

**COLEMANVILLE  
COMMUNICATOR**

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at  
Colemanville United Methodist Church



**July/August 2024**

**Colemanville**

**United Methodist Church**

**"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"**

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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!*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings of joy and peace!

In our summer journey, I am inviting you to ponder the spiritual discipline of repentance with me. Biblically understood as a change of heart and mind toward a deeper relationship with God, the concept of repentance reveals different layers of meaning. First of all, repentance is recognizing that we are all beloved children of God. It is to reaffirm that the true personhood of all human beings can be defined only in terms of being God's beloved. As Jesus intimately understood his relationship with God, so we need to be deeply aware that God loves us just as we are.

Our constant acceptance of God's love leads us then to a humble recognition that we have all sinned against each other, no matter how we have been trying to live peacefully with humankind and non-human creations. In the intricate web of human relationships where we are all part of the complex interlocking of good and evil, repentance calls us to a humble acceptance of our complicity in the suffering of humanity and our planet.

God's forgiveness is the third layer of repentance that we commonly claim in the process of repentance. It is a full acknowledgment that we have received total forgiveness for all our transgressions by the grace of God in the Crucified and Resurrected Christ. By receiving God's forgiveness, we are fully restored to our true personhood. In effect, we let God transform our

hearts and minds as we take actions to right our wrongs and will the well-being of others.

Restitution in different forms is a necessary component of genuine repentance. A flourishing repentant life requires more than a changed heart and restorative act. It compels us to persistently seek a new liberating vision of humanity and our relationship with the whole of God's creation. This new vision prompts us to live out progressively the alternative models of Jesus in our way of seeing, thinking, living, relating, and serving. True repentance is our constant surrender to be affected humbly and empathetically by the lives of others so that all may live justly, peacefully, meaningfully, creatively, and joyfully in a world of colorful interconnectedness, diversity, and inclusivity.

As we practice repentance, I would like to ask you to pray with me, "Loving, forgiving, and recreating God, sustain us as we let ourselves "die a little" every day. Help us to be affected by the travails and sufferings of our neighbors and the whole earth as you constantly lead us to the Crucified Christ. Enlarge our hearts for an inclusively joyful experience and practice of the resurrection by becoming more like Jesus for the good of others and your creation. Amen."

Warmest blessings,

Pastor Manny



United  
Women  
in Faith

There will be no UWF meetings in July/August. The next meeting will be **September 9th** at 6:30 pm.

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



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed
- July 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Finance Meeting
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Community Meal
- July 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am -Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- July 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Worship Meeting
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> – RCM
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
- July 31<sup>st</sup> – RCM Meal Day
- Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
- Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 8 am – Cantaloupe Café
- Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – Backpack Blessing/ Games
- Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
- Aug.20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am -Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 6 pm – SPRC Meeting



### COMMUNITY DINNER & BINGO

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:**

July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Meal Date:**

July 10<sup>th</sup>

July's meal will be Ham Loaf

**Note** – There will be no meal in August.

To order please call (717) 305 – 0215

Take-outs will be available from 4:30-5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-in will be seated from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

Join us at 6:15 pm for BINGO

### RAWLINSVILLE CAMP MEETING

The 139th Annual Session of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting will be held from July 29 -Aug. 11, 2024. Evangelistic services are held in the Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. Camp Evangelists will be Rev. Nick Spurgeon July 29 – Aug. 4 and Rev. Tim Valentino Aug. 5 – 10. Bible study will be held in the Tabernacle at 10:00 am. Bible study teachers are Rev. Adam Swift July 30 – Aug. 3 and Rev. Randy Gehman Aug. 5-10. Service Times are Mornings at 9 am. Afternoon services as scheduled, check the website for more information. Evening services are at 7:30 pm.

**Special Weekend Activities:**

Saturday, Aug. 3

- 1 pm - Jesse Rothacker and Forgotten Friends
- 2 - 4 pm. - Kids Carnival around the Tabernacle with Mimzy's Entertainment

Sunday, Aug. 4 - 3 pm – “Then Sings My Soul” a concert of hymns in the Tabernacle

Saturday, Aug. 10 at 1 pm - Phredd concert in the Tabernacle

Colemanville Day in the kitchen is Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Contact Jean Garrett at 717-284-3606 to help.

Helpers are needed.

For more information on Rawlinsville Camp Meeting see [www.rawlinsvillecamp.com](http://www.rawlinsvillecamp.com)



### NEED CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE?

Anyone who does not have access to email or a cell phone and would appreciate receiving a telephone call regarding church happenings (i.e., prayer requests, cancellation of events, etc.), please sign the list in the narthex or contact Omie Zecher.



### CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Conestoga Food Bank – In desperate need of cereals and drinks (juices, lemonades, fruit drinks, etc.) Other items needed: Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Boxed Helper (i.e., hamburger, tuna, etc.). Rice, Boxed Potatoes (any type), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Creamed Soups, Tomato Soup, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Gravy, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit. **NO GREEN BEANS!!** Please no expired items, they cannot be accepted.



### WEDDING PHOTO REQUEST

**LAST CALL** -- The 175th-anniversary committee is seeking wedding photos of couples who were married at Colemanville Church to display the weekend of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you are willing to share a wedding photo or a copy of a photo (a copy can be made here at the church). Please hand it to Donna, or place it in her church mailbox. **Please remember to write your name on the back of the photo** so it can be returned to you. **THANK YOU!**



### SPECIAL MUSIC

Looking for soloists, duets, trios, groups, etc, for Special Music for the Sunday worship service from **now through September 8th**. 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



### CANTALOUPE CAFÉ

August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am - Please join us for the pickling of cantaloupe used for ur mincemeat pies. Continental breakfast will be provided.



### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm – Come join us at Colemanville for the blessing of the backpacks. Each child will take home some school supplies. We will also have fun games and a make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. Hope to see you then!



### 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY -- REMINDER

Save the date/mark your calendars for Colemanville Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration weekend!

**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Evening kick-off concert.

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:** 10 am -1 pm History video/stations

2 pm - Hymn sing

4 pm - Ice cream social

**Sunday, October 20:** 10 am - Worship service & luncheon

**PLEASE KINDLY RSVP** if you plan to attend the hymn, sing/ice cream social, and/or worship service followed by luncheon. RSVP by calling (717-872-7951) or emailing ([colemanvilleumc@outlook.com](mailto:colemanvilleumc@outlook.com)) the church office.

Orders for anniversary memorabilia available to purchase will begin Sunday, July 7. Sample items will be displayed in the church narthex. Items will include a picture of the church (your choice), Colemanville Church, 1849 – 2024, Grateful - Empowered – Vital.

#### Items available to purchase:

8” Spinner \$15

Glass cutting board - \$20

Mousepad - \$9

Photo slate - \$18

Eyeglass cleaner - \$4

Magnets - \$3.50

Coffee mug - \$10 - \$12(?)

Church photo display (unframed) - \$2

Short sleeve t-shirt - \$10 - \$15

Long sleeve t-shirt – \$15 - \$20

Sweatshirt - \$20 - \$25

Apparel item costs will depend on the quantity ordered.



### 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 on donations. Donations are usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



### COMING SOON

Has anyone noticed a new display board in the cemetery? THANK YOU, Bob (and assistant Pam) Porterfield! Bob designed, handcrafted, and donated the display board and posts. Coming soon there will be a list identifying the veterans in our cemetery.



### SOUP & BAKE SALE -- REMINDER

The annual soup & bake sale is planned for Saturday, Sept. 28 at Colemanville Church. Baked good donations are kindly accepted. Watch the September newsletter for more details.



# Prayer Request

### LET US PRAY

Dorinda Brown  
Tillie King  
Cana Booth  
Justine Olsham  
Cara Evans  
Richard Leonard  
Dana Reisinger  
Steve Peifer  
Matthew Hsia

### Our Shut-ins

Grace Aukamp  
Bill & Corie Cauler  
Edie Harrington  
Edna Searle

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen. (2 Samuel 11:1-15)

# JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	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	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Independence Day  
Office Closed

Communion

Finance Meeting  
6:30 PM

Community Meal

Widow/Widowers  
Luncheon

RCM Begins

Worship Meeting  
6:30 PM

RCM Meal  
Day

Outreach Meeting  
4 PM

# AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion					RCM Ends	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Trustee Meeting 6:30 PM				Cantaloupe Cafe
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Backpack Blessing		Outreach Meeting 4 PM Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		SPRC Meeting 6 PM				



GOD

IS LOVE



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BASEBALL BEACH CAMP FAMILY FLIGHT FLOWERS HEAT  
HOLIDAYS HUMID ICETEA LEMONADE PARK POOL SHORTS  
SWIMMING TAN TENT TRAVEL TRIP WATERPARK