

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.**



La gracia del Señor Jesucristo sea con ustedes.
Y también contigo.
(Spanish)

प्रभु येशु ख्रीष्टको अनुग्रह तपाईंहरु संग रहोस्।
अनि तिम्रो साथ पनि।
(Nepali)

Благодать Господа Ісуса Христа з вами.
І з тобою теж.
(Ukrainian)

وأيضا معك. نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح معكم
ايضا ومعك
(Arabic)

La grâce du Seigneur Jésus Christ soit avec vous.
Et aussi avec vous.
(French)

Die Gnade des Herrn Jesus Christus sei mit euch.
Und auch mit Ihnen.
(German)

願我們主耶穌基督的恩惠與你們同在
還有你
(Chinese)

CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Where Faith Meets Life

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHARLTON PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON:

Faithful God, we gather today with gratitude for Your constant presence among us. While we anticipate what You have in store for our future, we pause today to honor and celebrate what You are doing in our present. Help us to recognize that we are not waiting for ministry to begin — it is happening right now through our heart and hands.

We thank You for the gifts that can be found in this family of faith; for the diverse voices that inspire and challenge us through their sermons, for the strength and support discovered in our fellowship and relationships, for the faithful servants who give of their time and energies to help those in need, and for the abundant grace that sustains us in this season.

We celebrate what You are doing among us today and praise You for what You will do in the months and years to come, as we strive to live as Your disciples—loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 4, 2026

† Standing, as able.

We continue to light a Candle of Peace,
praying for people around the world
who live in the midst of violence, war, and unrest.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER and PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

† HYMN

"I Believe"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | Rowland H. Prichard

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven
which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus,
God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations,
is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit,
was so wondrously conceived,
born unto the Virgin Mary, who Your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him;
he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried,
in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended,
where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story:
in three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and he sits at God's right hand.

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I believe what God has promised:
Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples,
both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people,
saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us
for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies
on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever,
singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations,
is the faith that we proclaim.

† **THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion and mercy, we are Your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking Your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need Your forgiveness.

So, we lift into Your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also all those we have considered to be our adversary or enemy.

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Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which You offer us through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

† **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE**

† **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.

ANTHEM

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34: 1-6

John 10: 1-12

MESSAGE

Crazy Shepherd Thoughts

A Place in the Fold

Rev. Don Rowe

Conference Superintendent

River Valley District

Susquehanna Annual Conference

RESPONSE

Good Shepherd, feed our hearts today,
and tune our lives to seek the lost,
to walk beside You in the way,
and love Your flock at any cost.

No longer hungry, now we come
before the table of Your grace;
You spread a feast with gentle hand
within this holy, quiet place.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward using the center aisle
and return via the side aisles.*

*As an act of faithful stewardship,
you may bring your offerings as you come forward
and place them in the basket provided.*

*You may take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup,
or ...*

*you may eat the bread as you take it
and then take and drink a cup of juice from the tray.*



† HYMN

"Shepherd Medley"

Hymn #381 | Dorothy A. Thropp | William B. Bradbury

Hymn #128 | Joseph H. Gilmore | William B. Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

† 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, Oct 4	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Covered Dish Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Blessing of the Pets
Mon, Oct 5	6:30 pm	Leadership meeting
Tue, Oct 6	9:30 am	Wreath making
	10:00 am	Bible Study w/Pastor Dann
Wed, Oct 7	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	4:00 pm	Giving Grace Outreach
Thu, Oct 8	12:00 pm	Men's/Ladies Lunches
Sun, Oct 11	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Join us tonight at 6 pm for our annual blessing of the pets in the Jonestown Road lot. Pets must be under control.

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 welcome Rev. Don Rowe, the Conference Superintendent for the River Valley District (formerly the Harrisburg District).

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY LUNCHEON

World-wide communion Sunday is the day we celebrate the unity of the Christian Church around the world. Everyone is encouraged to join the Charlton family for a covered dish luncheon after worship today!

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to join our weekly bible study, which meets in the parlor Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Rev. Dann Caldwell will lead the study during October.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Are you looking for a place to connect with others, to ask questions and share your thoughts? Join one of our Discipleship Groups, which meet Sunday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

GAME NIGHT

It was decided to postpone our Game Night from September and hold it on Friday, October 16 in lieu of the drive-in movie. Feel free to bring your favorite game or a snack to share with others. Bring your family and friends. The more, the merrier!

MISSION INFO

OCTOBER MISSION OFFERING

Our mission offering for October benefits Charlton Benevolent Fund, which assists individuals and families in experiencing an emergency financial crisis.

NOW COLLECTING ...

- Toothpaste for Giving Grace
- 2 lb. bags of rice for Giving Grace
- Tissues and wipes for Paxtonia Elementary School
- Pantry Bags for Harvest Home Sunday. A shopping list of items is available on the bulletin table.
- Operation Christmas Child boxes. Boxes and fliers are available in the lobby.

STAFF APPRECIATION INFO

October is Staff Appreciation month. In this year of transition, please let Charlton's staff know how thankful you are for their steadfast presence and service to us all. Let's take this opportunity to express our gratitude through words, notes, prayers, and acts of kindness throughout the month of October. There will be a basket in the lobby for you to place any notes, cards or small items. On Sunday, October 11, please gather for treats in the lobby before and after the service in their honor. Charlton's paid church staff includes:

Dann Caldwell, Congregational Care Pastor

Chuck Kaufmann, Director of Worship and Administration

Marianne Eagle, Office Administrator

Sarah Tingley, Student Ministries Coordinator

Debra Hughes, Nursery Coordinator

Wendy Criste, Nursery Assistant

Sommer Garber-Storm, Custodian

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Sara and Jordy Allison, Molly Martin, Brian Hartgrove, Tod Shutt, Joseph Young, family of Karen Shutt, Marcia;

WEEK 2:

Aileene Keath, Brad Lindenmuth, Aaron Diodato, Carolyn Kircher, Vic;

WEEK 3:

Marlene Jenkins; Bailee Bartholomew, Elaine Farbes, Susette Lalby, Ron Livingston, Max Schiffhauer, Deb, Matthew, Family of Jim Cooper, family of Don Livingston;

WEEK 4:

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

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 Soup Guy, 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 27, 2026

Worship Attendance: 62

General Fund:	\$ 3,624.32
Facility Maintenance:	\$ 149.27
Missions:	\$ 381.00
Noise Offering:	\$ 68.50



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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