



# THE CALLER

December 2022

*“The Stone Church with a Warm Heart”*

## Staff

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## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

**Informal Service 8:00 A.M.**

**Contemporary Service 10:15 A.M.**

**Traditional Service 10:30 A.M.**

## **Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.**



## **From the Pastor....**

Let me start with five humorous Christmas items:

1-Christmas is the only holiday when we sit around looking at a dead tree and eat candy out of our socks.

2-A mother decided that her 10-year daughter Cathy should get something practical for Christmas. “Suppose we open a savings account for you?” mom asked Cathy, who liked the idea. When they arrived at the bank mom said, “It’s your account, dear; you fill out the application.” Cathy had no problems until she came to the space marked, “Name of your former bank?” After a moment’s hesitation, Cathy wrote, “Piggy”.

3-Wife to husband: This year let’s give each other more practical gifts, like socks and fur coats!”

4-A woman remarked to her friend, “This Christmas I was visited by a jolly bearded man with a big bag over his shoulder—my son came home from college with his laundry.”

5-A little boy and his dad were looking at a litter of puppies, planning to buy one for Christmas. When Dad asked his son which one he wanted, the lad pointed to a pup whose tail was wagging furiously and said, “That one with the happy ending!”

Now I’ll share a sixth one that’s more a mix of ironic humor with genuine truth: “When Christmas is over, it’s over,” said a merchant, “and it’s our job to rid this store completely of Christmas in one day!” “Well,” said the pastor, “I have a tougher job; it’s to keep Christ and the spirit of Christmas in the hearts of my people for a lifetime.”

I’m not sure I’ve ever succeeded in that, but if I can do it **AT** Christmastime, it’s at least a start. So **this year** our “Christmas” began on November 27 (the first Sunday in Advent) and will continue through the remaining Sundays in Advent *plus* Christmas Eve with a 5-part series entitled **“Have a Sense-sational Christmas”**, with each new week connecting each of our five senses to the celebration of Christmas; there’s even a weekly gift for each worshipper! (Read the rest of this newsletter for info on the Christmas Cantata and what’s happening on 12/25 and 1/1).

From Anna and I, to each of you, may the true Spirit of Christmas bless you with great joy!

Peacefully, hopefully, and simply yours,  
Pastor Tim

## December Mission of the Month

Hands of Hope, Greg & Anita Giagnocavo, submitted by Mark Schappell



In 1998, Greg & Anita Giagnocavo heard God's Call and moved with their four children from Pennsylvania to Guatemala where they started the Hands of Hope Ministry Mission. They serve the very poor, rural, indigenous people of the region while demonstrating the love of Jesus. Originally, they converted a small school bus into a fully equipped medical facility so they could take medical care where it's needed most. Anita, a RN, a Guatemalan doctor and an assistant formed the first medical team. They used the bus to deliver medical care and medicine. The indigenous Mayan people the mission serves, live in small mountain villages and in the surrounding hills where there is no access to medical or dental care.

In 2000, Greg and Anita sold the bus and bought a small piece of land. Thanks to many generous donations, Hands of Hope built a 2,400 square foot medical clinic in the middle village of three rural mountain villages. The region is so impoverished and lacking in basic medical care that frequently the clinic can barely accommodate the crowds of sick people that

come for help. The medical clinic provides healthcare to approximately 10,000 people. Hands of Hope also provides beds, blankets, shelter construction, basic health education, student sponsorships, nutrition programs, emotional care groups and more.

Many of the people served live in cornstalk shacks with dirt floors, working in fields for less than \$4 a day. There is no running water. Families often have as many as 11 children and most children sleep on cold, damp, dirt floors. Many children do not have shoes leading to infections and parasites. People lack the basic necessities we in America take for granted, such as clean water and adequate food. In some areas where there is no medical care, up to 50% of the children die before age eight. There is no consistent and affordable medical or dental care in the mountain villages except for the clinic. With such great demand for services, Hands of Hope is always in need of prayer and in particular need of financial assistance at this time. The operation is entirely funded by donations. Hands of Hope is the Mission of the Month for December. Prayerfully consider supporting this new, international mission.

You can find additional information on Hands of Hope online at [Hands-of-Hope.com](http://Hands-of-Hope.com) and on Facebook.



## Groceries Give Back - Holiday Edition

This year has been a tough one for our gift card program! But with Christmas right around the corner, our grocery and gas cards would make great gift or stocking stuffers for anyone. When you purchase a grocery or gas card as a gift, you are giving a gift twice, one to your recipient and one to missions giving. Sales as of the middle of November for the year are just over **\$8,250** and we have earned over **\$409**. We have distributed **\$19,800** through missions since inception, 2010. Don't forget to purchase your Giant or Weis grocery card when you are shopping for your holiday meals and a Sheetz card when you travel to see loved ones. Did you know that these cards don't expire? Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase your cards. Thank you for supporting this program. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





## **December Events**

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS!

**Christmas Eve Service** - Saturday, Dec. 24, 6:00 P.M.

We will start the service together, have a children's sermon before the main message, and then children will be dismissed to a **Birthday Party for Jesus!**

**Christmas Morning Service** - Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 A.M.

Children will stay with parents to enjoy the Christmas Day service.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas Story with the children!



I want to wish everyone a very happy & blessed Christmas season!  
Thank you all for such a wonderful year!  
Amanda

## **Upcoming Events**

January – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class



## **December Youth Events**

**Dec. 4** - Youth Sunday School; Christmas Caroling 5-8 P.M.

**Dec. 11** - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group

**Dec. 16 & 17** - "A Journey to Bethlehem", 6 - 8:30 P.M. at the Cleona Campmeeting 3854 Hill Church Road, Lebanon, PA 17046

**Dec. 18** - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group Christmas Party  
Bring a friend and a \$5 gift for a gift exchange game.

**Dec. 25** - Merry Christmas, Our Savior is Born!  
No youth activities.

Jon's cell phone – 717-202-7789

Email – js200@Cairn.edu

Times (unless listed otherwise):

Sunday School, 9 - 10 A.M. Youth Group, 6 - 8 P.M.



In December we will begin a class with J.R. Greear, on the Right Now Media Series entitled "Advent". The Christmas story is more than a sentimental myth or a quiet manger scene we use to decorate our living rooms. The story is the good news of God entering into our darkness. In this four-week series, he'll take a deeper look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father and the Great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story; the arrival of Jesus changes everything!!

January 8, we'll start a new four-week series with Mark Draper, discussing the biblical perspective on homosexuality (building on the series he did about five years ago here) and how that is intertwined with the rift in the United Methodist Church. Look for more information in the January newsletter, please.

# *Special Christmas Services*

## Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

Join us as the cantata choir presents this year's Christmas Cantata,  
"There's a Song in the Air"

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## Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

## Contemporary Service/Children's Program - 6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

A contemporary service including music, candlelighting, and the sermon, "The Sights of Christmas" which will conclude the Advent series, A Sense-Sational Christmas. There will be a children's sermon after which the children will leave the service to have a Birthday Party for Jesus.

## Music Recital - 10:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Join us as musicians from the church present musical preludes leading up to the 11 P.M. Candlelight Service.

## Traditional Candlelight Service - 11 P.M. in the Sanctuary

A traditional Candlelight Service including Christmas carols, the choir, candlelighting and the sermon, "The Sights of Christmas" which will conclude the Advent series, A Sense-Sational Christmas.

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## Unity Services

There will only be ONE service on each of these Sundays.

Christmas Day - 10:30 A.M. This will be a short service featuring the singing of Christmas carols and the hearing of some of their histories. This will NOT be a preaching service, however Pastor Tim will present a children's sermon.

## **CUMC Goes Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 5 P.M.



Everyone is encouraged to join in this awesome Christmas tradition. This year we will be caroling for our shut-ins. We will meet at the church at 5 P.M. and use the church bus to travel to our local shut-ins to bring them some Christmas cheer. After we have sung until we can't sing anymore, everyone is invited to come back to the church for cookies and hot cocoa from 7:30 – 8:00 P.M. Please plan to join us for this wonderful event.



### **Missionary Addresses**

If you would like to send a Christmas card or note of encouragement to our missionaries, please use the addresses below:

Hands of Hope  
Greg & Anita Giagnocavo  
PO Box 7556  
5771 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, FL 33081

DiscipleMakers  
TJ & Kate Renninger  
365 Science Park Road  
State College, PA 16803

Rob Donley  
710 South Lincoln Ave.  
Lebanon, PA 17042

-or-

Friends in Action  
Rob Donley  
PO Box 323  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## **Office Closed and Vacation**

The church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> to allow our staff some well-deserved time off during the holiday season. All information for the bulletin and announcements for that week should be submitted to the church office no later than 9 A.M. on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.



## **Christmas Music**

### **Christmas Eve Music Recital**

Singers and instrumentalists are wanted to perform a song during the 10:30 P.M. Music Recital on Christmas Eve prior to the 11 P.M. Candlelight Service.

Sign the sheet outside of the choir room by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> if you would like to perform. It is important for us to know as soon as possible who will be performing. If you have any questions, contact:

Jennifer Trexler in the church office at 717-272-0148 or at [cornwallumc@comcast.net](mailto:cornwallumc@comcast.net).



Due to changes made by Facebook on how we can Livestream, we are making some changes on how you can watch the

Traditional Service online. Although this is new and we are still having some problems, you can watch it either at 10:30 Sunday morning, or at any time after that. If you are reading this electronically, to watch on Facebook, click on: [Cornwall UMC | Facebook](#). To watch on You Tube, click on: [Cornwall United Methodist Church - YouTube](#)

If you are reading this on a paper copy of the Caller, open Facebook on your device and search for Cornwall UMC or open You Tube and search for Cornwall United Methodist Church PA.

As we work on resolving some of the glitches, there may be some delay between the start of the service and the availability to watch on-line. Once everything has been resolved, we hope to make all three services available on both You Tube and Facebook.

### Staff Gifts

The Christmas Season will be here before we know it. The Staff Parish Relation Committee would like to continue honoring Pastor Tim and the rest of the church staff with a monetary Christmas gift. If you wish to contribute, please put your contribution in an envelope (attention Jean Bonneville) in the Sunday offering, drop off at the church office, or mail to Jean Bonneville, 57 Strathford Drive, Lebanon, 17042 on or before December 12<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be presented Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. **Make checks payable to Jean Bonneville.** Please note that checks should **NOT** be made payable to Cornwall United Methodist Church and that this voluntary gift is not tax-deductible.

Thank you.

Gayle Kohl  
Staff Parish Relation  
717 269-0210



## *Organist Needed*



### Immediate Opening: Church Organist

Many of you are aware that we are in need of a church organist. This job includes playing for the Traditional Service, other special services and accompanying the choir. If you or someone you know is musically talented and interested in this position, please see the church bulletin board for the job description or speak with Pastor Tim for direction.



## 2023 Altar Flowers

The 2023 flower calendar is now posted in the first floor link. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, sign up for the Sunday you would like and the secretary will contact you close to your date to get your information. The cost is \$30. If you are not currently attending church in person but would like to sign up for a specific date or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at:

717-272-0148

or

[Cornwallumc@comcast.net](mailto:Cornwallumc@comcast.net)



### Website Help

As of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, Marcia Riegler won't be involved with the website. She has had very competent help from Chris Ritchie and wants to find someone to help him as he continues with the website. This work involves uploading and downloading content from Dropbox or FB and can be done from home. It is a very easy drag and drop format and is not difficult if you are familiar with computers. Training will be provided. Contact Marcia Riegler at 717-389-5344 for more info.



Thank you to everyone who helped make soup and baked goods for the Election Day soup and bake sale. A profit of \$1,392.53 went to the church's General Fund. The soup was so popular that we sold out before noon and had to quickly make more! By the end of the day we sold 151 quarts of soup. Thanks to Sue Brimmer, Jean Ladd, Jen Trexler, Kathy Snavelly and Nancy Spotts who helped to make the soup. Special thanks to Sue Brimmer who came in Election Day to help quickly make more chicken corn noodle soup and to Kathy Snavelly who went home and made creamy coconut carrot ginger soup to sell after we sold out of everything else. There are 2 quarts of the creamy coconut carrot ginger soup in the freezer that are for sale. This soup is dairy free. Contact Jen in the church office if you would like to purchase them.

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Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent encouraging notes and cards, gifts of food during Bob's long hospitalization and your expressions of sympathy and love after his homegoing. Your expression of Christian love did not go unnoticed by friends who came for his Celebration of Life Service. We feel very blessed to be a part of this church family.

Nancy, for the Ladd Family

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Thank you! To everyone who has donated during the Noisy Offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Your Noisy Offering goes to fund scholarships for our children & youth to attend summer camp at Gretna

Glen or other UMC Conference Camps. This year Noisy Offering was able to help six of our kids go to camp and funded \$1,225.00 worth of Scholarships!!! Thank you for being faithful to this wonderful offering!

## **Offering Counters Needed**

We are in need of some additional people to join our counting teams. The teams count one Sunday per month and it usually takes about 1 – 1 ½ hours on Sunday after all of the services end. If you are interested in joining a team please contact Jamie Martin (717-821-7238 or [jamartin32@comcast.net](mailto:jamartin32@comcast.net))

## Offering Envelopes



Your 2023 offering envelopes will be available to pick upon Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the church. If you are not currently attending services in person, please contact the church office to arrange to get your envelopes. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please contact Chris Tompkins at 484-802-8272. Please DO NOT use your green 2023 envelopes until the new year.

Please note that the missions/missionaries listed on the envelopes for January and October have changed. A label included inside the box lid showing the new mission for January and missionary for October.



## **From Finance.....**

Our total General Fund income for the first ten months of 2022 was \$318,154 which was \$213 more than we had projected, and \$18,324 more than that for the same period in 2021. What a testament to the commitment and generosity of this congregation!

Expenses continue to lag behind the budget. Total General Fund expenses for the first ten months were \$307,459 as opposed to the budget of \$327,902. Last year the expenses for this same period were \$295,378. We have been diligent in trying to keep expenses down but there have been a number of repairs that needed to be done. Additionally, we are now experiencing some of the contract and utility increases that we knew would happen in the second half of the year.

Currently, we are trying to develop a budget for 2023. Most of the projected expenses have been completed and we are waiting for Stewardship to give us an estimate of giving. Please keep all of our congregation in your prayers, especially in this difficult process. Remember, a steward is responsible for managing not their own possessions, but those of another. In our faith, we are stewards for God.

Thanks to all the faithful members of this congregation and praise to the Lord Almighty for his blessings.

James Brimmer, Finance Chair.



# December 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Choir 7:30pm BSA Roundtable mtg.	2	3 Praying Hands 9:30am Cantata practice 9:30 am
4 Communion Girl Scouts 3-4:30pm and 6-7:30pm Christmas Caroling 5pm Men's Group 7pm	5 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	6 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	7 Women's Bible Study 10am @ Gretna Glen	8 LCCM Noon Meal Choir 7:30pm	9 Parents' Night Out 6-8pm	10 Cantata practice 9:30am
11 Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	12 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	13 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 10am	15 Choir 7:30pm Trustees 7pm	16 Sanctuary reserved for set-up	17 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved for Eagle Scout ceremony till 1:30pm Cantata practice 1pm
18 Christmas Cantata 10:30am Youth Group Party 6pm Girl Scouts 3-4:30pm and 6-7:30pm	19 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	20 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	21 Women's Bible Study 10am	22 Choir Practice 7:30pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Family service 6pm Christmas Eve Recital 10:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11pm
25 Unity Service 10:30am  CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31



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### **Hoss's Fundraiser**

Lebanon County Christian Ministries will be partnering with Hoss's Family Restaurant during Hoss's Community Fundraiser. It will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you decide to have dinner at the restaurant please let them know you are supporting *group #127367*.



### **Parents' Night Out**

Cadette Troop #70111 will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on December 9th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the church. Children ages 4-8 are invited for a night of games, crafts and fun. Please use the following link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A4AB2DA5FF2-parents>