



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, July 12, 2026

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

From the hustle and bustle of our daily lives,
from the burdens we carry and the joys we celebrate, the
love of God calls us into this place.

**We come just as we are —
rejoicing, weary, seeking, and longing for peace.**

Look around you.

We do not gather as strangers,
but as the body of Christ.

We are a people bought by grace,
held by mercy, and bound together in love.

Here, the table of grace is set.

Here, the doors of hope are flung wide.

**We come to receive what God so freely offers:
forgiveness, rest, and a fresh start.**

So let us lift our voices and our hearts.

**Let us answer the call of the One
who knew us before we were born and loves us still.**

† HYMN

"Your Love Has Called Us Here" (#579, vs. 1,2,3,5)

Sung to the tune 'Faith of Our Fathers' | Brian Wren

Lord God, Your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made;
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
Your call to hear, Your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, halfbound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Lord God, in Christ You call our name,
and then receive us as Your own;
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by Your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse Your mercy seat,
and find You kneeling at our feet.

Lord God, in Christ You set us free,
Your life to live, Your joy to share;
give us Your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

† UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, Your grace has called us to this place, and we gather just as we are. We lay down the heavy burdens of the past week, the distractions of our minds, and the anxieties of tomorrow.

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Open our hearts to the movement of Your Holy Spirit today. Forgive our shortcomings, renew our spirits, and bind us together in Your unconditional love. May our prayers, our songs, and our reflections be pleasing to You. As we worship, remind us of who we are in You, and send us forth changed. 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 LESSON

Galatians 5:13-26

MESSAGE

"High Hanging Fruit"
Rev. Dann Caldwell

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#384)
Charles Wesley | John Zundel

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE INVITATION and OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY

All praise to Thee, the Father, Son,
and to the Spirit; Three in One.
Accept these gifts we bring to You,
and bless the work You'd have us do.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We joyfully offer these gifts back to You, grateful for the
ultimate freedom we have in Christ. As our scriptures
teach, let us not use our freedom to indulge selfishness,
but rather to serve one another humbly in love.

We dedicate these resources to planting seeds of peace,
patience, kindness, and goodness. May this offering
multiply to serve our community, bearing the beautiful
fruit of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

"Charlton Blessing"

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, July 12	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Sundae Sunday @Soda Jerk
Mon, July 13	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Wed, July 15		CHARLTON DAY OF KINDNESS!
	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
Thu, July 16	10:00 am	Cardio/Strength Class
	6:00 pm	Hot Topix
Fri, July 17	10:30 am	Chair Yoga
Sun, July 19	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 filling in during this time of transition.

WORSHIP INFO

Our "Summer Road Trip (with a Different Driver each Week)" begins today! Join us this summer as we welcome Rev. Dann Caldwell, Rev. Jim Copulos, Rev. Michael Gingerich, Rev. Jason Mackey, and Rev. Jennifer Williams as they share a message with us each week.

All summer long, we encourage you to slow down and recognize where God is at work in the world around us ... whether it is in small or big ways.

As part of this series, we invite you to bring postcards of places you visit on your vacations. You may place them on the board in the lobby. Take an opportunity to share stories of your travels with your Charlton family.

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

We are collecting paper towels for our monthly outreach distribution. We continue to collect 2 lb. bags of rice. We are also collecting peanut butter and jelly for the summer.

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering in July supports the work of the Center for Spiritual Formation in Carlisle. The Center provides in-person and online programming for the spiritual nurture of both clergy and lay persons, and also operates a low-cost retreat center for individuals and small groups.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Several people were moved by Michon's testimony recently, as she shared how God led her to serve the homeless in Harrisburg. If you would like to donate to her project, use an envelope and mark it 'Eclipse' or 'Homeless', and place it in the offering plate or in the collection box at the rear of the sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAE SUNDAY

Tonight will be our second 'Sundae Sunday' for the summer. Join us at 6 pm at the Soda Jerk in Hummelstown for some ice cream and fellowship. We will gather on the back deck. If you enter by the breezeway to the left of the diner, you'll find a window where you can order your ice cream.

PENNY CARNIVAL

We need your help for our Penny Carnival on Friday, July 24 from 6-8pm to bring families together for an affordable, fun-filled evening of connection and joy. We need your help as we strive to share God's love, strengthen neighborhood bonds, and create a welcoming, safe space where everyone in our community feels valued.

You can sign up on the Connection Card to volunteer and/or donate items. There is a container at the back of the Sanctuary to collect pennies for this event.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As the warmth of July fills our days, summer invites us to pause, reflect, and appreciate the abundance surrounding us. Stewardship isn't just about what we give; it's about how we live. It is about how we share our time with family, how we use our unique talents to uplift our neighbors, and how we care for the community around us.

Amidst busy vacations and sunny afternoons, let's remember that our community thrives because of your ongoing generosity. Whether you are sharing your time, offering a helping hand, or contributing financially, every unique gift makes a lasting impact. Together, we nourish our shared mission and ensure that the spirit of community shines brightly all summer long.

ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

In a world that often feels fast-paced and disconnected, a simple act of kindness can be the anchor someone desperately needs. Kindness is not just a polite gesture; it is a powerful force that transforms both the giver and the receiver. When we choose to extend grace, offer a helping hand, or simply share an encouraging word, we build bridges across divides and remind one another of our shared humanity.

Our next **Acts of Kindness Day** is this **Wednesday, July 15**. This special initiative is our opportunity to step outside the walls of our church building and become the hands and feet of hope in our community.

We aren't looking for grand, complicated gestures - just intentional moments of care. Whether it's pulling some weeds, paying for a stranger's coffee, or writing a note of appreciation to a local worker, every act matters.

Let's come together to flood our neighborhood with compassion. By serving others, we show our community that they are seen, valued, and loved. Join us this week as we make kindness a tangible reality, one small act at a time.

The following acts of kindness performed by Charlton members are an example of things you can do:

- Visited a home bound member
- Helped an elder person in the store
- Bathed my niece's dog
- Helped a man in an electronic shopping cart put his groceries into his car
- Complimented a stranger
- Took cookies to work for my co-workers
- Made double dinner and took it to our elderly neighbors
- Visited a family member in a facility and greeted another resident.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Bob Brehm, Sharon Snyder, Emily Town, Jeff Garber, Gary Markle, Karen Moraski, Tod Shutt;

WEEK 2:

Erin and Jordan Markelwitz;

WEEK 3:

Bonnie Ditty, Cheryl Lindenmuth, Dante Parks, Marie Pate, Pat Rushoe, Reid Schrack, Bert and Laura Shaffner, Tod Shutt;

WEEK 4:

Pastor Miguel, Jones family and newborn-Owen Barrett Jones, Robert Mitchell, Tom;

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
- 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 July 5, 2026

Worship Attendance: 56

General Fund: \$ 6,268.27

Facility Maintenance: \$ 418.13

Missions: \$ 80.00



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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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