

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



January 2026

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United Methodist Church
"To Love Others As God Loves Us"
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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

Worship Service
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



New Year Message from the Pastor

Can we dare to dream again? Can we dream together again the “Dream” that has shaped our embodied faith and emancipatory awareness? Collective dreaming of a just, compassionate, inclusive, healing, and peaceful world is a sacred exercise in imagining our life shaped by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the context of our historical consciousness, Martin Luther King, Jr.’s transformative “I Have A Dream” speech on August 28, 1963 was born out not solely of the great Civil Rights leader’s personal dream, but of the communal vision of a creatively just, colorful, and egalitarian society. The “Dream” was drawn from the deep well of the oppressed people’s strong faith in Jesus who dwelt among us “to proclaim the message of love and wholeness to the brokenhearted, to feed the hungry, to set the war prisoners free, to heal and restore the unwell, to redeem and liberate the oppressed, and to bring about economic justice in all peoples’ (Luke 4:18-19 expanded and paraphrased).

Perhaps one of the best life-affirming spiritual disciplines that we can do as we renew our faith this New Year is to mutually cultivate a culture of sharing dreams together for our holistic well-being, the growth of our church,

and the flourishing of communities. The God who dreams persuades us to keep dreaming the “Dream” made possible by Christ’s redeeming and recreating love for us. When we receive God’s gift of dreaming, we let the “Dream” happen in our daily waking hours. As theologian Barbara A. Holmes reminds us, “Through dreams, we envision worlds that have not come yet into being, we find entrances and exits in the maze that is life, and we practice our potential until we are ready to grasp fully” (Holmes, 2012).

May 2026 bring us closer to the Giver of dreams and our dreams for a better world. Happy New Year!

Pastor Manny





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 1st – Pork & Sauerkraut meal
January 6th 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
January 6th 6:30 pm – Finance Meeting
January 13th 6:30 pm – Trustee Meeting
January 14th – Community Meal
January 16th – Apple Dumpling Bake
January 20th 6 pm – SPRC Meeting
January 25th – Souper Bowl Collection begins



The next UWF meeting will be on February 2nd 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



RED BIRD MISSION

We want to thank everyone for their donations. We collected 126 hats, 48 pairs of gloves, 14 pairs of socks, 4 coloring books, 11 small soft footballs, and 4 crayons for the Red Bird Mission.



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:

January 11th

Meal Date:

January 14th

January's meal is Parmesan Chicken

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.



APPLE DUMPLING SALE

Apple dumplings will be made at Colemanville Church on Friday, January 16, 2026, beginning at 8 am. Help is welcome. Please get in touch with Darlene Hunsberger or Donna Eshleman if you plan to help.

Orders may be placed with any UWF member by signing the list in the narthex or contacting the church office at 717-872-7951. Cost per dumpling is \$4. Order deadline is January 4th. We encourage pick-up on the day of sale, 12 noon till 6 pm. Or Saturday, the day after the sale, 9 – 11 AM.

SNOWDATE is Friday, January 23, with the same pickup schedule.



SOUPER BOWL

January 25th – February 8th – Souper Bowl for the Conestoga Food Bank Mission Project: Please donate cans of soup, fruit, or vegetables (No Green Beans). 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 25th until Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. Any questions, see Sue Rineer (717) 872-4334.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT

January 1st, 12 pm – Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner - Please make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by calling the church office at (717)872-7951. Donations to benefit the Acts of Mercy Team are appreciated.



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.



Visitor from Fort Wayne, Indiana

Those attending worship services or helping with mincemeat may recall a visitor to our church in November from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Doug Kelsey attended worship services the week before and after making mincemeat. He took time (two days!) from vacationing in Lancaster County to help make mincemeat and back pies.

Upon returning to Indiana, he sent this message “Attending Colemanville UMC and helping with the mincemeat pie fundraiser was truly the most memorable and unique experience of my time in Pennsylvania. It was an honor to serve with all of you and to see your church in action. The teamwork, cooperation, and organization were impressive.

Reading the history of your church reminded me of Oak Grove UMC, a small country church that I grew up in and attended through college.

Thanks again for everything, and thanks to the people of Colemanville for welcoming me. Merry Christmas to everyone, and best wishes for 2026. May you bake lots of pies!”

NEW ADDRESS

Ed & Carol Arrighy have moved into their new home. Here is their new address:

*Ed & Carol Arrighy
490 Golden Rod Crossings West
New Hope, Pa. 18938*

Phone number (717)682-0336

They are settling into their new home but are missing their friends.

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.



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



Advent
Angel
Blessing
Candles
Faith
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Joseph
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Miracle
Nativity
Peace
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