

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



October 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

CELEBRATING THE LAITY

In 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Paul gives thanks for a community whose faith is not simply something they believe. Their faith is active. Their love leads them to serve, and their hope in Jesus Christ gives them strength to keep going. Paul sees how the gospel is being lived out in their lives, and their example is becoming known beyond their own community. That is the heart of Laity Sunday.

Laity Sunday reminds us that the ministry of the Church belongs to all God's people. Not just pastors. Not just church staff. All of us. Through prayer, service, leadership, generosity, witness, and compassion, laypeople live out their faith and help make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Think about someone in your congregation who quietly lives this out. Perhaps it is the person who visits someone who is sick, teaches children, welcomes a new family, delivers a meal, serves at a food pantry, leads a Bible study, or simply notices when someone needs encouragement. Their work may never make the news, but it can change a life. Paul recognized something similar in the Thessalonians. Their faith had become an example to others because they were putting what they believed into action.

The United Methodist Church is built around this kind of shared ministry. We are a connectional church, which means congregations are connected so that we can work together rather than carrying the mission of Christ alone. Through our connectional giving system, we share resources to strengthen ministries and equip people for service across the Church. That giving is more than money. At its heart, it is a covenant to walk together. Every gift tells a story, and every story can begin with the impact we make through our giving.

Laity Sunday invites us to see ourselves differently. We are not simply people who attend church. We are people called to live our faith—in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our churches. Like the Thessalonians, our faith can become visible through what we do and how we love.



The next UWF meeting will be on
October 5th – 9:30 am
November 2nd – 9:30 am

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 4th – World Communion Sunday
October 5th 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
October 6th 6 pm – SPRC Meeting
October 10th – Boehm's Fall Fest
October 13th 6:30 pm – Trustee Meeting
October 14th – Community Meal
October 18th – Fall Fest/ Trunk-or-Treat
October 18th – Newsletter Blips Due
October 18th – Laity Sunday
October 20th 6:30 pm – Finance Meeting
October 20th – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
October 27th 1 pm – Outreach Meeting
October 27th 6:30 pm – Worship Meeting
October 28th – Sub Orders Due
November 1st – All Saints' Day
November 1st – Daylight Saving Time ends
November 8th 6 pm – Bethel Hymn Sing

*The above article was taken from [ResourceUMC October 18, 2026 21st Sunday After Pentecost – Laity Sunday | ResourceUMC](#)

LAITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

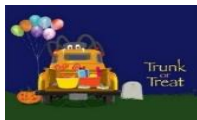
Laity Sunday is a special time to celebrate the ministry of all Christians, especially those who are not ordained as clergy. Laity Sunday gives congregations an excellent opportunity to infuse fresh voices of all ages into worship, develop leadership potential, and highlight vital ministries within the church.

Traditionally, Laity Sunday is observed on the third Sunday of October. On October 18, 2026, we will be celebrating Laity Sunday with the Annual Conference theme: **TOGETHER BY GRACE! – Be Grounded in Love** (Ephesians 3:17). Our worship service will be led entirely by our lay people, adults and youth alike. Come, celebrate with us the faith, joys, and ministries of all our lay people!



PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through **December** will go to the **Millersville Meals on Wheels**. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



TRUNK OR TREAT

The Outreach Committee is having a **Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday, **October 18th** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Colemanville UMC. In addition to light refreshments, there will be lots of fun activities for the kids, including trunks (with treats), a mini truck ride, a fishpond, and Day on the Farm activities. Kids are welcome to dress up if they wish. Everything is free.

Please mark your calendar and invite family and friends to the event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help at the event, please get in touch with Ellen Peifer.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Looking for soloists, duets, trios, groups, musicians, readers, or liturgical dancers for Special Music for the worship service for open Sundays. Please see or contact Jill Kelley (717-872-2552) or Ellen Peifer (717-284-4857). Thank you!



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:

October 11th

Meal Date:

October 14th

October's meal will be Meatloaf with Macaroni and Cheese

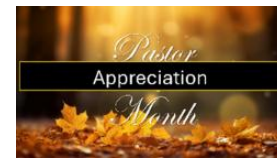
To make your reservation, please call (717) 872-7951. Take-outs will be available from 4:30 to 5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-ins will be seated from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.



SUB SALE

Orders are due October 28th for the November 9th Future Needs Sub Sale. There will be American, Ham, and Turkey Subs available.

Please email drankin261@comcast.net or text Doug Rankin at (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 November 9th between 3 pm and 5 pm.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

In troubled times, do we really appreciate our pastors?

Over the years, we have been kept in tune with who we are, as God's people, through the infallible word of the bible. Pastor Manny has continued to lead our church using the gospel that we believe in.

This, in itself, should be enough to appreciate our Pastor. I believe he has done this by being inclusive of everyone who attends or visits our church. He has shown a special interest in each and every one of us, who we are, and that he cares for us.

This has been a tough year at Colemanville, but thanks to his leadership, we have become stronger as a group and more resilient in ways that keep us from going astray!

Strength through unity and our faith in Christ.

From Your Lay Leader,
Dave Topper

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.



SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH:

October 4th – *Matthew 21:33-46*

October 11th – *Matthew 22:1-14*

October 18th – *Matthew 22:15-22*

October 25th - *Matthew 22:34-46*

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.



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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

November 2nd – Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour on November 1st.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st– All Saints Day – In recognition of those who have died this past year, a rose will be presented to a family member of those individuals. If you would like someone to be remembered on that day, please send their name, date of death, and a picture to the church office by October 26th.

MINCEMEAT & PIE BAKE

Mincemeat making and pie baking will soon be here! Mark your calendar to help make mincemeat on Wed., Nov. 18th starting at 8 am and/or baking pies on Thurs., Nov. 19th starting at 6 am. Lunch will be served on both days. All help will be appreciated. Cost is \$11 per pie or quart.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

November 26th at noon– We will be having our Thanksgiving meal this year. Keep an eye on our bulletins, newsletters, and website for more information. Communion will be offered.



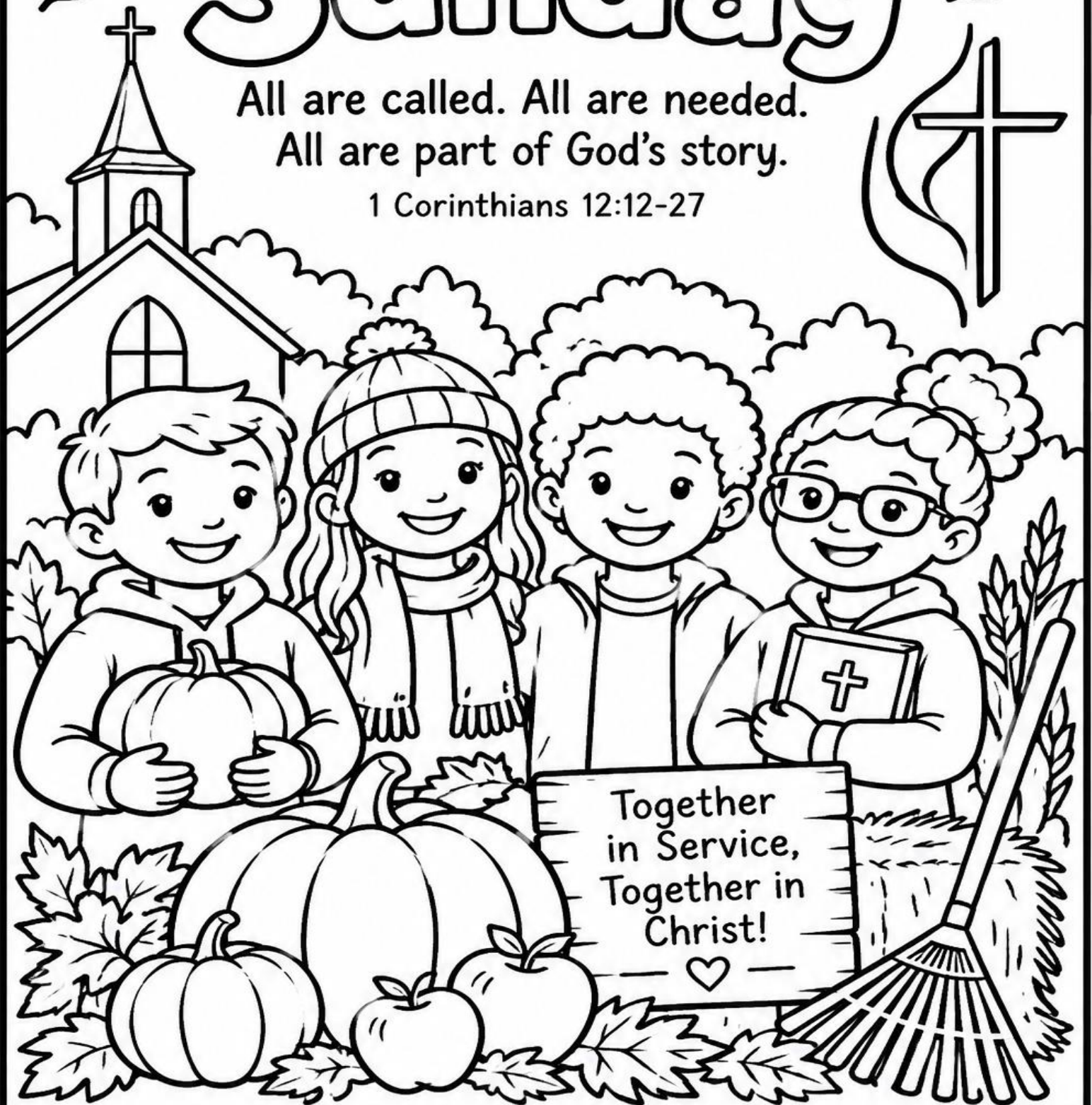
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 World Communion Sunday	5 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	6 SPRC Meeting 6 pm	7	8	9	10 Boehms Fall Fest
11	12	13 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Community Meal	15	16	17
18 Newsletter Blips Due Laity Sunday Fall Fest / Trunk-or-treat	19	20 Widow/Widowers Luncheon Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Outreach Meeting 1 pm Worship Meeting 6:30 pm	28 Sub Orders Due	29	30	31

Laity Sunday

All are called. All are needed.
All are part of God's story.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Fall Word Find

Find the words below in the puzzle.
Let God's truth fill your heart this season!

With God
all things
are possible.
Matthew 19:26

B	L	E	S	S	I	N	G	S	I	R	M	Y	G	X	U	A	Y	A	Z
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Faith
moves
mountains.
Matthew 17:20

Give
thanks
to the
Lord.
Psalm 136:1

- Belief
- God
- Joy
- Blessings
- Giving
- Love
- Faith
- Guidance
- Mercy
- Eternal
- Healing
- Peace
- Glory
- Prayer
- Sacred
- Spirit