



CHARLTON CHURCH

A United Methodist Community

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

LOVE BOLDLY. SERVE JOYFULLY. LEAD COURAGEOUSLY.

VISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

† Standing, as able.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Mothers come in many different forms,
and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven
and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night
to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting,
but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children
through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death
and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted
to have children of their own,
but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

**We thank You, Lord,
for the women who have influenced our lives
in so many ways.**

**We pray that we will honor them
in everything we do. Amen.**

† **HYMN**

"Faith of Our Mothers"

Arthur Bardwell Patten

Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
source of a finer, nobler race.
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

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Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
for youthful longing, youthful doubt,
how blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
in truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
still serve the home and save the Church,
and breathe thy spirit through our deeds.
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

† **UNISON PRAYER**

Good and Gracious God, be with us in this holy place as we offer You our praise this morning. May the thoughts and prayers of our hearts draw us closer to You during this time of worship, so that we may become more faithful disciples in the world today. Amen.

ANTHEM

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.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

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

God of love, bless these gifts we bring to You now.
Bless them and those that offer them, that together
we may be able to be the heart and hands of Christ
in the world today, bringing compassion, mercy and
justice to Your children everywhere. We pray this in
Your holy name. Amen.

† **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 14:15-21

MESSAGE

Pastor Miguel

Stories That Matter
The Stories Abide

TIME OF REFLECTION and BLESSING

† HYMNS

"Come Sing Praises to Our Mothers" (#369)

Fanny J. Crosby | Pheobe P. Knapp

Come, sing praises for our Mothers
who have tuned our hearts to You.
You share praises with no others –
but these ones whose love is true.
They must hear our truest feelings
if they would know how we're blessed
by unwearied, careful teachings
given without thought of rest.

We raise up our grateful voices
for the patient love of Moms,
who have listened to the noises
of their screaming, childish throngs.
Hear us now cry thanks to God for
giving us the homes we need.
We will never leave your shelter
'til we all find Home indeed.

There we hope to find you, Mother,
at the right hand of our Lord.
How could there be any other
nurturing the Living Word?
Then forever we will worship
as you taught us when so young;
for the Lord alone is worthy
of these praises we have sung.

† BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE

"Charlton Blessing"

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, May 10	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Charlton Worship Service
Tue, May 12	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed, May 13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Perkins
	10:00 am	Latte and Laughter
Thu, May 14	11:00 pm	Carol Brown Celebration of Life
Sun, May 17	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AT CHARLTON

ARENAS FAREWELL

While the pastor's last day with us will be Sunday, June 14, we will have a time of celebration and appreciation, with a luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 7. More info will be available in coming weeks.

WORSHIP INFO

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

GROWTH INFO

BIBLE STUDY

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

MISSION INFO

GIVING GRACE COLLECTION

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

MISSION OFFERING

The mission offering for May supports our World Vision children: Dieulene in Haiti and Narek in Armenia.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From time to time, the office receives requests for volunteers willing to offer a few hours of companionship and light cleaning for church members. If this is something you would like more information about, please contact the office.

INFORMATION SOUGHT

Do you know a Charlton member who died while serving our country? If you have any information, please let us know on today's Connection Card.

FROM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Several Charlton members have been asking Leadership Council members who our new pastor will be. The fact is that we have not received that information.

This is the time of year that our bishop and his cabinet are finalizing appointments for the coming year. It is a very complex task as they discern the needs of the 600+ churches that comprise the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Our Conference Superintendent (formerly known as the District Superintendent) met with Charlton's Leadership Council in February for a discussion about the needs of Charlton Church and how the appointment process works.

Here are some of the facts we have learned:

- Over the past 3 years, the Susquehanna Conference had 82 pastors retire. In that same time period, only 7 pastors were ordained.
- There are fewer ordained pastors than there are those who serve as local licensed lay pastors or those who serve as pastors during their course of study.
- Many retired pastors are taking part-time appointments to assist during this shortage of pastors.
- Many churches like experiencing a decrease in attendance and giving are transitioning to part-time pastors, who are often retired or student pastors.

As we await the news of our upcoming appointment, we encourage you to keep Charlton Church in your prayers. While the Leadership Council is also anxious to learn of our new appointment, we faithfully trust that God is in the midst of all the decisions being made. The Council will provide an update as soon as the information is received.

CHARLTON PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEK 1:

Bill Kepler, George Zimmerman, Ellen Ball, Sandy Bovard, Diane Halke, Phil Robb, Chris Rushoe, Pat Rushoe, John 'Van' Tingley, family of Connie Shuff;

WEEK 2:

Yvonne Pritchard, Sharon Snyder/Eric Miller, Sierra and family, Luke;

WEEK 3:

Rohrbach family at the passing of June;

WEEK 4:

Family and friends of Carol Brown, Kathy Killinger, Debbie Livingston, Dante Parks, Susette Lally, family of Derek;

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. Dr. Gary Weaver
- 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



***“The prayer of the righteous
is powerful and effective.”***

James 5:16

Stewardship Report for May 3, 2026

Worship Attendance: 77

General Fund: \$ 4,624.37

Facility Maintenance: \$ 545.00

Missions: \$ 88.00



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

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