

## **CHRIST UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS - JULY 31**

Dear Friends of Christ UMC,

**Covid-19 infections are still high, and indoor gatherings are still limited to 25 persons.**

While churches are exempt from that limitation,  
to protect our community and church members we want to try to comply anyway.  
For that reason, we are continuing to encourage everyone who can do so  
to worship with us virtually.

**Our contemporary service is available on the church Facebook page at 9:00 a.m**

Just go to: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCFairlessHills/>

**Our traditional service is available by phone at 11:00 a.m.**

Call or email the church office to get the information you need to call in to this service.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

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| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | Food Drive (through 4:00 p.m.)<br>Communion Elements Pick Up (through 12 noon)<br>School Supplies Drop off (through 12 noon) |
| Sunday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Contemporary Worship (on Facebook or in sanctuary)   |
|          | 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship (by phone or in sanctuary)   |
| Monday   | 7:30 p.m.  | New Prayer Group Meeting (in the Grove)  |
| Tuesday  | 7:30 p.m.  | Leadership Team meeting  |
| Thursday | 11:00 a.m. | Scrip Sales (through 1:00 p.m.)  |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | Animal Blessing Service (at the Village Farm)  |
| Sunday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Contemporary Worship (on Facebook or in sanctuary)   |
|          | 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship (by phone or in sanctuary)   |

### **OFFICE HOURS**

While there are still no regular office hours, we will respond to phone (215-943-2343) and email (christmethodist@comcast.net) messages, and get back to people as soon as possible.

### **SCRIP IS AVAILABLE**

We still have scrip available for Shoprite and Giant food stores. We receive 5% back from what you spend. We also get 1% of the total from receipts from the 5 Brown owned Shoprite stores in the area (from receipts no older than 5 months), and from Redners. To get credit from Redners, you must swipe your card. Receipts can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Judy Austin will be at the church August 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to sell scrip!

### **FOOD DRIVE**

Troop 316 will help us run another food drive on Saturday, August 1, from 10 am to 4 pm. . We invite you to bring canned good and other nonperishable food items. We will make up boxes for our normal Amish Market people from it, and the rest will go to the Emergency Relief Association. If you would like to help, or know of someone who needs food, contact Pastor Lloyd.

In addition to worship, we invite you to be a person of prayer. To grow as a person of prayer, join:

### **ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE**

While we still are not able to return to in-person ministries in the typical ways we have done things in the past, we are trying to continue to be in mission and ministry to our community. One way we are seeking to do this is through an upcoming blessing service at the Village Farm, 2020 Woodbourne Road. Join us there on Saturday, August 8, at 10 am as we bless the horses (and hopefully also their owners). If you have questions, talk to Mary Ellen Kunz.

### **A NEW PRAYER GROUP**

Mary Ellen Kunz is coordinating a new prayer group named "Let's Pray on That." They are meeting on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the church grove (across from the parsonage at the back of the parking lot). You can be part of the group even if you are not comfortable praying out loud; God hears silent prayers too! Call Mary Ellen for more information, or to join the group.

### **THE UPPER ROOM**

Since we are still not back into a fully open time, the Upper Room has extended making its devotional book available in a virtual manner. To download a pdf version, use the following link: <https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>

Since this publication is copyrighted, they do ask however that you do not republish it in any way (like on Facebook). You can, however, forward the pdf copy to someone by email if you wish to share it with a friend.

### **2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are excited to announce that VBS WILL BE HAPPENING this year! Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, however we'll be bringing VBS to your kids. We'll be using a quarantine-friendly VBS called BOLT. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for your family to use at home. During BOLT, your family will participate in games that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus. Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for kids 5 and up. Even middle and high school kids can enjoy it!

You can begin signing up your kids for VBS by going to the church web site ([www.christmethodist.net](http://www.christmethodist.net)), and clicking the link to the VBS page. And since VBS is virtual, invite other kids to join us! We can't run out of room! We will announce the date when the materials will be available online, and each family will be able to participate at whatever time of day works for them. The materials will also remain posted for a couple of weeks to give everyone maximum flexibility, or the opportunity to view the segments again and again if they desire.

### **VOLUNTEER TO BE A CLEANER**

We need people who are not in an at risk category to help clean the worship area after each service. Contact Ken Evans to volunteer: 215-757-6218

### **VOLUNTEER TO BE AN USHER, GREETER OR DOOR ATTENDANT**

We need people who are not in an at risk category to serve in these roles for the first month or so, because the tasks these persons do will be different from what was done in the past. Contact Andy Rozek to volunteer: 267-229-3726

### **DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Each year, we donate school supplies to the teachers at Armstrong Middle School. Stores like Staples, Office Depot, and even the Dollar Store are already running sales. Supplies may be dropped off in the narthex on Sunday morning, or at the church on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 pm.

### **AMISH MARKET MINISTRY**

We want to fully restart the Amish Market Ministry. To do that, we need people who are not in an at risk category to help by picking up food at the Amish Market (each Saturday) and Wawa (during the week), helping pack food into boxes and delivering boxes (each Saturday). To minimize risks of anyone getting infected, we

will at first resume this ministry only at our church, and only with our members. Persons picking up boxes will not enter the building. To volunteer to do this, contact Pastor Lloyd or the church office: 215-943-2343.

### **COMMUNITY HELPERS**

We have been asked to help a man in the community who is deaf. He works full time, but needs someone who can help him with basic tasks and errands a couple of hours a week, on either a Wednesday afternoon or a Saturday. He reads lips, so you do not have to know sign language (although it would be great if you were willing to learn some basic greetings and statements). To offer to help, contact Tina Mammone or Pastor Lloyd.

### **THE GIVING GARDEN**

We need help watering, harvesting, and weeding. It is not very hard work, and you could volunteer for even a 15-30 minute time slot. We have tools and gloves you can use. All food grown goes to ERA to help those in need. To offer to help, contact Karen MacLaren at 215-801-7514 or the church office.

### **ALUMINUM CANS**

Help maintain our church property by putting used aluminum cans in a secure bag or packaging, and placing them in the BROWN BOX at the parsonage end of the parking lot.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you would like to give comfort to someone you know with a prayer shawl or a prayer blanket contact Suzanne Generose, Dot Gerhart, or Mary Lou Reside. Donations gladly accepted!

### **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

At Christ United Methodist Church, we believe in supporting one another in prayer. We therefore have a group of people who pray for other members of the church each day (usually around 5 to 6 other families). We call this group of prayer warriors the "Praying For One Another" group. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact the church office.

### **FINANCIAL GIVING**

While we have been in this strange time of not being able to meet together as we have in times past, Christ UMC has continued to be active in ministry. That means ministry costs have also continued. We thank those who have understood this, and have continued to give generously. Please continue to do so. Your church needs your financial involvement to continue representing Christ in our community. You can bring your gifts to in-person worship, mail your offerings to the church, or give online through our website.

### **INCOME ISSUES**

If you need help, or know of someone who does, please contact the church office. We have funds available to help those in need. If you need someone to shop for you (so you don't have to go out), or would like to shop for someone who shouldn't go out, please contact the church office.