

# COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at  
Colemanville United Methodist Church



## February 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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8:40 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 Salvation

Salvation comes in a just, respectful, empathetic, and hospitable relationship with the Other. It is grounded in the God of life-affirming interrelationship who desires the flourishing of all human beings and the entire creation. Salvation is the restoration of our broken relationship with God and one another, grounded in the complete work of the Crucified and Risen Christ. Because salvation means the healing, restoration, and well-being of the whole, it inevitably includes the redemption of the most vulnerable and powerless of God's creation. In other words, salvation can never happen apart from the emancipation and well-being of the Other. Who are those considered the Other? They are persons or groups of people who are seen as outsiders—the excluded, the discriminated against, the subjugated, the disenfranchised, or those who are simply different from us. The Other can be a Rohingya refugee, a Muslim woman, an undocumented immigrant, a black male ex-convict, a homeless white couple, a Mexican farm worker, a transgender youth, a Palestinian girl, or a young child with mental disability. These and all other people on the margins are the ones whom God reveals Godself most profoundly in the depths of human evil, despair, hopelessness, and suffering.

In the incarnation of Christ, God becomes the weak Other (Philippians 2:6-8). He identifies himself with and defends the oppressed, the vulnerable, and the

powerless. The Jesus of the Gospels is the transgressive Other. He does not fit the socio-political and religious construct of the dominating system in his time. He touches and heals the sick, lepers, disabled, and demon-possessed. He liberates and transforms sinners, prostitutes, tax-collectors, the poor, and the oppressed. Jesus was brutally executed by the dominating system as a tragic consequence of proclaiming and practicing an alternative community of love and compassion with others. In his resurrection, Jesus came out as the all-embracing and all-encompassing cosmic Other, who brings enduring hope, justice, mercy, peace, and love to the world. His life-giving presence as the Spirit of God offers and gives salvation to all.

Seeing the Other in light of the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, the mutual self-giving relationship between the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and our shared humanity formed in the image of God, helps us to understand that our salvation in Christ is inseparable from one another, the Other, and the whole of God's creation. Salvation, as a sanctified life in the beloved community of God, reaches out to and abides with the Other, now and forever.

Pastor Manny



The next UWF meeting will be on  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am

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



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Last day for Souperbowl items
- February 10<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm – Trustee Meeting
- February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Community Meal
- February 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- February 18<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm – Ash Wednesday Service at  
Stehman Memorial Church
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
- February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Sub orders are due
- February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Tools for Ministry



### **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:**

February 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Meal Date:**

February 8<sup>th</sup>

February's meal will be meatballs with pasta and your choice of tomato sauce or white sauce.

Please indicate your preference for sauce when signing up.

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.



### **SOUPER BOWL**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Souper Bowl for the Conestoga Food Bank Mission Project: Please donate cans of vegetable soup, fruit, or vegetables (No Green Beans), jelly, pancake syrup, noodles (no pasta), peas & carrots (mixed only), and red beets. You are encouraged to “wrap” each can with paper money, attached with a rubber band. The collection box will be in the Narthex from January 25<sup>th</sup> until Super Bowl Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, see Sue Rineer (717) 872-4334.



### **PENNY JAR**

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through March will go to The Waterstreet Rescue Mission. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



### **CONESTOGA FOOD BANK**

Items needed: Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta Sauce, Canned fruit (ie. apple sauce, pears, peaches), canned creamed soup, canned hearty soup (ie. beef stew), white rice, flavored potatoes (ie. boxed scalloped potatoes), Stove Top Stuffing, Instant Pancake Mix, canned meat (ie. chicken, tuna, ham), canned pasta (ie. Ravioli), Canned Chili with no beans, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal, pudding. Please, no expired items; they cannot be accepted.



### **TOOLS FOR MINISTRY**

February 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm  
A leadership training day with valuable learning tools taught by skilled and respected instructors.  
Registration forms will be available via the EPA website.  
Salem UMC - 140 N Penn St Manheim, PA 17545





### **PRAYER COMMITTEE**

Update on the new prayer committee. We have listened to suggested changes and are working on a new idea we would like to put into action. We would like your help. We need 5-8 people to be a core group of this committee. You may be asked to...

- Make phone calls
- Pray 2 times a day for a request
  - Make a check-up call
- Visit if necessary or wanted
  - Send a card if needed
  - A phone call if needed

These suggestions are for our church family only. We "will" pray for all requests.

If in need of prayer, call Michelle Smith at the church office (717)872-7951

Mondays 8 am – 4 pm

Wednesdays 8 am – 4 pm

Fridays 8 am – 12 pm

Pat Collins (717)575-1832

Dave Topper (717) 984-7600

If you leave a message, someone will call you as soon as possible.

If you want more information or to sign-up for the committee, please call Kathy Rankin (717)872-2923 or Omie Zecher (717)284-2320.



**HYMN SING** - March 8<sup>TH</sup> 6 pm - Bethel EC Church community hymn sing, at 3716 Main St, Conestoga.

**YARD GIVE** - March 28<sup>th</sup> 8 am until noon. Watch for further information in the March Newsletter and Bulletin as to drop-off times.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**VBS** is coming to Colemanville on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. from 9 am to 11:30 am. The ages will be 3 to 12. More information to follow. If you have any questions, call Sue Rineer at 717-872-4334.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

The **11th Lancaster Co. Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack** will take place **Friday, March 20-Sunday, March 22, 2026**. We will have the goal of packing 400,000 meals with the help of 2,000 volunteers. The need for food in our world is greater than ever, so mark your calendar now! If you are between the ages of 5-105 years old, we need you to volunteer!

Our event number is **Mobilepack # 2603-022MI**. **Donations may be submitted online for our event at:**

<https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2603-022mi-willow-street-pa-lancaster-county/c679291>

or mailed to:

**Feed My Starving Children**  
**ATTN: MobilePack #2603-022MI**  
**1000 Kreider Drive, Suite 200**  
**Middletown, PA 17057**

Make checks payable to **FMSC**. Write "**MobilePack #2603-022MI**" in the memo line.



#### **Thinking of You:**

Tillie King

#### **Our Shut-Ins:**

Grace Aukamp

Edie Harrington

Bob Conn

#### **Get Well Wishes:**

Cana Booth

Erika Breneisen

Justine Olsham

Linda Reburn

Matthew Hsia

Michelle Hsia

Nicole Graby



# 2026 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Last day for Souper Bowl items	9	10 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Community Meal	12	13	14
15	16	17 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Ash Wednesday 7 pm at Stehman Memorial Church	19	20	21
22 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	23	24 Outreach Meeting 4 pm	25 Sub Orders Due	26	27	28
						Tools for Ministry



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♥ ONE ANOTHER ♥  
† AS I HAVE †  
*loved you*



# ASH WEDNESDAY

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