

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



July/August 2026

**Colemanville
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 Meditation on Julian's Story of Hazelnut

“At the same time, God showed me something small, about the size of a hazelnut that seemed to lie in the palm of my hand as round as a tiny ball. I tried to understand the sight of it, wondering what it could possibly mean. The answer came: “This is all that is made.” I felt it was so small that it could easily fade to nothing; but again I was told, “This lasts and it will go on lasting forever because God loves it. And so it is with every being that God loves.” I saw three properties about this tiny object. First, God made it; second, God loves it, and third, God keeps it. And yet what this really means to me, that he is the Maker, the Keeper, the Lover, I cannot begin to tell.” - Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love

Julian of Norwich's lovely and profound story of the hazelnut continues to fascinate me. In times of distress, her vision fills my heart with renewed hope. In moments of fear, her words reinvigorate my inner fortitude. In its grace-filled simplicity, her imagination reassures us of the never-ending, all-encompassing, life-affirming, and ever-redeeming love of our Maker, our Lover, and our Keeper, no matter how small or insignificant we may seem. Because we are held and kept within God's infinite love, Julian believed that, whatever happens, “all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”

The story of Jesus Christ is, in many ways, the story of a hazelnut. God incarnate became one of us, dwelt among us, suffered with us, died for our sake, and was raised from the dead so that we might have eternal life—here and now, and after death. Having endured unimaginable horror, dehumanization, and pain, Christ's life, death, and resurrection stand as the ultimate demonstration of God's love for humanity. By this kind of love, we are assured that evil, despair, and hopelessness will never have the last word. We will never be forsaken, even in the face of the most horrendous evil, because all things exist within the sustaining power and love of God revealed in the risen Christ. Julian's story of the hazelnut offers a powerful vision of God's love in Christ, calling us to say no to everything that harms God's beloved creation and yes to everything that reflects and nurtures God's love.

We are made by God---our Maker continues to recreate us.

We are loved by God---our Lover continues to abide with us.

We are kept by God---our Keeper continues to sustain us.

Pastor Manny



The next UWF meeting will be on
September 14th at 9:30 am

*There are no meetings in July or August

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Sunday School classes will not meet in July/August. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 13th. Anyone interested in assisting with Sunday School, please contact Pastor Manny or Donna Eshleman.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 4th** – Happy Independence Day
- July 14th 6:30** – Worship Meeting
- July 19th** – Budget Folders Due
- July 19th** – Fellowship Time
- July 21st 11:30 am** – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- July 21st 6 pm** – SPRC Meeting
- July 28th 6:30 pm** – Finance Meeting
- July 29th** - RCM Meal Day
- July 27th – August 9th** – Rawlinsville Camp Meeting
- August 1st 7 am – 1 pm** – Boehm’s Yard Sale
- August 11th 6:30 pm** – Trustee Meeting
- August 16th** – Newsletter Blips Due
- August 18th 11:30 am** – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- August 18th 6:30 pm** – Church Council Meeting
- August 25th 1 pm** – Outreach Meeting



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 dates below:

Deadline:

September 6th

Meal Date:

September 9th

September’s meal will be ham & green beans with potatoes.

**There will be no community meal in July/August.*
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.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Looking for soloists, duets, trios, groups, musicians, readers, or liturgical dancers, for Special Music for the Sunday worship service from **now through September 6th**. Please see or contact Jill Kelley (717-872-2552) or Ellen Peifer (717-284-4857). Thank you!



PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through **September** will go to the **Conestoga Food Bank**. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



SUB SALE

There is a sub-sale on September 14th. Please call or text Doug Rankin at (717) 824-0548 to place your order. Orders are due by September 2nd.

BOEHM’S YARD SALE

August 1st 7 am – 1 pm – Boehm’s Community Yard Sale - Rain or Shine. Table spaces are \$10. To reserve a space, call (717) 283-6733. Homemade ice cream and drinks will be available.



RAWLINSVILLE CAMP MEETING

The 141st Annual Session of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting will be held from July 27 - August. 9, 2026. Evangelistic services are held in the Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. Camp Evangelists for the first week will be Rev. Rich Stevenson; for the second week, Rev. Steve Lennox. Bible study will be held in the Tabernacle at 10:00 am. Bible study teachers are Rev. Jerry Lingenfelter and Rev. Scott Phillips. Service Times are Mornings at 9 am. Afternoon services are on Wednesdays only at 1:30 pm; check the website for more information. Evening services are at 7:30 pm.

Special Weekend Activities:

Saturday, Aug. 1

1 pm - Kids Carnival around the Tabernacle. Lickity Split will provide free ice cream for all.

Sunday, Aug. 2

3 pm – Piercing World, a theatrical ministry from Akron, will perform the Gospel of Mark in the Tabernacle

Saturday, Aug. 8

1 pm – Chris Ivey, a character juggler
2 pm – Children's march-around and camp birthday party in the back of the tabernacle.

Colemanville Day in the kitchen is Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Contact Jean Garrett at 717-284-3606 to help. Helpers are needed.

For more information on Rawlinsville Camp Meeting see www.rawlinsvillecamp.com



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 typically accepted Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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.

THANK YOU

A big **THANK YOU** for all the Get-Well cards that were made at VBS and delivered to me. They mean a lot, and I really appreciate them! Also, a big thank you to Paisley, Bryanne, Raylan, and Carter for helping to lead the music at VBS for me. I heard they did a great job! Thanks again to everyone! Ellen Peifer



Thinking of You:

Tillie King
Rose Harrington

Our Shut-Ins:

Grace Aukamp
Edie Harrington
Bob Conn

Get Well Wishes:

Edna Searle
Joan Sosa
Kimberly Kulishoff
Cana Booth
Justine Olsham
Linda Reburn



JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fellowship Time Budget Folders Due		Worship Meeting 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 6 pm Widow/Widowers Luncheon 11 am				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Rawlinsville Camp Meeting						
		Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	RCM Meal Day			

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 RCM Boehm's Yard Sale
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rawlinsville Camp Meeting						
9 RCM Ends	10	11 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Newsletter Blips Due	17	18 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm Widow/Widowers Luncheon 11 am	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Outreach Meeting 1 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					



The Summer That God Made



Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Proverbs 3:5




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| Bright | Jesus | Prayer | Rest |
| Warm | Golden | Lemonade | Sprinklers |
| Crickets | Vacation | Bible study | Fireworks |
| Sun Shine | Pool | Faith | Ice cream |

