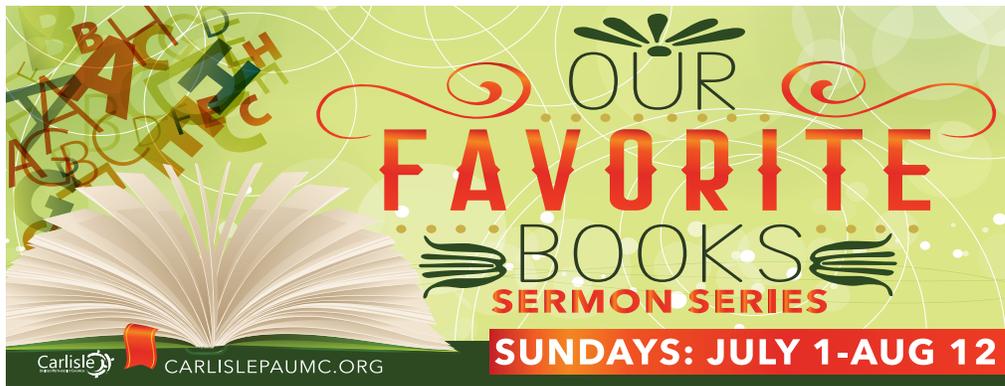
WELCOME NATASHA YEARSLEY

Little Lights Learning Center Director



Natasha is a 2007 graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education with honors. She has held a variety of teaching positions

both at the preschool, Kindergarten and first grade levels while working at the Goddard Schools in Pennsylvania and Delaware. She is a member of Carlisle UMC and excited about the connections with CUMC and Little Lights. She is married to David and the mother of two children who attend Little Lights. Daisy, their dog, rounds out their family at home.



"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you but the one which makes you think." - Harper Lee

Did you know that Pastor Jim AND Pastor Mira both score introverted on the Myers Briggs personality tests? While they are extroverted on Sunday mornings and church

functions, they both are reenergized by quiet time alone, and both enjoy reading professionally and personally. Personally, Pastor Jim enjoys reading sports and car magazines while Pastor Mira enjoys mysteries and biographies.

This summer our pastors will share

FINAL DESIGN & FINANCIAL PLAN APPROVED

On May 6, 2018, following a stirring combined service attended by 399 worshippers, the Building Committee made its final presentation followed by its recommendation to approve the Final Design and Financial Plan for our new building. The Leadership Council (LC) concurred with the recommendation and urged the congregation to vote "YES" and "YES" when balloting occurred the following Sunday. The results of that vote were:

Final Site Plan Yes 289 No 18 (94%) and Final Financial Plan Yes 253 No 34 (88%).

At the combined worship service, the congregation for the first time heard both Sanctuary choirs, the Celebrations Bell Choir, and the Sunbeams and SPARKS children's choirs. The adult choir's anthem, "Speak, O Lord" was a powerful testimony that we are following God and building a new church. Pastor Jim's sermon ended the Half Truths sermon series and refuted the following Half Truth - love the sinner; hate the sin. Instead he stated that the Bible mentions that Jesus stated only "Love God" and "Love Your neighbor." How fitting, as we now demonstrate our love of God by following Him and being afforded the unique opportunity to love our new neighbors!

At the conclusion of the Building

Committee's presentation and Q and A, the LC thanked the Building Committee for its excellent work. Most of the attendees rose spontaneously in a standing ovation of appreciation for the Building Committee. Jeff Barnes, who chairs the B.C. and will continue to do so after his five-year LC expires in December, has been the perfect leader and CUMC couldn't have been more blessed by his presence throughout the process. Brad Weiser has served as the very capable vice-chair. Other members of the committee are Ryan Heishman, Colleen Kulp, Mike Landis, Jody Monoski, Joanne Reynolds, Courtney Svirbly and Rick Washer.

The LC again expresses its thanks and gratitude for a job well done! Their work is not finished, so we ask for your continued prayers for them.

Finally, we are anticipating a celebration at the Spring Garden Campus on a Sunday afternoon in September when we will gather to turn over the soil and also mark the midpoint of the Capital Campaign. Unlike most groundbreaking ceremonies, all will be invited to bring your own shovels and participate. These are exciting times and a goal is to have as many participate in these events as possible.

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some of their favorite books of faith. Each book has shaped them in unique ways: renewing their faith, drawing them closer to Christ, or challenging them to live differently. In addition Book Clubs will begin this summer as an opportunity to read and discuss some of their favorite books.

As you head into summer, vacationing at the beach or just your backyard, we hope you would include a book that deepens your faith on your reading list. If you miss worship on a Sunday, be sure to check out the 3 Minute Sermon to hear a brief recap of the message on these books.

Pastors' Favorite Books

- Ragamuffin Gospel*
by Brennan Manning
- Crazy Love* by Francis Chan
- 10 Second Rule* by Clare de Graf
- Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments* by Kent Keith
- Golf in the Kingdom*
by Michael Murphy
- Let Your Life Speak*
by Parker Palmer
- Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*
by Jim Cymbala

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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