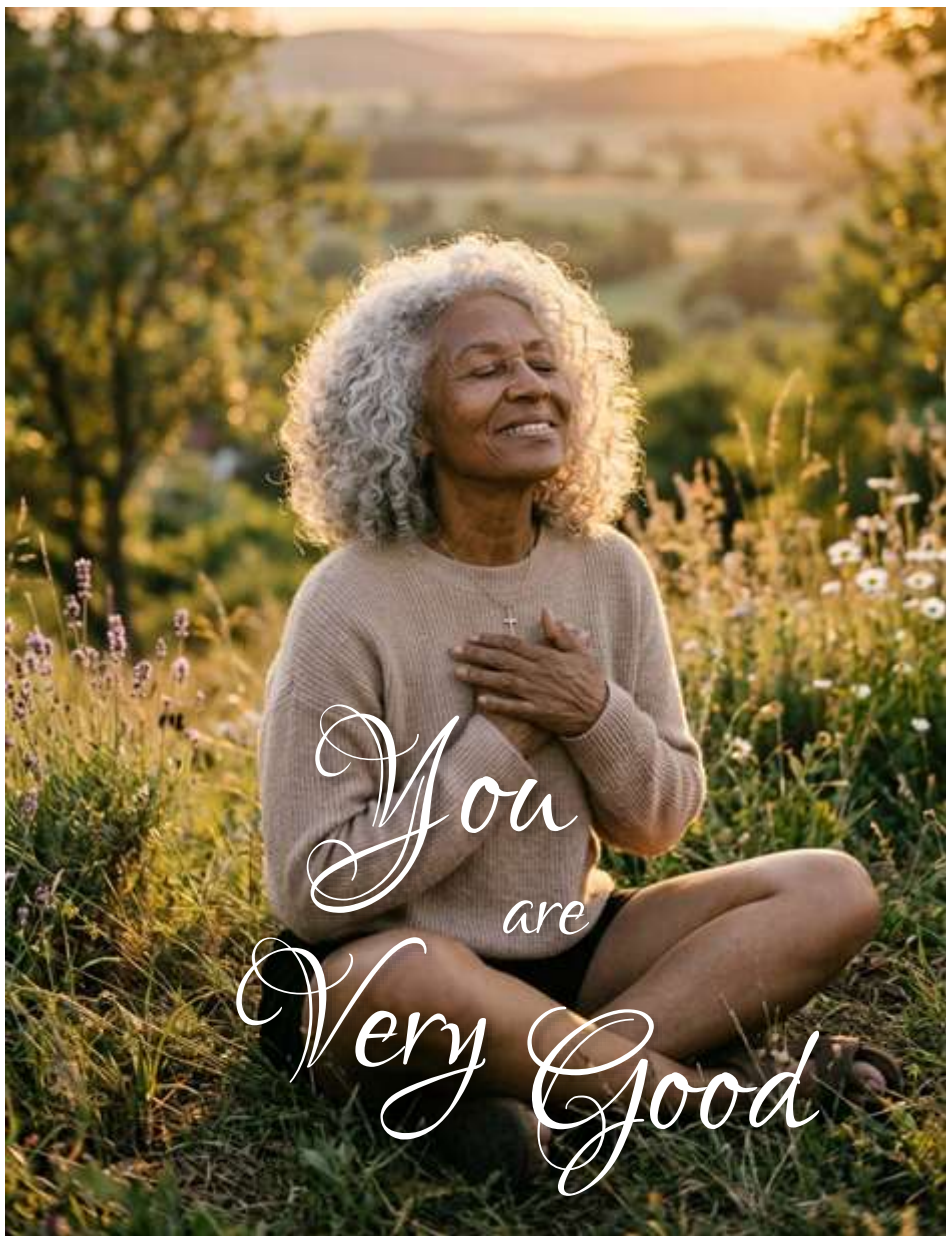




CHARLTON CHURCH

Where Faith Meets Life

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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.

† 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or even the earth and the world were formed,
God knew us and imagined us into being.
We are not an accident;
we are the intentional design of a loving Creator.

**In God's hands, our lives take shape;
in God's heart, we find our home.**

With wisdom and care, God knit us together —
our breathing, our beating hearts, our unique spirits.
God looked upon all of creation,
looked upon each of us, and declared: "It is very good."

**We are wonderfully made,
spoken into existence by love.**

No matter where we have walked,
no matter the burdens or doubts we carry today,
one truth remains unshakable:
nothing in all creation can separate us
from the love of God.

**Come, let us worship the One who created us,
who calls us by name,
and who loves us beyond measure!**

† HYMN

"I Stand Amazed" (#371, vs. 1, 2, 4)

C. H. Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

REFRAIN

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden
He prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

† UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, Your affection for us is vast, steady, and unending. Before we knew to seek You, You sought us, surrounding us with a devotion that never falters. In moments of doubt, Your promise holds firm, and in times of weakness, Your grace carries us through. Remind us today that we are cherished not for what we achieve, but simply because we are Yours. May Your deep love wash over our hearts, quiet our fears, and fill us with lasting peace. Help us to rest securely in Your warm embrace now and always. Amen.

NOISE OFFERING

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.

TIME OF SHARING

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1: 1-8, 31

MESSAGE

"You are Very Good"
Rev. Jen Williams

† **HYMN**

"I Stand Amazed" (#371, vs. 5)
C. H. Gabriel

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of His love for me.

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and 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

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts with grateful hearts. Bless this offering as an expression of our devotion and care. Use these resources to reach into our community and world, meeting needs and offering hope. Through our faithful stewardship, may others experience the warmth, comfort, and reality of Your boundless love. Guide us to be wise and compassionate givers, reflecting Your grace in all that we share. In Your holy name, Amen.

RESPONSE

"You Have Searched Me, Lord"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | sung to 'Come, Thou Fount'

You have searched me, Lord, and known me!

All my life is in Your care.

When I lie awake in evening,

You are always with me there.

When I rise to greet the morning

In an attitude of praise,

What I learn from you is humbling:

You already know my ways.

Lord, You know the song I'm singing
and my words before I pray.
You're behind me and before me
as I travel through each day.
You once knit me all together;
You created me by grace.
In Your eyes, You see and love me
As You treasure all my days.

Lord, I try to learn Your wisdom,
but I cannot understand.
Yet Your love is all around me;
I am part of all You've planned.
Let me sing Your praise each morning,
Let me serve You all day through,
and in evening, make me peaceful,
knowing this: I'm loved by You!

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE**

"Charlton Blessing"

Marcy Miller | Dan Schutte

written in loving memory of Marlyn Hoover

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 25	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Craft Show meeting in lobby
	4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
Tue, Oct 27	9:30 am	Wreath making
	9:45 am	Bible Study w/Pastor Dann
	1:00 pm	God's Hands @ Work
Wed, Oct 28	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
Thu, Oct 29	11:00 am	Preschool Trunk or Treat
Fri, Oct 30	11:00 am	Preschool Trunk or Treat
Sun, Nov 1	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Church Conference after worship

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Sat, Nov 14	9a – 2p	Christmas Craft Fair
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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 conclude our fall sermon series "Seasons of Grace", and welcome Rev. Jen Williams today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in memory of Rick Ebert by Sue Ebert and family.

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHARLTON

ALL SAINTS WORSHIP

Join us next Sunday, November 1, as we celebrate All Saint's Sunday. As part of our worship, we will remember those in our Charlton family who have died over the past year.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual Church Conference will be held next Sunday, November 1. Please note that the time and location has been changed. The conference will now be held at Charlton, immediately following our morning worship service. The Rev. Kathleen Kind, Susquehanna Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, will be the presiding elder.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to join our weekly bible study, which meets in the parlor Tuesday mornings at 9:45 am. Rev. Dann Caldwell will lead the study during October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Once again, we will be partnering with the cub scouts for a trunk or treat event this afternoon at 4:00 pm. You are welcome to decorate your car and distribute candy or help us distribute hot dogs to those that are present.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR MEETING

There will be a short meeting after worship today. Save the date of Saturday, November 14, for our annual Christmas Craft Fair. We will need your help to make this event a success. There are many ways that you can participate. Please sign up on today's Connection Card.

HOMELAND CENTER BAZAAR

Homeland center is collecting new or gently used items for the residents to purchase at their bazaar on Nov 5. If you have jewelry, cards, games, toys, or new lotions to donate, please drop items off in the church lobby by Nov 1.

MISSION INFO

OCTOBER MISSION OFFERING

Today's Noise offering benefits Charlton Benevolent Fund, which assists individuals and families in experiencing an emergency financial crisis.

NOW COLLECTING ...

- Tissues for Giving Grace
- 2 lb. bags of rice for Giving Grace
- Tissues and wipes for Paxtonia Elementary School
- Pantry Bags for Harvest Home Sunday, Nov 22. A list of items is available on the bulletin table.
- Operation Christmas Child boxes. Boxes are in the lobby. Please return filled boxes to church by Nov 8.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Gloria Chmiola, Alice Enterline, Kim McMillen, Wendy Criste and family, Charlotte Blackburn, June Miller;

WEEK 2:

Ryan Murphy, Carolyn Kircher, Kelly Kline, Dave Mayer;

WEEK 3:

Don Buckley, Sharon Wilson;

WEEK 4:

Molly Martin, Brian Hartgrove, Tod Shutt, Joseph Young, family of Karen Shutt, Marcia;

ONGOING:

Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Wendy Kauffman, 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 October 18, 2026

Worship Attendance: 62

General Fund: \$ 3,656.09

Facility Maintenance: \$ 169.85

Missions: \$ 144.85



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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