



THE CALLER

November 2023

"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....

This is such a beautiful time of year as the seasons change. Isn't it beautiful to see the leaves change color? Such a beautiful season, indeed! As the seasons change, I am reminded about the beauty of God's creation. All of creation cries out the glory of the Lord! I am also reminded that seasons will come and go; things in our lives will change, but the good news is that God is the same today as He was yesterday and will be the same tomorrow. For our God is a loving God who is steadfast and faithful. ***"Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever"*** (II Chronicles 16:34). Thanks be to God!

This season is a time for gratitude. We are called to count our blessings and be thankful for God is good. For God is there with us giving us joy and hope. God is with us in our trials and tribulations. God is there comforting us and surrounding us with a community of people who will support us in those difficult times. In this season, may we be aware of how God has truly blessed us with abundance and how He calls us to go out into the world to bless others in Jesus' name.

How have you given God thanks lately? What brings you joy and gladness? How are you sharing the joy of the Lord with others? If you are struggling to answer these questions, pause and take time to clear your mind and go outside to see the beauty of nature which reveals the goodness of God. Take a walk and notice the changing of the leaves. This month, keep a journal by writing one thing each day for which you are grateful. It could simply be a list, a sentence, a paragraph, or a picture drawn.

I am grateful for each and every one of you! I'm grateful for your faithfulness and the many ways you desire to share the love of Jesus with others. I'm grateful for your kindness, caring, and compassion. In this season, may we be grateful that we are the church together and that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. May you be blessed this day and always and may you be a blessing!

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter

November Mission of the Month

Family Life Counseling Center (FLCC), submitted by Lucas Ndaro



Family Life Counseling Center (FLCC) continues to advocate for its slogan that “Strong Families Anchor a Strong Church and Nation.” For over ten

years, FLCC has carried out this advocacy through seminars on the mechanisms of strong marriages, methods of strong family economies, and education for strong family healthcare. On the building of strong marriages, FLCC provides marriage seminars and counseling through our on-site counselors, Mary and Dennis Mashiku.

On the growth of family economies, FLCC provides entrepreneurship seminars. Since Covid in 2020, FLCC halted its annual seminars but is now eager to resume these seminars as soon as funds are available. In the meantime, FLCC runs two programs called Village Community Bank (VICOBA), where group members invest and borrow from shared accounts to start small businesses. This component of FLCC’s ministries is currently going well as VICOBA members continue to invest, borrow, and return a small amount of their benefits to the shared account for others to borrow from. Additionally, reports from

our supervisors show that VICOBA members continue to manage successful small businesses, especially considering the slow economic growth in the country, that enable families to buy basic necessities, pay for school fees and medical bills.

On building healthy families, FLCC runs eye exams to detect cataracts. Cataracts are noted by optometrists and ophthalmologists as the common cause of blindness in Africa. What is a simple surgery in the US is not easily available in Tanzania. For example, in the last three years, I (Lucas) have had cataract surgeries in both eyes, the latest being this last August. In Tanzania, I would have definitely gone blind. Additionally, FLCC would like to provide tests and diagnoses for other health problems like malaria, but this step requires adequate funding and, therefore, awaits God’s provision of funds to buy testing equipment and hiring medical personnel. Hence, FLCC has not been able to manage and run some of these programs successfully for lack of funds. Thankfully, our supervisors, Dennis and Mary Mashiku are both trained nurses; and Dennis is also a trained optometrist. Please, prayerfully, consider supporting FLCC this November for its ministries and staff.



Groceries Give Back



Help us get the remaining cards for Weis and Sheetz sold! We would love to deplete these remaining cards before starting a new program.

With the holidays coming, I’m sure you know a deserving person who could use one of these cards. We have just a few Weis cards and lots of Sheetz cards (mainly \$100 cards). The Groceries Give Back program has had over \$487,085 in grocery and gas cards sales to date, which has earned the church over \$22,010 to fund mission projects, funding to date \$19,800! If you have any questions, please call Tanya Voris – 717-813-8500. Please stop by the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 to purchase cards. Thanks again to those supporting this program.



RaiseRight Gift Card Program for the Holidays

We will once again be offering RaiseRight gift cards for the holidays. Order forms are available now! Forms are available on the church’s website, at church or attached at the end of The Caller. Orders are due Sunday, November 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Voris – 717-813-8500.

Food Drive and Free Lunch

Saturday, November 18 from 1-3 P.M.
Cornwall UMC, Fellowship Hall



Bring a **non-perishable food item(s)** and get a free lunch!
Food items will be donated to the LCCM foodbank.
(The foodbank cannot accept expired items.)

There will be an opportunity for those interested to help
pack personal care kits for LCCM.
These items are being provided by Thrivent.

Thank you to Thrivent for partnering with CUMC
for this wonderful outreach ministry.

Any questions, please see Jim Serafin or Pastor Deanna.



Scouting for Food



Scouts will be distributing information for
Scouting for Food in our area on Sat., Nov. 4th.
Fill a bag (or more) with non-perishable food
items and place it on your front porch by 9 A.M.
on Sat., Nov. 11th for pickup. Due to the large

area that Pack/Troop 415 covers, we are unable to service all
areas. Bags will only be collected from areas where door
hangers were put on doors. As an alternative, donations can be
brought to the church on Sun. Nov. 5th and placed in the grocery
cart. During the week, donations can be dropped off in the
church office during office hours by Friday, Nov. 10th. All food will
be donated to the LCCM food bank. Please note that the food
bank **cannot accept expired items**. If you have any questions
please contact the church office at 717-272-0148.



Young Adults and Honeybees Team Up for College Student "Care Packages".

The Young Adults will gather at 1:30 P.M. in the church kitchen on Sunday, November 26 to bake
cookies for our college students! We will freeze them after cooling. The Honeybees will meet on
Thurs., Nov. 30 at 5 P.M. for a simple soup and salad supper, followed by packing up the goodies and
preparing the packages to send to our college students.

If you would like to donate snacks or small items to be included in the care packages,
contact Kathy Snively at either 717-507-2667; or info@lightkeeper.net. Also, if you're
able to join us on either occasion, please let Kathy know!





Bible Sunday!

November 19th 2023

Bible Sunday is open to any child 1st grade and above who has not received a Bible from the church.

We are also extending this to any youth who has not received a Bible from the church.

Please look for additional information in upcoming bulletins or contact Amanda or Jon for more information.

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!



Events to Look Forward To:

Christmas Caroling
Christmas Pageant

Adult Sunday Morning Class

Throughout the months of November and December, we'll be utilizing a series from the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church entitled Building Beloved Community. This nine-week video series consists of personal reflections shared by a diverse group of Minnesota United Methodists.

Those individuals featured in the videos talk about who they are, what inclusion looks like to them, their hopes for the Minnesota Annual Conference, and how God is calling them to lead. You'll likely be able to relate to parts of some reflections, and others might present a new perspective that's completely different from your own views and/or lived experience. We invite you to watch and talk about these videos with an openness to hear and understand each person's heart and story. Join us in Room 57 at 9 A.M. on Sunday mornings!



Youth Group

November Schedule

Nov. 5 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group - Monopoly game night

Nov. 12 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group

Nov. 19 - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group, Free Youth Evening at Gretna Glen, 4-6:30 P.M. Meet at the church at 3:40 P.M. Return around 6:45 P.M.

Nov. 26 - No Youth Sunday School; No 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



Daylight saving time ends Sun., Nov. 5th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before Sunday morning!



Fall Cleanup

We will be meeting on Sat., Nov. 4th at 9 A.M. to clean up the flowerbeds and rake the leaves in preparation for winter. The more hands we have to help, the quicker we will finish. If you plan to help, bring anything you believe you will need, such as gloves, etc. We have some tools but hopefully not enough for everyone. Hope to see you!



School Prayer Walk – Cornwall Elementary School



On Sat., Nov. 4th at 9:30 A.M. we will gather at the entrance to Cornwall Elementary School *across from the police station) for the quarterly school prayer walk in conjunction with other groups at various schools in Lebanon County. We hope that you will join us in prayer for the students and staff of our adopted school. In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the church's Fellowship Hall for prayer. If you have any questions please contact Roseann McGarvey at 717 675-7799.

Christmas Cantata



Practices for the Christmas cantata, *Emmanuel, God with Us*, will be held Saturdays in November and December, beginning Nov. 4th, at 9:30 A.M. in the chapel. **Everyone is invited to sing even if you can't attend all the practices.** This cantata beautifully combines traditional carols with modern Christmas songs. The cantata will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 24th, during the 10:30 Unity Service. Music and practice CDs can be picked up in the choir room following Sunday services. If you have any questions, contact Mike Brimmer, 717-679-0504 or Jen Trexler in the church office at 717-272-0148.



Scams

There is a growing problem of text scams and email spoofing. Spoofing is the practice of impersonating someone by sending email messages with their name falsely placed in the "From" field. Text scams are texts that appear to be from someone you know. Text scammers especially are getting very good at impersonating the person they are pretending to be. Both text and email scams usually request things such as gift cards or they will ask you to click on a link for information regarding an account with a problem or a package delivery. In most cases it is quite easy to spot these deceptions; they are from a wrong phone number, misspelled names, etc. To be sure, check the email address or phone number, not just the name, in the "From" field, and be suspicious of messages that contain misspellings and unusual statements, questions or requests.

What should you do?

- **DO NOT** give out personal information such as bank account, credit card or social security numbers.
- **DO NOT** click on unknown links.
- **DO NOT** purchase gift cards to send to someone who asks you through text or email; check with that person personally first.
- **DO** report the scams and spoofing to your phone/email provider (the method to do this will vary by provider).
- **DO** report text message by copy and forward the text to 7726.
- **DO** report text messages to the Federal Trade Commission at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

When in doubt – ALWAYS check with the person or company who is supposedly contacting you.

**Lebanon County Christian
Ministries
Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction**

Where: Lebanon Area Evangelical
Free Church
600 Shepherd St.
Jonestown, Pa. 17038

When: November 16, 2023

Cost: \$40/Person
\$500/Sponsor a table
Deadline for ordering tickets
is 11/10/23

Tickets can be purchased by
calling the LCCM office at
(717) 272-4400 ext. 240,
by emailing dant@lccm.us
or contacting our church delegate,
Sandy Snyder 717-383-3387.



Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 8, the following people joined Cornwall United Methodist Church as members. Please take a moment and welcome them to our congregation.

Robert Geiter
Aidan Gutshall
Kevin Gutshall
Terry Gutshall
Arthur Kercher
Maledia Kercher



Poinsettia Orders



Look for the poinsettia order forms in the bulletin starting Nov. 4th or if you receive the Caller by email a form is attached to that email. The cost will be \$6 per plant. Orders and money are due Sunday, Nov. 26. The poinsettias will decorate the church on Sunday, December 24 during the 10:30 A.M. Unity Service. If you would like to order one but can't get an order form, please contact the church office at 717-272-0148.



Furniture Needed

The Trustees need your help. We are looking for a nice wooden rocking chair and an upholstered armchair in great condition for Pastor Deanna's office. If you are downsizing or redecorating and happen to have either of these items that you would like to donate, please contact one of the trustees.

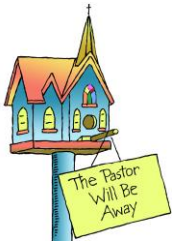




The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, Friday, Nov. 24th and Monday, Nov. 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. All information for the bulletin and announcements for Thanksgiving week should be submitted to the church office no later than noon on Monday, Nov. 20.



Vacation



Pastor Deanna will be on vacation from Thurs., Nov. 23 through Wed., Nov. 29.

Watch for more information in November bulletins regarding pastoral coverage during that week.

Jon Simpson will preach on Sunday, November 26.



Thank you from Pastor Deanna and the staff for all of the thoughtful calls, cards, flowers and gifts that we received during Pastor/Staff appreciation month.

Staff Christmas Gifts

The Christmas season will be here before we know it! The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to continue honoring Pastor Deanna 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 it off at the office, or it may be mailed to Jean Bonneville, 57 Strathford Drive, Lebanon, 17042 on or before December 18th. The gifts will be presented on Sunday, December 24th during the 10:30 A.M. Unity Service. **Make checks payable to Jean Bonneville.** Checks should **NOT** be made payable to Cornwall United Methodist Church. This voluntary gift is not tax-deductible.

Thank you.

Deb Boyer
Staff Parish Relations
1-570-847-9193



The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to announce that Chris Ritchie has joined the Cornwall United Methodist staff as a Contemporary Worship Leader. Harrison Schappell and Chris Ritchie will share the responsibilities of leading the 10:15 Contemporary Worship Service; each will lead two Sundays every month. In 1993, Chris graduated from Messiah College with a degree in Christian Ministries and spent 12 years in church youth ministry and mission work. He is currently the IT Manager at ARM Group in Hershey. Chris is a member of Cornwall UMC and currently serves as the church's Lay Leader. Please join us in officially welcoming Chris into his new position.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

On Nov. 8th, the Wednesday morning Bible study will be starting a new series, *Extravagant Hope*. Many people are confused by the book of Revelation and think it's a book of unexplained symbols and doom. This study is geared to seeing the hope that is to come in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. For more info or to hear the great chapter titles, Contact Marcia Riegle by text or phone at 717-389-5344. We meet every Wed. from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M., but we are a "come as you can, leave when you must group" and would love to have new members.

Preserving the Past, Preparing for the Future

Building & Grounds Improvements Campaign

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY UPDATE

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

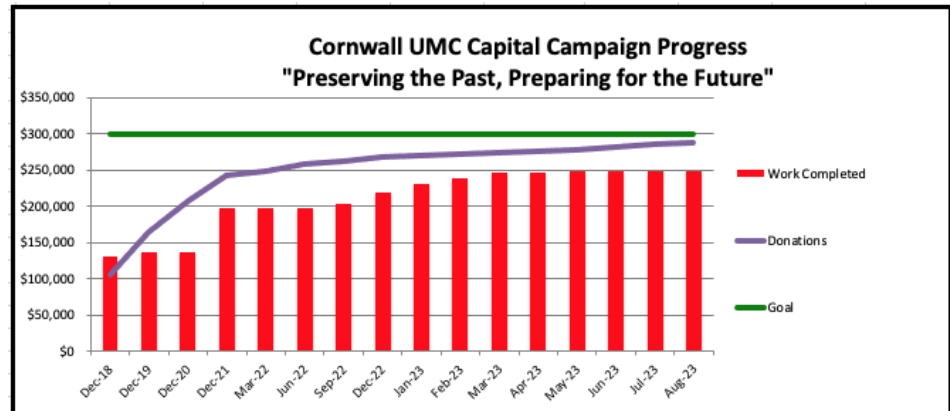
PROGRESS: **57 months in; three to go!** Over \$289K in total donations, accounting for 96.5% of our \$300K goal. That leaves just over \$10K to reach the goal, about \$3,520/month. **Will we make it in two months?**

PROJECTS: Total expended to-date is just under \$249K. Asbestos mitigation is planned for the parsonage.

QUESTIONS: Pledges-Stewardship Chair, Chris Tompkins; Campaign-Campaign Chair, Mark Snavelly (snavelym@harringtonhoists.com); Projects-Trustee Chair Anna Starnier (trusteescumc@gmail.com).

[Give as your finances allow]

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



From Finance...

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. I was going to continue with discussing the seven apportioned funds, with this month being the third fund, The Episcopal Fund. However as we enter the 2024 budgeting phase, I will depart from that direction and return to it in a later Caller. This month, I want to take a look at how our General Fund giving and expenses have been through the first three quarters of 2023. Our total income from January through September was \$275,153. This includes all donations, Festival profits, and interest from endowments. Total expenses were \$268,794. Next year we are hoping to implement some new initiatives that will invite new people into our church family. We will need additional funding to implement those initiatives. Two of the major initiatives we are looking at are a major community outreach program and a program to work with young children. Look for news as we put together next year's budget. Thank you for your faithful giving.

James Brimmer – Finance Chair



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



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Women's Bible Study at Gretna Glen	2 BSA Roundtable 7pm Choir 7:30pm	3	4 Clean Up Day 9am Cantata Practice 9:30am School Prayer Walk 9:30am
5 Daylight Savings Ends Communion All Saints Sunday Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Men's Group 7pm Youth Group 6pm	6 Women's Bible Study 1:30pm	7 Women's Bible Study 7pm Election Day Soup and Bake Sale 7am 	8 Women's Bible Study 10am Stewardship mtg.	9 LCCM Noon Meal Event in FH - 9:30 - 11am Choir 7:30pm	10	11 Cantata Practice 9:30am Sanctuary reserved by C.Manor Noon - 4pm
12 Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	13 Leadership Event - FH 11:30am - 1pm Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Investment 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm SPRC 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	15 Women's Bible Study 10am	16 Trustee mtg. 7pm Choir 7:30pm	17	18 Cantata Practice 9:30am Food Drive/Lunch 1pm
19 Bible Sunday Girl Scouts 3-4:30, 6-7:30pm Youth Group 4pm Men's Group 7pm	20 Finance 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21 Cub Scouts 7pm	22 Thanksgiving Eve service 7pm	23  <div>Office Closed</div>	24	25
26 Jon Simpson preaching Young Adults Cookie baking 1:30pm Men's Group 7pm	27 <div>Office Closed</div>	28 Women's Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	29 Women's Bible Study 10am	30 Choir 7:30pm Honeybees 5pm		



Election Day Soup and Bake Sale **Tuesday, November 7**



Cornwall UMC is the polling place for many residents in Cornwall. From 7 A.M. until the polls close (or when we run out) we will be having a soup and bake sale. Soup will be sold by the quart and will be takeout only. Everyone is welcome, even if this is NOT your polling place. Proceeds benefit the church's General Fund. Help support the church by buying some delicious food and most importantly, make sure you go to your assigned polling place and vote!

Soups

Chicken Corn Noodle
Tomato Basil
Ham and Green Bean

Needed:

Baked goods - drop off in the church office on Mon., Nov. 6th from 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.; in the kitchen on Tues., Nov. 7th, or contact the church office to make other arrangements.

If you have any questions contact Jen in the church office at 717-272-0148.



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