

## CHURCH NEWS

### **Adult Sunday School**

Our Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. It's a 6 session video-based study on a book by Alisa Childers. Alisa grew up in a strong Christian family, but then had to reexamine her faith as she was confronted by the progressive Christianity movement of our time. This book and study should be a very thought-provoking and relevant study as it relates to the shifts that are taken place in our American culture and even in the church.

The Adult Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning at 10:15 in the large room across from the fellowship hall. This time together provides a good opportunity to grow in our faith!

### **Thanks For the Outside Work Completed**

It's important that we keep our church grounds and property neat and attractive. Recently the shed was refurbished, and the shrubbery near the front entrance was trimmed. Thanks to all of those who had a part in this work! We appreciate the Trustees and others who do their best to keep Community UMC in good repair!

### **Words of Appreciation from Elizabeth Zito**

*(Pastor's note: I received this email from Elizabeth Zito)*

"I was hoping you could also include a note in the bulletin, or as an announcement, to the congregation thanking them for their incredible love and generosity in my parting gifts & cards. They were far too generous than I could ever accept, and the graciousness they've shown me is not lost on me.

I will be making a charitable gift to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in Community's honor with the funds they gifted me. UMCOR is a wonderfully respected charity that does tremendous relief work worldwide. I am also researching an additional charity to donate to that focuses on maternal & infant health in war torn or refugee communities that can provide some medical support to vulnerable mothers & babies.

Community supported James & I in so many ways over the years, so I'd like to pay that forward. Especially since mothers and children are an issue close to my heart. I will keep CUMC updated on what I find and where we contribute.

Community is full of such wonderful people. Thank you for making my last day so memorable and sentimental. I'm thinking about you all every weekend!" - *Elizabeth*

## **New Group Forming?**

Would you be interested in being part of a group that meets once or twice a month – a group that meets for fun, sharing, and outreach? Nothing has been decided at this point as to what this group would do and what its goals would be, but just an opportunity to do some things together and serve the Lord in some way. If interested, please speak with Pastor Harry.

## **Audio-visual Technician Has Been Hired**

We are pleased to announce that Walter Kondratowski has agreed to come on our church staff as our audio-visual technician! Walter's main emphasis will be producing our online service and developing our online ministry.

## **Special Musical Events in December**

One of the beautiful traditions of the Christmas season at Community United Methodist Church is to have the ***Lampeter-Strasburg Community Band*** present a concert of music appropriate for the Christmas season. We are fortunate once again this year to have the band present their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Enjoying their music is a great way to feel the warmth of the Christmas season! This event is open to the public.

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be resuming our ***Country Gospel Night of Worship*** after having to shut down that event during the COVID pandemic! On Saturday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will feature a ***Country Christmas*** night of music and worship at the church at 6:30 p.m. Our former music director, Elizabeth Zito, will return to lead that service. Over the last few years we have gained quite a following for our country gospel services, and we look forward once again to provide a night of worship that features outstanding music and a relaxed and enjoyable time of worship!