



Beyond The Red Doors

Conshohocken United Methodist Church

November 2011 Newsletter

“Conshohocken UMC exists to reach people of all ages, teach them Christ’s values and guide them as deeply committed Christians to show the world that God lives”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!...

On the 24th of this month, people will have the opportunity to celebrate “Thanksgiving Day” with family and friends. We want to make sure that whatever circumstances we are facing, we not only use one day of the year to give thanks, but do so every day the Lord gives us!*This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ~ Psalm 118:24*

In this newsletter, you will read about joys that are taking place at CUMC. You will also read about challenges and concerns we are facing. However, whether you’re reading joys or concerns/challenges, we are to give thanks to God that CUMC exists as a congregation.

As you read the many reports, announcements, upcoming events, etc, I pray that you give thanks to God for allowing you to be a part of this wonderful, growing congregation and that opportunities are available for you to “act” upon that gratitude to serve Him (and the church), with your time, talents and treasures.

God Bless,
Pastor Jose “Ricky” Ayala

GOOD NEWS!

Beyond the Red Door is back! There will be monthly newsletters from October through December and then we will resume the bimonthly schedule. This is a great means of communication for our church family. If you have any information that you would like to share with the congregation, please email or call me by the 15th of each month for the upcoming month’s newsletter. My email address is amhoffman507@gmail.net and my home phone number is 484-894-0089. Communication is the key to success in any organization and the church is no exception.

SUNDAYS AT CUMC

****10:00 a.m.** – Fellowship Time in Wesley Hall (coffee, juice, continental breakfast)

10:30a.m. – Worship Service

****NOTE: 1st Sunday of Each Month,** CUMC offers a hot breakfast beginning at 9:30 am, followed by the 10:30 am worship service (w/ Holy Communion)



“Thanksgiving Eve Pot-Luck Dinner”???

CUMC is in the planning stages of offering a Potluck Thanksgiving Eve Dinner on WEDNESDAY, November 23rd, beginning at 6 pm in our Fellowship/Ely Hall. This dinner would be open to CUMC Family & Friends, as well as the community. ***If you are interested*** in being a part of this evening or if you would like to donate an item(s) (ex: a free turkey or lasagna from Giant Supermarket, green beans, stuffing), make a special dish, help set up/clean up, etc, please contact Pastor Ricky Ayala at 610-828-1250 (option 3 ~ leave message) or email him at PastorRicky@verizon.net Thank You!!!

Thanksgiving Outreach Children and Youth



Please join us on **Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** for cookie baking, followed by a visit to Marshall Lee Tower Apartments on **Sunday November 27, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.** to deliver the cookies and sing songs for the residents.



New at CUMC....

....an Information Board with items for Sale/ Free, and Job Openings. It is located in the Wesley Hall area (large room next to sanctuary). There are 3x5 cards available. Please include the date, the item for sale/free, or job opening, with your name and phone number.



A NOTE ABOUT HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call our office (610) 828-1250 or the Pastor's cell phone (267) 438-4234 if you or a loved one is in the hospital in order to get a visit. The Pastor fully understands your privacy and does not want to simply "show up" uninvited. If it's someone special to you that you'd like the Pastor to visit, please make arrangements for you and the Pastor to go together

Reaching Out to Homebound Members

CUMC has several members who aren't able to make it to church on Sundays. However, they are still a part of our church family. The office has a list of our homebound members and their contact information. If you would like to send someone a card or give them a call, please call our church office at 610-828-1250 (Option 2) to speak with our Administrative Assistant Joan McCormick.

This month's homebound highlight is:

Leroy & Edith Shaw
1321 Hillcrest Road
Conshohocken, PA 19428
610-828-8480

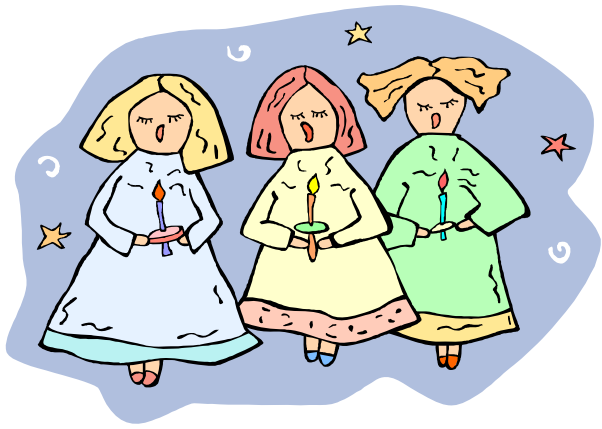


NEED A HALL TO RENT?

*Church Members, Special Guests,
Families, Friends:*

- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
- **BRIDAL SHOWERS**
- **BABY SHOWERS**
- **WEDDING PARTIES**
- **MEETINGS**

For more details, contact Joni McCormick, our Facility Coordinator at 610-828-1250 or jonimcc@verizon.net



INVITING ALL Children and Youth.....

..for 2011 Christmas Eve Family Service Preparation.

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME!

It's time to think about our annual Christmas Eve recital and candlelight service. We are planning to prepare some traditional music, and are looking for singers to participate. If you love to sing, and love Christmas music, We're the place for you!

We're planning five rehearsals:

- Sunday, October 30; 11:45-12:45**
- Sunday, November 11; 11:45-12:45**
- Sunday, November 18; 11:45-12:45**
- Sunday, December 9; 11:45-12:45**
- Sunday, December 16; 11:45-12:45**

Each rehearsal takes place immediately following our Sunday morning worship. We hope that since you're coming to worship already, that this will be a convenient time to stay and prepare for Christmas.

If you have a gift of vocal or instrumental music that you would like to share as a solo or ensemble for the traditional recital, contact Irene – practice will be arranged on an individual basis at mutually convenient times.

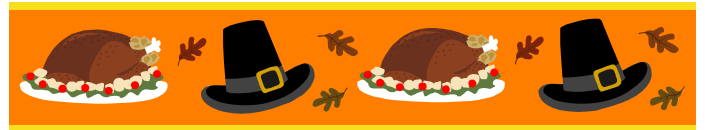
Let's Celebrate the Season Singing!

Irene Wise
231wise@comcast.net, 610-331-1493

Starting on Tuesday, November 9th, at 6:30 pm, (and every Tuesday that follows), we will begin preparing for this year's Christmas Eve Family Service by learning new songs for the program. A meal will be provided for all who attend, followed by singing practice.

If your child cannot (or doesn't want to) sing but would still like to participate in the service, several opportunities are available. For example: In the Play: Dressing up to play a part (an angel, a star, wise men, Mary & Joseph, etc) or can opt to serve as a greeter, usher, etc. during the service.

Please contact Pastor Ricky (610-828-1250 or PastorRicky@verizon.net) for more info.



Financial Peace University is underway at CUMC

Every **Thursday night from 7 to 9 pm**, a dedicated group of 11 people is learning sound principles of managing money, saving, reducing and eliminating debt, and giving. It's called Financial Peace University (FPU) and it has been presented to church groups throughout the US. The class consists of 13 weekly lessons on DVD from Dave Ramsey (NY Times best-selling author) followed by small group discussion and support. Biblical passages are woven throughout the lessons about dealing wisely with finances and being good stewards of what God has given us. Contact Rick Barton (610-397-1581) if you would like to sit in on a class to sample the course. The current class will run into January 2012, and if there is interest, another 13-week course will be offered again here at CUMC.

Men's Breakfast Every Second Saturday

Men of all ages are encouraged to join the Men's Breakfast group that meets on the second Saturday of each month, from **8:30 to 10:00 AM**. Chef Charles Mathis prepares a great hot breakfast, and Scripture is shared. You will be fed physically and spiritually. Also, CUMC has re-instituted its membership in the United Methodist Men. This connection provides a variety of ideas for service to benefit those in need both near and far. Men, mark your calendars and **join us on November 12!**



We want to inform you that in this section, you can write a "Thank You" note to be included in our monthly newsletters. You can do so in the following manner.

- Call our office at **610-828-1250**
- Mail it in to **Conshohocken UMC, 20 W. 6th Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428, Attn: BTRD** (Short for "Beyond the Red Doors")
- E-mail it to Anna Hoffman at amhoffman507@gmail.net

The following shows examples of what you can share your "Thanks" for:

- ❖ Cards sent to you by our members
- ❖ Phone calls received while in hospital
- ❖ Pastor's visit
- ❖ Keeping you and/or your family in prayers
- ❖ Care packages
- ❖ Graduation/Mother's/Father's Day gifts received

Please make sure you send in your article **before the 15th of month** to be included in the following month's newsletter. This cut-off date will allow for the newsletter to be printed before the last Sunday of the month. Thank you!

THANK YOU NOTES

---A big thank you goes out to the Spring Fling fundraising team, Tina Bruckner, Dawn Friedman, Lynda Lawrence and Sue Montemayor! Thank you for all your dedication, great ideas and relentless assistance in planning, organizing and working the Spring Fling in April for CUMC. With your help we raised \$11,600!! Thank you!!

----Thank you to Sarah Derr-Sterious for stepping up to lead the nursery ministry. It is great to see someone working with our youngest children and providing them a nurturing caring environment during the service, and allowing the parents to enjoy the service with peace of mind that their children are well cared for. Thanks, Jenn

---Thank you to Sunshine Messenger Virginia Teaford, for her faithful service in sending me postcards to my home. It is always nice to receive cards in the mail letting me know people are thinking of me. God Bless You!
Sincerely,
Etta DiRenzo



WANTED: CUMC Youth Minister/Coordinator

CUMC is looking to hire a person to work with our youth (ages 13-18) including starting a youth group and planning and coordinating events. The details of the job description are currently being drafted, but if anyone is interested, or knows anyone that might be interested in the position, please contact Randi Pizzico. Her contact info is Randi Pizzico, 224 Garfield Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406, (267)761-2071.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We need any adult, teen or preteen volunteers who would like to help us clean the "New" Youth Activity Center located in the Lower Steel Chapel – **November 5th and November 19th from 10am to 2pm.** Lunch will be provided. Bring any cleaning supplies you have. We would appreciate any help! Contact any teen. Thank you!!!



Finance Team Corner

We celebrated Commitment Sunday on October 16 and welcomed long time member Jim Lapinski back to give the message. Jim and his wife Joanne, recently moved to Bloomsburg, PA about 3 hours away for Jim's job. The move was bittersweet, as they had to leave their home of 26 years and their church, but are closer to their son, Jim and his family, including their granddaughter and grandson (on the way.) Jim's message on Sunday talked about commitment, not just financial commitment but the commitment of time and talents. He reflected on times when he didn't have a lot of money to give to the church, but he was able to give his time and talents to the church, whether it was teaching Sunday school, teaching confirmation class, working with the youth, cooking at the BBQs, serving at church dinners, serving on a committee, or pitching in the clean up and maintain the property of the church. He was always willing to give his time and talents to the church in order to serve God.

We need more Jims at CUMC. We need people to donate their *time* and *talents* and *treasures* to the church. As you read in last month's newsletter, there are lots of things going on at CUMC and lots of ideas for new ministries, nurturing programs and fundraisers, but we need volunteers. The church is only successful if it has volunteers to implement God's plan and our vision. And did I mention that we need volunteers? Please consider volunteering your time and talents. *Contact Randi Pizzico, People Team leader, mwright236@yahoo.com, or (267)761-2071 or Jenn Kriebel, Treasurer, jennmyers13@hotmail.com or (267) 210-2039 or Pastor Ricky pastorricky@verizon.net or (267)438-4234 to discuss opportunities for you to serve and share your time and talents.*

It takes volunteers, actually a small army of volunteers, to open the doors every Sunday morning and to provide activities, programs and outreach and make CUMC a place where people want to be. Currently, there is a very small core team of people

that is trying to do the work of this army. This team is stretched too thin and is getting burnt out and is becoming very disheartened with the lack of volunteers to help with all of the behind the scenes work that has to get done. **So, this is a plea for help.**

On average, we have about 90 people attending the worship service on Sunday mornings. If each person that walks through the doors on Sundays volunteered to do something for the church, imagine what God could do with that small army!! This is a call for help to each individual that is reading this, and yes, that means you. *Please consider the gifts that God has blessed you with and where you can put those gifts to work for Him and CUMC.*

Currently we are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Ushers to collect offering during the service on Sundays
- Assistance with the All Church Breakfasts (first Sunday of each month) – setting up tables, shopping for food, prep and cooking, serving, clean up
- Assistance with dinners/food service at the Concert Style Worship Series – coming soon, once a month in the evenings, includes shopping for food, food prep, serving, set up and clean up.
- Volunteers for the nursery on Sunday mornings
- Chaperones for the elementary age group events
- Chaperones for the youth (age 13-18) group events
- Volunteers interested in working with our children and youth
- Volunteers interested in planning, organizing and teaching Christian Education in the spring
- Volunteers to plan and host senior days (monthly or biweekly social meetings for members and friends including lunch and an activity)
- Volunteers and participants for a weekly bible study
- Volunteers to organize and host book studies for a small group(s)

- Volunteers to host the coffee time before service on Sunday mornings (10-10:30) – setup, providing food, and clean-up
- Coordinator for the ongoing gift card fundraiser (maintain inventory of gift cards including re-ordering cards as needed, advertising the fundraiser, reconcile weekly sales and deposits to ensure accuracy, oversee weekly volunteers to ensure gift cards are available and staffed)
- Volunteers to staff a table to sell gift cards during the coffee time on Sunday mornings
- Volunteer to oversee Wawa coupon sales (maintain inventory, re-order stock, reconcile inventory and sales with deposits, advertise, staff a table before the service to sell coupons)
- Volunteers to sell Christmas wreaths through Oct 30
- Volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the CUMC winter raffle through Dec 4
- Volunteers to organize and plan the Fayette Street Grille dinner in January 2012, including working with the restaurant on a date, selecting the menu options, and headcount, selling tickets, scheduling seating/reservations, and hosting the night of the event.
- Volunteers to plan a yard sale for the spring of 2012, including organizing the event, advertising, setting up, staffing the event, and clean-up
- Volunteers to advertise and show the rental space downstairs in the church for rent
- Volunteers to assist in creating/decorating/organizing a space within the church for the youth group
- Volunteers to assist in cleaning up, painting, childproofing the nursery space
- Volunteers to keep the church's website up to date with activities, events, services, links, pictures, newsletters, etc
- Volunteers to keep the church's Facebook page up to date with activities, events, services, links, pictures, newsletters, etc
- Fundraisers – planning, organizing, shopping for food, setting up, cooking, or serving at our food fundraisers throughout the year (St. Patrick's Day Parade, Car Show in June, July 4th Ribs BBQ, etc)
- People to organize and chair fundraisers throughout the year
- Grant Writing – completing applications about the church's needs/ministries for outside fund assistance
- Communion servers
- Communion preparation committee – first Sunday of each month (shopping to purchase and preparation of bread and juice for communion)
- Assistance with the altar guild (changing of the cloths on the podium and altar based on seasons/holidays throughout the year)
- Recording secretary for the Administrative Council (includes taking minutes at the quarterly meetings, and preparation of charge conference submissions and booklet)
- Volunteers to play in the hand bell choir
- Volunteers to sing in the choir for Christmas Eve services
- Volunteers to start a choir or music group
- Volunteers to perform/participate in the Christmas Eve services
- Volunteers to organize the Christmas Eve service for families/children (typically earlier ~4pm start)
- Volunteers to send cards, write notes and visit with our members, including those that can't physically attend services on Sunday
- Volunteers to write articles for the newsletter to share what God is doing at CUMC
- Volunteers to start small group ministries (men's ministry, women's ministry, young adults ministry, young parents ministry, senior ministries, etc)
- People to serve on the property team/trustees
- People to serve on the finance team
- People to serve on the people team
- People to serve on the ministry team

Is there somewhere you want to volunteer but don't see it on the list above?. Contact Randi Pizzico, People Team leader, mwright236@yahoo.com, or (267)761-2071 or Jenn Kriebel, Treasurer, jennmyers13@hotmail.com or (267) 210-2039 or Pastor Ricky pastorricky@verizon.net or (267)438-4234 to discuss opportunities for you to serve and share your time and talents.

Fundraising Update:

Wreath Sale

CUMC is again selling Christmas wreaths for the holidays. We are offering 3 choices of wreath styles: the classic at \$20, Victorian wreath at \$23 and new this year, the cranberry splash at \$25. Color Brochures are available in the sanctuary or by calling the church office, 610-828-1250 and the wreaths can be viewed online at Mickman Brothers, www.mickman.com under *fundraising program*. Please help to sell by sharing with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The deadline for submitting orders is Sunday, October 30th. Wreaths will be available for pick up at the church on Sunday, November 20th after the church service or can be picked up that week. Please contact Carolyn Yakonick, 610-489-6731 or lynn.yak@gmail.com with your orders and any questions.

CUMC Winter Raffle

CUMC is selling raffle tickets for its winter fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The drawing for the winners will be held on December 4, 2011, winners DO NOT have to be present to win.

1st prize - overnight stay at Loew's hotel with dinner at Sole Food restaurant, 2nd prize - 4 tickets to Flyers vs. Chicago Blackhawks on Jan 5 (rematch of 2010 Stanley Cup) w/ parking pass and access to Cadillac Grille, 3rd prize- all the fixin's for Christmas dinner including roasting pan and turkey, gift certificates to grocery stores and wine store, wine glasses, and more.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, or helping to sell tickets, please contact Jenn Kriebel (jennmyers13@hotmail.com or 610-828-2039.)

Gift Card Sale

CUMC now has gift cards in stock for purchase. Starting in October, gift cards are available for sale each Sunday at the table in Wesley Hall during coffee time from **10-10:30 am** (next to the sanctuary) and will be available during the All Church breakfasts (first Sunday of each month at 9:30am). Please stop by to purchase cards for your weekly needs – grocery shopping, dinner out or in, birthday gifts, date night, Thanksgiving dinner fixin's, holiday shopping, the list is endless. We also have order forms to share with your family and friends. If you

need an order form or would like to see the list of cards available, visit www.glscrip.com, call the church office to have one mailed to you, or contact Jenn Kriebel (jennmyers13@hotmail.com or 610-828-2039). If you have a specific card you would like to order and we don't have it in stock, we can special order it for you. We replenish the inventory monthly, so if we don't have something in stock, we can add it to the next order or special order it for you, if you need it sooner.

If you are interested in volunteering for a fundraiser please contact Jenn Kriebel at 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com. We are looking for people to assist in our food sales fundraisers for 2012 including the St. Patrick's Day parade, car show, and July 4th BBQ.

Grant Writing:

If you are good at writing or telling a story, and want to give back to the church, please consider grant writing. The church has lots of great ideas that could use outside funding. The outside funding is there, we just need to find it. If anyone is interested in helping to research and or write grant applications, please contact Jenn Kriebel at 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com.

2012 Stewardship Campaign:

Annual Pledges

Thanks to everyone who has already pledged for 2012. ***If you need a pledge card please contact the church office, 610-828-1250.*** If you haven't returned your pledge card, please prayerfully consider what time, talents, and treasures God is asking you to share in 2012 with CUMC and return the card to the church, attention Bill Pope, Finance Secretary.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

CUMC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. In 2011, the church received 16% of its pledges electronically; please consider helping us increase this amount for 2012.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office or from Bill Pope, Finance Secretary, 610-296-3838 x1343 or bill.pope@McKesson.com.

A greener approach to giving...

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches. A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000. As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.

Employer United Way Campaigns

Your donations to CUMC can be earmarked to CUMC through your employer's United Way campaigns. So, as the United Way campaigns ramp up in the fall, please keep CUMC in mind if this option is offered through your employer. Donations can be withheld from your paycheck and remitted to CUMC. Please check with your employer to see if they offer either of this option. If you are interested in more information or would like to discuss further, please contact Jenn Kriebel, 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com.

2012 Budget Preparation:

The Finance Team is currently working on the draft budget for 2012. If you have any expenses or costs that you would like to have considered in the budget for programs or outreach in 2012, or any suggestions for income sources, please contact Jenn Kriebel, 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com.

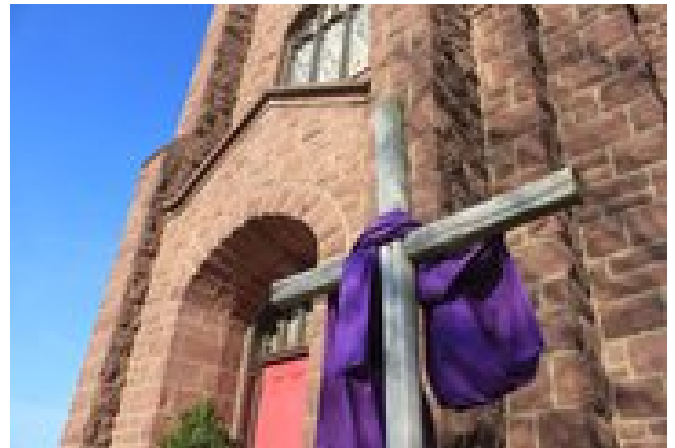
The 2012 budget will be presented at CUMC's Administrative Council for vote on Wed, Nov 9 at 7pm at the church. This meeting is open to everyone

to attend, please come out to be part of this important process and have your voice heard.

2011 Finance Update through September 30:

In 2010, due to the economy, the financial constraints of the congregation and the departure of our 10+ year renter, Jubilee Presbyterian Church, the Finance team made the tough decision to stop paying principal on the church's two loans and pay interest only. This deferral has continued through 2011.

Cash received through September 30 from all sources was \$129,008. Expenses paid for the same period totaled \$133,801. This resulted in a loss of \$4,793. \$27,650 of loan principal has not been paid for 2011, but CUMC hopes to make a payment before year-end if giving increases for the last three months. The church has not yet locked in its oil supply for heat for the winter. CUMC is on a budget payment plan and will make payments from August 2011 through May 2012, to spread our heating costs over 10 months. As a result, expenses will increase by approximately \$4,750 a month related to our heating costs.



Ministry Area: PROPERTY TEAM

WHAT - We take care of the church property. We make sure lights, AC, Heat, kitchen, roof, windows, fire alarm, side walks, etc. are working and are on when we have rentals or we are using our church. If work needs to be done, we hire contractors to fix problem. We get and set oil prices. We rent church

space. We follow-up with renters to see how things are going. We maintain the church van.

WHEN - we try to meet every 2 months.

Maintenance is a daily, weekly, monthly operation so we are always on call.

CAN YOU HELP? YES- if you want to make sure lights are on and off on Sundays and AC or HEAT is on and off, you can do it. Other areas in which you can help include: setting hall rentals, mulching the church, helping to create and operate a new electric church sign, etc.... the list of things big and small goes on and on. You can help with one or all.

TALK TO ME AT CUMC



Thanks, Greg Kriebel

610-828-2039 gckriebel@comcast.net

Property Team Report

The property team has had a busy 2011. As the winter weather approaches quickly, we do not expect things to slow down. As always, we are asking every member of our church family to keep a watchful eye on our church. If you see or know of an area in the church that needs attention, please let us know ASAP so we can address the concern.

What have we done? We have done repairs to the church and parsonage roofs. Still more needs to be done to both the church and the parsonage. The nursery room has been cleaned and remodeled a little (please stop by on any Sunday and check it out). The kitchen has been cleaned (THANK YOU CLEAN-UP CREW), oven repaired, sink repaired. Our annual fire inspection was done and we passed. The choir room has been cleaned and bells have moved into it. Our water back-flow test was done and passed. New microphone wires have been run and attached to our new tech booth. The organ has been repaired. Our AC has worked, not worked and is

working again. Toilets have been repairs, light bulbs changed, pews fixed, mulched, windows repaired, carpets cleaned and fixed.

What will we be doing? The heaters will be cleaned and gotten ready for the winter. We will lock in an oil price. It looks like we will be paying \$3.30 per gallon for the church and \$3.45 per gallon for the parsonage. The church will lock in 2500 gallons and the parsonage will lock in 1700 gallons. That is \$8250 and \$5865 just in oil. We will be fixing the roofs on the parsonage and the church. We will be painting the choir room, fellowship hall rooms and closets. We will be cleaning throughout the church.

What do we want to do? We want to get a new electric sign for the front of the church. All ideas are wanted. We want to get, install, and revamp the heating system in the parsonage. We want to run audio and visual wires from the sanctuary to the nursery so that the service can be seen and heard in there. We want to continue to rent the church (please contact the church office at 610-828-1250 for more info).

What do we need from you? We need your prayers, your time, your talent, your treasure, and your common sense. In our current economic times and church's financial state all of the above are crucial to OUR church's future. I cannot stress to use our common sense enough. Examples: If you are the last to leave the church please make sure all the lights are off. If you see an exit door open/ajar please shut it. If you turn the heat on, make sure it is off when you leave. Is it necessary to have the heat/AC on? (\$3.30 plus per gallon) Does it need to be set that high/low? Is the toilet still running after you flush it? Did I put the recyclables in the recycling bin? Did I throw my trash away? Did I clean up all my trash? These little steps can be done by all of us, not just the property team members. And they will go a long way in helping us save financially and environmentally.

Thank you for reading this and if you have any questions, comments, concerns, complaints, ideas, areas of need, thoughts, etc.... please feel free to contact me at gckriebel@comcast.net or 610-828-2039. All discussion is wanted and needed to help OUR church today, tomorrow and in the future.

Thanks Greg Kriebel – Property Team Chair





CUMC FINANCE TEAM

Membership: The Finance Team is one of the standing committees of the local church required by the Book of Discipline. At CUMC, it consists of a Chairperson, the CUMC Treasurer, the CUMC Finance Secretary, and 2 or 3 others from the Congregation. At CUMC, the Lay Leader may also sit on the Finance Team. At CUMC, the Chairperson and Treasurer are members of the Strategy Team. They present reports to the CUMC Administrative Council and the Charge Conference. Typically, the Finance Team themselves do not do all the work described below. Rather, they engage members of the congregation to take charge of certain events or to volunteer their time and talents. This will be explained in a little more detail below.

Role and Responsibilities: The Finance Team is charged with preparing the annual budget and presenting it to both the congregation and the Charge Conference. Once the budget is approved, any new or unusual expenses not covered in the budget must first be approved by the CUMC Administrative Council. The budget includes anticipated expenses of all kinds as well as anticipated income of all kinds. [Note that the Conference through its financial workshops and seminars has encouraged local churches to use the income from congregational giving to pay church expenses and to use grant money from foundations and trusts to fund mission outreach programs.] Thus, the Finance Team at CUMC has primary responsibility for generating income A) from the Congregation through the annual Stewardship Campaign, donations and bequests, B) from outside the Congregation through rental income, fund raisers

and grant proposals. This is where members of the Finance Team engage other members of the Congregation to volunteer their time and talents, and to take charge of major income-generating events, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Annual Stewardship Campaign (usually in Aug-Sept)
- Auction, Yard Sale, etc. (requires a committee of two or more, plus volunteers)
- July 4th BBQ, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Conshy Car Show, Conshy FunFest (each event requires a lead or coordinator and several volunteers)
- Gift Cards, Honorary/Alternative Gifts, Christmas Wreath sales, etc, etc. (typically requires only one person to do all the work & make announcements to the Congregation)
- Grant Proposals (requires a committee of two or more)

Role of the Treasurer: The Treasurer, of course, keeps track of all income and expenses. During the annual budget preparation, usually Aug-Oct, the Treasurer works with Team Leads and anyone else who spends money to determine what the financial needs of CUMC will be for the coming year. The Treasurer is the person who cuts the checks, pays the bills, and reimburses people. But, the Treasurer is not the primary person counting the income and making bank deposits.

Role of the Finance Secretary: The Finance Secretary keeps track of all the giving through pledges. Only the Finance Secretary and the Pastor know what is pledged by each individual or family.

Periodically, the Finance Secretary provides individual reports to pledgers reminding them how much they have given so far and what their annual pledge was.

Role of the Counters: At CUMC, there is an independent team of Counters who count the money taken in each Sunday (and at fund raisers) and deposit the money in the CUMC bank account. All income, including donations and proceeds from fund raisers, should be handled this way.

Current Opportunities to Serve:

- Finance Team chairperson (current chair is finishing a 3-year term)
- Team members (Finance Team has had only one member of the Congregation on the team the past two years and that one person, Gary Black, had a serious auto accident earlier this year)
- Grant Writing team has only one member; need 1 or 2 more
- Need one or more persons the take charge & coordinate the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Conshy Car Show, and Conshy FunFest fund raisers
- Auction and Yard Sale committees (we need to make sure the same people, or different people, are available because we know we want to repeat these fund raisers sometime in the near future)

If you would like to serve on the Finance Team contact me at CUMC.



Thanks, Carleton Cox
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PEOPLE TEAM

WHO- Members of the church

WHAT - We are essentially the Human Resources committee for the church. We help with hiring new employees, ensuring church staff follow policies outlined in the Book of Discipline. We also assist in conflict resolution when two individuals cannot reach a compromise amongst themselves. We also help with nominations to committees if there is a vacancy. We collaborate with the District Superintendent, the Administrative Council, and the Pastor.

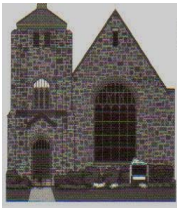
WHEN - we try to meet every 3 months. Meetings can be called more frequently as needed.

CAN YOU HELP? YES- If you are feeling led to serve in an area of ministry come to us and let us know what you would like to do and we can connect you with the chair of a committee or team.



Thanks, Randi Pizzico

**I'M AVAILABLE SUNDAYS AT CUMC OR
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