



THE CALLER

April 2025

"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"

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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....

Who is Jesus to you? When Jesus was walking around Caesarea Philippi with his disciples He asked them what other people said about Him. They responded by saying others think He is a teacher or prophet. Jesus directly asked the disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" It is easy for us to say what others are saying, but we need to answer this question for ourselves. Who do you say Jesus is? For you, is He teacher, prophet, friend, shepherd? Is He Lord and Savior? How does your response inform you and guide you on how to live life here on earth? What difference does it make?

During this season of Lent, we are on a journey with Jesus through our sermon series titled, "Jesus the Stranger." For centuries, people had been searching for the Messiah to come rescue them and usher them into a new kingdom with peace, prosperity, justice, and restoration. They were looking for the Messiah to come save them, but when Jesus – God Incarnate – came to earth they rejected Him.

As Jesus began his ministry, He spoke with authority, healed people, cast out demons, and spent time with the tax collectors, the sinners, the outcasts. As Jesus traveled from village to village, He continued to preach the Good News of love, grace, and salvation. Jesus taught us how to live a life that is worthy and righteous, one that is full of meaning and purpose. Jesus was all about bringing new life to people here and now and for all of eternity. He wanted everyone to come to know about the love of God to be saved. However, Jesus challenged their social mores through His radical love and grace. People questioned about who He was and the Pharisees even plotted to have him arrested and killed.

Jesus said to the disciples, "*But who do you say that I am?*" Simon Peter answered, "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*"

(Matthew 16:15–16)

Like Peter, we proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. It is this Jesus who humbled himself and died on the cross. Out of His love for us, He bore our sins and shame so that we can enjoy full relationship with God. Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for each of us...that is love. Through Christ Jesus, we have been redeemed. Therefore, we need to be intentional on living a life that is pleasing to God, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

During this season of Lent and as we prepare for Easter, when we proclaim, "Christ is risen; He has risen, indeed!" May we take time to reflect on Jesus – the Messiah, the Son of God, Lord and Savior. Who is Jesus to you? Keep your eyes turned upon Jesus. Keep focused on the cross.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:39)

April Mission of the Month

Heart & Hand Mission Trip, submitted by Amanda Hollich

"For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve."

Mark 10:45

Cornwall UMC has been supporting a mission trip to West Virginia for more than 20 years now! We have built numerous houses, handicap ramps, new roofs, car-worthy bridges, plumbing, and many other smaller projects. These projects make a real impact in the communities and for the families we served. We often work alongside those benefiting from our projects, giving us the opportunity to see our sacrifices become a blessing in their lives. These years of work have happened because of the generous support of this congregation.

Everyone, no matter their skill level, is welcomed and encouraged to take this opportunity to embrace His call. This mission was originally a youth group trip, but in recent years, youth attendance has dwindled. We love seeing the younger generation come into their own and step out of their comfort zone. It's a fantastic learning environment. Youth should have a designated guardian unless going into high school. Please consider joining the team for the first time or returning for another year.

Your donations in April will be graciously accepted and we look forward to sending our church's warm heart to West Virginia once again this year! Please keep those whom we will serve in your prayers as well as those who are volunteering.

Would you like to join us? Contact Andrew Pasquale, 717-507-8206 or Amanda Hollich, 717-228-8139 for details. It is a week that could change your life!



Celebrate Mother's Day with a Homemade Pie

Although our takeout dinner was very successful last year (and we hope to repeat again next year), due to volunteer availability, we cannot offer it this year. Instead, we'll be offering homemade pies for takeout that Sunday. So you can go out for a meal if you like, and have dessert at home. All pies freeze well too! Your choice of:

- Apple Crumb Pie
- Blueberry Crumb Pie (frozen)
- Derby Pie with Pecans and Chocolate Chips
- Strawberry Ice Cream Pie with Graham Cracker Crust
- Chocolate Mint Chip Ice Cream Pie with Graham Cracker Crust (with Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookies)
- Peach Crumb Pie
- Peanut Butter Pie with Chocolate Graham Cracker Crust

Our ice cream pies feature flavors from Patches Creamery! How's that for a choice!?! Funds raised go to mission projects. Order using the form contained in your church bulletin by **APRIL 27**. You can also enjoy slices of some of those pies at the Second Sunday concert Mother's Day evening at church!



*LCCM
Food Bank
Wish List*

Whole Grain Pasta
(1 lb. boxes)

Rice (1 lb. bags or boxes)

Flour and Sugar
(1 lb. or 2 lb. bags or boxes)

Canned Fruit
(15 oz. cans in fruit juice)

Canned Tuna, Chicken & Salmon (approx. 9 oz. cans)

Chicken & Tuna Salad Kits

Spaghetti Sauce
(24 oz. cans)

Diced Tomatoes
(24 oz. cans)

Boxed Cereal
(healthy varieties)

Boxed Oatmeal

Ground Coffee
(10-12 oz. bags or tubs)

Tea Bags (small boxes)
(approx. 20 bags)

Keurig Coffee & Tea Pods

Salad Dressing

Olive Oil and Cooking Oil

Ketchup

Mayo

Mustard

Assorted Seasonings

Soup (low-sodium preferred)

These are the most needed now. However, all non-perishable food items are welcome. The food bank **cannot** accept expired items.

All items can be placed in the grocery cart in the link.



UPCOMING EVENTS



10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12th @ 3:00 P.M. (Rain Date April 19th, rain or shine)

The Easter Egg Hunt is recommended for Children 0 – 12 years old, but if your teen wants to join us, we would love to have them. Each age group is started separately so parents with different aged children can see the fun.

VBS Planning

We're planning another VBS in the Park & we need your help! We plan to have a VBS planning meeting in May after services; watch the bulletin for more information or contact Amanda Hollich if you would like to find out how you can be a part of VBS 2025!



Youth Group

April Schedule

- April 6th** - Sunday School; Youth Group
- April 13th** - Sunday School; Youth Group
- April 20th** - No Sunday School; No Youth Group - Happy Easter!
- April 27th** - Sunday School; Youth Group 5-7 P.M. Mini Golf at Mt. Gretna Golf. Meet at the church at 4:45 P.M., return around 7 P.M.



Times (unless listed otherwise):

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

Need to contact Jon?

email: js200@cairn.edu, cell phone: 717-202-7789

Summer



We are happy to announce that we are again able to provide scholarships to our children and youth for summer camp.

Scholarships are for **half the cost** of camp up to \$225. (e.g., if camp cost is \$500, scholarship will be \$225; camp cost, \$350, scholarship will be \$175).

After registering, please submit a copy of your Statement of Account (available from the camp website) so that the church can pay its portion.

Holy Week and Easter



April 13 - Palm Sunday

Come wave palms as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at all three of our worship services.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Experience

Join us as we experience and learn the meaning behind parts of the Seder/Passover meal. You will then be invited into the Upper Room to receive communion with Jesus and the disciples. Groups will be guided through the experience beginning at 7 P.M. (do not arrive early).

The last group will start at 7:40. Enter at the door to the old building. The church bus will pick up at Gateway and Laurel Place at 7:15 P.M.

April 18 - Good Friday

Meditation

CUMC will be open for a time of personal meditation in the chapel. Come and go as you wish from 12-3 P.M. Packets will be available to help guide your meditation.

Service

7 P.M. at Mt. Gretna UMC
4th St &, Boehm Ave, Mt Gretna, PA 17064
Speaker, Rev. Lisa Flory

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Colorful Easter flowers will decorate each worship service and a brass ensemble will accompany the hymns during the 10:30 service. Join us as we celebrate the risen Lord through Word and song in all three worship services.



Upcoming Mid-Week Lenten Services

April 2

at **Grace UCC**
1000 S. 5th St.
Lebanon, PA 17042
Speaker, Rev. David
Jones, St. Mark's UCC

April 9

at **Rocherty UMC**
255 Village Dr.
Lebanon, PA 17042
Speaker, Rev. Ruthann
Seibert, Grace UCC

Cornwall Manor will be providing transportation for manor residents who sign up.



Easter Flowers

Each Easter we are filled with joy as we behold the beauty of our services filled with flowers. Once again we will be selling flowers to decorate all our worship areas on Easter Sunday, April 20. See the order form included with the Caller.



The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22, for the Easter holiday.

Creation Sunday: April 27

All three services will be featuring an environmental theme on Sunday, April 27 with Pastor Deanna and our EarthKeeper, Kathy Snavelly. You'll hear about an exciting new project being undertaken with Cornwall Borough and Cornwall Manor which will also be a hands-on experience for youngsters, teens and adults who choose to volunteer for this program. We are also collecting used electric shavers this month to be recycled. (See article below)



Electric Shaver Collection for Earth Month

Have an old electric shaver you'd like to recycle? They have many components, like batteries and circuit boards that should not go in the landfill. We'll have a marked box in the Narthex area to collect your unwanted shavers, which we will ship to a free recycling center in Florida. If you'd like to help pay for shipping, please give your donation to our Church's EarthKeeper, Kathy Snavelly.



Greetings in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ to the brothers and sisters of Cornwall United Methodist Church from your Administrative Board. We are advising that there will be a light luncheon meeting for all members and active participants of CUMC on Sunday, May 4th in the Fellowship Hall

immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review and have discussion regarding the following three documents:

- Faith Statement for Cornwall United Methodist Church
- Cornwall United Methodist Church – Who Are We?
- A Covenant between Cornwall United Methodist Church and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

These three documents will be provided to those with addresses in the church system in a mailing to occur by mid-April. Copies will also be available in the church office. We want to be very transparent about what CUMC has communicated to and has been agreed upon by the West District Superintendent and the Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. We look forward to being with you on May 4th.

Yours in Christ,
Cornwall UMC Administrative Board



Streaming Update

Due to ongoing problems with Facebook, the 8 A.M. Informal Service (along with the Contemporary and Traditional services) is now being streamed on our YouTube channel, Cornwall United Methodist Church. Anyone can access YouTube by going to YouTube.com; no account is needed. All three services can be accessed under the 'Live' tab. Although an account isn't needed to view the worship videos, we encourage you to "Subscribe" to the channel so that you will receive a notification when we are live-streaming. If you have any questions or need help to access the services, please contact the church office at 717-272-0148.



On Sunday, May 18 we would like to take time to recognize those in our church who have graduated or will be graduating!

If you or your child are graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please let us know! Contact the church office ASAP to let us know when and where you will be graduating from as well as your future plans.

717-272-0148 or Cornwallumc@comcast.net

Undies for Easter - UPDATE

The EPA UMC Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice Team is collecting briefs, undershirts and socks for inmates in the Philadelphia Prison System. All donations must be made online via their Amazon Wish List and need to arrive before Palm Sunday, April 13. To purchase, click the link below to go to the Undies for Easter Gift Registry on Amazon.com. The ship to address will automatically be entered.

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/JFS85IUQBNMR?ref=gr_search_page_result

Update from conference: While the closet is slowly filling, we are not quite halfway to our goal of providing 2,000 briefs, shirts, and socks packages. With just a few weeks left until Holy Week, we were beginning to get anxious. Fortunately, a generous benefactor has emerged with an energizing challenge. They will match every package of undershirts purchased, up to 75 packages. The challenger will only match purchases until April 8, so don't wait.



DoGood with the Honeybees

Our senior single ladies are headed to DoGood's Tavern in Myerstown for lunch on Tuesday, April 15. Meet at the church to share a bus ride (driven by Bob Doll) at 12:30 P.M. We'll enjoy a short program on Easter as well. Please call/text Kathy Snavelly for reservations by April 13 at 717-507-2667.

Adult Sunday School Class: Continuing their Study of Romans

Join us Sundays at 9 A.M. in room 60 for a lively discussion of Paul's letter to the church at Rome, where there are striking similarities to our church today. While Paul may sound like he's "double-speaking", we'll clear up what may sound confusing and thresh out the application for our lives.






Men's Choir

All men are invited to sing in a men's choir for Mother's Day, May 11th. The men will sing in the 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service. You will be able to sit with your families during the service. If you would like to sing, please let Mike Brimmer, 717-679-0504 or Jen Trexler, 717-277-8968, know. We will have a few short practices at times to be determined.



April 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	2 Women's Bible Study 10am Mid-Week Lenten Service at Grace UCC 7pm	3 Bible2School BSA Roundtable 7pm Choir 7:30pm	4	5 Praying Hands 9:30am
6 Communion Girl Scouts 1:30-7:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	7 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	8 LCCM Noon Meal Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	9 Women's Bible Study 10am Mid-Week Lenten Service at Rocherty UMC 7pm	10 Bible2School Bible2School Parent's Night 6pm Choir 7:30pm	11	12 Easter Egg Hunt 3pm Young Adults Bowling at Palmyra 2pm
13 Palm/Passion Sunday Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Finance Mtg. 7pm	15 Honeybees lunch @DoGood's 1pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	16 Women's Bible Study 10am	17 Maundy Thursday Experience at CUMC 7pm 	18 Good Friday meditation time at CUMC 12-3pm Good Friday Service at Mt. Gretna UMC 7pm 	19 Egg Hunt Rain Date
20 Easter Sunday 	21 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: red;">Church Office Closed</div>	22 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	23 Women's Bible Study 10am COM mtg. 7pm	24 Trustees 7pm Choir 7:30pm	25	26 Bikers Blessing on Parking Lot - noon
27 Youth Group 4:45pm Men's Group 7pm	28 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Ad Board 7pm	29 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	30 Women's Bible Study 10am			

Attention Everyone
age 60 and over

Our annual XYZ 'Celebrating Life Spectacular' Luncheon is at hand and everyone in the church 60 and over is encouraged to attend. We need **you** to come help us honor those in our congregation who have reached the milestone of 80 years plus.

Come and enjoy a fine dining experience of excellent food, table service, mood music, and entertainment. A Freewill Offering will be received to cover catering costs.

Food allergies and restrictions or a vegan menu can be accommodated upon request when making your reservation. Reservations are required; see info in side block or fill out a form from the Sunday bulletin insert.

The Cornwall Church XYZ Fellowship invites you to
Celebrating Life Spectacular

"Honoring our 80 and older Friends & Members"

Who: Everyone 60 years of age and older

Where: Cornwall UMC Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, May 3, 2025

11:30 A.M. - Gathering & Social Time

12:00 P.M. - Catered Hot Lunch w/piano music

1:00 P.M. - Musical Entertainment and
recognition of 2025 Honorees

Cost: Freewill Offering for Catered Meal

*Transportation is available for Cornwall Manor residents
and our other friends who no longer drive. Indicate
need when making your reservation.*

Reservations required: Contact Sue or Jim Brimmer at
717-273-6224 or jbrimmer1675@gmail.com

Deadline for reservations is **Friday, April 18th**



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