

October 18, 2026

In Christ We  
**BELONG**

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In Faith We  
**HOPE**

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In Love We  
**SERVE**

UMCWC  
Mission Statement



WELCOME

PRELUDE      *Verset in A Minor*  
Boelmann/Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not always know what the road ahead will bring.

**But we trust the God who travels with us.**

In times of struggle, God's grace holds us.

**Through endurance, character,**

**and hope, God continues to shape us.**

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

**In faith, we hope. Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN NO. 368    *My Hope is Built*

OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, meet us wherever we are on the journey today. When the road is uncertain, strengthen our faith. When we are tired, renew our hope. When we struggle, remind us that you are still at work within us. Pour your love into our hearts and give us courage for the road ahead. Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

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      *By Faith*      Stuart Townend  
Chancel Choir Men

SCRIPTURE      Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

MESSAGE      *Faith for the Road Ahead*

PRAYER HYMN NO. 707

*Hymn of Promise*

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORDS PRAYER

## OFFERING

You may give your offering by using the QR code on the screen, online at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org), or by sending it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY      *Allegretto*      Purcell/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

God of grace and hope, everything we have comes from your generous hand. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope to those who are weary, encouragement to those who are struggling, and signs of your love to our community and world. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN NO. 369

*Blessed Assurance*

## BENEDICTION

Go with faith for the road ahead.  
When the way is clear, walk with gratitude. When the way is uncertain, walk with courage. When the way is difficult, hold fast to hope—for God's love has been poured into your heart, and God goes with you every step of the way. Amen.

POSTLUDE      *The Singing Trumpet*  
Broughton

**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

## Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer  
Liturgist: Rev. Mercedes Case  
Reader: Lori Friedgen-Veitch  
Message for Growing Christians: Kelly Lynn  
Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Webb  
Organist: Steve Campitelli  
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, Adam Clark, CC Clark, Eric Clark, Cory Smith

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Today, October 18

6:00 PM – Sprouts (Rm. 4)

### Monday, October 19

6:30 PM – Lillian Circle (Chapel)

6:30 PM – Stephen Ministry Training

7:00 PM – Bible 101 Class (Zoom) 7:00 PM -

Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4))

### Tuesday, October 20

10:00 AM – Mary Jean Circle (Chapel)

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)

### Wednesday, October 21

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner

7:15 PM - Praise Team (Fiesta Center)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

### Thursday, October 22

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

### Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM- 2:00 PM – Fall Bazaar

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

 **FALL** 

**BAZAAR**

Saturday, October 24, 2026  
Time 9 AM - 3 PM

Home-baked Goods & Vermont Cheddar  
Jewelry & Fashion Accessories  
Crafts & Home Goods  
Holiday Shop  
Toys and Games



**New This Year:**



**FREE Flea Market-ALL items FREE in designated area!**  
Kids Activity Corner (10am-12noon)

## Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School - 10 am.

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5, lower level)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm, lower level)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12, lower level)

Seekers (Rm 7, lower level)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group Contact Cory Smith

(Cory@umcwc.org) to get emails

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

## Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Men's Ensemble Monthly

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, at Gramm's Diner

Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

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.*

United Friends Dance Party 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. These are items that are not available at other food cupboards. Needed items are: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper, and paper towels. Items can be placed at the table in the lounge 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** - 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. Requests 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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

**Hoagie Sale** - Thank you to everyone who ordered hoagies to support Rise Against Hunger. **Don't forget to pick your hoagies up today!**

**Musical Gala** - Saturday November 7 at 7 pm, Hors d'oeuvres served in the gathering area before the concert beginning at 6:00 pm. Join us for an evening of sacred and secular music offered by local professional musicians, exploring our theme of hunger - spiritual, emotional, and physical. Come to hear about the organization "Rise Against Hunger" and learn how you can help! Suggested donation: \$25.

**School Supplies for Yuena Honduras:** We are collecting the following school supplies for kindergarten and elementary aged children: pencils, sharpeners, erasers pencil holders, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, index cards, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, small adhesive tape pencil cases, and backpacks for boys and girls. Please bring in any donated items by Sunday, October 25.

### UMCWC Fall Family Fun Day October 25, 1-3 pm.

Join us for apple cider donuts, pick-your-own pumpkins, a corn maze, and hayrides! Highland Orchards (1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd.) Please let Jeannie know if you plan to join us. (jeannie@umcwc.org)

**Children's Library** - We have many new additions for you to see and read. They include a 17 volume set of books by James Patterson for middle school students. We also have new Dr. Seuss titles for younger readers and hard board books for our youngsters to enjoy. They will be displayed in the Gathering Area today. Enjoy!

### Rescheduled: The interest meeting for the 2027

**Neema Kenya Trip** has been RESCHEDULED to November 1st. Please join Samantha Marquette in the Gathering Area on November 1st following both the 8:45 am and 11 am services to learn more about an upcoming trip to Kenya to connect with young women, children, and families in rural Kenya.

**All Saints Sunday - November 1** Please join us for worship on this special day. We will remember those in our church who have passed away during the past year. We will also celebrate those in our church who have been members for 50 years or more.

**ActNow Fundraiser** - Concert in the Cupboard- Saturday, November 14, 6:30-9:00 pm. Tickets: \$50 includes light dinner and dessert. Purchase tickets and get information at [www.assistingno.org](http://www.assistingno.org).

**Scripture Readers are always needed for the 8:45 am worship service.** If you are interested in reading, contact Eileen Hogan (emhogan0518@gmail.com)

### FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

October 26 5:30-7:00

Eat, play and then go to the West Chester Halloween parade. Cost: \$5/person  
Sign up at UMCWC.org