



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, August 2, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER and PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter this space not as strangers,
but as people invited
into the very presence of the Almighty.
The God who created the heavens
is right here, right now.

**We come with open hearts,
ready to encounter the living God.**

Let us quiet our minds
from the distractions of the week.
Look around you —
see the faces of your brothers and sisters,
feel the warmth of fellowship,
and recognize the quiet work of the Spirit in our midst.

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.**

Because God is here, there is hope for the weary.
There is healing for the broken,
freedom for the captive, and joy for the mourning.

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;**

So let us lift up our voices, offer our whole hearts,
and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Lord, You are here,
and we are Yours.

† HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" (#328)

Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

† UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, You call us to be Your light in the darkness
and Your hands of grace in a hurting world. Open our
eyes to see Your work around us and empower us to
reflect Your love. Through our words, our actions, and
our compassion, make us faithful witnesses to Your
abiding presence. May our lives shine as a testament
that You are alive, active, and near to all, now and
forever. Amen.

TIME OF SHARING AND PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:16-34

MESSAGE

Rev. Dann Caldwell

"On Common Ground and the Uncommon God"

RESPONSE

"Open My Eyes" (#454)

Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

† **HYMN** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (#101)
Isaac Watts | John Hatton

From all that dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,
in songs of praise divinely sing;
the great salvation loud proclaim,
and shout for joy the Savior's name.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong;
in cheerful sounds all voices raise,
and fill the world with loudest praise.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

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, Aug 2	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Mon, Aug 3	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
	6:30 pm	Leadership Council meeting
Tue, Aug 4	1:00 pm	God's Hands @ Work
	6:00 pm	National Night Out (George Park)
Wed, Aug 5	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
	4:00 pm	Giving Grace Distribution
Thu, Aug 6	10:00 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	12:00 pm	Charlton Family Table
Fri, Aug 7	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, Aug 9	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Sundae Sunday @ Charlton

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office who will communicate your need with Pastor Dann Caldwell, who is filling in during this time of transition.

WORSHIP INFO

Welcome to our "Summer Road Trip (with a Different Driver each Week)", welcoming Rev. Dann Caldwell, Rev. Jim Copulos, Rev. Michael Gingerich, Rev. Jason Mackey, and Rev. Jennifer Williams as they share a message with us each week.

All summer long, we encourage you to slow down and recognize where God is at work in the world around us ... whether it is in small or big ways.

As part of this series, we invite you to bring postcards of places you visit on your vacations. You may place them on the board in the lobby. Take an opportunity to share stories of your travels with your Charlton family.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The centerpiece this week is in honor of Mateo's 9th birthday, and in memory of Ruth Waizenegger by Steve and Alice Enterline.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting deodorant for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice.

AUGUST MISSION OFFERING

The monthly mission for August is "Someone To Tell It To", a non-profit whose mission is to cultivate meaningful relationships through compassionate listening and trains others to do the same. If you're called to be a compassionate listener, visit their website at www.someonetotellitto.org.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Seasons of transition often bring quiet reflection, but in our church, they also reveal the strength of our community. While we navigate this interim season without a pastor, our true calling remains unchanged. A shepherd guides us, but the heart of our church has always been our dedicated and faithful congregation.

Even during this pastoral vacancy, God's work here moves forward with vitality and clear purpose. Every week, we continue to gather to worship and pray. Our fellowship programs continue uninterrupted. We are preparing to launch our normal fall programming.

Our church family reaches beyond our walls to offer love and assistance to those who need it most. Through your generous support, we are providing vital aid to local senior citizens, ensuring they feel valued and supported. We are also standing in the gap for families experiencing difficult times, offering practical relief and steady hope when life feels overwhelming.

This vital mission does not pause while we wait for the appointment of a new pastor. In fact, our community outreach is needed now more than ever before. Your continued tithes and faithful offerings directly sustain these essential ministries, keeping our doors open and our hearts extended toward our neighbors.

Thank you for your steadfast faith and ongoing generosity during this season. When you give, you are providing basic necessities to families, helping seniors obtain a prescription, and declaring that our faith remains active and alive. Let us keep giving, serving, and shining brightly together in Christ's love and abundant grace.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

This summer, our Charlton Church family is leaning into a simple yet deeply meaningful mission: shining Christ's light through intentional acts of kindness. Summer brings a unique, relaxed rhythm of warm weather, outdoor gatherings, and active neighborhoods, creating endless natural opportunities to show God's unconditional love in simple, practical ways.

Small gestures often ripple outward to create extraordinary, lasting transformations in someone's day. When we hand out cold water bottles at a sun-drenched park, offer free yard work to an elderly neighbor, or host a school supply drive for local families, we do far more than meet physical needs. We provide tangible proof that people are seen, valued, and cherished.

Generous acts of kindness break through the noise and emotional isolation of daily life. For a single parent navigating summertime childcare expenses, an afternoon of free child care or the delivery of an unexpected pizza brings immense relief. For a homebound senior, a warm conversation and help with household chores reassures them that they are deeply loved and not forgotten.

By serving selflessly without expecting anything in return, we put our faith into active practice and build meaningful bridges across our entire community. Simple kindness costs very little, but its spiritual impact is eternal. Join us this season as we make God's love visible across our community — one small act at a time.



ACTS OF KINDNESS

The following is a list of ways our Charlton family has been performing acts of kindness this summer. We do not share this to brag, but to serve as an example to encourage our entire family to find opportunities to find both simple and grand ways to show kindness to others.

- Pulled weeds, trimmed and mowed my elderly neighbor's yard.
- Bought a friend lunch
- Bought fans for someone during the heatwave
- Called a friend I haven't seen for a while
- Gave an elderly man my parking space
- Opened the car door for a gentleman
- Hosted a Christmas in July turkey dinner and all were invited to bring a donation for our Paxtonia Community service project.
- Bought a meal for a police officer
- Made it a practice to return shopping carts to the corral for people after they load their groceries
- Told a traveling family to have a safe and good time
- Telling a stranger to have a good day
- Helping a lady with a walker enter a store
- Let people into line of traffic when driving
- Am leaving anonymous post-it notes in unexpected places telling the finder that God loves them
- Visited a home bound member
- Helped an elderly person in the store
- Bathed my niece's dog
- Helped a man in an electronic shopping cart put his groceries into his car
- Complimented a stranger
- Took cookies to work for my co-workers
- Made double dinner and took it to our elderly neighbors
- Visited someone in a facility and greeted other residents

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Family of Bill Kepler, Janet Koup, Tyler Blazena, family of Tom Furlong, Golob family, family of Karen Moraski, Stacy Ruck, Michele Shaffer, Jeff, Jim;

WEEK 2:

Family of Ed Brady, Brad Prinz;

WEEK 3:

Patty Alfano, Miranda Fetteroff, Mark;

WEEK 4:

Family of Bob Brehm, Emily Town, Jeff Garber, Gary Markle, Tod Shutt;

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. Don Rowe
- 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 July 26, 2026

Worship Attendance 78

General Fund:	\$ 4,623.83
Facility Maintenance:	\$ 59.27
Missions:	\$ 273.00
Noise Offering	\$ 130.00



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

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