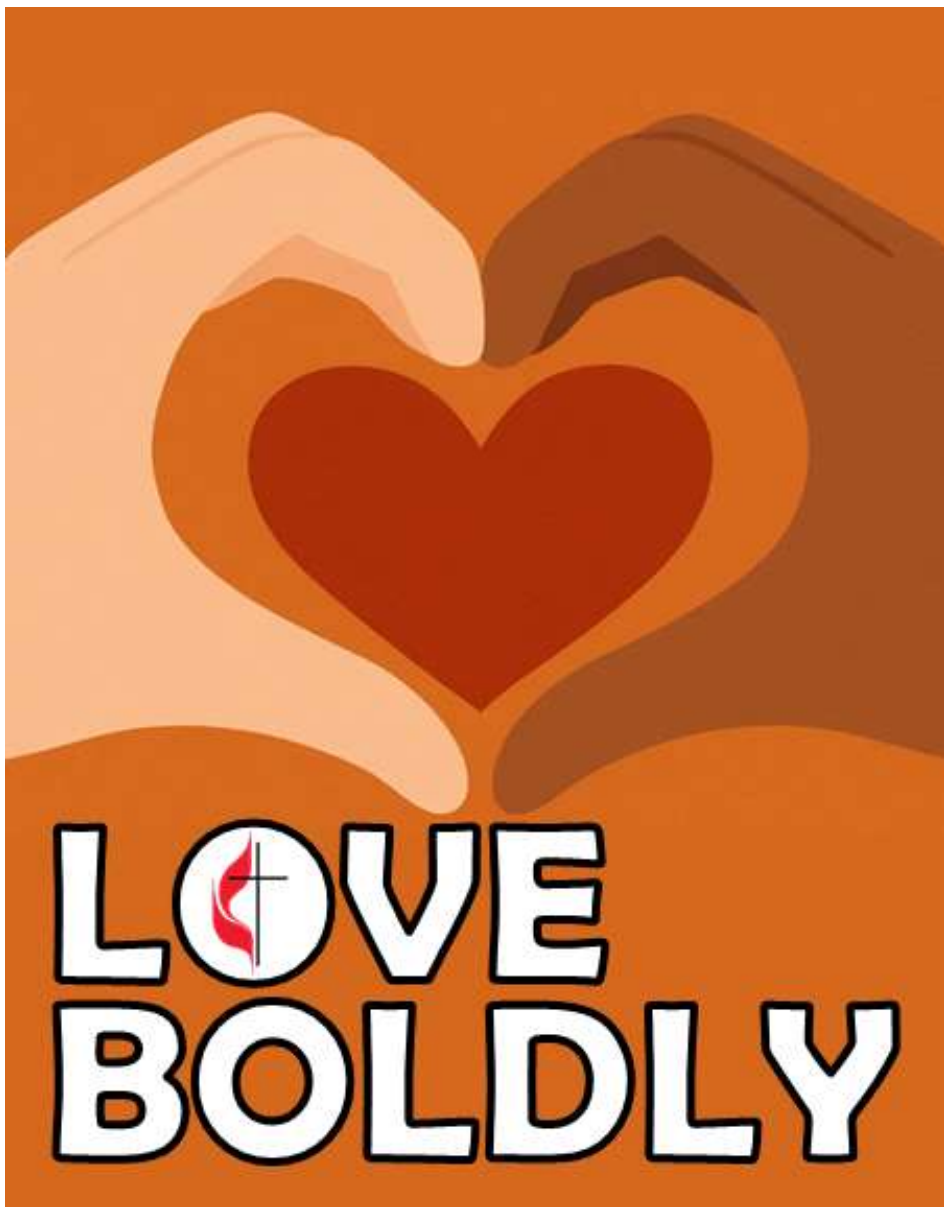




CHARLTON CHURCH

Where Faith Meets Life

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, September 13, 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

Come, people of God! We gather today
as a community empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**We come to be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ,
ready to live into God's dream for the world.**

We are called to Love Boldly —

to passionately love God and embrace every neighbor
regardless of age, nation, race, gender, or walk of life.

**In our worship and our lives,
we choose inclusion over exclusion
and connection over division.**

We are called to Serve Joyfully —

journeying alongside the most vulnerable
with Christ-like hearts of compassion.

**We offer our hands and hearts with gladness,
knowing that in serving others,
we encounter the living Christ.**

We are called to Lead Courageously —

resisting evil and dismantling injustice
as we strive for peace and reconciliation.

**We follow Jesus into the world,
seeking transformation for our local communities
and our global connection.**

Let us worship God

with open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

**Let us love boldly, serve joyfully,
and lead courageously! Amen.**

† **HYMN**

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (#560)

Fred Kaan | John Ness Beck

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

† **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, You have called us to greater understanding of what it means to love. Forgive us for those times we have loved only in our words but hesitated in our actions. Expand our minds and our hearts to match the breadth and depth of Your love. Teach us to love boldly, that we might truly be Your heart and hands in our community and world.

† **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE**

Hear the good news: Christ's love is not a scarce commodity; it is an abundant grace that refuses to give up on us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent forth to love without limits.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

† **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 22:37–39

John 13:34–35

MESSAGE

"Love Boldly"
Bishop Hector Burgos-Nunez

TIME OF PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my life and let it be
ever, only, all for Thee;
ever, only, all for Thee.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

in unison

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with grateful hearts, offering not only these gifts, but our very lives. Bless our tithes and our gifts, that they be used to build Your kingdom, to heal the broken, to welcome the stranger, and to share Your hope with all. May our giving reflect our trust in You and our commitment to follow Christ with bold love, joyful service, and courageous leadership. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

† **SONG**

"They'll Know We are Christians"

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

REFRAIN

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side.
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

† **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, Sep 13	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Sundae Sunday @ Charlton
Mon, Sep 14	6:30 pm	Leadership meeting
Tue, Sep 15	9:30 am	Wreath making
	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Sep 16	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Sep 17	10:00 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	6:00 pm	Hot Topix
Fri, Sep 18	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
	6:30 pm	Game Night @ Charlton
Sun, Sep 20	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office who will communicate your need with Pastor Dann Caldwell, who is currently serving as our congregational care pastor.

WORSHIP INFO

FALL SERMON SERIES

We continue our new fall sermon series "Seasons of Grace". Today, we will be challenged to share God's love boldly by Bishop Hector Burgos-Nunez, bishop of the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL AVAILABLE

Members of the Church Council will be available in the parlor after worship today to answer any questions you may have concerning the recent update concerning our fall series and this time of transition without a pastor.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in honor of Scott and Nola Miller's 50th Anniversary on September 4th.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

SEPTEMBER MISSION OFFERING

Our mission offering for September supports our work as a partner with Family Promise, as we host homeless families in our church four times a year.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

GAME NIGHT

Join us for game night on Friday, September 18 @ 6:30 pm. Feel free to bring your favorite game or a snack to share with others. Bring your family and friends. The more, the merrier!

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In seasons of change, it is natural to pause and take stock of where we are. Right now, our church family is navigating a period of transition — and thanks to God's grace and your remarkable dedication, we are doing so from a place of real strength and momentum. Ministries are thriving, our community remains vibrant, and the spirit of fellowship is strong. Things are going well, and that is a blessing we do not take for granted.

Yet, transitions are not merely times to hold the line; they are opportunities to prepare for what God is doing next. Stability gives us the rare freedom to dream boldly and build intentionally for the future. Staying the course requires the steady, joyful stewardship that brought us to this point. Moving forward into new possibilities will require us to lean in even further.

Your consistent financial support has brought us to this strong foundation. As we look ahead, we encourage you not only to maintain your faithful giving, but to pray about stepping into an even greater level of generosity. If you have yet to make financial giving a regular spiritual practice, now is a wonderful time to step in. Your ongoing and increased faithful giving ensures that our core programs remain resilient and that we are fully equipped to embrace the bright chapter ahead. Together, let us honor our past by investing courageously in our future.



FOR YOUR WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

VISION STATEMENT:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

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We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life.

MATTHEW 22:37-39

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

JOHN 13:34-35

'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

As we consider what it means to LOVE BOLDLY, here are 3 questions that our church is reflecting on:

- How can our church actively embrace and include individuals from diverse backgrounds in our ministries?
- What steps can we take to reflect Jesus's bold love in our interactions within the community?
- How can we break down barriers and create spaces where everyone feels truly welcomed?

While these are important questions for our church to consider, they are also great questions for each of us to ask ourselves as individuals. In what ways does God call each of us to step outside our comfort zone to love more boldly?

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Gail Miller, Rick Redman, Martha Scott, Brian Shuey, Justin;

WEEK 2:

Anthony, Jason, Michael;

WEEK 3:

Dottie Dunkle, Amanda Eshenour, Luke Miller, Cortney and Chris Gaston, Janet Warfield, Theut family, teachers and students;

WEEK 4:

Newborn Makenzie Goodman, Jane Ober;

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
- Students and teachers
- 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 September 6, 2026

Worship Attendance: 67

General Fund:	\$	6,616.27
Facility Maintenance:	\$	427.67
Missions:	\$	63.00



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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