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CUMC THE COMMUNICATOR

March 2, 2014

Reach out a friendly hand to those around you. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have gathered as the family of God.

Welcome!

Visitor Information

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY, we are glad you're here! Please complete one of the yellow information cards in the pew rack and request a Welcome Packet at the Hospitality Desk (or pick one up at the Information Center) before you leave.

We have available for your use:

1. FM system for those with hearing aids – request from ushers.
2. Wheel chair and walker.
3. Wheel chair locations in the sanctuary.
4. Handicapped restrooms located in the north wing.
5. Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.
6. A Nursery is available in the south hallway.
7. A changing table is available in unisex bathroom in south hallway.
8. Children's Worship Activity Bags - filled with games, toys, etc. to keep them occupied while you participate in worship, can be found in the back of the sanctuary (or ask an usher). Feel free to take one, use its contents, then return it after church.

CHRIST
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WELCOME to worship at Christ Church as we celebrate Senior Sunday, and the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Senior Sunday is a great day of celebration in the church as we give thanks for those disciples in the congregation who have much wisdom and experience to share with all of us! Please stay after each worship service for a reception in the lobby.

From Mark 9: The **Transfiguration of Jesus** - "Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white… Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice. 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'"

THANKS to all who helped put together today's worship services, in particular Cara Plummer, and members of our Senior Committee: Esther Loews, Joyce Gorman, Nancy Shane, Frank Ross, Frieda Bailey, Bob Vincent, Joanne Montana, Doris Dunbar. **See today's insert for short bios of the seniors in the video.**

Pastor Tawny Bernhardt is Christ Church's *Pastor of Congregational Care*. She is a graduate of Messiah College & Duke Divinity School, as well as receiving post-graduate chaplaincy training at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, NC. She and her husband, Paul, grew up in nearby Lancaster County. Her interests are crafts, reading, taking walks, & … she loves anything chocolate.

Pastor Gary Knerr is in his tenth year serving Christ Church. An ordained elder, he is a graduate of Albright College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up in the Reading-Berks County area, along with his wife, Deb. They have two adopted daughters from India. Pastor Knerr enjoys talking about cars, firefighting, & sacramental theology.

Miki Chelton has been the music director at Christ Church since 2007. She holds two degrees: a baccalaureate degree in music education from Mansfield University & a graduate degree in music therapy from Immaculata University. She directs the Chancel (adult) Choir & three bell choirs. Miki is the wife of Eric and mother of Belle & Lucy.

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Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the world situation, in particular Bryan Williams, Nelson McLaughlan, Ed Fotiades, and other men and women who are serving in the military.

Jonathon Kohl - severely injured in helicopter crash in Afghanistan in March 2013; his address: 10401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD 20876.
MaryJane Holly - recovering from cancer surgery
Anna (friend of Chad Hussein) - suffered a cardiac event
Seamus (friend of Clare Sherlock) - recently diagnosed with cancer with few treatment options
Cory Venus (friend of Eric Chelton) - was deployed on 2/8
Britt & Kyle (offered by Judy Yoder) - in serious car accident: Kyle recovering surgeries to repair broken bones; Britt delivered premature twins via c-section. All are doing well - Praise God!
*Sarah Purcell (offered by Judy Yoder) - went from Cambodia to India for treatment; finally feeling better
Sherry's sister-in-law - eye troubles with retinal bleeding
Frances Cook (offered by Sherry Harris) - medical testing
*Hannah Stauffer (Mark & Nadene Stauffer's niece) - recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer; in her 2nd trimester of pregnancy
Jim (friend of Joyce Gorman) - chemo treatments
Ed Cousineau (former member of CUMC) - recovering from shoulder replacement surgery (in SC)
Sarah Guenther's mother - recovering from surgery
*Doug Ellis - recovering from eye surgery (detached retina)
*Liz (friend of Joyce Gorman) - receiving chemo
*Jeanette (JoAnne Cowles' sister-in-law) - health and life issues
*Grace Eroh - hoping to be enrolled in a trial that may improve her eyesight
*Pastor Marc Hershberger and his wife - returned safely from Ukraine, but were unable to adopt a child at this time
*Stella Killian (Ryan Fealy's aunt) - entering final days of life
*John Musika (Carol Welte's cousin) - in rehab following surgeries; some setbacks. Prayers also for his wife, Linda.
*Sherry (Carol Welte's friend) - tough time with chemo
*Cam (offered by Linda Parnell) - diagnosed with brain cancer

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*denotes names newly added/updated this week.

Thank You's

*Mary Jane Holly would like to **thank everyone** for their cards and words of encouragement. She has greatly appreciated all the support from her church family.

*Dolly Myers wants to **thank the church** for all of our cards and prayers. They have been greatly appreciated.

Special Happenings at Church This Week

Boy Scout Troop 141 and the family of **KEVIN MICHAEL ELLIS**
cordially invite you to attend his

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

TODAY, **March 2, 2014 at 1:00 PM** *in the sanctuary.*
Light reception in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony

Welcome Heerak Presbyterian! Reverend Kisun Cho (their pastor) and other members have occasionally been worshipping with us since the fall of 2013. Heerak Presbyterian Church will use our Sanctuary on Sundays, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. They will also be using the Reichley Room for meetings and group study on Sunday until 5:00 pm. Please respect their use of God's facilities by not entering the Sanctuary during their worship, unless you feel moved to join them. Members of Heerak Presbyterian will have access to the church facilities during the week for prayer time.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service -
Start off the Lenten Season in our Sanctuary on **March 5** at 7:30 p.m.

Give the Gift of Life -
Our SPRING American Red Cross Blood Drive is on Friday, **March 7th**, 2-7 pm. APPOINTMENTS are crucial in order for the Red Cross to accommodate donors. To schedule an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org or contact **Jim Barlick** at 215-778-7784.

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 7, 2014

Worship Service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (407 N. Broad St., Lansdale) @ 7 PM

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Happenings This Week, cont'd

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 9 - don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

Parents of Sunday School Students
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast & Camp Presentation
Sunday, March 9, 2014

Your children's teachers will be honored at a breakfast during the Sunday School hour. **Classes will not be held**. You and your children are invited to a presentation in the sanctuary by Apryl Miller from Gretna Glen. Please attend and learn how your child can grow in faith and have fun at camp! - **Debra Reed**, Sunday School Superintendent

Upcoming & Community Events

Deborah Circle will meet on Monday, **March 10** at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will package clothing for shipping to Red Bird Mission. Bring a sandwich; beverage & dessert provided. Questions, call **Gloria Woodland** at 215-368-2373.

Youth Pi(e) in the Sky(Zone) Lock-in: **March 14-15**. We'll go to Sky Zone for some trampoline fun, and come back to the church to lock-in & enjoy pies. Bring $15 for SkyZone, your favorite pie to share, and a few extra dollars for a stop at Wawa

United Methodist Night at the Sixers - **March 15** @ 7:30 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Center. For more information or to order tickets, contact Chris McKeown at 215-339-7601, chrismckeown@sixers.com.

SEEDS (Socialize-Engage-Encourage-Disciple-Serve) - is a group for young adults with disabilities who want to have fun experiencing new and different things. First meeting is **March 15**, 6-8 PM, at Providence Presbyterian Church in Quakertown. For more information, see the flyer in the lobby, or contact Nancy to register at 215-799-2304 or nkuhns@joniandfriends.org.

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TITHES & OFFERINGS? You hear the pastors mention those words every week during worship. What are they? How are tithes, offerings, & alms different? Are they different? In completing the Growing In Grace surveys, many persons noted that they want to grow their financial giving to God & the kingdom. Our church council vice-chairman, **Don Albacker**, will be teaching a **class during the Sunday School hour** on **March 16** about giving. If you're interested in joining this one-week, one-hour class, please contact Don, the pastors, or the church office.

Friendly Activity Seniors: On **March 19th**, **Rev. Truman Brooks** will come to talk with us about his work in Kenya. We will begin at **11 a.m. in the fellowship hall**. ***We are opening this talk up to anyone in the church who would like to come, regardless of age!*** After his presentation, we invite anyone 55 and older to come out to lunch with us at the West Main Diner. Please sign up in the lobby if you are planning to come with us so that we can be sure to reserve seating for our group.

Susanna Wesley Circle: We'll meet at church on **Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 PM**. Our own Sue Ruoff will present a travelogue. Sue's been to many wonderful places - she'll surprise us with a destination.

WorkCampNE Mission Trip Sign Ups - Planning on going on the mission trip? Please submit a $75 deposit to hold her your spot by **March 23**. The total cost is $150 (with the balance and paperwork due in May). If there are multiple youth from the same family, the second youth is $125, the third youth is $100. Please make checks payable to Christ United Methodist Church, and write mission trip & the youth's name in the memo. Checks can be given to any of the leaders or Deb Willey. We'll be going to New Hampshire July 20-26.

Grand View Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training Course - The next sessions begin on **March 24**. See the flyer in the lobby or contact Michelle Bongiovanni, RN at 215-453-4149 by **March 17**.

The annual **Lancaster trip** will be on **April 26**. - sign up in the lobby. Info sheets are on a clipboard near sign-up.

Mission Trip Opportunity to Beverly KY - home of Red Bird Mission: **July 19-26, 2014**. For more information, see the flyer in the narthex or contact **Tom Ebersole** at Messiah UMC: 610-828-0118 or pastor.messiahchurch@verizon.net.

Staff bios, cont'd

Katie Campbell, our organist, grew up in the Lansdale area and now lives there with her husband, Iain, and their son, Malcolm. She is a music teacher & choral director at the Pennbrook Middle School in the North Penn School District. She earned her Bachelors degree from Syracuse University and Masters Degree from Ithaca College, both in music education and organ. Katie directs our Youth Choir, is active in school & community events, and teaches voice and organ.

Needs/Requests

Manna on Main Street Food Collection - Suggestions of contributions during ***March*** are: cereal, peanut butter, canned chicken/ham/tuna, canned fruits & vegetables. Items may be placed in the baskets in the vestibule. Contact information: Frieda Bailey: 610-584-0773, Manna: 215-855-5454.

The Deborah Circle is **collecting clothing** to be sent to **Red Bird Mission** in Kentucky. There they will be sold in the mission Thrift Store. We will accept clothing of all sizes in **good** condition (no stains or holes) - something you no longer wear or outgrew (also purses, shoes, scarves, gloves, etc.). Donations accepted through **March 9**.

Sunday School request from Sherry Harris: Have you been looking for a way to make a difference in the life of a child? I have just the right way for you to help out – it's easy and something you can do from home!! I am looking for 11 volunteers to help out the second grade Sunday School from **March 2 through June 1st** (and beyond if you choose!). We will be starting our lessons on prayer and I would like for each child to have a **prayer partner**. If you are interested, please email me at SJCH@comcast.net or call me at 215-256-4625. Thanks for considering this wonderful opportunity!

Personal Care Items collection: CUMC's Evening Fellowship (our group of special needs adults) will be packing personal care bags for the clients at Manna on Main Street. If you are able to donate a personal care item, please drop it off in the designated box in the lobby **before March 16**. Items especially needed include: bars of soap; travel-size tissues; individual toothbrushes; toothpastes; Band-Aids; dental floss; razors; small bottles of shaving cream, shampoo, mouth wash, lotions, hand-sanitizers; and deodorants. **All items must fit in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. Please no items with a hand pump.** If you have any questions, please contact **Christina Harris** at (215) 256-4625. ***Thank you for your support of our group!***

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Needs/Requests, cont'd

Lansdale CODE BLUE SHELTER - Volunteers Needed!

During the winter months (Dec thru March) the Montgomery County Health Department declares "Code Blue" if night time temperatures are 20° or below. When this occurs, volunteers at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Lansdale, are ready to provide overnight shelter to North Penn area homeless men. ***Both male and female volunteers* are needed**! This is a hands-on experience!! You get to interact with the men, hear their stories, and help them as best you can. Volunteers are provided training on-site during Code Blue nights. If you would like to help, visit their dedicated Code Blue page on website TrinityLansdale.com to sign up, or contact Karen Strobel, coordinator, at 267-784-3054. You may also contact **Lanny Whitehouse**, an intake shift leader, at 610-584-5819 if you have any questions.

Notices

Car Available! --- a gray, 4-door 1999 Oldsmobile Cutlass with 80K miles is being offered by a member of the church. If you are truly interested in this automobile, please **contact Pastor Knerr** by Wednesday, March 19.

Crosses wanted: Do you have a cross you would like to share, to be placed in the sanctuary window sill during the Easter season? If so, contact **Gloria Woodland** at 215-368-2373.

The March issue of our newsletter is now available to pick up in the lobby and for viewing online under "Resources" on our church website. Be sure to mark your calendars for the many important upcoming events: Senior Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Consecration Sunday - to name a few. Check out the great pictures from the YF Spaghetti Dinner!

The Conference Office has reopened the search for a Desktop Publisher. This is a full-time position at the Valley Forge Office. Description Summary: Support Associate will create and review products published through our conference; critique, and provide design recommendations. Operate computer or word processing equipment to compile, type, revise, combine, edit, print, and store documents. Please **send resumes and cover letters** to the umjobs@epaumc.org by **March 15**. For more information about the position, see the flyer on the job board on the north side of the sanctuary.

Financial Information: Special offerings

A THOUGHT FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

"It isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it." ~Quoted in *The Angels' Little Instruction Book* by Eileen Elias Freeman, 1994. How true! Did you know that our Endowment Fund, now totaling over $50,000, began with a gift under $50? In fact, 30 gifts under $500 (over half of all gifts!) were received by the Fund and look how God blessed them! Thank you for all the Endowment Fund gifts, small or large! Together, they help us put our

COMPASSION INTO ACTION.

Feb MotM - **Charity: Water** **$ 1,151**

March Mission of the Month - **UMCOR** **$**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. **UMCOR's** work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. They provide **humanitarian relief** when war, conflict, or natural disasters disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. The money donated by CUMC will be donated specifically to the recently occurring **typhoon in the Philippines.**

In its holistic response to disasters, **UMCOR**:

- Offers disaster preparedness training.
- Provides essential supplies and care – both physical and psychological – in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.
- Supports long-term rebuilding efforts and assists communities as they adapt.

UMCOR spends **100 percent** of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When **UMCOR** donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join **UMCOR** as the hands and feet of Christ. For more information visit www.umcor.org

"Replace the Roof" campaign update

Original Cost plus Loan Interest:	$106,435
Offerings Received (as of 2/23/14):	$ 98,600
Balance remaining to be raised:	$ 7,835

Your contributions to the "Replace the Roof" fund will help us pay the remaining loan balance and complete this project. We hope to retire the loan before the end of this year. Thank you for your continued financial support of our church facilities.

Today's Volunteers

Greeters: 8:30—Jim & Liz Zearfoss
10:45—Penny Szabo

Acolytes: 8:30—
10:45— Evan Kohlbus

Sound Technicians: 8:30— Bill Schwarz
10:45— Bill Greiner

Nursery Volunteers: 9:30— Janet Yacovelli
10:45— Carolyn Hadka, Greg Plummer

Circuit Kids: Anne Marie Legates, Jessica Snyder, John Reed

Ushers: **8:30**—Jim Hare, Tony Trifiletti, Jeff Baer, Mark Stauffer, Jim Stevenson.
10:45— Mark and Max Bainbridge, Greg Plummer, Jack & Dana Ripley, Glenn McCrea, Tom & Janis Harrison, Mark & Krystyna Supplee. **Phil Woodruff** is this month's captain.

Attendance - Feb 23, '14:
8:30 a.m. – 118
9:30 a.m. – 139
10:45 a.m. – 220

The **altar flowers** are presented John & Pat Sullivan (and Kevin) in celebration of the marriage of their son, John, to Julia Wade on March 1, 2014.

The **pedestal flowers** are presented by Scott & Tanya Blissman in honor of Andrew's 2nd birthday.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade) students are learning "I praise God for Jesus". Today's lesson is "A Man Born Blind" (Luke 18:35-43). Parents please read the Bible passage and discuss the lesson with your children. Visit GrowProclaimServe.com for encouragement and for ideas about including faith in your family's daily life.

- **Debra Reed**, Director of Children's Ministries,
children@cumclansdale.org, 215-513-1070

Adult Sunday School

Reichley Fellowship Class – A challenging curriculum that relates scripture to daily living, taught by a group of leaders offering varying points of view and opportunity for discussion. We begin each week with devotions and hymns. We are hoping to add some new members, so join us in the Reichley Room (as you enter the church, make a right as you go through the lobby - we are the fourth door on the left). We'd love to become an intergenerational class - we can learn a lot from each other!

"Journey 101" – With weekly DVD's & modest self-study, it's the basics of the Christian faith: starting in our head, moving to our heart, & being lived through our hands. If you're someone who regularly comes to church, but feels your knowledge is lacking, this class is for you. If you send the kids to Sunday School & Vacation Bible School, and are beginning to worry that they know more than you, this is for you. Class is taught by **Pastors Gary & Tawny.**

Open Forum – will begin a new series on 2/23 about Christianity and Islam. An insightful four-part series comparing and contrasting Christianity and Islam and the implications for how we understand God, Christ and the meaning of salvation. **Judi Plummer** is the facilitator.

Bible Study Class – is studying the Gospel of Luke. We meet in Room #7 of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to join us. **Ken Gingrich** is the facilitator.

Seeker's Sunday School Class – **The Birth Of Freedom** - This is a DVD series hosted by our old friend, Dave Stotts (without cars). What do Slavery, Political Freedom, the Dark Ages, the Pilgrims, Abolitionists, the French and American Revolutions, and Relativism have in common? Come and find out how Christianity affected each one, and what it means to us today! We meet in room #24 of the south (preschool) wing. **Ken Dickinson** and **Deb Knerr** are the facilitators.

Pairs and Spares Class – This class is open to all young (and young at heart) adults. Just grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Lounge for a friendly and open discussion. We will be exploring the NOOMA DVD series by Rob Bell, the former pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church. Each film is about 10 to 14 minutes of Christian teaching related to real-life situations. Like parables, they use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love.

Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY: Senior Sunday, Transfiguration of the Lord

3/2	8:30 a.m. - WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. - Sunday School	
	10:45 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	12:00 Noon - Signing Choir	Choir Room
	1:00 p.m. - **Kevin Ellis Eagle Court of Honor**	Sanctuary
	3:00 p.m. - **Korean Presby. Church Service - Sanctuary**	
	4:00-6:00 p.m. - Youth Group	
	4:00-5:30 p.m. - **God & Family**	Preschool wing
	7:00 p.m. - Preschool Board mtg	Lounge

MONDAY

3/3	7:00 p.m. - Monday Night Men	Reichley Room
	7:00 p.m. - Square Dancers	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. - **UM Men Officers mtg**	Lounge

TUESDAY:

3/4	7:00 a.m. - Men's Reading Group	Lounge
	8:30 a.m. - UMM Breakfast group	West Main Diner
	Noon - Kaleidoscope book group	Lounge
	6:30 p.m. - Disciple I	Lounge
	6:30 p.m. - Gloria Dei Ringers	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. - Cub & Girls Scouts	FH/nursery

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

3/5	5:15 p.m. - Melody Chimes	Fellowship Hall
	5:20 p.m. - Precious Angels	Reichley Room
	5:55 p.m. - Carol Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir	Reichley Room
	6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir	Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts	FH/preschool wing
	7:00 p.m. - Agape Ringers	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m. - **Ash Wednesday Service**	Sanctuary

THURSDAY:

3/6	7:30 p.m. - Praise Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday: World Day of Prayer

3/7	9:30 a.m. - Laudate Ringers	Sanctuary
	2-7 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive**	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. - World Day of Prayer service	**Holy Trinity Epis. Ch.**

NEXT Sunday: First Sunday in Lent, SS Teacher Breakfast, Daylight Savings Time begins