

# CHRIST CHRONICLES

**Christ United Church of Christ, 1414 Ligonier Street  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650**

*June 2018*

*Happy Father's Day*



## Worship Services for June 2018

**6/3 - Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM, *Holy Communion***  
**6/10, 6/17, 6/24, Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 AM**  
**\*6/10 - Congregational Meeting follows worship**  
**\*6/17 - *Father's Day***

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.**

## Concerns of the Congregation



**Please pray for:** Katie Baker, Scott Barr, Family of Edith Bridge, Mary Crawford, Family of Carol Gerhard, Treasure Keys, Ron King, Zoe Klug, Leanne Lehosky, Donna Lenz, Lorraine Mickin ack, Patrick Miller, Linda Miller-Pretz, Emily Murray, Joan Musick, Bob and Evelyn Neighly, Betty Newman, Duane Noel, Jean Noel, Richard Porembka, Joyce Puzak, Louise Quitko, Shirley Robb, Emily, Eva and Graeme Sautter, Terri Selembo, Jean Sheffler, Judith Short, Ken Sible, Laken Smith, Rick Stahl, Kevin Svidron, Kathleen Swartz, Russ Upholster, Ray Wible, Reatha Young, Amy Zomisky, Frank Zook

**We especially hold in prayer the families of  
Carol Gerhard, who passed away on April 23, 2018  
and Edith Bridge, who passed away on May 9, 2018.**

Praying the roll: Everyone on the church roster will have a turn at experiencing the comfort and peace of intentional prayer. We are family . . . and families pray for one another! Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers for the entire week.

Week of June 3 - Beverly Dumas, Bill and Ruth Eversole, Charles and Dorothy Facemyer

Week of June 10 - John and Sandra Fircetz, Bradley Fritz, Melissa Fritz

Week of June 17 - Rihard and Robin Fritz, Pam George, Michael and Amanda Gerhart

Week of June 24 - David, Colby, Miles and Dean Grasmick, Sandy Gregory, Diana Guy

### USHERS LIST - JUNE

June 3 - Judy Holden and Mick Mattern  
June 10 - Rich Baker and Art Dira  
June 17 - Sally Walker and Harvey Noel  
June 24 - Marsha Ackerman and Larry Staruk



### GREETERS LIST - JUNE

June 3 - Jim and Elena Sillman  
June 10 - Rich and Marcie Baker  
June 17 - Dana and Dewey Silvis  
June 24 - Larry and Loretta Staruk



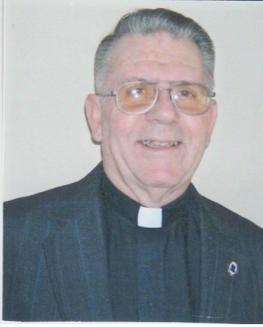
## Communion Servers for Sunday, June 3

**Elder/Assistant ... Rosella Holzer/Elena Sillaman**

**Deacons/Main Servers ... Elena Sillaman, Don Burd, Art Dira, Jim O'Connor**

**Deacon/Auxillary Server. . .Loretta Staruk**

## A Message From Pastor Dick



Do you remember when we were The Evangelical and Reformed Church? Probably not too many of you do since the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Christ will be on Monday, June 25, 2018.

Sixty-one years ago the merger between the Evangelical and Reformed churches and the Congregation Christian churches formed the United Church of Christ. Prior to the merger our area was known as the Pittsburgh Synod and then became the Penn West Conference.

The Executive offices for the United Church of Christ moved from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio in 1990. Ironically, this original merger happened in the same city of Cleveland in 1957.

I started my training for the Ministry in the E & R church and was ordained in the UCC. We are a growing and a uniting church. We strongly believe God is still speaking. Both our churches are open and affirming churches which we proclaim with the statement, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here."

I am proud to be a Minister in the United Church of Christ. I hold my Ministerial standing in the Westmoreland Association since 1991. From ordination until 1966 my standing was in Susquehanna Association in the Penn North East Conference. When we moved to Western Pa. in 1966 my standing was in the Clarion Association.

Hopefully, you will call a Pastor soon and that person will receive standing in the Westmoreland Association.

May God bless and guide the Search Committee as they seek a Pastor. God bless all of you.  
Pastor Dick

## Welcome Cason and McKinley

On May 6, Cason Maus, son of Aubree and Brian Maus and McKinley Anne McKendrick, daughter of Dylan McKendrick and Michaela Smith were baptized into the family of God at Christ Church. God's blessings to the families of Cason and McKinley.



## *A Note from Julie*



It is very hard to believe that the choir season has come to an end! It seems like we just got started!!

I would like to thank the choir for their hard work and dedication these last two and a half months and I would like to thank the congregation for their support.

I would also like to thank the guys who make coffee on Sunday morning! It is the BEST!

I would like to invite anyone who would like to share their musical gift during a church service this summer to sign up for a Sunday on the clipboard on the table in the Chapel. Please include your telephone number or email address so that I can contact you and finalize your choice of dates, and any rehearsal that we might have to schedule. If anyone would like to sing or play an instrument, I would be more than happy to accompany you on the piano.

Thank you all again, for being such a wonderful group of Christian friends!

"Come, Let us Praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God who protects us!  
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise!" Psalm 95

Let the music of your heart carry you through this beautiful month of June!

Love in Christ!

*Julie*



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**Shirley Robb sends a great big thank** you to the congregation for all the cards, thoughts and prayers. She misses seeing her friends at Christ Church.

**ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON  
FRIDAY, JUNE 15.**

**Please send to [cocoakitty2001@gmail.com](mailto:cocoakitty2001@gmail.com) or give to Loretta Staruk**

## ***Congratulations, Graduates***



**Devin Demase, grandson of Art Dira**, will be graduating from Deer Lakes High School in June. He will be studying journalism at Point Park



**Alex D. Brown, son of Bob and Barb Brinker, grandson of Donald Brinker**, graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology on May 12, 2018 with a degree in Engineering CAD Technology. On May 29, 2018, Alex will be joining EASi, an engineering services company in Lancaster, Pa. as a Mechanical Designer.



**Brianna Calkins, granddaughter of Bob and Carolyn Stutzman**, will be graduating from Ocean Lakes High School Math and Science Academy, Virginia Beach, Virginia. She will be attending George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, with a double major in Environmental Science and Biology.



**Tommy Ronayne** of Alexandria, Virginia followed in the footsteps of his parents, Amy (Piper) and Kelly Ronanyne, by graduating from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. **The grandson of Dorothy and the late Franklin Piper**, Tommy majored in biology, plans a career in physical therapy and will be working in that field during the summer. He has been active in swimming clubs since elementary school.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE



### Adult Sunday Class

Rev. Wayne Sautter has assumed the leadership of the adult Sunday school class. The class meets at **9:30 AM** each Sunday morning in the conference room and is studying How Jesus Became God. All are welcome.

### Bible Studies

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** - Join us at 10:00 am as we continue with a study on the Books of the Bible. We are learning a lot as we go through these lessons and always have laughs and delicious snacks. All are welcome. Please join us at any time.

**Note: There will be no bible study on June 13 and June 20.**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. This class continues a study on the “Stillspeaking Bible Study.” Please come join us! **There will be no bible study on June 20.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE HELD JUNE 19, 20 AND 21 AT CHRIST UCC - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The theme for this year's VBS is Hero Central. Bible stories, music, crafts, games and snacks will support this theme. The goal is to have children discover their strength in God while having *lots* of fun.



All members may invite children to attend; children, grandchildren, neighbors. All are welcome. **REGISTRATION FORMS** are found on the chapel table (one per child). Please return these forms in the offering plate or office by June 10.

All helpers need to obtain PA State Police clearances. This is free to volunteers.

If you have questions, ask Elena Sillaman or call the office.



**BIENVEUE** will meet on the **first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM.** On June 6th, we will meet at Applebee's on Route 30 in Greensburg; on **July 4th, we will not meet**; and, on August 1st, we will meet at Olive Garden on Route 30 in Greensburg. All the ladies of the Church are welcome.

## CHRIST CHURCH'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM.** The selection is **Flight 93: the story, the aftermath, and the legacy of American courage on 9/11** by Tom



**McMillan.** This book provides a riveting narrative based on interviews, oral history, transcripts, recordings, personal tours of the crash site and trial evidence. It offers the most complete account of what actually took place aboard United 93 that crashed in Somerset County, PA.

**Book selection for July: A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking** - Hawking, whose many contributions to theories of black holes and cosmology are considered brilliant has attempted to present a history of cosmology for general readers and to probe questions about the origin and nature of the universe.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**

The men of the church will be honored on June 17th and will receive a small gift to recognize their service at Christ Church.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**  
to help with **Senior Food Distribution on  
Tuesday, June 26 at 8:30 AM.**  
Thanks so much for your help as always.



## MINISTERIUM FOOD ITEMS FOR JUNE

The Greater Latrobe Ministerium asks churches to donate items for the Food Pantry distributions each month. The needed item for June is baked beans. Thank you so much for your generosity. A box is in the sanctuary to collect these items.

## LAY LIFE AND MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

### June/July Mission

The **UNION MISSION** has been selected for the Mission of June and July. I am quoting Dan Carney, the Executive Director of the Mission: "Union Mission is the only shelter for men in Westmoreland County serving 250 men each calendar year for up to 120 days" Support services are provided through weekly counseling; life-skills training; educating them in real world skills such as balancing a checkbook, budgeting and cooking. The men are provided with support needed to assist them in meeting the goals that they have set in an environment which allows them to build character, morality, and bonds of friendship and family. The goal of the Mission is to enable the residents to "become interdependent citizens that are productive, respectful members of the community."



The Mission always accepts monetary support but also needs: **Laundry detergent, T-shirts of various sizes (many of the men are not large), cleaning supplies, paper towels and toilet paper.** A box located in the Chapel will be available during June and July for these items.

### SOUP AND SALAD BAR

Our last Soup and Salad Bar until Fall will be held on **Wednesday, June 13 from 11 AM until 1 PM.** Soups are back by popular request and will be accompanied by rolls, salads desserts and beverages. As always, the food will be delicious. Proceeds will be used to fund the many missions of Christ Church. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



### Flea Market/Book Sale



It's almost here and the church is ready to accept donations of unused and unwanted items for the flea market and used book sale. This is the church's largest fundraiser and allows the Lay Life and Mission Committee to support the Eastern Regional Youth Event, Meals on Wheels, Blackburn Center to name a few. Donations for repairs and improvements to the church building are also made possible by this event. Many hands make light the work and your hands will be needed to sort, price and sell these items. Look for sign-up sheets in July. Thank you in advance to the congregation who always is generous in the support of this effort.

## 2018 Relay for Life



This event will take place on June 16 and 17 at the Latrobe Memorial Stadium. Relay for Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a 24-hour, non-competitive community event where teams of 10-20 people take turns walking or running around a track. While waiting their turn on the track, teams camp out at the site and enjoy themselves in a carnival-like atmosphere complete with entertainment, food, games and fun!

If you are interested in being involved in the Relay for Life, there is more information on the table in the chapel.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Saturday and Sunday - June 8-9 Penn West  
Conference Annual Meeting - Delegates are needed**

**Sunday, June 10 - Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
Immediately following worship**

**Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day - small gifts will be given to  
all the men of the church**

**Week of July 9 - Meals on Wheels**

**Thursday through Sunday July 19-22 - Eastern Regional Youth Event of the  
United Church of Christ hosted by the Penn West Conference at California  
University of Pennsylvania**

**Sunday, August 5 - Church Picnic at Legion Keener**

**Saturday, August 18 - Annual Book Sale and Flea market**

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## “The Painter's Chair”

In this age of instant and ubiquitous digital photography and television, it can be difficult to imagine not seeing images of our political leaders. But, in the founding days of our country, the majority of people rarely, if ever, saw images of our first presidents or other political leaders, and only those people who lived somewhat close to them had the chance to actually see them in person. Thus, the men (I'm not aware of any women who did this) who were portrait painters with access to these people had the chance to create images of these men, sometimes with their families, for others to see. And *how* they portrayed them often influenced how people characterized them. The book, “The Painter's Chair,” provides us with some of the stories of these painters in early America, especially focusing on the painted images of George Washington.

One of the earliest quality artists of the Colonial era was John Smibert, whom I had not heard of. He did all of his painting before the Revolutionary War, so he did not portray Washington. But he did quality work and was somewhat prolific, and many of the subsequent early American painters were inspired by their viewings of his works in his studio. Chronologically, John Singleton Copley was the next premier artist in the Colonies. He lived and worked around Boston (and there are a number of sites in that city carrying his name), but emigrated to London before the war. So he, too, is not known for any Washington portraits.

But, after Copley, we have other names many of us might have heard: Charles Wilson Peale, John Trumbull, Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Edward Savage and Rembrandt Peale (one of Charles Wilson Peale's seventeen [!] children). “The Painter's Chair” gives us interesting brief biographical sketches of these artists and how they came to paint Washington's portrait. The author, Hugh Howard, also adds in the story of Jean-Antoine Houdon who, though not a painter, provided us with a very significant image of Washington in the form of a bust, modeled directly from a mask of Washington's face taken while he was alive. Each of these artists created unique images of GW, some just of his head and chest, others of him as a complete figure. Of course, some were done when our first president was younger, and he was pictured in his military uniform. Others were painted when he was president, and one of them just shortly before he died. Mr. Howard compares and contrasts these images and the effect they may have had on peoples' perceptions of Washington as a man of character, integrity and leadership – all of which were, indeed, genuine qualities of the man.

To this day, I still have memories of looking up at the Gilbert Stuart portrait of Washington hanging on the walls of my school (was it just one painting, or did I see him in each of the several schools I attended?). This is the painting that shows him just from the chest up, with the bottom portion unfinished, making it look to me like his head was perched on a white cloud. Most of that portrait, without the white “cloud,” is what we see on our one dollar bill. I believe that George Washington's image on the wall of my school may have influenced my long-standing interest in the history of our country's early days and the lives of its leaders. So the reproduction portrait of this man, nearly 200 years old when I began contemplating it, probably had as much of an impact on me as it would have had on his contemporaries who had no other images of him to look at. This speaks of the power that quality art can have on people, helping them to see the world and other people in ways which can even change the life of the viewer.

Jim Sillaman

## June 2018 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Loving God, thank you for your faithfulness, day by day and season by season. Help us to trust you always in all circumstances and to be faithful in prayer each day. Amen.					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Thank God for our worship space.	<b>4</b> Thank God for the fellowship of other Christians.	<b>5</b> Pray for those who serve as our elected officials.	<b>6</b> Thank God for music makers, those who compose and those who play.	<b>7</b> Pray for those who are lonely.	<b>8</b> Pray for those having marital difficulties.	<b>9</b> Ask God for forgiveness for bad tempers and angry words.
<b>10</b> Pray for those making their living on the sea.	<b>11</b> Pray for those without a church home.	<b>12</b> Thank God for those who make us laugh.	<b>13</b> Pray for the health and well-being of all refugees.	<b>14</b> Lift up all those in our community and throughout the world who are going to bed hungry.	<b>15</b> Praise God for the beauty of the seasons.	<b>16</b> Pray for public utility workers.
<b>17</b> <b>Happy Father's Day!</b> Pray for fathers and all men of the church.	<b>18</b> Lift up women and men who have been impacted by incarceration.	<b>19</b> Pray for those whose lives are paralyzed by fear.	<b>20</b> Pray for farmers and gardeners who grow our food	<b>21</b> <b>First Day of Summer</b> Thank God for wild flowers and the flowers we grow in our gardens.	<b>22</b> Thank God for fruits, vegetables and all that we eat.	<b>23</b> Pray for those who transport our food.
<b>24</b> Remember former pastors and their families.	<b>25</b> Pray for children without families.	<b>26</b> Ask God to help you use your gifts in God's service.	<b>27</b> Pray for organ donors and recipients.	<b>28</b> Pray for families affected by suicide.	<b>29</b> Thank God for writers, journalists, program makers and cameramen who enlarge our understanding.	<b>30</b> Praise God for the amazing universe.

**Mission Statement:** To reflect Christ's love in everything we do

**Vision Statement:** Not our will, but God's

## June 2018 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  11:00 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	4 6:00 PM GLCC Practice  6:30 PM Lay Life and Mission	5	6 10:00 AM Bible Study  12:30 PM Bienvenue Applebee's  6:30 PM Bible Study	7	8 Penn West Conference	9 Penn West Conference
10 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  11:00 AM Worship  Congregational Meeting follows worship	11 6:00 PM GLCC Practice  6:30 PM Consistory	12 11:00 AM Book Discussion	13 <i>No 10:00 AM Bible Study</i>  11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Soup and Salad Bar  6:30 PM Bible Study	14	15 <i>Deadline for July/August Newsletter</i>	16
17 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  11:00 AM Worship  Father's Day	18 6:00 PM GLCC Practice	19 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School	20 <i>No 10:00 AM Bible Study</i>  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School  <i>No 6:30 PM Bible Study</i>	21 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School	22	
24 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  11:00 AM Worship  3:00 PM GLCC Presbyterian Church – Patriotic Svc.	25	26 8:30 AM Senior Food Distribution	27 10:00 AM Bible Study  6:30 PM Bible Study	28	29	30

### *Christ Church Consistory*

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