

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



November 2025

Colemanville
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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

A Meditation on Gratitude

*“Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not clothed like one of these.”*

Matthew 6:28b-29 Article NRSB

Gratitude is more than saying “thank you.” It is not simply an emotional response to the immeasurable gifts of life involving appreciation, humility, joy, and wonder. Gratitude is a way of life. It affects what we do---how we see, understand, act, and relate to everything God has given us. In living mindfully a life of gratitude, we develop habits and practices of gratefulness that transforms us and the world for the flourishing of life. In the natural world, gratitude and reciprocity are interwoven. This is how God has made the Earth for all creatures. Everything in the cosmos is God’s gift to all created beings. From light to air, water to soil, plants to animals, and humans to biological diversity, we are reminded that our lives, as a gift from our Giver, are dependent on one another without whom we would not exist.

Robin Wall Kimmerer, a Potawatomi botanist, in her little book *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, puts into words what she has learned from the Honorable Harvest’s Indigenous ancient guidelines on how to live small acts of gratitude and reciprocity in our daily life:

1. Know the ways of the ones who take care of you, so that you can take care of them.
2. Introduce yourself. Be accountable as the one who comes asking for a life.
3. Ask permission before taking. Abide by the answer.
4. Never take the first one. Never take the last.
5. Take only what you need.
6. Take only that which is given.
7. Never take more than half. Leave some to others.
8. Harvest in a way that minimizes harm.
9. Use it respectfully. Never waste what you have taken.

10. Share.

11. Give thanks for what you have been given.

12. Give a gift in reciprocity for what you have taken.

13. Sustain the ones who sustain you and the Earth will last forever.¹

“All flourishing is mutual,” Kimmerer reminds us. When we practice gratitude, we reciprocate God’s gift of grace, mercy, compassion, kindness, and love by receiving and giving the same gifts to care for, honor, and bless one another.

May our hearts be always filled with gratitude for Christ and his gift of abundant life for all.

Pastor Manny Cruz

¹ Kimmerer, *The Serviceberry: Abundance and reciprocity in the Natural World* (New York: Scribner, 2024), 64-65.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

We have created a new prayer list and are looking at some ways to be in contact with our church family members.

- To add a name to the prayer list, please call Michelle Smith (717)872-7951 during office hours. Outside of office hours, please call Pat Collins (717)575-1852 or Dave Topper (717)984-7600.
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- Only the requested information from the individual can be shared.
- We are trying to involve other committees already in place.
- We are looking for a core group of people to commit to praying daily, occasional visits, cards, and phone calls to help those from our church family on the list. If you are interested, please call Kathy Rankin (717)872-2923 or Omie Zecher (717)284-2320.

We will continue to see how we can improve.

OFFICE HOURS

The hours for the office have changed. The new hours are:

Monday & Wednesday 8 am - 4 pm

Fridays 8 am - 12 pm.

Please feel free to leave a voicemail on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and I'll get back to you the following day as soon as I can.

Thank you
Michelle Smith



The next UWF meeting will be on
November 3rd 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

November 2nd – All Saints Day
November 2nd – Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 3rd 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
November 10th – Sub Sale
November 11th – Veterans Day
November 18th – Widow/Widowers Luncheon
November 19th & 20th – Mincemeat & Pie Bake
November 23rd 12 pm – Conference @ Boehm's
November 25th 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
November 27th – Thanksgiving Day
November 29th – Hanging of the Greens
November 30th – United Methodist Student Day

SILENT AUCTION & LUNCHEON UPDATE

THANK YOU to all who supported the dessert silent auction and luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 7!
Approximately 30 people attended the luncheon. When all money is received, the auction raised \$904.
AMAZING, THANK YOU! The money will help offset the cost of the pavilion.



MINCEMEAT 2025

Mincemeat making and pie baking will soon be here! Mark your calendar to help make mincemeat on Wed.,

Nov. 19, starting at 8 AM and/or baking pies on Thurs., Nov. 20, starting at 6 AM. Lunch will be served on both days. All help will be appreciated.

If you have ordered in the past but have not yet been contacted about this year's order, please contact any UWF member or the church office at 717-872-7951 to place your order. Cost is \$11 per pie or quart.



2026 SOUP SALE

This year the total number of all quarts of soup made to sell on soup sale day was 1,115 quarts.

Chicken corn soup = 728 qt.

Chicken noodle soup = 146 qt.

Vegetable beef soup = 241 qt.

All three soups (frozen) are available to purchase for \$8/qt.



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:

December 7th

Meal Date:

December 10th

**There will be no community meal in November.*

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.



SHOE BOXES

It is that time of the year again! Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes are due by **November 16th**. Boxes can be found in the Narthex. If anyone does not want to shop, Jean or Debbie can do the shopping for you. Please get in touch with Jean Garret (717) 284-3606 or Debbie Byrne (717) 808-2196 if you have any questions.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 29th – 9 am – We will be decorating the inside of the church. Light snacks will be provided. Please see Sue Rineer for more information.

RED BIRD MISSION

Hats, scarves, gloves/mittens as well as small toys/books will be collected for and mailed to children served by Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. These items may be placed on/under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary until December 7th.



PENNY JAR

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



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.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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

THANKSGIVING MEAL

The Thanksgiving Community Meal has been canceled.



Thinking of You:

Sue Rineer
Tillie King

Our Shut-Ins:

Grace Aukamp
Edie Harrington

Get Well Wishes:

Can Booth
Erika Breneisen
Justine Olsham
Linda Reburn
Matthew Hsia
Michelle Hsia
Nicole Graby

ONE A-CHORD EVENT

One A-Chord community choir presents “Prince of Heaven” Free admission
Sunday, November 30th at 6 pm – Lancaster County Christian School – 2390 New Holland Pk. Lancaster
Sunday, December 7th at 6 pm – Reamstown Church of God – 400 Pfautz Hill Rd. Stevens
Sunday, December 14th at 4 pm – Junction Center – 1875 Junction Rd. Manheim



CONGRATULATIONS

Today, we would like to extend our most hearty congratulations to one of our own church family members as we acknowledge a remarkable lifetime achievement.

A couple of weeks ago, Millersville University inducted Donna Eshleman into the Millersville University Athletics Hall of Fame. We want to recognize Donna today for receiving this prestigious honor.

It comes as no surprise that Donna's contributions at Millersville were tremendous, and we are thrilled that the university knows and loves her just as much as we do at Colemanville. Having spent over 4 decades of her life contributing to Millersville University in various capacities, Donna clearly made a difference in the lives of literally thousands of students and coworkers. Donna allowed God to work through her in amazing ways and set an outstanding example for countless people.

We would encourage you to take the time to go to Millersville University Athletics under PSAC Sports Digital Network website, where you can find a video recording of Friday evening's awards banquet featuring Donna's Hall of Fame induction, and the speech she presented.

<https://psacsportsdigitalnetwork.com/millersvilleathletics/>

Just to give you a little taste of what Donna accomplished, here is a brief bio that Millersville prepared and used at the induction ceremony:

"As a student-athlete, coach, and staff member, Donna Eshleman was synonymous with Millersville athletics for 40 years. A two-sport athlete in basketball and softball, Eshleman played a key role in building

women's athletics at Millersville, playing shortstop on the university's first softball team and serving as captain of a record-setting team on the basketball court. Shortly after graduation, Eshleman returned to Millersville, beginning a 36-year tenure as equipment manager in athletic operations, dedicating her professional career to serving generations of student athletes."

"Eshleman's behind-the-scenes work in athletic operations was a tireless and often underappreciated, but she was a constant. She made a positive difference in the student-athlete experience by setting up for game days, working as a liaison for game officials, visiting teams, ordering equipment, and washing, organizing, and purchasing practice gear and game uniforms. Through this role, she connected with countless student-athletes who appreciated her organization, work ethic, and dedication."

"Eshleman first arrived at Millersville in 1978 as a student-athlete and worked as a student assistant in the athletic department under the director of women's athletics, Marge Trout. She was a four-year starter in both softball and basketball. Eshleman was part of a team that bridged eras in women's athletics, as three of her four seasons were played without a PSAC Tournament. As a senior, she helped the Marauders to a program-record 20 victories, an AIAW regional championship, and allowed Millersville to host four games in the AIAW National Tournament. In the 1981-82 season, Eshleman ranked second in scoring with 12.5 points per game and led the team with 88 steals. She was selected to the Grove City Christmas All-Tournament Team and voted the team's best defensive player by her teammates. In 2010, Eshleman was named to the program's All-75th Season Team."

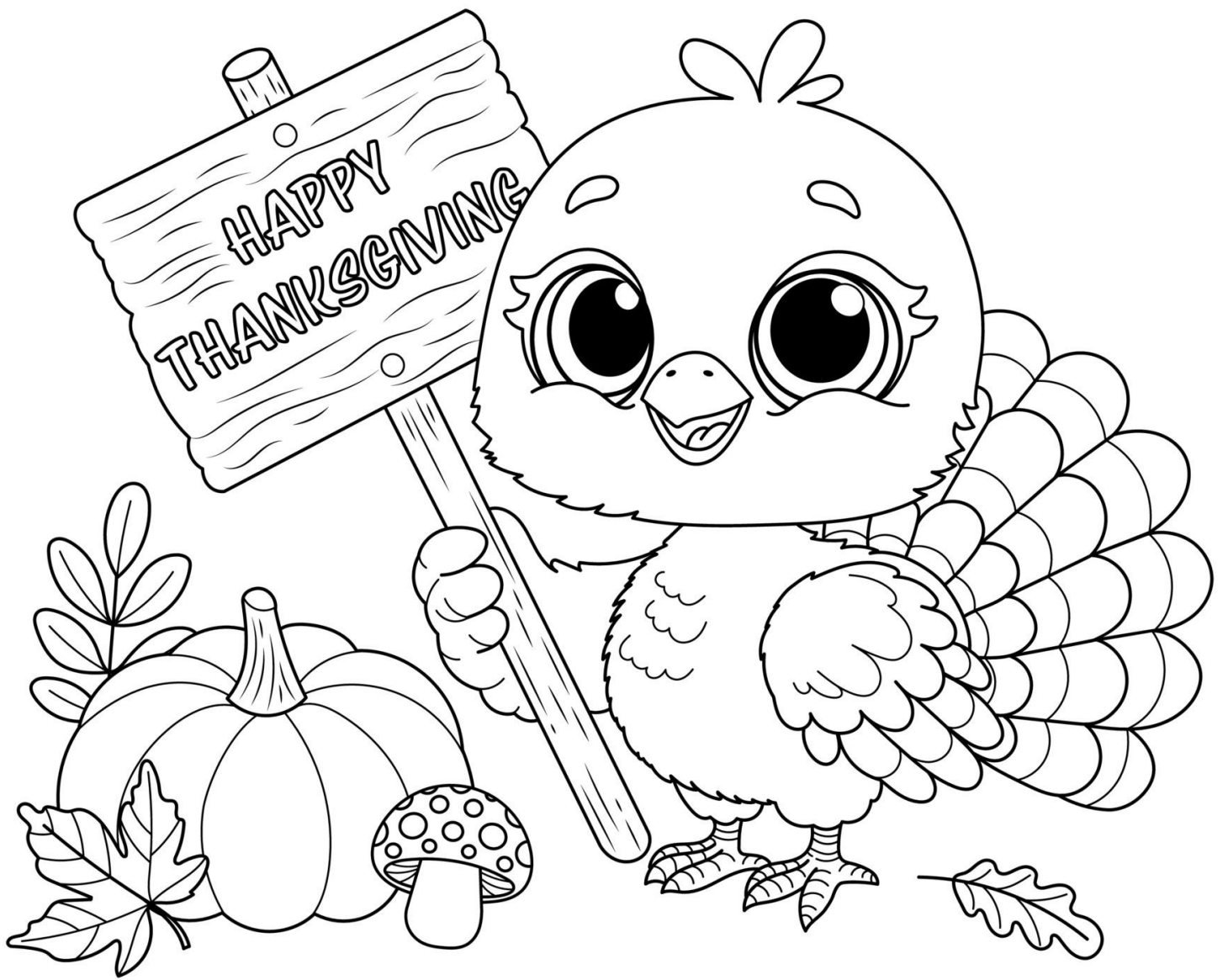
"As a softball player, Eshleman helped Millersville to winning seasons in each of the first three years. She took over as head coach in 1984 and produced three more winning seasons from 1984-87. She ranks second all-time in winning percentage."

We are so very, very proud of you, Donna.
Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Day	3 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17 Sub Sale	18 Widow/Widowers Luncheon	19	20 Mince meat Pie Bake	21	22
23	24	25 Outreach Meeting 4 pm	26	27	28	29 Hanging of the Greens
30 Conference 12 pm UM Student Day				Thanksgiving Day		



Happy Thanksgiving

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- CELEBRATE
- CIDER
- CRANBERRY
- FALL
- FAMILY
- FEAST
- GATHER
- GRAVY
- HARVEST
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- SPICE
- STUFFING
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