

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



September 2025

Colemanville
United Methodist Church
"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"
210 Colemanville Church Road

Conestoga, PA 17516

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

Worship Service
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



“Loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously” embodies our church mission of active discipleship. It describes faith in action---an ongoing Spirit-empowered participation in Christ’s healing, reconciling, and transforming work in the world. I find the following poem of Bill Foster, inspired by the new United Methodist Church vision statement, both refreshing and inspiring as we contemplate and live out daily our church’s new vision:

A Church in Motion

In whispers of Spirit and echoes of flame,
the Church remembers its ancient name.
To form disciples, not merely to teach,
but kindle a fire no doctrine can reach.
From pews to pavement, bold love unfurled,
a daring embrace for a fractured world.
No timid welcome, no half-closed doors,
But arms like Christ’s, stretched ever more.
Joy is the rhythm in hands that serve,
not duty-bound, but Spirit’s swerve.
Like laughter rising from sacred ground,
each act a hymn, each step profound.
And courage, ah, sweet sacred roar,
to lead through storm, to rise once more.
Not just in pulpits or book-bound speech,
but in every soul that dares to reach.
Gone are the days of quiet refrain,
of vision statements soft and plain.

Now verbs dance in holy fire,
a call to climb, to dream, aspire.
From Open Hearts to hearts ablaze,
from brand to breath, from pew to praise.
The past revered, the future kissed,
by Spirit wind and holy twist.
So let the Church not merely say,
but love and serve and lead today.
for this new vision is not a scroll,
it’s movement. It’s heartbeat. It’s soul.*

I pray that we be filled with the Spirit and wisdom as we integrate the core values of the new UMC vision into our local church’s vision and mission statement.

Pastor Manny Cruz

*Bill Foster, Northeast District UMC Laity, Rio Texas AC FB Page



The next UWF meeting will be on
September 8th at 6:30 pm

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on
Sunday, September 14th, 2025.

Anyone interested in assisting with Sunday School,
please contact Pastor Manny or Donna Eshleman.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 1st – Office Closed

September 3rd – Sub Orders Due

September 7th – Silent Dessert Auction & Luncheon

September 8th 6:30 pm – UWF Meeting

September 10th – Community Meal

September 14th – Choir Practice

September 15th – Sub Sale

September 16th -Widow/Widowers Luncheon

September 28th 12 pm – Conference at Boehm's UMC



DESSERT SILENT AUCTION

DESSERT SILENT AUCTION AND LUNCHEON

On Sunday, September 7, a dessert silent auction will be held following the worship service in the social hall at Colemanville Church. Anyone interested in donating a dessert for the auction, please contact Donna Eshleman. A few church memorabilia items will also be available to bid on. Bids will be received from 10:15 to 11:15 AM.

Highest bidders will be announced immediately following the luncheon. Money from the highest bidders will be collected on the day of the auction.

Proceeds raised from the auction will help offset the \$22,000 cost of the pavilion.

Games for all ages will be available to participate in from 10:15 to 11:30 AM.

A luncheon will be held after the silent auction, starting between 11:45 AM – 12 noon. The following will be provided: beef barbecue, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, mac & cheese, beverages, plates, plasticware, and cups.

If your last name begins A - L, please bring a dessert to share at the luncheon. Last names beginning M – Z please bring a side dish to share. PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON – DEADLINE to sign up is August 31.

Questions regarding the luncheon, please ask any Outreach member. Questions regarding the Silent Auction, please ask Donna Eshleman.



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:

September 7th

Meal Date:

September 10th

September's meal will be Ham & Green Beans

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.



SUB SALE

Orders are due September 3rd for the September 15th Future Needs Sub Sale. There will be American, Ham, and Turkey Subs available.

Please email drankin261@comcast.net or text Doug Rankin (717) 824-0548 to place your order. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex.

Cost is \$9 each. Subs can be picked up on September 15th between 3 pm and 5 pm.



CHOIR PRACTICE

The 2025-2026 Season of the Colemanville Church Choir will begin with their first rehearsal on Sunday, September 14th at 7:45 a.m. in the Library. We will sing our first anthem on Sunday, September 21st at the 8:40 a.m. service. Hoping to see all of last year's members as well as new members. We practice most Sundays at 7:45 a.m. and usually sing three Sundays of each month. The only requirement is that you enjoy singing for the Lord. If interested or you have any questions, please let Ellen Peifer know at 717-284-4857 or espeifer@epix.net.

SAVE THE DATE -- SOUP & BAKE SALE

Saturday, September 27, 2025, is Colemanville UWF's annual soup and bake sale being held at Colemanville Church. Soups available to purchase are all homemade: chicken corn, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef. Baked good donations accepted. As of the printing of this newsletter, pick-up time and cost per quart have not been determined. Check bulletin and website after Sept. 8 for pick up time and cost per quart.

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

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.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPAK **10th Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children MobilePack**

that took place on March 28-30, 2025.

It is absolutely amazing what our community can accomplish when we come together to work and pray! Check it out....

Final totals for the event are as follows:

Our goal was to pack 400,000 meals.... we packed **412,128 meals!**

This will feed **1,129 children a nutritious meal a day for an entire year! Praise God!**

Our goal was to have 2,000 volunteers.....we had **1,678 volunteers!**

Our goal was to raise \$118,000 to cover the cost of the meals.... we raised **\$123,848.11**, which was enough to cover the cost of the meals we packed and also allowed us to put **\$3,593.11 toward next year's event! Praise God again!**

The final destination for our meals was as follows:
1,260 boxes (272,160 meals) to Malawi via our mission partner, Reach Now International. <https://reachnow.net/>
93 boxes (20,088 meals) to the Dominican Republic via our mission partner Cross Catholic Outreach. <https://crosscatholic.org/about-us/>

555 boxes (119,880 meals) to Peru via our mission partner, World Help. <https://worldhelp.net/>

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the **Lancaster Co. Food Hub**. As a community, we were able to donate **278 lbs.** of food to be used by local community members.

Finally, mark your calendars, tell your family and friends, invite your neighbors and co-workers, and save-the-date for the

11th Lancaster Co. Feed My Starving Children MobilePack on March 20-22, 2026

May God bless your generosity!

Lora Mangus Wenger, Lanc. Co. FMSC MobilePack Chairperson



Dear Beloved,

I write today with deep gratitude and joy: thanks to your overwhelming generosity and faithful partnership, we have exceeded our goal for the Tanzania Pastor Salary Campaign! Together, we have raised \$77,842 for the Pastors of Tanzania Annual Conference. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

What a powerful testimony to the power of our connection that defines United Methodism. Your compassion and commitment have once again shown that when we join together, by God's grace, we can move mountains. As many of you know, pastors in the Tanzania Annual Conference often earn as little as \$67 per year—an amount that makes it nearly impossible to care for their families, maintain their health, or lead their congregations with the strength and focus their ministry deserves.

Now, because of your gifts, that story is changing. Every pastor in the Tanzania Annual Conference will now receive a living wage. Thanks to you, these faithful leaders will be able to serve their congregations and communities with renewed energy, peace of mind, and hope for the future. In return, the Pastors of Tanzania are teaching us about faithful evangelism, lived discipleship and missional mindset. As we build our partnership, we grow and learn together and strengthen our worldwide connection.

Again, thank you for your missional giving locally and globally. May we continue to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

With Gratitude,

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2	3 Sub Orders Due	4	5	6
7 Silent Dessert Auction & Luncheon	8 UWF Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10 Community Meal	11	12	13
14	15	16 Widow/Widower Luncheon	17	18	19	20
21	22 Sub Sale	23	24	25	26	27
28 Conference at Boehm's UMC 12 pm	29	30	Soup & Bake Sale			

May God's blessings



Autumn

Welcome Fall

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