

August 30, 2026

**you&me?
We're
neighbors!**



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Wonderful Words of Life*
Bliss/Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to love one another.

Not only with our words, but through all that we do.

In our homes, our schools, our workplaces,
and our community—

**God gives us neighbors to know, to serve,
and to love.**

Whether we are longtime friends or meeting
for the first time—

You and me? We're neighbors!

Come, let us worship the God whose love
draws us together.

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN TFWS NO. 2223

They'll Know We are Christians

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, you have placed us in a world
filled with people who need kindness,
friendship, patience, and care. Teach us to
see each person as our neighbor. Help us to
love not only with our words, but also through
our choices and actions. As a new school
year begins, open our hearts to new
friendships and new opportunities to share
your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS
Blessing of the Backpacks

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SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1 *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
arr. Jay Althouse
Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one
another, for the one who loves another has
fulfilled the law. The commandments,
"You shall not commit adultery; you shall not
murder; you shall not steal; you shall not
covet," and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word, "You shall love
your neighbor as yourself." Love does no
wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the
fulfilling of the law.

MESSAGE *You & Me? We're Neighbors!*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 432, vs. 1&2 *Jesu, Jesu*

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

You may give your offering by using the QR code on your screen, at umcwc.org, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Nardini/Wolff

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

♦ CLOSING SONG

All the People Said Amen! Matt Maher
**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven, and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus:

**And all the people said, "Amen."
Whoa, and all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."**

**If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong,
you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken,
but we're all in this together.**

**God knows we stumble and fall,
and he so loved the world
he sent his son to save us all.**

Repeat Chorus

**Blessed are the poor in spirit
who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted
and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry
for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom,
the kingdom of God.**

Repeat chorus (2X)

BENEDICTION

Go now to love your neighbor—in the classroom and on the playground, in the office and around the dinner table, among close friends and people you have yet to meet. Remember that love does no harm and that every person you encounter is beloved by God. So wherever this week takes you, let your words and actions declare: "You and me? We're neighbors!" Go in the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Melinda Ford
Message for Growing Christians: Kelly Lynn
Summer Choir and Praise Team Director:
Jeannie Nelson
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,
Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith



Church Picnic
Sunday, September 13
West Goshen Park
Worship at 10 am followed by food and fun.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and paper products. Please bring a side dish or dessert according to your last name (A-K: side dish, L-Z: Dessert)



Sign up at umcwc.org or in the Gathering Area.

Education and Growth Opportunities

Regular Sunday School Classes resume in September.

Summer Opportunities

Children's Sunday Fun Day (Rm 6, lower level) 9:15 AM
Upper Room (Chapel) 11:00 AM
Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
(Resumes in September)

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
Youth Group Contact Cory Smith (Cory@umcwc.org)
to get emails about summer events

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds
through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

All Choirs resume in September.

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Men's Ensemble Once a month
Children's Choir Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Praise Team Wednesdays at 7:15 PM
Carillon Choir Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Sunshine Memory Café Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

*A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and
their care partner.*

Coffee With the Pastor 2nd Monday, 10 AM
(Resumes in September)
Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
(Resumes in September)

Retired Men's Lunch Group 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM
United Women in Faith 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM,
Sept-May

Circles meet at various times throughout the month.
Web Dance 1st Sunday of each month,
6:00 pm, Sept-May

*High school hosted themed dance party for adults with
intellectual disabilities*

Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

Items for ACTnow - We are collecting the following items
that ACTnow is in need of for their community cupboard:
shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap,
toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose
cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper,
and paper towels. These are items that are not available
at other food cupboards. Items can be placed at the
table in the gathering area.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald
McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army.
Place items in the basket in the Gathering Area.

Pop Tabs - We are collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald
House. These tabs are recycled to generate funds for
local chapters, helping to pay for essential services and
operating costs for families staying there. Pop tabs can
be placed in the receptacle in the Gathering Area.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one
confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going
through a tough time. If you would like more information
about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk
with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn
(Kelly@umcwc.org).

Prayer Needs - The full list of prayer concerns can be
found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Re-
quests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive
the prayer link contact Luanne Sims
(lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request,
please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact
Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

HAPPENING TODAY

Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10 am worship
service.

Recap on Honduras Mission Trip - Join Pastor Cyndi and
Brian Krug in the chapel following the worship service.
They will share pictures and stories from their recent trip
to Honduras.

Youth Back to School Worship and Prayer Night - Tonight
from 5:30-7:00 pm in the youth room. Grades 6-12. Start
the new school year off right with reflection and prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

United Women in Faith Salad Supper - Sept. 8, 6:00 pm in
the Fiesta Center. Pot-luck style. Bring a dish to share.
All women are invited. Bring a friend!

Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 9,
at 9 am in the chapel. They will study the book
"Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton.
All women are invited.

Christian Believer Study - This is a study on classical
Christian doctrines and what the church historically
believes, teaches, and confesses. We will explore the
foundational Christian teachings (such as the nature of
God, grace, and redemption) as well as historical
tradition. The study will be held at the church on Mondays
from 6:30- 8 pm beginning September 28. Contact Pastor
Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org) for more information
and to sign up.

The Journey Home - Film Screening and Conversation -
Thursday, Sept. 10, 6-8:30 pm at Madeleine Wing Adler
Theatre, 817 S. High Street. *The Journey home* is a
documentary film that explores the lived experiences of vet-
erans, the impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder(PTSD),
and the vital role of community healing. Sponsored by CC
Suicide Prevention Partnership and WC University. Pick up
a flyer in the Gathering Area for more info.

Stephen Ministry training class beginning this fall! This
distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics
such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in
caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care
while God cures. Please contact Kelly@umcwc.org if you
are interested and would like to have more information!
UWF Church Bazaar and bake sale—This annual event is
just around the corner (Oct. 24). If you're a crafter, please
consider donating your creations. Gently used or new
household items, fashion accessories (jewelry, purses,
scarves), children's toys, and sporting goods; and games
are also needed. No clothing, furniture, electronics or
books. Contact Sue Oliver, 610-745-3324 with questions.

Men's Retreat- October 2-3 at Gretna Glen. Fun,
fellowship, faith, and even a ropes course (optional).
Sign up on the church website.
Contact Ed Olsavicky (484-883-3025) for more information.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Chester
County is sponsoring a walk** to raise awareness of the
mental health programs available in our area. The walk
will take place on Saturday, October 3 at Boot Road Park
beginning at 2:00 pm. Please consider walking or making a
donation. Go to namiwalks.org/chescopa to register or to
donate. More info is in the Gathering Area.

Wednesday Night Out - We need your help! - WNO has
become a beloved tradition in our church. Each week
during the school year we offer a delicious meal for a low
price so that individuals and families get a break from
cooking as well as a time of fellowship and fun activities.
This program doesn't run on it's own. A lot goes on behind
the scenes things to keep it running. We depend on
volunteers to set tables, clean up, help for Chef Tony with
food prep, and dishwashers. Can you help in any of these
areas? Contact Beth (bbuglioumcwc@gmail.com) WNO
begins September 23rd.