



THE CALLER

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"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"

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From the Pastor....

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. (II Thessalonians 3:5)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Whew, what a year it has been as we turn our calendars from 2023 to 2024. Honestly, where has the time gone? We have accomplished many things this past year. The days, weeks, and months were full of activity as we continued with the daily grind of life here on earth. Take time to pause and reflect on the past year. What are some of the blessings? What are some of the challenges? How have you grown this past year? What are you learning? What are you looking forward to in this coming year? Take time to reflect on the goodness and love of God. Know and be affirmed that God is with you. For our God is a faithful God. Our God is ever present. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever and forever.

As I reflect on this past year, I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve in ministry with you. You have truly been a blessing in my life and in Bob's life. We are grateful for you and for the love of Christ that is evident through your words, actions, and very presence. We continually thank and praise God for you. You are caring and compassionate; you are a joy. Thank you! Cornwall UMC truly lives up to the phrase, "A Stone Church with a Warm Heart." We have each experienced many different transitions this year. As for me, the year didn't go as I had originally planned, but God was at work creating a new plan for my life and for our lives. I can definitely see how God was at work in my life this past year. I hope and pray you can also see how God has been present with you and at work in your life.

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.***

As I reflect on the past year, the passage from Joshua 4 keeps coming to mind. It was in this chapter when the Israelites finally crossed through the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Finally, they would no longer be wandering in the wilderness. They followed God and God led them to the Promised Land. God provided a way for them and they received their promises. After crossing the Jordan River, God told Joshua to have 12 men, one man from each tribe, to pick up a stone and to lay it at the camp that night. It is important to note that these stones were not from the shores of the riverbed, but these stones were picked up from the center of the river. This indicates how the Israelites were able to cross the river on dry ground. There were 12 stones that were placed and served as a

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Volunteers Needed

A new sign-up poster for the first six months of 2024 is located on the wall above the grocery cart in the link. We have a standing date of the 2nd Thursday of each month, except August. Usual time commitment is from 9:15 A.M. to approximately 2:00 P.M. but other times can be arranged.

January 11	April 11
February 8	May 9
March 14	June 13

***Especially needed are volunteers for:
Thursday, January 11th***

Please add your name to one or more of the dates listed. Call Sue Brimmer at 717-273-6224 for information.

You don't need to know how to cook. Especially needed is someone who can lift & carry pans or help with clean-up. We could also use someone just for sweeping and wet mopping the floors from 2:00 - 2:30 PM.



Groceries Give Back - 2023 in Review

This year will be the last for our current gift card program. We still have a few cards for Sheetz (\$100) available! We would love to deplete these remaining cards before starting a new program. The Groceries Give Back program sold over \$5,050 in grocery and gas cards in 2023 and to date over \$487,810. This has earned the church over \$22,039 of which \$19,800 has been used to help fund mission projects. Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase these last few cards. Thank you for supporting this program. Happy New Year!



RaiseRight Gift Card Program

Our November Scrip gift card program order for the holidays was a success again. We had cards totaling \$8,600 and we earned \$297.06 that will go to our General Fund. Thank you to everyone who ordered cards through this program.



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 and
Salmon** (approx. 9 oz. cans)

Chicken and 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
(small boxes, approx.
10 bags)

Salad Dressing

Olive Oil

Ketchup

Mayo

Mustard

Soup (low-sodium preferred)

These are the items most needed right now. However, all non-perishable food items are always welcome. Please note that the food bank **cannot** accept expired items.

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

Honeybees: Italian Night

We'll meet on Wednesday, January 19 at the church at 4:30 P.M. and be chauffeured to Palmyra's Lazzaro's Italian Bistro, where we'll order from the menu. Everyone will pick up their own tab. Contact Kathy Snavelly at 717-507-2667 or at info@lightkeeper.net by January 12 if you'll be joining us. And of course, friends are welcome!



Young Adults to Hit the Lanes

We'll meet at the Palmyra Bowling Alley on Thursday, January 11 at 7 P.M. and see who can sandbag the rest of the group! Text Kathy Snavelly at 717-507-2667 if you'd like to join the group for a few games!



Sunday Adult Studies: The Beatitudes

During January and February, we'll be exploring the Beatitudes at 9 A.M. Sunday mornings. This Right Now Media Series is led by Matt Chandler, Lead Pastor at The Village Church in Flower Mound, TX.

What does it mean to be blessed? And, more importantly, how do we become someone who is blessed? The kind of life God is calling us to may not look the way we imagined, but it will be better than we could have hoped. In this eight-session series, Pastor Chandler takes us through the Beatitudes and shows us what it means to live in the kingdom of God. Through Jesus's teaching, learn what the blessed life really looks like.

Links to the video can be emailed to you, if you're not able to make it on a Sunday morning – so you won't miss a session!



Monday Women's Bible Study Book of James

The Monday afternoon Women's Bible Study invites you to join them for a short, free, six-week Bible study, "*Affectionate Admonitions*" by Marilyn Miller. We will begin on Monday, January 15th, from 1:30-3:00 P.M. in our new location, Room. 104 (1st floor, original building).

Come and examine with us the book of James, an "Instruction Manual" for living out our faith. Perhaps the practical ideas, which he wrote so many centuries ago, are exactly what we still need to hear today.

This would be a great way to ease into Bible Study and see if it's a fit for you. There is no pressure to participate; just come and observe if you wish. Can't make it on January 15th? Don't worry, you can come at any time. New faces are always welcome. Call Sue Brimmer (717-273-6224) if you have any questions.





Thank you to everyone who came out to Christmas carol! We had over 20 people help us sing to six CUMC families! It was a joyous event!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are looking forward to an AMAZING 2024 with the kids of Cornwall UMC!!

JANUARY EVENTS

First Communion Class – Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.

We would like to invite any child in 1st grade or above who has not taken their 1st communion to join us on January 28th at 3:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. We will discuss the importance of having communion with our church family and tell the story of why we take communion. Parents, godparents, and siblings are welcome to join us. Please look for the insert to register your child in upcoming bulletins.



Youth Group

January Schedule

January 5-6 - Youth Lock In, 8 P.M. - 8 A.M.

January 7th - Sunday School, Youth Group

January 14th - Sunday School, soup preparation during the Sunday School time, Youth Group

January 21st - Sunday School, soup preparation during the Sunday School time, Serve soup in the youth room after service, Youth Group @ Gretna Glen, 4-6:30 P.M.

January 28th - Sunday School, Youth Group



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



Soup

In January, the youth are making soup to share with the church. On Sunday, January 21st everyone is invited to stop by the youth room (on the lower level of the old building) following the church services for a small taste of soup made by the youth of our church. While there, take some time to check out the youth room and get to know some of the AMAZING youth that we have at Cornwall UMC. Watch for more details in the January bulletins.

2024 Altar Flowers

The 2024 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 cornwallumc@comcast.net or at 717-272-0148.



Thank you.....

... to the congregation from the staff, for the monetary gifts they received on Sunday, December 24 as well as all the cards and treats dropped off in the office. Each year, the Cornwall Church family is extremely generous in providing Christmas gifts for the church staff and it is greatly appreciated.

... to everyone who participated in our worship during the Advent/Christmas season. Our coming together to sing, pray, and celebrate was enhanced by those who shared their leadership and musical gifts. Thanks to all who served in this way.

... to Mike Brimmer, Tara Zimmerman, Irv Snively and all the singers who helped with this year's Christmas cantata. It was a joy to have 32 singers representing all three worship services come together to celebrate the birth of Christ through song.

... to all those who helped decorate our church so beautifully for Christmas. It takes a lot of people working together to accomplish this huge task.

... to the following ladies who delivered poinsettias to the shut-ins of our congregation: JoAnn Baker, Harriet Doll, Anne Miller, Martha Miller, Jill Risser, & Margaret Sowers.

From the Pastor (cont'd)....

reminder of our mighty and powerful God, who was ever present with the Israelites. I wonder what stones you are picking up and setting down as a reminder of how God is faithful and how God is at work in your life. What reminders do you need?

We serve a God who is faithful. Our God is steadfast, and His promises are true. There will be times when we will face obstacles and challenges. There will be times when we need to cross a Jordan River and we wonder how we will be successful. No matter what it is you are wrestling with, know and be affirmed that you are loved by God and that God is with you always. Often it is when we are stepping out in faith and trusting in God, who is always about making a way for us, when we are able to grow in faith. May our very lives proclaim the glory of God. May we continue to shout the good news of Jesus Christ. How will you remember and celebrate the promises of God?

May you be blessed this day and always.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter



Please remember to throw out your 2023 envelopes. Do **NOT** use your old envelopes in the new year. There are still a few envelopes in the first-floor elevator foyer that need to be picked up. Save us the expense of mailing your envelopes by picking them up ASAP. Instructions for using the envelopes are in each box. If you can't find your box or if you have any questions contact Chris Tompkins at 484-802-8272.



Preserving the Past, Preparing for the Future

Building & Grounds Improvements Campaign

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PURPOSE: To fund significant building and property projects with a 5-year campaign from 01/2019 thru 12/2023.

DONATIONS: Almost \$295K in donations of our \$300K goal.

PROJECTS COMPLETED: Total expended to-date is just under \$249K.

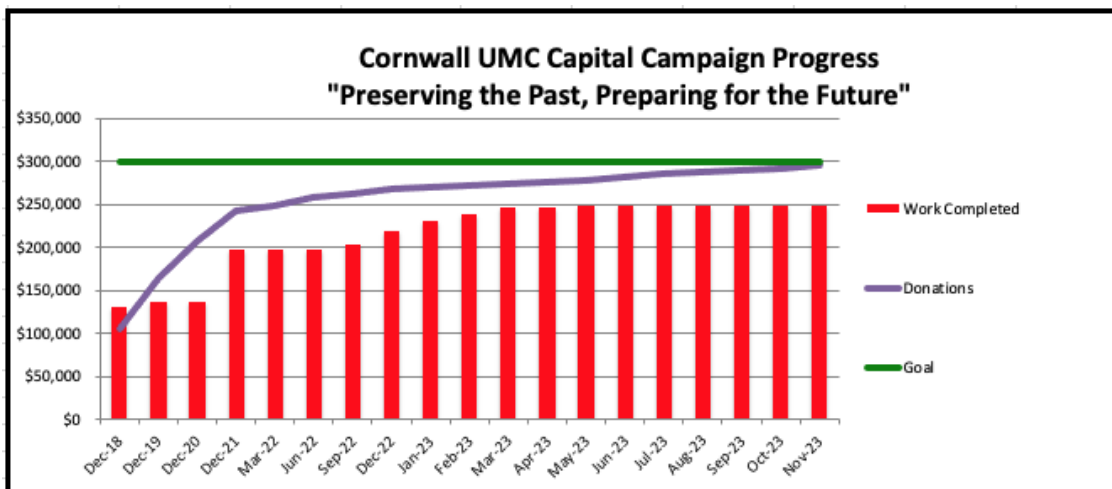
QUESTIONS: Pledges--Stewardship Chair is Chris Tompkins (tbredchris@aol.com)

Campaign--Campaign Chair is Mark Snavelly (snavelym@harringtonhoists.com)

Projects--Trustee Chair is Anna Starner (trusteescumc@gmail.com)

[Give as your finances allow] [Prepared by Chris Sowers, Treas.]

(Stonework \$52,865 was funded by our "Long-Term Reserve Fund" which is to be reimbursed as part of the \$300K goal.)





January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Office Closed	2 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	3 Women's Bible Study at Gretna Glen	4 BSA Roundtable 7pm Choir 7:30pm	5 Youth Lock In	6 Praying Hands 9:30am Choir Party 4:30 pm in FH
7 Epiphany Sunday Communion Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	8 Boy Scouts 7pm	9 Thrivent event 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	10 Women's Bible Study 10am	11 LCCM noon meal Worship mtg. 6pm Young Adult Bowling 7pm Choir 7:30pm	12	13
14 Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	15 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm SPRC mtg. 7pm	16 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	17 Women's Bible Study 10am	18 Trustee mtg. 7pm Choir 7:30pm	19 Honeybees Italian Night 4:30pm	20
21 Soup in the Youth Room Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 4pm Men's Group 7pm	22 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	23 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	24 Women's Bible Study 10am COM mtg. 7pm	25 Choir 7:30pm	26	27
28 1 st Communion class 3pm Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	29 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	30 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	31 Women's Bible Study 10am Missions mtg. 7pm			

The New Retirementality by Retirement Coach Mitch Anthony

Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 P.M. for this vital presentation and conversation in Room 57.

Mitch Anthony, founder and president of Advisor Insights Inc. and the Financial Life Planning Institute, is a topic expert presenter who has spoken to groups of over 10,000 on planning for a meaningful and fulfilling retirement. Mitch will challenge and inspire you to think about:

- Retirement beyond a monetary number.
- Finding balance between money and your purpose.
- Intellectual, spiritual, and physical challenges of retirement.

"You need enough purpose to wake up in the morning and enough money to sleep at night."

—Mitch Anthony

Refreshments will be served at 7:00. The presentation will begin at 7:30.

Please register at the link below. Please contact Pastor Deanna Geiter or Jim Serafin if you have any questions.

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