

CHARLTON CHURCH

Where Faith Meets Life

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, November 15, 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.

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† 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

In moments of weariness, when our hearts are heavy
and the path ahead seems uncertain,
we gather in this place.
We come seeking peace,
longing for a quiet space to rest our souls.
The Lord is our shepherd, gentle and faithful.
God does not turn away from our struggles,
but walks beside us through every valley.
We draw near to the God of all comfort,
who wipes away our tears
and whispers reassurance to our anxious spirits.
Bring your doubts, your fears,
your quiet burdens, and your hopeful prayers.
God's love is steadfast,
and God's grace is sufficient for today.
In faith, we surrender our worries.
In joy, we anchor our hope in the One
who is our Friend.

† HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (#526)
Joseph M. Scriven | Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

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Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

† UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, gathered together as one, we open our hearts to Your presence. Where there is anxiety, bring Your deep and abiding peace. Where there is sorrow, wrap us in Your tender comfort. Steady our restless minds, heal our unspoken hurts, and remind us that we never walk alone. May Your gentle spirit quiet our fears, restore our strength, and unify our hearts in divine grace. Amen.

ANTHEM

TIME OF SHARING AND PRAYER

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

Isaiah 40: 1-11

MESSAGE

"A Thrill of Hope: the Weary World Rejoices"
Rev. Michael Gingerich

RESPONSE

"For the Fruits of This Creation" (#97)
Fred Pratt Green

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION

OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks!

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION in unison

Generous God, we bring these offerings as tokens of our gratitude for the comfort and peace you so freely give. Take these gifts and multiply them to bring solace to the hurting, peace to the anxious, and hope to our community. May all that we share reflect your boundless grace and extend your tender care to a world in need. Use both our offerings and our lives to build your kingdom. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul" (#377)

Horatio G. Spaffordl | Philip P. Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

† 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, Nov 15	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Family Promise week begins
Wed, Nov 18	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	5:00 pm	Prayer and Pizza
Thu, Nov 19	6:00 pm	Hot Topix Dinner Discussion
Fri, Nov 20	7:00 pm	Youth Campfire S'mores

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.

THANK YOU

Thanks to each and everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Craft Show a success. Whether you helped plan, set-up, worked the event, or tear down, know that your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

WORSHIP INFO

WORSHIP TODAY
We once again welcome Rev. Michael Gingrich, who is sharing the morning message.

GROWTH INFO

PRAYER AND PIZZA
During the month of November you are invited to join us Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 pm, as we share in a devotion based on Gratitude and a time of prayer. Pizza will be provided. Sign up on today's Connection Card.

MISSION INFO

NOVEMBER MISSION OFFERING
The Mission offering in November is for Christmas Blessing. These monies allow our church family to bless individuals and families who are facing challenges during the Christmas season. Noise offering will be collected next week.

NOW COLLECTING …

- Shampoo 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.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS
Be sure to sign up on today's Connection Card for this month's Fellowship Thursday events. This is a great time to connect and share with your Charlton family.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

THANK YOU
The staff would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and various treats. Your support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL
One of the top priorities for Charlton's Leadership Council is to work on your behalf, and to do this, they need to know what your hopes, dreams and concerns are for our church family. While we understand you "know" the individuals on the council, you may not readily remember that they are on the Leadership Council. You'll notice that our council members and staff are now wearing name tags at church. This is being done to help you quickly identify those persons who are currently serving as part of our Leadership Council.

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we are invited to pause and reflect on the abundant blessings in our lives. True stewardship is about nurturing these gifts — our time, talents, and resources — and sharing them generously with others. When we cultivate a heart of gratitude, even the smallest act of kindness can transform lives and build a stronger community. May this Thanksgiving inspire us to give joyfully, live thankfully, and faithfully care for all we have been entrusted with.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:
family of George Zimmerman, Steven Blackburn, Donna May;

WEEK 2:
Janet Beasom, Marlin Kauffman, Cheryl Lindenmuth, Nate Diodato, Luann Fullana, Beth, Ralph,;

WEEK 3:
Gloria Chmiola, Blaine Fry, family of Jill Cowen, family of Shirley Miller;

WEEK 4:
Alice Enterline, Kim McMillen, Wendy Criste and family, Charlotte Blackburn, June Miller;

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 November 8, 2026

Worship Attendance: 78



General Fund:	$	17,831.53
Facility Maintenance:	$	1,756.44
Missions:	$	919.48

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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