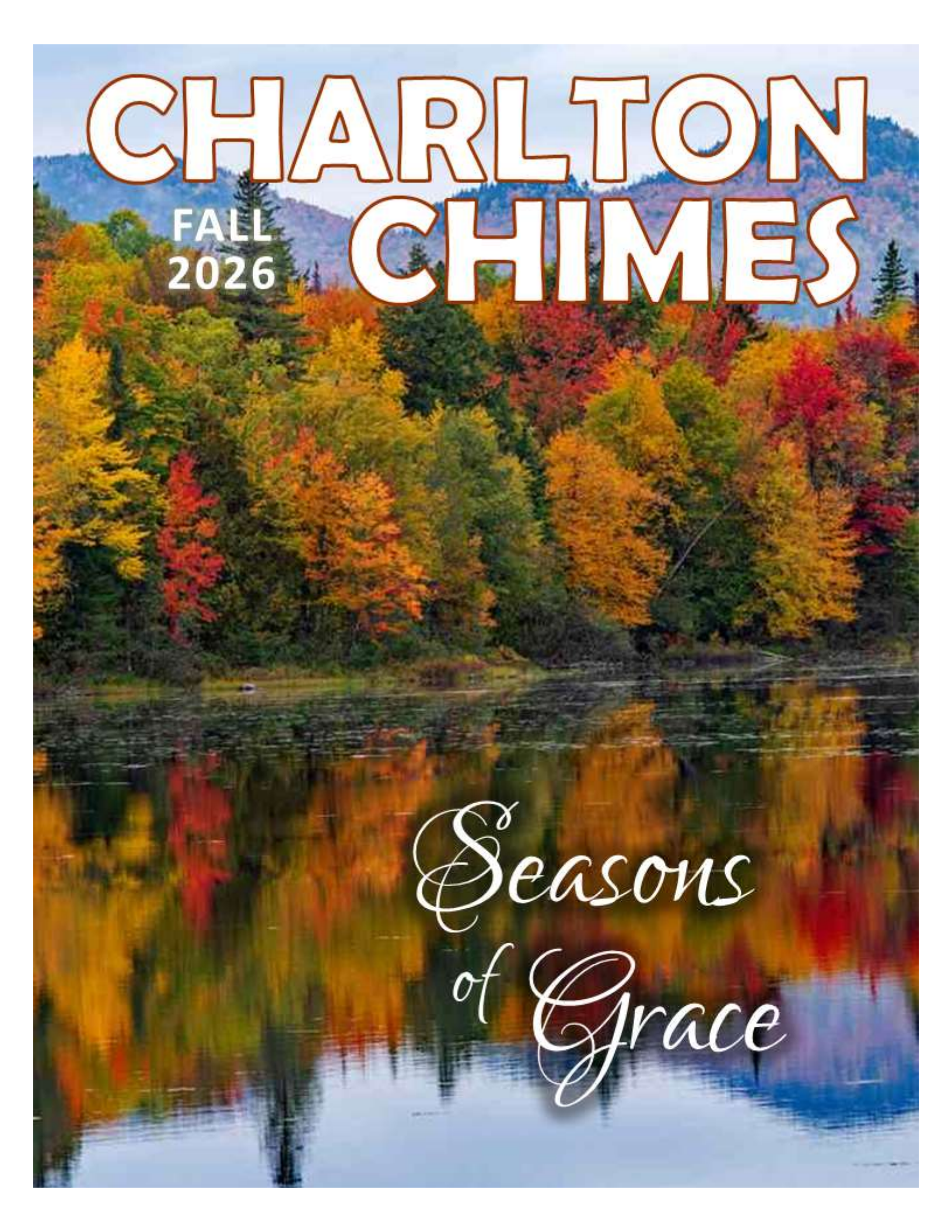




CHARLTON CHIMES

FALL
2026

*Seasons
of Grace*

~ COVER STORY ~

Change is rarely quiet. Whether it brings new leadership, shifting routines, updated ministries, or simply the uncertainty of an uncharted chapter, transition has a way of stretching our hearts. It forces us to let go of what was comfortable and step into the unfamiliar. Yet, right in the middle of shifting ground, God offers an unshakeable foundation: His unmerited, unending grace.

We invite you to join us for our new fall sermon series, "**Season of Grace**".

This series was designed specifically for where we find ourselves today as a community. When circumstances change, it can be easy to react out of anxiety, tension, or fear of the unknown. But what if this moment isn't just a season of transition — what if it is a season of grace?

Throughout this series, we will unpack what it means to give and receive grace when life feels fluid:

Grace for the Past: Celebrating what God has done while releasing our grip on the way things used to be.

Grace for One Another: Extended patience, kindness, and unity as we navigate new rhythms together.

Grace for the Future: Resting in the promise that while our church family may change, God's character never does.

Transitions do not catch God by surprise. He uses seasons of change to reshape us, draw us closer to one another, and refine our reliance on Him.

Whether you are eager for what's ahead, feeling a bit weary from the shift, or just trying to find your footing, there is a place for you here.

Charlton Chimes

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A Message from the Leadership Council ...

Charlton's Leadership Council wants you to be fully aware of all that is happening behind the scenes concerning the appointment of a new pastor. We have heard a few individuals express the concern that information is being withheld from the congregation, and that is simply not the case.

As we have reported on several occasions, The United Methodist Church, like many other denominations, is finding ourselves in unprecedented times with a decrease in available clergy to serve local churches. For several years, the Susquehanna Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, has been averaging 25 to 35 retiring clergy each year, while only ordaining 3 to 6 elders at the same time. These statistics make it even more difficult to match available clergy with local congregations in our conference.



As of the publishing date of this newsletter, the Susquehanna Conference has 27 charges representing 53 churches that are without a pastor. This has set a course for the conference to discover new ways to cover the pastoral needs of local churches throughout central Pennsylvania, leaning into things such as part-time clergy, and the appointment of lay pastors.

When the announcement was made of Pastor Miguel Arenas' appointment to another congregation, Charlton's Leadership Council began a series of discussions to consider what this could mean for our church. During times of transition, the conference encourages local churches to carefully review their financial status.

In 2025, Charlton was unable to fully pay their Shares of Ministry, which made the Council, as well as many congregation members, very uncomfortable. Our Shares of Ministry are our commitment to being part of a denomination who is serving God in local communities around the world. In late 2025, the Leadership Council began the process of making changes in our budget to better position us for 2026, and that would allow us to pay our 2026 Shares of Ministry in full.

One of those changes came when Chuck Kaufmann offered to reduce his hours to three-quarter time to allow him to work with Emmanuel UMC in Enola. This saved the church \$15,000/year.

Knowing that we would be assigned a new pastor, the Council also considered what savings could be found in our pastoral compensation obligations. Pastor Arenas and church leadership sought advice from the conference on this issue. Through these conversations, the Council learned that one option would be to accept a part-time pastor, as churches are not required to provide housing and pay health insurance for part-time pastors.

Accepting a part-time appointment would save the following costs:

- Pastor Housing Allowance \$30,440.00
- Pastor Health Insurance \$23,537.00
- Pastor Dental/Vision \$1,350.00

This is a total savings of \$ 55,327.00 from benefits alone. The appointment of a three-quarter time pastor would save an additional \$10,000 to \$20,000 in base compensation.

After prayerfully considering this information, the Leadership Council advised the conference that they would be open to the appointment of a part-time pastor.

In June of this year, the conference advised Charlton to utilize guest speakers in July and August while they continue the appointment process for the 53 churches who did not have a set appointment for July 1, 2026.

During those months, church leadership kept in contact with the conference office for updates on the appointment process. One of the first things we learned is that, due to the lack of appointed clergy, the appointment year would be considered on a rolling basis as they try to match local congregations with available pastors.

One point of frustration for Charlton's Leadership Council was the appointment of a new Conference Superintendent (formerly known as a District Superintendent) as of July 1, 2026. Over the past year, church leadership had several conversations with the Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver, our previous Superintendent. Key leadership met with the new Conference Superintendent, the Rev. Don Rowe, on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. And while it was a very good conversation, in many ways it was like starting the whole process again as we began to tell Rev. Rowe about the mission, ministry, and history of Charlton Church.

Rev. Rowe shared that the bishop and his cabinet continue to work on finding the right persons to finalize the appointment process for the 53 churches without a pastor.

He then shared that there are three scenarios that are a possibility for these churches.

Scenario #1 – Part Time Pastor

This could be a three-quarter time pastor that would preach, teach and provide congregational care, relying on existing lay staff to provide administrative support.

This could also be a half-time pastor that would preach, teach and provide some oversight, and a quarter-time pastor doing congregational care.

As you are aware, the Rev. Dann Caldwell had already been engaged by the Leadership Council to provide congregational care on a quarter-time basis during this time of transition. Dann has a long history at Charlton and is held in high regard by our church family.

Church leadership shared that they would be very supportive of Dann continuing in this capacity if a half-time pastor was identified. And also expressed their belief that having Dann on board could help to make a new half-time pastor successful in their ministry at Charlton.

Scenario #2 – Church Yoke (vs. church merger)

A “yoke” arrangement is where two churches remain independent, but share a pastoral appointment. In this arrangement, each church cares for 50% of the pastoral compensation package. Keep in mind that a “yoke” arrangement is typically with an active clergy. Therefore, pastoral compensation includes health insurance (which is over \$23,537 in 2027) and housing.

Should a “yoke” arrangement be identified, this would be a half-time pastor that is shared with the other church. Charlton could then have a quarter-time pastor for congregational care. It was again expressed, that this quarter-time congregational care pastor could be Rev. Dann Caldwell.

Please note that this second scenario of a “yoke” arrangement is very similar to the second option of the first scenario, with a half-time pastor and a quarter-time pastor. The only difference between these two scenarios is that a “yoke” arrangement would incur the cost sharing of health insurance and housing.

Scenario #3 – Stream Church

Of the various scenarios presented, this is the most “out of the box” concept that was discussed.

Because of the size of Charlton Church, it is highly unlikely that we would be able to support a pastor with a reputation for top-notch preaching.

What would it be like to partner with a church whose pastor has a well-known reputation for stellar preaching? The service at Charlton would be designed to stream the pastor’s message during the worship service.

In this model, Charlton would have a half-time “campus pastor”. The campus pastor would be present and provide leadership at Charlton’s Sunday morning worship service. They would just not preach.

In addition to their leadership during worship, the “campus pastor” would provide teaching and congregational care.

After reflecting on this model, Charlton's Leadership Council agrees on the following:

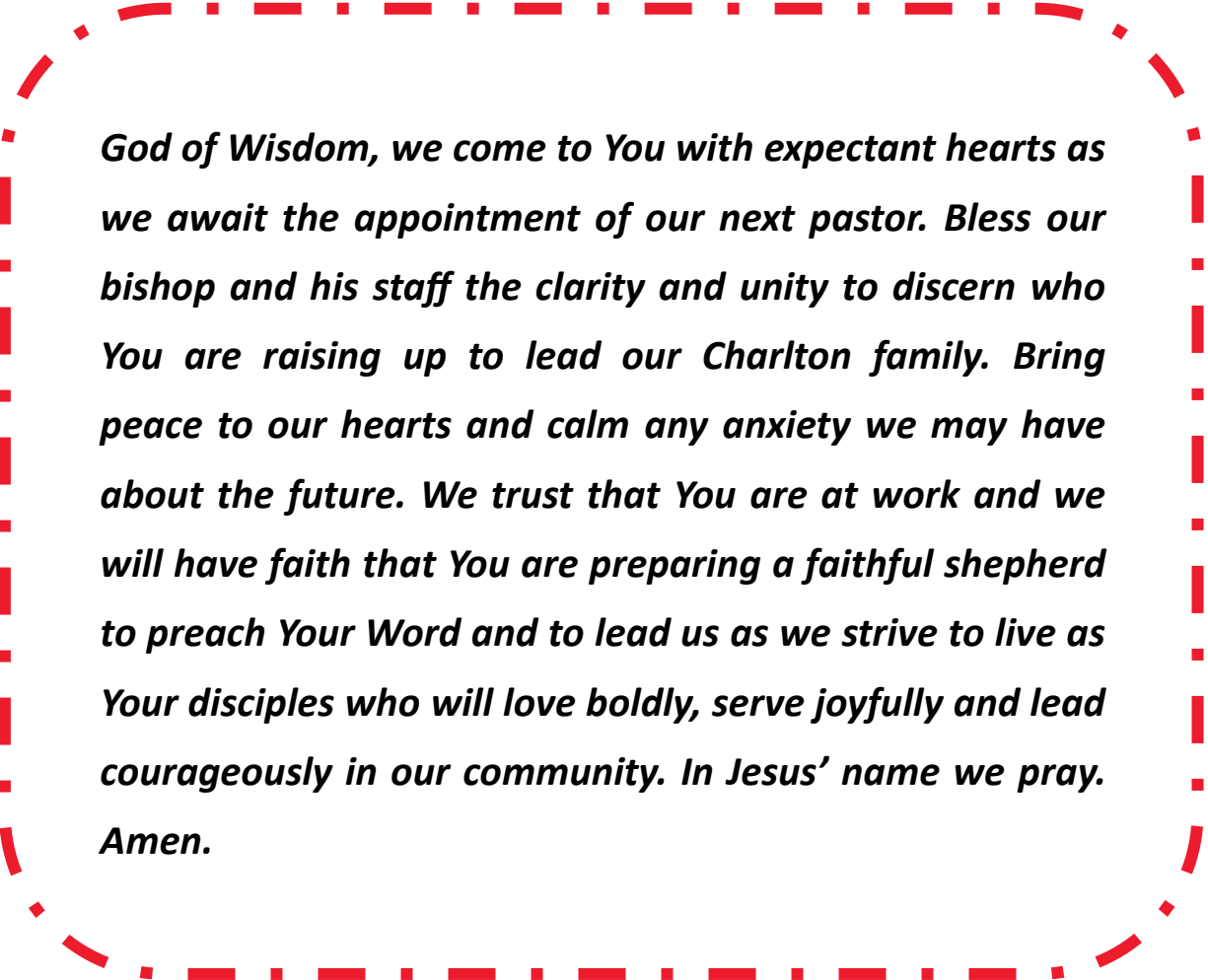
- To even consider this, there should be a 'trial run' to see how it works and feels
- This would need to have congregational approval to adopt/begin

When pressed on what kind of timeline we are looking at for any of these options, Rev. Rowe encouraged us to extend our guest preaching schedule through the end of October. Rev. Rowe, as well as other conference staff will be included in this new Fall sermon series, which will begin on Labor Day weekend.

Charlton's Leadership Council called a special meeting on August 24 to discuss and consider these scenarios. They have committed to keeping this time of transition in their prayers, and encourage all of our church family to do the same.

Members of the Leadership Council will be available in the sanctuary after our worship service on Sunday, September 6 and 13 to answer any of your questions or to hear any ideas you may have.

In the meantime, we invite you to continue our church prayer during this time of transition



God of Wisdom, we come to You with expectant hearts as we await the appointment of our next pastor. Bless our bishop and his staff the clarity and unity to discern who You are raising up to lead our Charlton family. Bring peace to our hearts and calm any anxiety we may have about the future. We trust that You are at work and we will have faith that You are preparing a faithful shepherd to preach Your Word and to lead us as we strive to live as Your disciples who will love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously in our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

As we celebrate Charlton's 220th anniversary, we have been highlighting the gathering places of the Charlton family, from starting at the home of Leonard Crum (1806), to Crum's Church (1806), Brown's Schoolhouse (1891), the "Little White Church" (1898), the existing sanctuary (1955), and the education wing (1968). Today, we highlight our most recent building program.



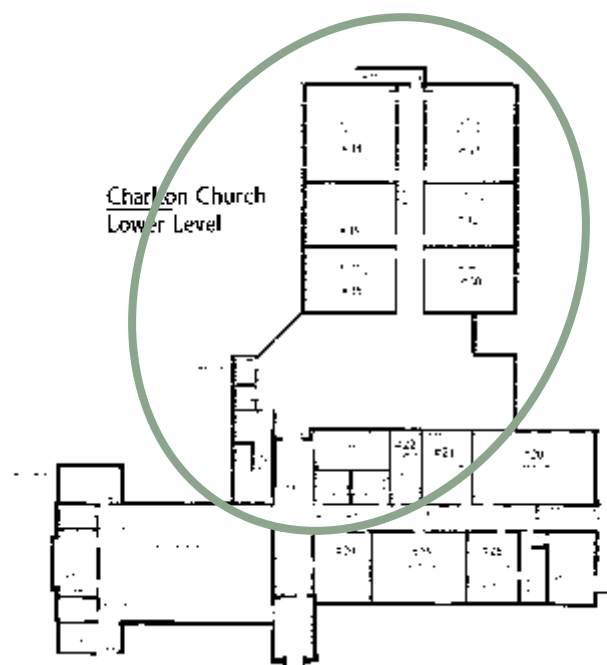
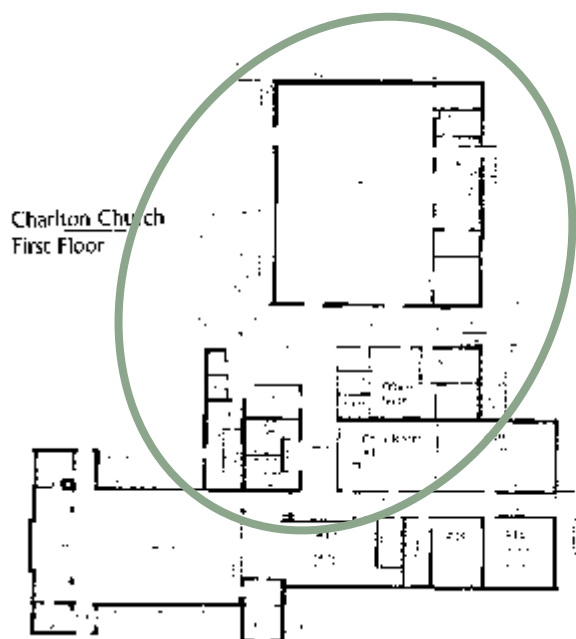
In 1994, the Church purchased the Showers property and ranch house (the property west of the present sanctuary, which is now the Jonestown Road parking lot).

In 1996, a Vision Committee was formed to identify the future needs of the church. After a year of planning, a Building Committee was organized and in 1998 Bink Architectural Partnership was hired.

In 1999, a funding program titled Building on the Rock was organized and on September 10, 2000, the ground breaking ceremony was held. A cross outline was laid out in the grass and formed the area for digging the shovels full of dirt.

After standing for 48 years, the parsonage was demolished, and the change began. Construction continued through the winter, spring and summer.

On July 8, 2001 a building dedication service was held. The cost of the addition was \$1,526,000. The main floor of the new addition includes an office suite, lobby, additional bathrooms, a multi-purpose room and a kitchen. The lower lever includes six classrooms and a large gathering area. The addition of an elevator made the Charlton facility fully accessible.



World Communion Sunday began as World-Wide Communion Sunday at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. They chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.



“The term ‘Holy Communion’ invites us to focus on the holiness of our communion with God and one another,” states This Holy Mystery, The United Methodist Church’s official statement on the sacrament.

Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe on the first Sunday of October. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

Prayers and songs will be offered in virtually every language spoken around the world.

Clergy will dress traditionally, formally, and casually.

Some will receive cubes of bread. Some will tear from a common loaf. Some will receive a wafer.

Some will drink from a common chalice. Some will dip a piece of bread into the cup. Some will have individual glasses.

Some will use wine; some juice. Some will offer both.

Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Be sure to join us for a very special service of Holy Communion at 10:00 am on Sunday, October 4. The Rev. Don Rowe, River Valley District Superintendent, will bring the morning message. Everyone is then invited to join us for a covered-dish luncheon after the worship service in the multi-purpose room. Bring a dish to share that reflects your cultural heritage. We will also be inviting everyone who uses our facility to join us such as the Preschool, Soup Guy, Arabic Church, Music Therapy, etc.

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS AT CHARLTON CHURCH

September 3 at Noon

CHARLTON FAMILY TABLE

*Gather at Charlton for a light lunch
and fellowship with your church family*

September 10 at Noon

WOMEN'S & MEN'S LUNCHESES

*Gather at local restaurants
as sisters and brothers in Christ*



September 17 at 6 pm

HOT TOPIX DINNER

*Gather at local restaurant for a meal
and discussion on current topics*

September 24 at Noon

MEET 'n' EAT

*Gather at local restaurants
for a time of feasting and sharing*

KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 4

6:00 pm



SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13

6:00 pm

Join us at Charlton
to make your own sundae
and share a time of
fellowship with your
church family



GAME NIGHT

Friday

September 18

6:30 pm

Bring your favorite game
and your favorite snacks
and join us at the church
for an evening of
fun and fellowship



First Sunday of Month at 9 am

Help make PB&J sandwiches for
Eclipse Homeless Ministry

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS AT CHARLTON CHURCH

October 1 at Noon

CHARLTON FAMILY TABLE

*Gather at Charlton for a light lunch
and fellowship with your church family*

October 8 at Noon

WOMEN'S & MEN'S LUNCHE

*Gather at local restaurants
as sisters and brothers in Christ*



October 15 at 6 pm

HOT TOPIX DINNER

*Gather at local restaurant for a meal
and discussion on current topics*

October 22 at Noon

MEET 'n' EAT

*Gather at local restaurants
for a time of feasting and sharing*

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4

10:00 AM Worship Service

Join us for a service of holy communion
with superintendent Rev. Don Rowe

11:30 AM Covered Dish Dinner

Join your Charlton family for lunch.
We're also inviting everyone who uses
our church facility to join us for lunch



KIDS' NIGHT OUT



**Friday, October 2
6:00 pm**



BLESSING OF PETS

**Sunday, October 4
6:00 pm**



DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a drive-in movie
in our Mountain Road parking lot.
Beverages and popcorn provided.

Be sure to invite
your family and friends
to join you!



Sunday, October 25 at 4 pm

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS AT CHARLTON

November 5 at Noon
CHARLTON FAMILY TABLE

November 12 at Noon
WOMEN'S & MEN'S LUNCHES

November 19 at 6:00 pm
HOT TOPIX DINNER



KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 6
6:00 pm



Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 14
9 am to 2 pm



Get ready for Christmas at our Craft Show, featuring a wide variety of vendors and crafters, offering their wares such as homemade jewelry, bags, home décor, wreaths, canned jams and jellies, natural soap, and much more!

The Charlton Café will be serving lunch and beverages throughout the day, and delicious homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

The show includes an area with Christmas-themed clothing.
We are currently accepting gently used Christmas clothing from church members!

We need your help!

Be sure to check the weekly bulletin to learn how you can help with this year's event.

Bakers will be needed to make items for the bake sale.

Volunteers will also be needed to help set up, assist in the kitchen, run errands, etc.

You can also help by telling your friends and family so they come to the show!

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHURCH MOTTO

FALL MISSION OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER

Family Promise

These monies support our work as a partner with Family Promise, as we host homeless families in our church four times a year.

OCTOBER

Charlton Benevolent Fund

These monies allow our church family to assist individuals and families in need of financial assistance, often in emergency circumstances.

NOVEMBER

Christmas Blessing

These monies allow our church family to bless individuals and families who are facing challenges during the Christmas season.



There are two options to participate in Operation Christmas Child:

- 1.) You can pick up a shoebox at the OCC Center in the church lobby, pack it with the suggested items listed on the flier and return it to the church with the \$10 mailing fee.
- 2.) Like last year, you can donate \$25 to have a box filled on your behalf at the OCC warehouse. Simply mark your gift “OCC”.

Packed boxes or donations need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, November 8.



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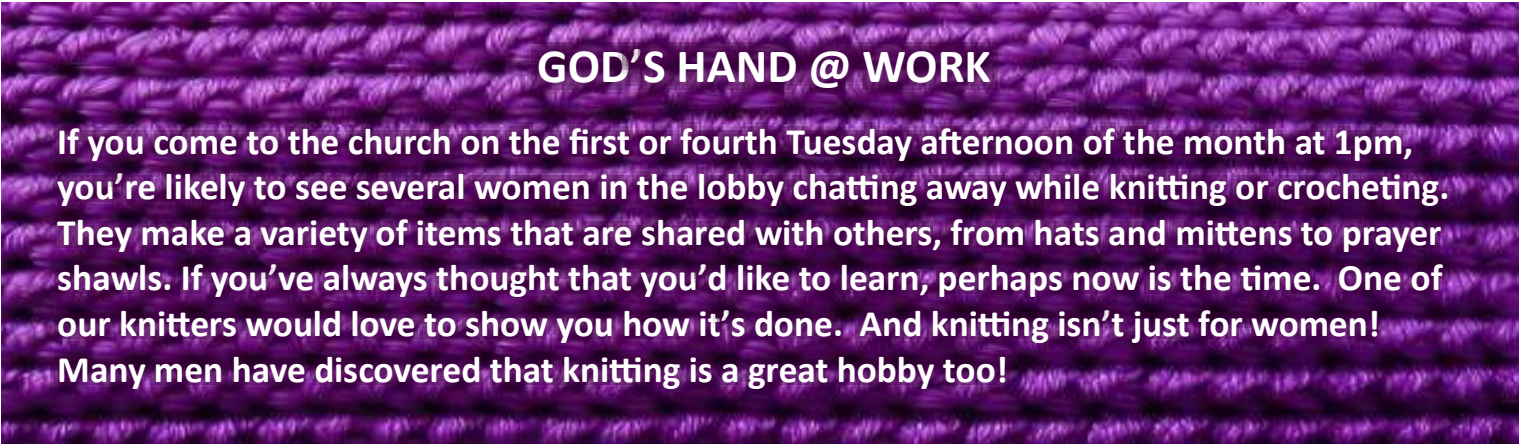
HARVEST HOME "PACK-A-PANTRY-BAG"

Once again, we are asking our congregation to Pack-a-Pantry-Bag each month leading up to our Harvest Home celebration on Sunday, November 22. We want to provide our Giving Grace families with a bag of items to help stock their pantry. You can bring your pantry bags whenever you fill them, or you can bring them all on November 22.

The following is the list of items to place in your Pantry Bag:

2 lb. bag of rice, 16 oz. bag lentils, 4 lb. bag of sugar, 26 oz. canister of iodized salt, 3 oz. tin of black pepper, 28 oz. can of tomato sauce, 24 oz. bottle of vegetable oil

We're asking that you fill a Pantry Bag each month during September, October and November. If you'd rather make a donation, we can fill a bag for \$20.



GOD'S HAND @ WORK

If you come to the church on the first or fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month at 1pm, you're likely to see several women in the lobby chatting away while knitting or crocheting. They make a variety of items that are shared with others, from hats and mittens to prayer shawls. If you've always thought that you'd like to learn, perhaps now is the time. One of our knitters would love to show you how it's done. And knitting isn't just for women! Many men have discovered that knitting is a great hobby too!

fall small groups

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

CHARLTON BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to our weekly Bible study Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Rev. Jen Williams will be leading the study during the month of September, and Rev. Dann Caldwell will be leading the study during the month of October.

LATTE AND LAUGHTER

Debbie Livingston and Kathy Hoover invite you to join them this fall for their next Latte and Laughter study. The 6-week study is entitled ***“A Joy That Endures, How Jesus Is the Source of Unshakable Joy”***.

Latte and Laughter will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays, September 9 and 30, October 14 and 28, November 11, and December 2. Invite a friend to join you.

Books are \$12. Please let Debbie know if you plan to attend so that books can be ordered.

PRAYER AND PIZZA

Chuck Kaufmann invites you to join him for a 3-week prayer devotional study. While sharing some pizza, the group will share a devotion from the “Thankful” series, reflect on questions from the study, and enter into a time of prayer.

This series is for people of all ages ... from elementary to senior citizens. Together, we will give thanks for our blessings and uphold one another in prayer.

Prayer and Pizza will meet at the church from 5 to 6 pm on Wednesdays, November 4, 11, and 18. Come, join us!

UNITED METHODISTS RESPOND TO THE DISASTER IN NEPAL

Hundreds are dead and nearly 2,000 people remain unaccounted for after catastrophic flooding and landslides struck the Nepal-Tibet border region. The disaster has prompted churches and mission partners to mobilize relief while Christian leaders across Asia call for prayer and sustained solidarity with affected communities.



The Rev. Jung Eun Grace Moon, general secretary of the Christian Conference of Asia, expressed grief for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods and called on member churches and ecumenical partners to accompany communities devastated by the disaster.

“Our hearts are heavy with grief as we remember the people of Nepal and Tibet in this moment of profound suffering,” Moon said. “We mourn with every family that has lost a loved one; we stand with those who are still waiting for news, and we grieve with communities whose homes and livelihoods have been swept away. In the midst of such overwhelming pain, we pray that the people of Nepal and Tibet may know that they are not alone,” she added. “We are together in this hour of anguish.”

HOW TO HELP

Donations can be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) International Disaster Response Fund by donating at their local church level. Money from this fund is used to respond to disasters around the world.

Experts believe the flash floods were triggered by the massive collapse of part of a glacier in the Himalayan border region. Debris entered the Lhunde Khola River, generating a sudden surge of water, sediment and boulders. River levels rose by as much as 9 meters — nearly 30 feet — within 30 minutes.

Damaged roads and bridges have cut off communities and disrupted communications, while unstable terrain and the threat of additional landslides and flooding have complicated search-and-rescue efforts.

UNITED METHODIST MISSION PARTNERS MOBILIZE

United Methodist mission partners also are mobilizing to respond to the disaster. UMCOR said it was finalizing a solidarity grant to support United Mission to Nepal as it assists affected communities with emergency food and non-food items. UMCOR also is exploring opportunities for further response through its partner networks and local assessments. United Mission to Nepal is a mission partner of UMCOR.

Rev. Moon called on churches to move beyond expressions of sympathy and accompany affected communities through relief, recovery and rebuilding.

“In this time of profound loss and suffering, may God’s comforting presence draw near to all those affected, embrace those who grieve, strengthen those who search and serve, shelter those who have lost their homes and kindle a light of hope amid the darkness,” she said.

Rev. Thomas E. Kim, director of Korean and Asian news at United Methodist Communications.

A United Methodist Call to Healthy Aging

Commentary by the Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson

Every Sunday across our denomination, faithful United Methodists quietly slip into their pews carrying burdens few people see.

Some spent the night caring for a spouse with dementia.

Others drove an aging parent to a medical appointment before church.

Still others are raising grandchildren while trying to navigate their own health challenges.

These caregivers rarely ask for recognition. They simply keep showing up.

For generations, The United Methodist Church has been known for showing up as well. John Wesley insisted that there is no holiness but social holiness. Our history includes building hospitals, founding colleges, feeding hungry neighbors, advocating for justice, and caring for the vulnerable. We have long understood that faith is not simply what we believe. Faith is what we do.

Today, I believe God is calling us to another defining ministry: healthy aging and caregiving.

The United States is growing older at an unprecedented rate. Millions of older adults want to remain in their homes, connected to their churches, families and communities. Yet many require assistance with transportation, meals, medications, bathing or simply the companionship that preserves dignity and hope.

Who will provide that care?

That question has become increasingly urgent as our nation debates immigration policy. While immigration conversations often focus on borders, economics or politics, there is another reality receiving far less attention: Many professional caregivers serving older Americans are immigrants, including thousands from Haiti and other nations.

Whether discussing immigration reform, workforce shortages or elder care, people of faith cannot ignore the human consequences. Behind every policy debate is an older adult who simply needs someone to help them live safely and with dignity.

As United Methodists, our first response should never be fear or political allegiance. It should be compassion rooted in the Gospel.

Scripture repeatedly reminds us of God's concern for older adults, the vulnerable and the stranger. We are instructed to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2), to "show hospitality to strangers" (Hebrews 13:2), and to honor those whose years have given them wisdom (Leviticus 19:32). Jesus consistently measured faithfulness not by ideology but by whether we cared for those in need.

Healthy aging, therefore, is not simply a healthcare issue.

It is a discipleship issue.



Many United Methodist congregations already understand this instinctively. Volunteers prepare meals. Stephen Ministers make visits. United Women in Faith organize care projects. Congregations provide transportation, respite care, prayer shawls, home communion and support groups. These ministries are beautiful expressions of grace.

But the demographic reality before us requires even more.

Our churches should become centers for healthy aging education. We should equip family caregivers before they reach exhaustion. We should offer exercise classes, memory support groups, caregiver respite ministries, mental health resources and opportunities for older adults to continue serving rather than quietly disappearing from congregational life.

Older adults are not the church's past.

They are one of God's greatest resources for its future.

After serving more than three decades as a United Methodist pastor, I have watched older members disciple children, mentor young clergy, sustain mission projects and pray churches through difficult seasons. Their wisdom cannot be replaced. Their presence cannot be taken for granted.

My own passion for this ministry led me to understand that growing older is not merely about adding years to life. It is about adding purpose, wellness, faith and joy to those years.

The United Methodist Church has always been at its best when it sees a need before the rest of society does.

This is one of those moments.

As our nation continues difficult conversations about immigration, healthcare and the caregiving workforce, the Church has an opportunity to model something different. We can advocate for policies that preserve human dignity while also preparing our congregations to become communities where older adults flourish and caregivers are supported rather than overwhelmed.

Healthy aging is not someone else's ministry.

It is our ministry.

The question before us is not whether the U.S. is aging.

The question is whether the Church will lead with the compassion, courage and practical wisdom that have always marked the people called Methodist.

Patterson is retired clergy in the Horizon Texas Conference.

Just as you are receiving this issue of the newsletter, the little ones at Charlton Preschool are preparing to start another year.



Lauren Creznic (preschool administrator and lead teacher) and Heather Brumgard (teacher) have both been hard at work getting their rooms ready for the classes to resume on Tuesday, September 1.

The Charlton Preschool School Board would like to take a moment to thank those of you who make a donation to the preschool on a monthly basis. This allows us to keep our tuition as affordable as possible.

We encourage the Charlton family to keep the entire preschool in your prayers ... the school board, staff, students and families. May God continue to bless this program to be an important ministry to our community.



As we begin a new school year, let us remember to keep all children and teachers in our prayers throughout the year.



GIVE YOUR OLD BIKE NEW LIFE!

Although Recycle Bicycle founder, Ross Willard, recently passed away, his mission to provide those in need with a bicycle still lives on. Providing a bike does much more than give fun to a child; it can also mean transportation to a job for an adult.

If you have any bikes that you no longer use taking up space in your garage, consider donating it so that it will be a blessing to others. Mechanics, such as our own Mark Malone, can help to refurbish broken down bikes to make them useful again.

If you have a bike that you would like to donate, simply contact Mark Malone, or call the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Thank you so much for the many, many cards I received and for singing Happy Birthday to me for my 100th birthday. Though I don't get out much, it is great to worship with you each week online.

God Bless You All, Irene Kaufmann

The family of William L. Kepler wishes to thank our church family for their prayers, cards and concerns during his illness and passing. It helped to ease the grief during this difficult time.

We would also like to thank you for the comfort box, including the gift card to JoJo's pizza. The support of the church has been tremendous at this time.

Ginny Kepler and family

Thank you for your participation in our Baby Bottle Blessing campaign to help pregnant women and families in Central PA. Through the campaign, we are excited to report that Charlton UMC generously raised \$393.70 to support Morning Star's no-cost services.

Michelle Lorenz, Executive Director

Thank you for the donation made to our agency! It will be used to assist many clients in need. We are grateful to supporters like you who help us make that happen through events and other means of spreading the word. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

Amy Rosenberry, Victim Witness Assistance Program

Thank you so much for designating the Ash Wednesday offering to support Wonders Found. We are grateful for your donation of \$459 which will help us reach out to those in need in our local area and worldwide.

Sharon Sidorov, for the volunteers at Wonders Found Thrift Shop

Lord God, I thank you for my church. While some may think of a building with stained glass windows, I'm thanking You for the hearts and lives of people who have become my family. I praise You for taking such a diverse group of individuals and weaving us together into a beautiful tapestry. May our love for one another always rise above any differences or disagreements, and may Your Spirit strengthen our resolve to serve You all our days. Amen.



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