



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Father's Day

Sunday, June 21, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

 Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we gather to praise the One
who loves us with a parent's heart.

We look to God,
our ultimate Creator, Defender, and Sustainer,
who calls us His beloved children.

**We come to worship the Father
who guides our steps, welcomes us home,
and holds us in perfect love.**

We give thanks
for the earthly fathers, grandfathers, uncles,
and mentors who have mirrored that divine love for us.
We honor those who have taught us, protected us,
and prayed for us.

**We thank God for the gift of those
who have fathered us in flesh and in spirit.**

Yet, we also recognize
that this day carries many emotions.

We hold space
for those who are grieving the loss of their father,
those who carry the pain of difficult relationships,
and those whose deep desire
to be a father remains unfulfilled.

**In our joy and in our grief,
God's comforting presence surrounds us.**

The scriptures remind us
that God knows each of us by name.

Today, we want to fill this sacred space
with the names of the men
who have shaped our lives —
whether they are sitting beside us, miles away,
or resting in the arms of God.

I invite you now, either silently in your heart
or aloud from where you sit,
to speak the names of those you wish to honor
and remember today...

For all these men,
and for the legacy of love, strength, and faith
they have passed down to us, we say together:

**Praise be to God, our Heavenly Father,
from whom every family on earth takes its name! Let
us worship God together! Amen.**

† **HYMN**

"Faith of Our Fathers" (#710)

Frederick W. Faber | Henri F. Hemy

Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

ANTHEM

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER LITANY

Gracious and All-Loving God, we gather today to praise you, to thank you, and to bring our whole selves before you—our joys, our celebrations, and our hidden hurts. Today, as a community, we turn our hearts to the concept of fatherhood.

Lord, hear our prayers and receive our hearts.

We thank you for the men who have reflected your love into our lives. We lift up the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, and spiritual mentors who have protected, guided, and nurtured us.

We thank you for their sacrifices, their patience, and their enduring support. Bless them today with a deep sense of your peace and purpose.

We thank you for their presence and their love.

Yet, Lord, we come to you in absolute honesty. For many of us, today is not an easy day. We recognize that the word "Father" does not bring a sense of safety or joy to everyone.

For those who have been wounded, abandoned, or abused by their earthly fathers, the image of you as our "Heavenly Father" can feel confusing, distant, or even painful. It is hard to trust a heavenly parent when earthly parents have failed us.

Lord, in our confusion and pain, meet us with your grace.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their fathers, and for fathers who are grieving the loss of a child.

We pray for those who long to be fathers but face the painful road of infertility or unanswered prayers.

And we pray for fathers who are carrying the heavy weight of regret, wishing they had done things differently.

Heal our wounds, O God, and redefine what it means to be loved.

Remind us, O God, that you are not merely an extension of our human experiences. Where earthly fathers were distant, you are present. Where they were conditional, your love is relentless. Where they were weak, you are strong; and where they were harsh, you are infinitely gentle.

Teach us to see you as you truly are: a perfect protector, a tender comforter, and a faithful guide.

Help us to slowly, patiently learn to rest in your paternal care, at a pace that allows our hearts to heal.

May your perfect love cast out our fear and doubt.

We commit this day, our families, and our healing into your hands. Shape us into a community that supports the lonely, comforts the grieving, and models your unconditional grace to a world in need of a perfect parent.

**In your holy and compassionate name, we pray.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 103: 1-18

REFLECTION

THE CALL FOR KINDNESS

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, we gratefully bring our tithes and offerings to You. Just as You love, provide, and guide us, You call us to be active partners in Your kingdom-building work.

Bless these gifts, Lord. Multiply them to mend broken hearts, support families, and spread Your grace. May our lives and resources reflect Your generous heart, as we faithfully build Your kingdom together.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

† **HYMN**

"This is My Father's World" (#144)

Maltbie D. Babcock

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

"Charlton Blessing"

Dear Lord, bless us, take and use us;
strengthen us with power from above.
Guide each footstep of our journey;
grant us grace to walk the path of love.

WELCOME TO CHARLTON CHURCH

We're glad that you are with us for worship today. Whatever your circumstances, no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here!

Charlton Church is a family of faith that values the diversity of thought that is an intrinsic part of The United Methodist Church. You can read our full statement on our website, at www.charltonchurch.org/umc.

Charlton Church is a 'Safe Sanctuary', with procedures in place for the safety of all children and youth. A nursery is available during the worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the sanctuary.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

Sun, June 21	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Father's Day Worship Service
Mon, June 22	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, June 23	9:00 am	Lifeline Screening in the gym
	1:00 pm	God's Hands @ Work
Wed, June 24		CHARLTON DAY OF KINDNESS!
	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, June 25	10:30 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	12:00 pm	Meet'n'Eat Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Charlton Pickleball
Sun, Jun 28	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Festival of Hymns Worship
Sun, Jul 5	10:00 am	Patriotic-themed Worship
	11:15 am	Pie and Ice Cream Social

WORSHIP INFO

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

A couple of special worship services have been planned during this time of transition. Join us next week, June 28, for a follow-up to last year's popular "Festival of Hymns" as we learn the story behind our favorite hymns. Then, on July 5, we will have a special patriotic service to give thanks for and to pray for our country.

BULLETINS

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of John Enders by Patricia Enders and Lynette Almond.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting shaving cream for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice. We are also collecting peanut butter and jelly for the summer.

MISSION OFFERING

The noise offering will be collected next Sunday for our June mission offerings, which are split between two worthy organizations in our local community.

FLOW, "For the Love Of Women", is an organization in Harrisburg whose mission is to eliminate menstrual inequity by providing free menstrual hygiene products to those in need.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program, also based in Harrisburg, strives to reduce the trauma of a crime by empowering and assisting crime victims, witnesses and significant others in reconstructing their lives through advocacy, support, information and referrals.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From time to time, the office receives requests for volunteers willing to offer a few hours of companionship and light cleaning for church members. If this is something you would like more information about, or would like to volunteer for, please contact the office.

DOUBLE YOUR MISSION EFFORTS

Here's an easy opportunity to help those in need around the world and close at home. The Bishop family in West Hanover is partnering with Funds2Orgs to help raise monies for their adoption journey. They are collecting gently worn new or used shoes which will be distributed to individuals and families living in poverty and have a lack of education in third world countries. Your donation of shoes will put them on the feet of those in need, and also helps a local family open their hearts and homes to a child in need. A collection box will be in the coat room in the lobby.

BLUEBERRY ORDERS

Orders for New Jersey blueberries are due Sunday, June 28. 10 lb. box is \$35, and pints are \$4. Please give your orders to Leoniece Swangren by Sunday, June 28. Make checks payable to Penbrook UCC. Delivery date is Tuesday, July 7.

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Lifeline Health Screenings will once again be at Charlton Church on Tuesday, June 23 for their preventative screenings. To make an appointment, call 844-591-7101. The church office has 4 complimentary screening certificates; if you are interested, please contact Marianne Eagle.

ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

In a world that often feels fast-paced and disconnected, a simple act of kindness can be the anchor someone desperately needs. Kindness is not just a polite gesture; it is a powerful force that transforms both the giver and the receiver. When we choose to extend grace, offer a helping hand, or simply share an encouraging word, we build bridges across divides and remind one another of our shared humanity.

Scripture frequently calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, reminding us that love is best expressed through action. Small actions carry a ripple effect. A warm smile to a stranger or a hot meal for a neighbor can alter the course of someone's entire day, sparking a chain reaction of generosity that spreads far beyond what we can see.

Kindness softens hearts, heals unspoken hurts, and mirrors the unconditional love that defines our faith.

That is exactly why we are launching our **Acts of Kindness Day** this **Wednesday, June 24**. This special initiative is our opportunity to step outside the walls of our church building and become the hands and feet of hope in our community.

We aren't looking for grand, complicated gestures - just intentional moments of care. Whether it's pulling some weeds, paying for a stranger's coffee, or writing a note of appreciation to a local worker, every act matters.

Let's come together to flood our neighborhood with compassion. By serving others, we show our community that they are seen, valued, and loved. Join us this week as we make kindness a tangible reality, one small act at a time.

20 ACTS OF KINDNESS

1. Leave a cold bottle of water by your door for delivery drivers.
2. Offer to pull weeds or do yardwork for an elderly neighbor.
3. Return stray shopping carts to the corral.
4. Hold the door open for the person behind you with a smile.
5. Let someone with only a few items cut ahead of you in line.
6. Pick up a piece of litter you see on the sidewalk or in a park.
7. Leave a generous tip for your server if you are able.
8. Send a text to someone just to say, "I'm thinking of you and hope you have a great day."
9. Brew a fresh pot of coffee at the office or bring donuts for your team.
10. Write a handwritten sticky note of appreciation and leave it for a friend, family member, or co-worker.
11. Call a relative you haven't spoken to in a while.
12. Cook an extra portion of dinner and drop it off for a friend who is stressed or busy.
13. Share a friend's creative project, business page, or fundraiser on your social media.
14. Send an email to a former teacher, mentor, or boss thanking them for the impact they made on your life.
15. Tape a few quarters or a dollar bill to a vending machine or a parking meter.
16. Give a genuine, specific compliment to a stranger (e.g., "That color looks great on you!").
17. Say a meaningful "thank you" to the cashier, bus driver, or janitor, using their name if they have a badge.
18. Practice active listening: give someone your full, undivided attention without checking your phone.
19. Keep an extra umbrella in your car to give to someone caught in a sudden downpour.
20. Smile and say "good morning" to the people you pass on your daily walk.

Be creative and spontaneous!

Be open to the Spirit's leading you to do something kind!

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

When we hear the word stewardship, our minds often jump straight to church budgets, fundraising campaigns, and the collection plate. But true biblical stewardship is much deeper than a financial transaction; it is a direct reflection of our relationship with God. At its core, stewardship is an act of trust, gratitude, and surrender to the One who created and sustains us.

Scripture reminds us that "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). We do not actually own anything in this life. Instead, God has uniquely entrusted us with his resources—our time, our unique talents, our energy, and our material wealth. When we view our lives through this lens, our perspective shifts completely.

A healthy relationship with God requires us to hold the things of this world with an open hand. When we hold onto our resources tightly out of fear or scarcity, we inadvertently signal that we trust our own security more than God's provision. Conversely, when we give generously, joyfully, and intentionally, we declare our absolute dependence on Him. It is a tangible way of saying, "Lord, I trust that You will provide for my needs, and I honor You as the true source of everything I have."

Stewardship is ultimately about alignment. It is about aligning our hearts, our daily priorities, and our resources with God's heart for the world. As we step out in faith and practice radical generosity, we don't just support the ministry of the church—we draw closer to God, deepening our faith and participating firsthand in His transformative work.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Pastor Miguel, Jones family and newborn-Owen Barrett Jones, Robert Mitchell, Tom;

WEEK 2:

Karen Shutt, Bruce;

WEEK 3:

Merle Lebo, Dante Parks, Cheryl;

WEEK 4:

Ashley Albright, Nancy Hoover, Wendy Kauffman, Luke Miller, Mark Miller, Theo Dahab, Marcia Gray;

ONGOING:

Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Joy Morris, Cheryl Rhodes.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council
- The United Methodist Church
- Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
- Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
- Our World Vision families:
 - Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.
- All peoples affected by war and unrest
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE OUR FACILITY:

- Charlton Preschool
- The SoupGuy, Adam and Nina Weaver
- Little Star Chinese School
- WB Music Therapy
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Sports and exercise groups
- Arabic congregation



Stewardship Report for June 14, 2026

Worship Attendance: 93

General Fund: \$ 2,957.03

Facility Maintenance: \$ 70.00

Missions: \$ 215.00



THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO GIVE AT CHARLTON CHURCH

1. SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING

If you would like a statement at the end of the year, use your church envelopes or use the "My Offering" envelopes in the pews.

2. GIVE ONLINE

Online giving ensures that your offerings are made ... even when you can't make it to church. Go to www.CharltonChurch.org/give

3. TEXT 2 GIVE

Text your gift to 844-952-2041. For detailed information, go to www.CharltonChurch.org/text

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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