



SERVE JOYFULLY

CHARLTON CHURCH
A United Methodist Community

Where Faith Meets Life

Sunday, January 18, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

* Standing, as able.

WELCOME

Pastor Miguel Arenas

* 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#89)

Henry Van Dyke | Ludwig Van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

* **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and faithful God, You have called us to love You with glad hearts and to serve You with joy and gratitude. Yet we confess that we often serve out of habit, obligation, or fear rather than delight. We grumble when You invite us to give, we resist when You call us to act, and we hold back our time, energy, and compassion. Forgive us for our half-hearted obedience and for the joy we have misplaced. Renew in us a willing spirit, so that our service may flow from gratitude for all You have done for us.

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE**

Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our failures are redeemed, and our hearts are made new. The joy of the Lord is our strength. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are freed to serve God not out of guilt, but with gladness and thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE and RESPONSE**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 100:1; Nehemiah 8:10;

John 13:14–15; 1 Peter 4:10

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

THE CALL TO LOVE BOLDLY

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

✳ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✳ 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**

"Here I Am, Lord" (#593)

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

* **BENEDICTION**

* **RESPONSE**

Dear Lord, bless us, take and use us;
strengthen us with power from above.
Guide each footprint 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, Jan 18	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Mon, Jan 19	8:00 am	Easter Egg making begins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Tue, Jan 20	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, Jan 21	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, Jan 22	10:30 am	Strength and Balance Class
	12:00 pm	Meet 'n' Eat Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Charlton Pickleball
Fri, Jan 23	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, Jan 25	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service

WORSHIP INFO

SERMON SERIES

We continue our sermon series based on the new vision of The United Methodist Church, as what we consider what it means to 'serve joyfully'.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to join the pastor for Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the parlor.

LATTE AND LAUGHTER

Join us for a Galentine Event on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 10 am. We plan to share an inspirational devotion "How Women Cultivate Real Friendship." In addition, we have a special project for each of you; no experience necessary! The cost will be approximately \$5 per person. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your favorite drink. We hope you can plan to be here, and please bring a friend! Please sign up on today's Connection Card.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for January supports the work of Central PA Food Bank, which works with 1,100 local agencies and programs to serve nearly 268,000 who are experiencing food insecurity. The noise offering will be collected next week.

FELLOWSHIP INFO

MEET 'n' EAT LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly luncheon at a local restaurant on Thursday, January 22 at 12 noon. This month's lunch will be held at Manada Hill Diner (257 N. Hershey Road). Be sure to sign up on today's Connection Card.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

EGG MAKING RESUMES

Production of our Easter Eggs begins tomorrow, Monday, January 19. People gather anytime between 8:00 am and 1:30 pm to help make our famous candy eggs. There are a variety of jobs, including ones where you can remain seated.

SOUP GUY FUNDRAISER FOR CHARLTON CHURCH

Adam and Nina Weaver would like to give back to Charlton by holding an all-you-eat Chicken Pot Pie Lunch for \$12.00 on Saturday, January 31, starting at 1:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to join you so that this fundraiser can be a success. We would like to have some greeters available to welcome those in attendance. Sign up to attend or to help on today's Connection Card.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

As the pastor begins planning for his spring and summer sermon series, he'd like to hear your suggestions on topics that you would find meaningful. You can share your ideas on today's Connection Card.

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.

We are called to SERVE JOYFULLY.

With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy.

PSALM 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

1 PETER 4:10 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

As we consider what it means to SERVE JOYFULLY, here are 3 questions for our church to reflect on:

- Who are the most vulnerable members of our local community, and how can we serve them with joy and compassion?
- How can we cultivate an environment where serving others becomes a joyful express of our faith?
- What partnerships or collaborations could enhance our service to the community?

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 serve more joyfully?

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Brooklyn Hannon, Cheryl Lindenmuth, Sammy Brannen, Wayne Jacobs, Tammy Sweger, Barmont family, Bob's family;

ONGOING:

John Arnold, Larry and Tina Caines, Dot Dunkle, Joy Morris, Cheryl Rhodes, Sig Sunday;

WEEK 2:

Nola Miller, Sue Roder;

WEEK 3:

Beth Chaney, Henry Warner;

WEEK 4:

Nola Miller, Ron Coleman, Lisa Koup, Dave Miller, Jack Ulsh, Jane Yingling, Blue.

WE CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR:

- Charlton Church, staff, and Leadership Council
- The United Methodist Church
- Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez
- Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
- Our World Vision families:
Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.
- The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine
- The leaders of all nations, that peace may be our common goal

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO USE OUR FAC

- Charlton Preschool
- The SoupGuy, Adam and Nina Weaver
- Little Star Chinese School
- WB Music Therapy
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Sports and exercise groups



***"The prayer of the righteous
is powerful and effective."***

James 5:16

Stewardship Report for January 11, 2026

Worship Attendance: 72

General Fund: \$ 6,039.30

Facility Maintenance: \$ 50.00

Missions: \$ 184.48



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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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