The Commission on a Way Forward

It is time for me to provide information concerning an issue that is critical to the future of the United Methodist Church. For the past two decades, the UMC, as well as other denominations, has struggled to determine the place and acceptance of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transvestite, and Queer (LGBTQ) community. The debate has to do with the acceptance of the marriage and ordaining of persons in the LGBTQ community.

At the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Council of Bishops was charged to form a study committee that is to provide a report to a special General Conference which has now been determined to be held in February of 2019. The study commission has been named The Commission on a Way Forward. Three models have been proposed as possible solutions. I will quote from a press release detailing the most recent meeting.

By Heather Hahn
Jan. 22, 2018 | UMNS

The Commission on a Way Forward is fleshing out the details of three possible models for how the denomination treats LGBTQ inclusion.

The multinational group, appointed by United Methodist bishops, held its seventh meeting behind closed doors Jan. 18-20 in Dallas.

Each model has its supporters among the 32 commission members with no single plan having a clear majority, commission members told United Methodist News Service.

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The three options, in no particular order, are:

- Affirm the current Book of Discipline language and place a high value on accountability. The church policy book says the practice of homosexuality “is incompatible with Christian teaching” and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.

- Remove the Book of Discipline’s restrictive language and place a high value on contextualization. This sketch also specifically protects the rights of those whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

- Create multiple branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization and justice. This model would maintain shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops.

All three models come with a way for churches to exit the denomination.

While United Methodists have bandied about the first two options in earlier church discussions, the third is different from what comes before.

I invite you to research further and please pray for our church. Further information can be found through the following websites.

newsdesk@umcom.org
https://wesleyancovenant.org
unitingmethodists.com

Worship News
Girl Scout Sunday will be observed March 11th. The Girl Scouts will be participating in the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. They will also provide the snacks for the coffee table in the link, a bake sale, and the sale of Girl Scout Cookies.

Cornwall Church is continuing to participate in the Mid-week Lenten Services of the Southern Lebanon County Council of Churches. The services are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Each service is preceded by a light meal at 6:00 P.M. See the church website, the weekly bulletin, or the schedule provided in the calendar section of this edition of the Caller.

This year’s Maundy (Commandment) Thursday Service on March 29th will feature a dramatization of the Jewish Seder meal. Mr. Tom Maiello will lead us through the Seder meal as he explains the significance of the foods which were a part of the Last Supper meal which Jesus shared with His disciples. The program will begin at 7:00 and be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The community Good Friday Service will be held on March 30th at 1:00 at Zerr Chapel on the campus of Cornwall Manor. The Reverend Dr. Carol Lytch President, Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be our guest speaker.
Join us for “Second Saturday”

Interested in something a little different for your worship? Join us for Second Saturday, beginning March 10, 2018. Second Saturday is a Saturday evening event featuring a light meal, music and a variety of ways in which to worship and fellowship in a casual, café-style setting. The evening will begin at 5:30 P.M. with dinner in the Fellowship Hall. For our inaugural Second Saturday, we will present a drama about a trial for the charge of “Impersonating a Christian” beginning at approximately 6:00 P.M. Second Saturday will be offered once a month for three months. Child care will be available. **There will be no 10:15 A.M. service on the Sunday following this event.** The 10:15 service will resume its normal schedule on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Join us as we integrate new methods of worship and fellowship to bring you closer to Christ. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mark Schappell at [markschapp@yahoo.com](mailto:markschapp@yahoo.com) or 717-454-6519.

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The “Praying Hands” prayer ministry is replacing the currently-installed prayer walls with prayer boxes for more privacy. There is a prayer request box for each worship area, placed on the tables underneath the name tags. Peach-colored prayer request cards will be available beside the boxes.

These boxes are provided for more personal, private prayers; the prayer team will regularly pray over these requests.

The "Praying Hands" would like to share a favorite verse for the beginning of our Lenten journey. Isaiah 57:15 says "For this is what the high and lofty One says---He who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and lofty place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite’.”

So we enter this Lenten season with contrite hearts, comforted that our Beloved Father dwells there with us.

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“Restoration” Support Group

This is an ongoing small group to support folks who have experienced early trauma. The goal is to provide a safe place of listening and encouragement. The group will meet at a discreet location on church grounds. All those who have experienced childhood abuse are encouraged to attend.

**7:00 to 8:30 every other Wednesday**

For more details, interested parties can contact either [rogerfretz@comcast.net](mailto:rogerfretz@comcast.net) or [markschapp@yahoo.com](mailto:markschapp@yahoo.com).

Confidentiality will be emphasized.
Mission of the Month

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

Kathi Caber, Champion

We cannot all be present when disaster strikes. However, during the month of March, we can equip others to go.

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without our mission giving.

UMCOR receives no funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our gifts help cover the agency’s administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100 percent of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. The examples are many — helping rebuild after hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in the U.S.; offering assistance after mudslides in Sierra Leone; and continuing to help survivors of floods and other natural disasters that happened before 2017.

Your gifts to UMCOR as the March Mission of the Month allow The United Methodist Church to respond when disaster strikes.

LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ANNUAL LENTEN BREAKFAST

When: March 24, 2018
Time: 8:00 A.M.
Where: Lebanon Expo Center

This year’s Lenten Breakfast features our own Pastor James Heath as speaker. Here is a bit of information about Pastor Jim that some of us may not know. He was born in Elysburg, PA and raised in a Methodist church. He committed his life to Christ the last day of his sixth grade confirmation class. Only a year later he felt called to the ministry. He graduated from Atlantic Christian College in North Carolina and earned his Masters of Divinity at Moravian Theological Seminary. He has served with the United Methodist Church for over 30 years, including eight years at Elizabethtown. He has been with Cornwall for 15 years. We all know how committed Pastor Jim and Judy are to our church. They have promoted the growth of missions, are very active with the church’s activities and hold a deep interest and involvement in serving the local community.

The music is provided by the Hand Bell Choir from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, under the direction of Mary Beazley.

This is a buffet breakfast catered by Country Home Catering. It is a great time for food, fellowship and receiving spiritual guidance in our own individual Lenten journey.

You don’t want to miss this event!

Tickets are $10 per ticket. They must be purchased in advance. See Karen or Ken Trovinger for tickets. Call 717-272-0641 or LCCM, 717-272-4400.
2018 Mission Trips
Florida to do hurricane relief work – May 5th – 12th
West Virginia for Heart & Hand – June 10th – 15th
Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Judy Heath (717) 951-3915.

Thank you for supporting our

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE
Fundraiser for
Heart & Hand Mission Trip
To date, we have raised approximately $2,000.00
A special thank you to the following soup makers:
  Judy Heath - Pasta e Fagioli
  Tanya Voris - Vegetable Beef
  Jess Kishbaugh - Squash & Pear
  Kathy Snavely - Tomato Basil
  Karen & Ken Trovinger - Ham & Bean
  Bob & Linda Trovinger - Wild Rice & Sausage
  Tanya Voris & Judy Heath - Chili

Endowment Fund Update – 2/15/18
Did you know that our church has an Endowment Fund? It was established in 2009 with a bequest of $25,000. As a result of growth and contributions, it has grown to $64,000. The Fund provides financial support for missions, education and the ministry of the church. This year the Fund will distribute $3,000 to the Mission Fund. Using the blue envelope, you can make a contribution as a gift or in memory or in honor of someone. Please contact Don Coopey or any member of the Endowment Fund Committee for further details.

All church articles and activities notices for the Lebanon Daily News should be submitted to me no later than two weeks before the event. Articles can include information about new Bible study groups, dinners, youth activities, mission trips, etc. Gayle Kohl, 269-0210 or hilde10@comcast.net.
Cornwall United Methodist Church
General Fund
December 31st

**Income:**

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**Income over (under) Expense**

|                                | **$7,159** | **$837** |

Note: In 2016 investment bank policy change gave us two interest payments of over $13,000 in endowment/trust distributions.

**Summary**

Income increased approximately $13,000 in 2017, without unusual items of extra distribution and use of reserves in 2016.

Giving, fundraisers and other increased approximately $10,000

Expenses decreased over $11,000

**Submitted by Chris Sowers**
Kids Korner...

We have exciting news coming your way! On March 18th, the children's ministry program will be introducing the Cornwall Kids' Cove! Our children will be growing their faith in new classrooms with some adjustments in the age range for each class.

- Giggling Guppies (newborn - 3 year olds)
- Talkative Turtles (4 year olds - 1st grade)
- Searching Sharks (2nd grade - 5th grade)

The children will have more fun and better learning opportunities with larger class sizes, enabling the teachers to have large group activities. This will also help us to meet Safe Sanctuary goals with our limited number of volunteers.

Along with this change, we will be moving all of the classrooms.

- Giggling Guppies will move into the old preschool room to have easy access to the children's restroom.
- Talkative Turtles will be in the old 1, 2, 3 room on the lower level.
- Searching Sharks will be in the old Club 54 room.

The current nursery will be used for Scout storage and an extra meeting room.

Lastly, Cornwall Kids' Cove will be introducing “Ty the Tithing Guy!” He is going to be our new way to take offering each Sunday. The children will be able to give their offering to the church through his awesomely cool trunk. Ty is a shop-vac dressed as a fun loving monster and will hopefully be a fun addition to the Cove.

Extra letters with more detailed information will be available for pickup at each service in the beginning of March.

March Events

March 18th - Kickoff of CORNWALL KIDS COVE!!
March 18th - VBS Planning Meeting following the services in Room 58 downstairs.
March 25th @ 3:00 P.M. - 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt
(bags of eggs will be available for church members to fill in the beginning of March)

VBS Planning

We are so excited to announce VBS 2018 is CAMP MOOSE ON THE LOOSE!!!!

Below are all dates for upcoming VBS events.

March 18th - Planning Meeting - following the services in Room 58
April 15th - Planning Meeting - following the services in Room 58
May 20th - Planning Meeting - following the services in Room 58
June 16th - Craft Day - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. - lunch provided
June 24th - Final Planning Meeting - following the services in Room 58
July 7th - Set up Day- 9 A.M. until completion
July 8th - 12th VBS!!

Camp Scholarships

We are happy to announce that we are again able to provide scholarships to our kids for summer camp. We are able to provide scholarships for half the cost of camp up to $225.

(E.g. - Camp costs $450; camp scholarship will be in the amount of $225).
**Homeless Shelter**
Our church will be hosting the emergency homeless shelter again April 9th through 23rd. This mission is coordinated by LCCM to aid individuals who have found themselves homeless for a variety of reasons. We are one of several churches in Lebanon County that opens our doors and welcomes these guests during their time of hardship. There will be an insert in the bulletin starting March 11th. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by March 26th. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Snyder (sjs722@yahoo.com or 717 383-3387). Thank you.

**Groceries Give Back**
Our grocery and gas cards continue to be sold at a steady pace. The Groceries Give Back program has sold over $397,755 in grocery and gas cards to date. This has earned the church over $17,811 that has and will continue to be used to fund mission projects. You are helping this program grow; we have funded $16,800 to date! If you haven’t tried using a grocery card from Musser’s, Giant or Weis or a gas card from Sheetz, give it a try this year. Stop by the table on Sunday or the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase your cards. Thank you for supporting this program.

We are also looking for a couple of people who would be interested in selling cards after the late services. It’s very easy and training is provided! Please contact Tanya Voris at 277-0192 or tanyarv@comcast.net. Thank you!

**We’re Looking for the Bread of Life!**
Our church has been asked to donate a basket to be auctioned at Cornwall Manor’s Blooms and More event on May 5th. (Watch for the full article in next month’s Caller.) I am putting the basket together and am asking if you could donate an item to be included. The theme for our basket is “Bread of Life”. Some of the items could include any devotional items or books, note cards or note pads, a Panera gift card or any other items you might think of. I’m also looking for an artificial loaf of french bread to use as a visual eye catcher!

You can also make a small donation and I will take care of shopping for you. You can bring your item or donation to church by April 22nd and give it to Tanya Voris. If you have any questions, please call me at 717-277-0192 or email tanyarv@comcast.net. Thank you!

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Find us on the web at [www.cornwallchurch.org](http://www.cornwallchurch.org)
and on Facebook as Cornwall UMC, Cornwall, PA
Creationfest.com  June 27 – June 30  Northeast – Mt. Union, PA
Creation 2018 is fast approaching! Creation in a four day Christian Music festival. Please join our group to enjoy a week of the latest Christian artists, speakers, fellowship and camping. Creation is an event for all ages, from child to adult. The cost per person is $220. Fundraisers will be underway to assist with the price of those wishing to attend the festival. If you are interested in going or for more information please contact Crystal Troxell at 717-856-1387 or cmtroxell@yahoo.com. Please sign up as soon as possible; the price for the tickets continues to increase as the event date gets closer.

Fundraisers coming up:

**Cake Pops for Creation**
Once again the youth group will be selling Cake Pops to raise money for a trip to Creation Festival. There will be pre-order forms available in the church bulletins March 4th & 11th and also in the church office. The orders will be available for pick up after church Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. There will be a table set up both Sundays after all services.

**R & K Sub Sale – For Creation Festival**
The youth are going to sponsor a sub & pretzel sandwich sale. Order forms will be in the church bulletins April 8th and 15th, or you can pick up a form in the church office. The orders are due on April 22nd and the sub pickup will be April 29th after church.

**CORNWALL UMC YOUTH GROUP BBQ SALE**
Our last sale to help pay for our trip to the Creation Festival!
Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.
Pickup will be at the grass island off East Walnut Street near the Home Depot in Lebanon. Tickets will be on sale at the Gift Card table in May.

Check out the website [www.cornwallchurch.org](http://www.cornwallchurch.org)
Cornwall UMC is blessed by the generous hearts of so many who support our missions. Below is a summary of the giving over the past three years. May God bless each of you who have been a blessing to those we serve through our mission outreach!

## MISSION GIVING OVER THE YEARS

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In addition to our regular mission giving this year, we also supported the following:

- **Heifer Int’l** $70.00 $140.00
- **Evangelical Seminary** $500.00 $500.00
- **CWS - Crop Walk** $300.00 $500.00
- **Lebanon Rescue Mission** $1,000.00
- **Cornwall Manor (Blooms & More)** $60.00
- **HUB** $300.00 $590.00
- **Cedar Crest High School Students for Christ** $50.00 $50.00

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From the Harvest Home Bazaar profits, $2,894.35 was given to the Mission Committee for their discretion and $1,000 was given to the church General Fund for continued mission support.

The Groceries Give Back program sold a total of over $396,255 in grocery and gas cards. In 2017, proceeds were sent to UMCOR for Hurricane Disaster Relief.

We hosted the Temporary Homeless Shelter twice for two weeks each time.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make all of this possible.

March Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, March 4 - Youth Group, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 11 - Youth Group, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 18 - No Youth Group
Sunday, March 25 - Youth Group, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Would You Like to Help Create the Monthly Newsletter?
Are you creative? Like using clip art? Would you be interested in helping to put together the Caller? We are looking for someone to take over this duty. The articles are sent to you and received by the deadline date in a timely manner for you to create the newsletter. If interested, contact the church office at 717-272-0148 or cornwallumc@comcast.net.

Office Help Wanted
The church is looking for a few new people to staff the church office on Friday mornings for a few hours. Duties include answering phones, stuffing bulletins and other various office tasks. Please contact Kim in the church office @ 717 272-0148, or at cornwallumc@comcast.net, if interested.
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