

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



May 2024

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!



DISCERNING THE SPIRIT

On Pentecost, we remember the day when the Holy Spirit came and was poured out on the disciples and first Christians in a spectacular way. As we conclude our celebration of the Easter season and begin our journey through Pentecost, I invite you to ponder with me this crucial question about the Third Person of the Trinity: How do we discern the Spirit? Let me share these theological thoughts:

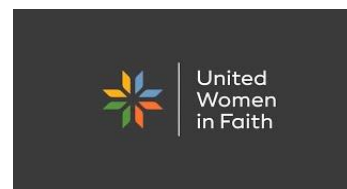
First, the Spirit creatively acts in, with, for, and over us. As the Lord and Giver of life, the Pentecost Spirit moves all things. From the creation story where the Spirit breathes through the watery chaos to the Spirit's offering the water of life as a gift to the thirsty in the apocalyptic book, the Spirit of Christ relentlessly seeks bodies to give, heal, restore, and recreate life. Because of her embodied fluidity in relationship within creation, the Spirit cannot be boxed or restrained. Like the wind that blows anywhere it wishes, the Spirit breathes new life, energizes new visions, and unleashes new power. The *Parakletos* (Comforter) animates life to our bodies and brings fresh perspectives in our way of being, doing, dwelling, and relating as individuals, church, and community.

Secondly, the Spirit is at the center of prophetic endeavors. Biblical prophecy is a divine call to spiritual, moral, social, economic, ecological, and political transformations within persons, communities, and nations. Our prophetic responsibility as a church is to freely let the Spirit inspire and challenge us to engage in growing and deepening works of justice, peace, kindness, mercy, and love in the world and beyond. When we break open ourselves to the Spirit's

prophetic power, there is a life-giving change from a fearful atmosphere of indifference, hostility, and violence into a joyful celebration of inclusivity, hospitality, and *shalom*.

Thirdly, the Spirit reveals itself in mystery, diversity, inclusivity, and paradoxes. Sometimes, the Spirit hovers over us with gentleness persuading us to empty ourselves so that others may be full. At other times, we see its enormous power descending on the oppressed as they resist and are released from unjust systems. In the play and dance of life, the Spirit can manifest herself freely and creatively as a woman, man, child, bird, tree, ocean, fire, and anything we can imagine to bring about healing, renewal, and salvation on earth. As we faithfully live according to the "dying and resurrecting" example of Christ, we experience the Spirit as the power of life for all.

Pastor Manny



The next UWF meetings will be

May 6th at 6:30 pm

June 3rd 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



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2nd, Christians all across the nation will be praying for our nation and their local communities. Colemanville UMC would like to invite you to join us for 24 hours of prayer. We have asked individuals to pick a 15-minute slot(s) throughout the day beginning at 12 am, May 2nd, to pray, at Colemanville UMC or at home. Contact Jill Kelley at (717) 872-2552 or solocorky55@comcast.net to sign up.



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 date below:

Deadline:

May 4th

Meal Date:

May 8th

May's meal will be The Picnic meal- Pork BBQ

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 2nd – National Day of Prayer

May 6th 6:30 pm – UWF Meeting

May 7th 6:30 pm – Trustee Meeting

May 8th – Community Meal

May 12th – Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

May 16th – Prayer Meeting

May 19th 2-4 pm – Bicycle Rodeo/Pentecost

May 20th – Sub Sale

May 21st-23rd - Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference Session

May 26th – Peace with Justice Sunday

May 27th – Office Closed

May 28th 4 pm – Outreach Meeting



MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

May 12th 11:45 am at Boehm's UMC

RSVP at gemmaleebryant@hotmail.com or text 717-380-6524 by April 28th but all are still welcome.



BICYCLE RODEO

May 19th 2 pm – 4 pm

Presentations by a police officer, and firemen with a firetruck. Activities for ages 14 and under. Courses available for children and little tikes.

Light snacks and water will be available

175th ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary committee is seeking wedding photos of couples who were married at Colemanville UM Church to display the weekend of the 175th anniversary. If you are willing to share wedding photos or a copy of a photo (a copy can be made here at the church).

Please hand it to Debbie, Donna, Linda, or Sue.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE NAME ON THE BACK OF PHOTO so it can be returned to you.

THANK YOU!



SUMMER PROGRAM

This summer, in place of Vacation Bible School (VBS),

Colemanville will be offering a weekly ministry program for **children going into first grade through eighth grade and adults on Thursday evenings in June** (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Colemanville UM Church! The suggested footwear for children is sneakers. Registration will be online (same as VBS). **The deadline to register is May 30th.** For assistance with registering online, please contact the church at 717-872-7951 Monday -Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



SUB SALE

There is a sub-sale on May 20th. To place your order please call or text Doug Rankin at (717) 824-0548. Orders are due by May 8th.



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at 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.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Conestoga Food Bank – In desperate need of cereals and drinks (juices, lemonades, fruit drinks, etc.) Other items needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Boxed Helper (i.e., hamburger, tuna, etc.). Rice, Boxed Potatoes any types, 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.



The Outreach Committee wishes to thank all those who donated items for the Yard Give. Without the donations, we would not have been able to have the event. The items that were left were donated to Community Aid. Thanks again!

To Our Church Family

Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards, and calls.

I'm so glad to be back.

May God Bless You.

Mary Jane Hall

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

SAVE THE DATE



ANNUAL LADIES' TEA PARTY

Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Boehms UMC

Mark your calendars for their famous tea party celebration. They have a very special speaker this year, Julie Henning, from South Korea. She is the adopted daughter of Pearl Buck, the Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize-winning author of *The Good Earth*. Julie's story is a rags-to-riches tale that is truly mesmerizing. Invitations will be dispersed closer to the event.



LET US PRAY

Dorinda Brown

Tillie King

Can Booth

Justine Olsham

Cara Evans

Richard Leonard

Dana Reisinger

Charlie Rineer

Our Shut-ins

Grace Aukamp

Bill & Corie Cauler

Gladys Groff

Bill & Edie Harrington

Edna Searl

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	UWF Meeting 6:30 pm	Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	Community Meal Sub Orders Due	National Day of Prayer		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Festival of the Christian Home Mother's Day						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bicycle Rodeo Pentecost	Sub Sale			Prayer Meeting		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Peace with Justice Sunday	Memorial Day Office Closed	Outreach Meeting 4:00 pm				

Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference Session

Mother's Day



CARING CHARISH CHILDREN DEVOTED FAMILY FLOWERS GIFTS

HEART HOME HONOR HUGS LAUGHTER LOVE MEMORIES

MOTHER NURTURE PARENT RESPECT SPECIAL THOUGHTFUL



Happy
Mother's
Day



