

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



February 2025

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United Methodist Church

"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

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8:45 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

A Journey of Healing: From Lamentation to Praise Invitation from the Bishop

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." Jeremiah 17:14 NRSVue

Dear United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey,

I greet you in the name and with the love of Jesus who is the Christ.

When I first arrived in EPA&GNJ, I quickly became aware of the deep wounds present among us. These wounds have come from many sources: the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; sociopolitical struggles; racial, economic, and systemic injustices; pains arising through division and conflict at every level of our denomination—from the general church all the way down to the conference and the local church; and other forms of harm that have caused pain and division. As people of faith, we acknowledge these wounds, but we do not face them alone.

Today, I am excited to invite you into A Journey of Healing: From Lamentation to Praise—a conference-wide campaign designed to walk with one another, through God's grace, toward healing and ultimately, PRAISE! This journey will unfold over the coming months, culminating in opportunities to praise and celebrate the work of God in our lives during District Conferences and our Annual Conference in May.

Here is our timeline for this journey:

1. January: Naming the Woundedness
2. February: Praying Over the Wounds
3. March: Cleansing the Wounds (Lenten Gatherings with Communion & Healing Services)
4. April: Protecting the Wound (Prayer Litanies on the Website & Prayer Opportunities)
5. May: Praise! (District Conference & Annual Conference Praise Opportunities)

Launching the Journey in January: Naming the Woundedness

Our journey begins in January with a safe and sacred opportunity for individuals across the conference to name their needs for healing. During this month, all members of the EPA and GNJ Annual Conferences are

invited to share prayer requests through a Google form. You can choose to share your name or to remain anonymous. These requests may reflect past, present, or future healing needs and may encompass concerns for our Annual Conferences, congregations, families, and communities. No prayer is too big or too small for our God.

In February, a dedicated team of prayer warriors—including myself, the Cabinet, and laity and clergy from across our Annual Conferences—will receive these prayer requests. Each request will be lifted individually in prayer, trusting in God's power to bring healing and restoration.

Lenten Gatherings with Communion & Healing Services

In March, we will hold Lenten Communion and Healing Services to focus on cleansing the wounds within us and our communities. I encourage you to participate in one of these sacred gatherings.

Please look out for further updates regarding these locations.

Reconciliation Resources

I have heard from some of you the desire for resources that foster reconciliation. In response, we will also provide tools and guidance for those open to engaging in processes of reconciliation. These resources will be available on our conference website by April and will include prayer litanies and steps for dialogue, healing conversations, and rebuilding relationships in our churches and communities.

I encourage you to begin this year by participating in this sacred opportunity for healing. Together, as we name our woundedness, pray over it, and allow God to work within us, we will move closer to the day when we can raise our voices in PRAISE.

Grace and peace to you,

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

The United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania & Greater New Jersey

*For detailed information, visit: Journey of Healing: From Lamentation to Praise



United Women in Faith

The next meeting will be February 3rd 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

- February 3rd 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
- February 9th – Souper Bowl Ends
- February 11th 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
- February 12th – Community Meal
- February 14th – Office Closed
- February 18th 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- February 22nd – Tools for Ministry at Salem UMC
- February 22nd 6 – 8:30 pm– Game Evening
- February 25th 4 pm – Outreach meeting
- February 25th 6 pm – SPRC Meeting

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

In addition to their Community Meals the Outreach Committee has the following events coming up:

A Game Evening on Saturday, February 22, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. You, your friends, and family members are invited to join us for a fun evening of games (ending with Bingo), fellowship, and light refreshments.

On Saturday, March 29th, from 8 am to noon will be the annual Yard Give. Please mark your calendar and watch for additional information as to donation drop-off times.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT MEAL

Acts of Mercy served 72 people for their annual Pork & Sauerkraut meal on January 1st. They received \$892 in donations. Thank you to everyone who came out to help make this meal a success.



COMMUNITY DINNER

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 dates below:

Deadline:

February 8th

Meal Date:

February 12th

February's "You are Loved" meal is Baked Manicotti

To order 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.

Hope you can join us.



SOUPER BOWL

January 26th – February 9th – Souper Bowl for the Conestoga Food Bank Mission Project: Please donate cans of soup, fruit, or vegetables (No Green Beans).

You are encouraged to "wrap" each can with paper money, attached with a rubber band. The collection

box will be in the Narthex from January 26th until Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. Any Questions see Sue Rineer (717) 872-4334.



TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

February 22nd from 8 am to 12 pm

A leadership training day with valuable learning tools taught by skilled, and respected instructors. Light refreshments will be available. Registration fee is \$8. Registration forms are available via the EPA website. Salem UMC - 140 N Penn St Manheim, PA 17545



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Conestoga Food Bank – Items needed: Pancake mix (just add water), syrup, pop-tarts, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce, Dinty Moore stew, hearty soups, vegetable soup, canned fruit, canned peas, canned lima beans, canned chicken, Helper (tuna/chicken). Please no expired items, they cannot be accepted.

OUTREACH DECEMBER REPORT

In December, in addition to our December Community Meal, we had Outreach Give Day in which we did a service project for Clare House, had a light lunch, had a short program of scripture, Christmas readings, Christmas caroling, and ended with Giving Bingo. We packed a total of 12 shopping bags of supplies (each bag had supplies for one family) for Clare House and from the Giving Bingo gave Compassion International \$50 for the purchase of chickens, gave World Vision \$50 for the purchase of a share of a pig and gave Heifer International \$50 each for the purchase of bees and a share of a goat.

Also, in December we showed a movie “Christmas Angel” (the one which Della Reese is in) which was very enjoyable and had a good message on giving, had an intermission snack which included popcorn, and made a Christmas angel ornament.

The funds for these events were supplied from the donations Outreach has received from their Community Meals and other events.

Thanks to all who participated and/or helped in any way to make the above events and all of our 2024 events a success!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS coming to Colemanville Monday, June 23rd Tuesday, June 24th, and Wednesday, June 25th. from 9 am to 11:30 am. The ages will be 3 to 12. More information to follow. 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.



PENNY JAR

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



LET US PRAY

Dorinda Brown
Tillie King
Erika Breneisen
Charlie Rineer
Cana Booth
Justine Olsham
Cara Evans
Dana Reisinger
Kylie Staffieri
Linda Reburn
Matthew Hsia
Michelle Hsia
Haley Bianco
Doug Graby
Rose Drumm

Our Shut-ins

Grace Aukamp
Bill Cauler
Edie Harrington
Edna Searle



DIRECTORY

Directory 2025 – Michelle is currently working on an updated directory. There are a few copies with the most up-to-date information in the narthex. Please look over your information. If your information is incorrect, please fill out the “Contact Information” cards in the narthex and place them in Michelle’s mailbox or call/email the church office. If yours is correct, you don’t have to do anything, your information will stay the same. If you have any questions, please call Michelle (717)872-7951. All updates are due by February 9th. Thank you.

2025 FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	4	5	6	7	8
Directory 9 Updates Due Superbowl Ends	10	11 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Community Meal	13	14 Office Closed	15
16	17	18 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22 Tools for Ministry Game Night
23 Newsletter Blips Due	24	25 Outreach Meeting 4 pm SPRC Meeting 6 pm	26	27	28	1



Happy
Valentine's Day

You Are Loved

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Flowers
Jesus
Peace
Special

Devotion
Friendship
Kindness
Perseveres
Sweetheart

Endearment
Hope
Love
Sentimental
Valentine