

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



May 2026

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"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

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8:40 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

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Our Mission: To love others as God loves us... To be a lighthouse radiating God's love



What is Pentecost?

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church. The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the

good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3).

White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

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COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Church Outreach community meals are growing, and we want to be able to serve you better. We ask that you please reserve your meal by the date below:

Deadline:

May 10th

Meal Date:

May 13th

May's meal will be pulled pork sandwiches with picnic foods.

To make your reservation, please call (717) 872-7951. Take-outs will be available from 4:30 to 5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-ins will be seated from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.



The next UWF meetings will be on
 May 4th at 9:30 am
 June 1st at 9:30 am

Questions/Concerns can be addressed with UWF board members: Judy Rambo- President, Pat Collins- Vice President, Darlene Hunsberger- Secretary, Donna Eshleman- Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 4th 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
- May 6th – Sub Orders Due
- May 6th – Office Closed at noon
- May 7th – National Day of Prayer
- May 9th 11 am – 1 pm– UWF Spring Brunch
- May 10th – Mother’s Day
- May 11th – 17th – Pastor Renewal Leave
- May 13th – Community Meal
- May 17th – Newsletter Blips Due
- May 18th – Sub Sale
- May 19th – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- May 19th – 21st – Conference
- May 24th – 30th – Pastor Renewal Leave
- May 25th – Memorial Day
- May 26th 1 pm – Outreach Meeting
- May 27th – Office Closed
- May 28th – Office Open 8 am – noon
- May 29th – Office Closed
- May 31st – Peace with Justice Sunday



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7th, Thursday - National Day of Prayer theme is "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations" based on 1 Chronicles 16:24.

Please contact Jill Kelley (717-872-2552) to sign up for a 15-minute slot of praying to help cover a 24-hour prayer vigil. Starts at midnight Thursday morning, May 7th, with slots available through midnight Thursday night, May 7th. You may pray from home or any location.



SUB SALE

There is a sub-sale on May 18th. Please call or text Doug Rankin at (717) 824-0548 to place your order. Orders are due by May 6th.



WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH

All women, young and old, are invited to the Women's Fellowship Brunch on Saturday, May 9th, from 11-1 p.m. The theme of this year's Brunch is "Blessed & Beautiful" based on Ruth in the Bible. The guest speaker will be Jezerel Gutierrez, and there will be good food, games, and fellowship. Please RSVP by using the sign-up sheet in the narthex or by calling the church office at (717) 872-7951 by Friday, May 1st.



PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Peace with Justice Sunday is a time for us to renew our commitment to transforming the world through justice and reconciliation. Through your contributions, we support efforts to reduce violence, advocate for human rights, and create sustainable solutions for peace. Join us on May 31st in making a difference through prayer and giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

The last day of Sunday School classes this Spring is May 31, 2026. Sunday School classes will tentatively resume on September 13, 2026. Anyone interested in assisting with Sunday School, please contact Pastor Manny or Donna Eshleman.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Items needed: Jelly/Jam, Alfredo Sauce, Taco Kits, Canned Fruit, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Canned Red Beets, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas/Carrots, Flavored Noodles, Flavored Potatoes, Muffin mix (Just add water). Please, no expired items; they cannot be accepted.



PASTOR RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Manny will be away from **April to May 2nd, May 11th to 17th, May 24th to May 30th, and June 15th to June 21st** for renewal leave. During this time, John Dizon will be our guest speaker on May 17th, Andy Collins will give the message on May 24th, and Donna Eshleman will give the message on June 21st. For emergencies or pastoral concerns during these times, please contact Dave Topper (717) 984-7600.



PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through June will go to The Loft. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming to Colemanville on Monday, June 22nd, Tuesday, June 23rd, and Wednesday, June 24th. from 9 am to 11:30 am. The ages will be 3 to 12. The theme is Babylon, "Daniel's Courage in Captivity". If you have any questions, call Sue Rineer at 717-872-4334.



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at the Columbia Avenue/Good Drive location. Colemanville UMC will receive six cents per pound in donations. Donations are usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you would like a card with our partner number, please see Michelle Smith.

MOBILEPACK UPDATE

I want to say a huge **THANK YOU AGAIN!** for your support of the 11th Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children MobilePack that took place on March 20-22, 2026.

Some important updates:

1) Meals on the Move: On Monday, April 6, 2026, 759 boxes (163,944 meals) shipped out of the Middletown FMSC warehouse on their way to Malawi, Africa via FMSC mission partner, World Help. World Help is a Christian humanitarian organization serving the physical and spiritual needs of people in impoverished communities around the world.

2) Donation Goal: Our goal is to raise \$147,000 to cover the cost of the meals that will be provided.... so far, we have raised approximately 81% of our goal or \$119,375! Praise God!!!

May God bless you,

Lora Mangus Wenger

Lancaster County FMSC MobilePack Chairperson



Thinking of You:

Tillie King

Our Shut-Ins:

Grace Aukamp

Edie Harrington

Bob Conn

Get Well Wishes:

Cana Booth

Erika Breneisen

Justine Olsham

Linda Reburn

Matthew Hsia

Michelle Hsia

Nicole Graby



Remember & Honor

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor Renewal Leave	2
3	4 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	5	6 Sub Orders Due Office Closed at 12 pm	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9 Ladies Spring Brunch 11 am - 1 pm
10	11	12	13 Community Meal	14	15	16
Mother's Day						
17 Newsletter Blips Due Pastor Renewal Leave	18 Sub Sale	19 Widow/Widowers Luncheon	20 Conference	21 Pastor Renewal Leave	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Outreach Meeting 1 pm	27 Office Closed	28 Office Open 8 am - 12 pm	29 Office Closed	30
31 Peace with Justice Sunday						

Happy

Mother's
Day!

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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!



HONOR & REMEMBER

Mothers of the Bible

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REBEKAH

LEAH

RACHEL

HANNAH

MARY

ELIZABETH

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