

# COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at  
Colemanville United Methodist Church



## March 2026

**Colemanville**  
**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*



## LENT 101

Lent is a season of the Christian year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. It is a great time to “repent” — to return to God and refocus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It’s a 40-day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

**FASTING:** Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, TV, soft drinks, cigarettes, or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some activity, like worry or reality TV, to spend time outside enjoying God’s creation. What do you need to let go of or “fast” from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear, or do?

**SERVICE:** Some Christians take something on for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, coworker, or friend every day of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

**PRAYER:** Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God. Visit The Upper Room Prayer Ministry to request a prayer.

## TOP TEN THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:

10. Try an electronic fast. Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, email, and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or every day of Lent!) Use the time to read and pray.
9. Start a prayer rhythm. Each day of Lent, go to The Upper Room's prayer wall and pray for another person.
8. Go deeper. Take an online course as a part of your Lenten discipline.
7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself). Study a book on forgiveness, such as *Forgiveness, the Passionate Journey*.
6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea, or coffee. Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis.
5. Create a daily quiet time. Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. Read a daily devotional for the season of Lent. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.
4. Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank-you letter each week, and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way. Learn more about the spiritual practice of gratitude.
3. Visit Sight Psalms and spend time in visual meditation and prayer.
2. Volunteer one hour or more each week with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, or prison ministry. Pray for the world.
1. Pray for others you see as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

*\*This article is taken from Penny Ford Lent 101 | ResourceUMC*





The next UWF meeting will be on  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am  
 April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

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**

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
- March 4<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm – Bishop Day at St. Paul's UMC
- March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Sub Sale
- March 11<sup>th</sup>** – Community Meal/Lenten Service
- March 15<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 am– Celtic Sunday-Conestoga UMC
- March 24<sup>th</sup>** 1 pm – Outreach Meeting
- March 24<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm – Worship Meeting
- March 28<sup>th</sup>** 8 am – 12 pm– Yard Give
- March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday
- April 18<sup>th</sup>** 4-6 pm – Games/Pizza/Bingo Day



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Savings Time – Please remember to Spring ahead on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

**SUNSHINE BOX**

For the month of March (8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>), there will be a sunshine box in the narthex collecting items for Cara Booth. Granddaughter of Rick & Sandy Booth. She is 8 years old and has just finished her 6 weeks of radiation treatment. Cana loves to make bracelets or any kind of crafts. Any questions, see Omie Zecher or Kathy Rankin.



**LENTEN/EASTER SERVICES**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm – Safe Harbor UMC  
 3687 River Rd. Conestoga, Pa. 17516  
 Pastor Matthew Beakes

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm -- Colemanville UMC  
 210 Colemanville Church Rd. Conestoga, Pa. 17516  
 Pastor Dominic Tuttle

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm – Conestoga UMC  
 71 Sand Hill Rd Conestoga, Pa. 17516  
 Pastor Jeannine Brenner

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm - Marticville UMC  
 641 Marticville Rd Pequea, Pa. 17565  
 Pastor Dave Ryan

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 7 pm- Maundy Thursday Service  
 Colemanville UMC

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7 pm - Good Friday Service  
 Boehm's UMC

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service - Combined (Boehm's, Colemanville, West Willow, and Strasburg) at West Willow UMC 118 West Willow Road, Willow Street, PA 17584

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:40 am -Easter Service (Communion)  
 Colemanville UMC



**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:**  
 March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Meal Date:**  
 March 11<sup>th</sup>

March's meal will be chili with baked potatoes and toppings

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

Souper Bowl Sunday brought in 62 cans of soup, vegetables, and fruit. The total amount raised for the Conestoga Area Food Bank was \$200. We are blessed to be able to share with our community. Thank you, Sue Rineer



### PENNY JAR

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



### HYMN SING

Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 pm. Community Hymn Sing at Bethel EC Church, 3716 Main St, Conestoga. Come select and sing your favorite hymns accompanied by organ, piano, & trumpet! Enjoy special music by a Community Choir! Stay for light refreshments!

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Women Helping Women at Safe Harbor UMC. Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, drop in between 9 am and 2 pm. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to Carol Perry at 717-872-6628. Snow date: March 21<sup>st</sup>.



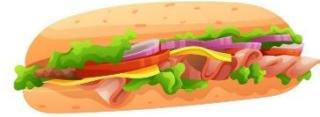
### YARD GIVE

On Saturday, March 28th, from 8 a.m. to noon, the Outreach Committee will have their annual Yard Give (everything is free). Drop off times at the Church for donated clothing (all ages), shoes, pocketbooks, etc. and small household items will be as follows: Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, after Church until 12 pm; Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4 to 7 pm; Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 pm; and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Free light refreshments will be served at the Yard Give. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Outreach Committee members.

### 2026 APPLE DUMPLING SALE

THANK YOU everyone who assisted with preparing, selling, and/or purchasing apple dumplings! A grand total of **1,548** apple dumplings were baked!

**CHICKEN CORN SOUP** (frozen) is available to purchase at **\$8 quart**. Contact the church office, Donna Eshleman, or Doug Rankin, if interested in purchasing. **[There won't be any more soup made until the soup sale at the end of September!]**



### SUB SALES

I would like to thank everyone who supported the sub sales for the last few years and those who have helped me prepare the subs.

- On September 15th, 2025; we made 300 subs and made over \$1,500 in profit.
- On November 10th, 2025; we made 270 subs and made over \$1,325 in profit again.

The sub sales support the Future Needs Fund, which is used to help pay for major repairs for the church, such as roof replacement, heating & air conditioning systems, water systems, and any other unforeseen conditions.

The funds for the roof replacement came from the sub sales. The total cost of the roof was \$23,506



### 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.



### 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. The theme is Babylon, "Daniel's Courage in Captivity". If you have any questions, call Sue Rineer at 717-872-4334.

## FOOD BANK

Just a note to let you know what you do for our local Conestoga Area Food Bank. Sue takes food donations in bags throughout the year. In 2025, we received 87 bags, 225 cans (Souper Bowl & VBS), and \$2,482.

Monies collected were from:  
Colemanville members - \$950  
Souper Bowl 2025 - \$301  
VBS - \$392  
Lenten Service - \$239  
Penny Jar - \$100  
UWF - \$500

The UWF also donated \$500 to the Loft.  
Thank you for all of your support.



## THANK YOU

Thanks to all who celebrated with my mom, Corie, on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She received 50 cards during her celebrations! Thanks to all who remembered her special day. Cindy Morrison

*"With sincere gratitude and warmest thanks."*

A special thank you to all of you for the beautiful cards and prayers, and visits! I really appreciate everyone's kindness and caring during my hospital stay and after.

Love, Betty Neff



## 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 usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In 2025, we received a total of \$94.08 from Community Aid. If you would like a card with our partner number, please see Michelle Smith.

## BISHOP DAY IN WEST DISTRICT

**March 4th**, Bishop Moore-Koikoi will be in the District. She will be preaching at St. Paul's UMC in Elizabethtown at 7 pm and taking questions afterwards.

## 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.



Tillie King

### Our Shut-Ins:

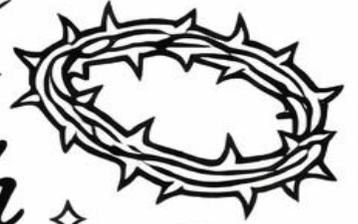
Grace Aukamp  
Edie Harrington  
Bob Conn

### Get Well Wishes:

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

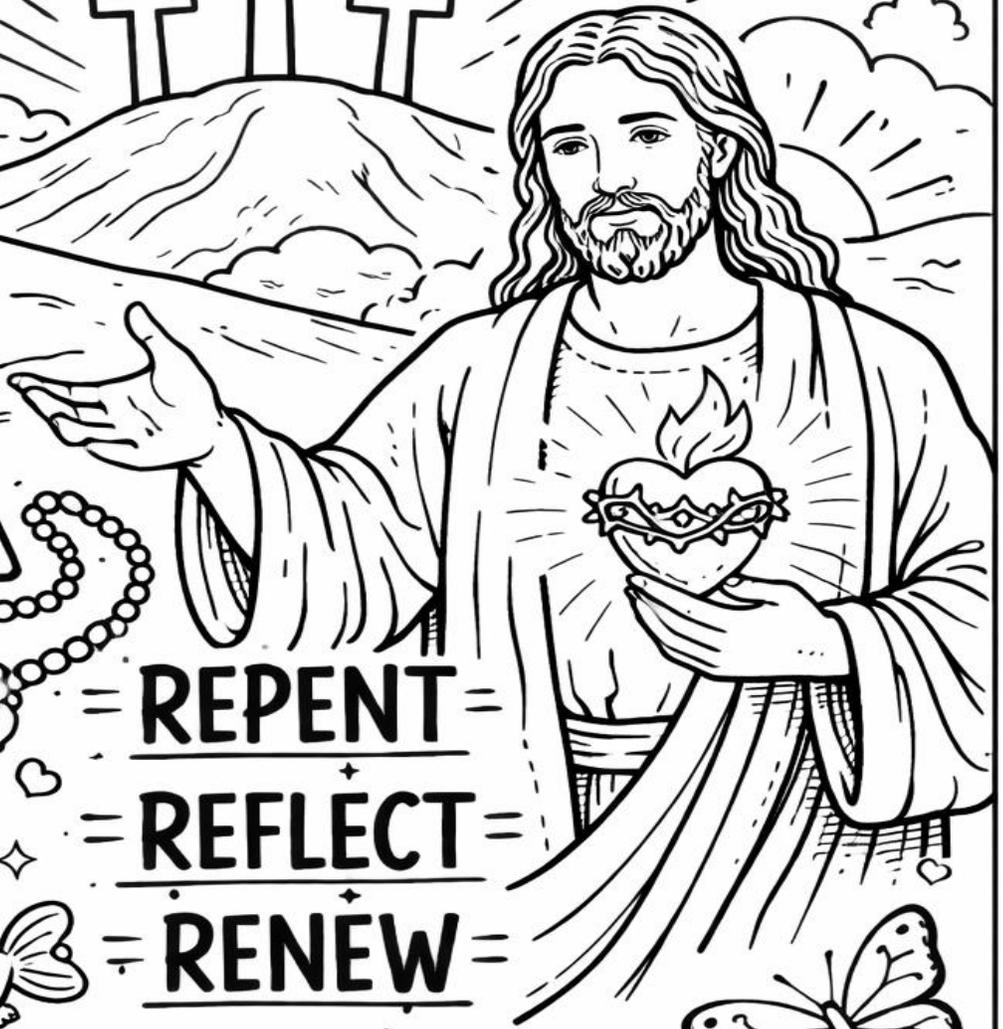
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	3	4 Lenten Service at Safe Harbor UMC  Bishop Day at St. Paul's UMC	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins	9 Sub Sale	10	11 Community Meal & Lenten Service at Colemanville	12	13	14
15 Celtic Sunday at Conestoga UMC	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Outreach Meeting 1 pm  Worship Meeting 6:30 pm	25 Lenten Service at Conestoga UMC  Lenten Service at Marticville UMC	26	27	28 Yard Give 8 am – 12 pm
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				



# Journey Through LENT

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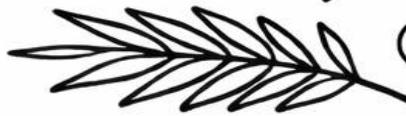
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