

# COGS Weekly News!

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United Methodist  
**Church of the  
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*"connecting to broken and hurting people"*

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## Worship Times

Saturday 6:00 p.m.—Parking Lot worship  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.—Parking Lot worship  
Sunday 9:45 am—Worship Center (contemporary)  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary (traditional)



## Wednesday Morning Prayer & Sacrament from 7:00-7:30AM.

Pastor Al Smith will lead the morning scripture readings at 7AM and serve communion to those present. You may join us at the Pavilion or inside (**depending on the temperature outside**) for this short service. Pre packaged communion kits are used. We still ask that people wear face coverings.



Welsh Mountain and COGS have agreed to be partners in the upcoming Outreach...  
Pandemic Testing and Flu Vaccinations Outreach.

On Tuesday, October 20th from 4:00-5:30 Flu vaccinations will be given.  
From 5:30-7:00—Covid testing will be done.

Welsh Mountain's clinical team will be present to complete the necessary registration, assessments, testing and vaccinations as well as WMHC's outreach team to distribute educational and preventive materials to the community.

## About COGS Prayer Shawl Ministry....



The shawls (and lap robes) that are knitted and crocheted here at Church of the Good Shepherd are created for many different reasons. They can be used to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, friendship and love, professional and person achievements. Shawls can console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those who are in despair. The reasons to give a shawl are as varied as the people who receive them and those who knit or crochet them. In this time of social distancing, giving someone a shawl is like giving them a long lasting, and sometimes much needed hug.

So...if you know someone who would benefit from the gift of a shawl (or lap robe), contact either Lee Meyer (717-274-2768) or Beth Kapp (717-926-5994) and we will arrange to meet you at the church to look through the shawl trunk, located in the Gathering Area, and select a shawl. We will wear masks and gloves to ensure that the shawls are as "safe" as possible. We will then log your gift in our notebook for future reference.

When you wear or give a shawl, you are connected with many people throughout the world - those who raise the sheep, spin the wool, and transport the yarn to market, as well as whoever crafts it here at Good Shepherd. Please know that these shawls are stitched with love and prayer and designed to be a blessing to the wearer. They are a symbol of how God's love enfolds them and can provide them strength and comfort.

## Forge Student Ministry Update

### Ignite Youth Night, Tonight at 6:00 PM

Join us tonight at Youth Night as we continue to appreciate the unique ways that God has created each of us! Tonight, we will write Christmas cards for the Prison ministry, enjoy a fun twist on a classic game, and consider together what difficult things God might be calling us to do!



### Discipleship Focus: Spending Time with Others

Each quarter of the year, we focus on a different aspect of spiritual growth! This Fall, our focus is on connecting deeply with others, and we are doing that through the Table Talk Challenge! This challenge equips students with good conversation-starter questions to get to know their friends, families, and new people better. Each week at Youth Night, we give students one question to ask a certain group of people during the week; when students complete their weekly challenge, they can text their small group leader and be entered into a drawing to select the ice cream flavors, toppings, and other treats for a November Ice Cream Party!

### October Series: True Story

Many of our favorite movies, from Toy Story to Moana, tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover who they are and what they were created to do. The stories in Scripture are like this too, but with one big difference: in the Bible, humans aren't the main characters — God is. In this series, we'll explore the stories of people like Cain and Abel, Elijah, Naomi, Ruth, Esther, and some of the earliest Jesus-followers in order to see that who we are can best be understood in the context of who God is. When we discover who our Creator is, we can better understand who we were created to be. Because of who God is, we can trust how God has made us, we can do difficult things, we can embrace the unknown, and we can take risks for others.

### Seyfert's Corn Maze, Saturday, 10/17

Though we are not able to have a church-wide corn maze night, all of our students are invited to a day at Seyfert's Corn Maze on Saturday, 10/17 at 4:00 PM. This event is relatively informal—there is no sign up, and each student will purchase their own ticket for the day! Also, families are encouraged to join us and spend time together enjoying this classic Fall activity!



Join us Wednesday, Oct. 14 to hear a testimony of a life changed by Christ! Mike long struggled with drugs addiction and began living off the grid to isolate himself from the world. But it was in the wilderness where Mike ended up in handcuffs and, ironically, found true freedom.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the worship center. Doors open at 6:45 pm.

There are a few changes that people should be aware of.

These include: - Small groups: Historically the small, open share groups were held immediately following the large group on a Wednesday night. The small groups will now be held online via Zoom on THURSDAYS. Women's small

group will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm online via Zoom while men's small group will be held from 8-9pm. Men interested in signing up to receive weekly Zoom links should contact Jason at [jgillhoolley@gmail.com](mailto:jgillhoolley@gmail.com) and provide an email and/or phone

number and women interested should contact Andrea at [agillhoolley717@gmail.com](mailto:agillhoolley717@gmail.com).

- Celebration Place: CP is what we like to call 'pre-covery' for kids ages 5-12. They learn the same lessons their parents learn but in a language they can understand. CP will be held in-person at the same time as the CR large group for adults (7-8:30 pm). Children's temperatures will be taken before entering the classroom and they must wear masks and practice social distancing. Parents will be asked to sign up in advance online due to limited space. Details will follow for sign ups. **Child care will not be available for toddlers and babies until a later date. Stay tuned.**

- The Landing, which is Celebrate Recovery for teenagers, will also be moving to Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason at [jgillhoolley@gmail.com](mailto:jgillhoolley@gmail.com) or Andrea at [agillhoolley717@gmail.com](mailto:agillhoolley717@gmail.com)



## Christmas Card Ministry

### Christmas Card Outreach to Inmates in Eastern PA:

Our Eastern PA Conference is again holding a Christmas Card Outreach to male and female prisoners in 12 facilities across Eastern PA. We ask for your support in reaching as many people as possible with a word of encouragement during the holidays.

You can participate by picking up your packet (or packets), each containing 5 cards and a set of instructions, in sealed baggies. These packets are available for you to pick up any time just inside the front doors of the church— they are located in a marked bin.

After you have completed your cards, return them to the bin marked returned with the yellow  **The deadline is November 2.**

Please contact Pastor Lisa at [lflory@umcogs.org](mailto:lflory@umcogs.org) with questions or to make arrangements to pick up a packet of cards.



UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding - that disaster response is local - forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

This year has brought not only COVID-19, but unprecedented natural disasters across the US in the forms of wild fires in the west and tropical storm/hurricane activity in the south, particularly the gulf coast. Please join fellow Methodists by donating to **UMCOR Disaster Response and Recovery** to help support response and recovery efforts. Envelopes will be available next Sunday, 10/18 for your use or you can donate directly by going to [www.umcmmission.org/umcor](http://www.umcmmission.org/umcor) and clicking on the DONATE TODAY banner at the top of the webpage.

Thank you for your contribution, empathy and prayers!



## Support SCLC with Fair Trade Coffee/Tea Samplings Kits

### Fair Trade Coffee / Tea Sampling Kits Available Oct. 24th

*What is in the kit--* 4 fair trade, locally available ground coffee samples, including one decaf-enough to make a small pot of coffee of each, 4 fair trade tea bags-2 black and 2 herbal, a coffee mug, information about SCLC and explaining fair trade coffee/tea, a list of where these items can be purchased locally.

#### Who benefits?

A minimum donation of \$10 per kit is suggested, which will benefit SCLC (Support Connections of Lebanon County) a local anti-poverty initiative. Because a Thrivent Action Team is underwriting the cost of materials, all proceeds will go to SCLC.

#### How to order?

Send an email to Patti Olson at [olsonfamily1@comcast.net](mailto:olsonfamily1@comcast.net) or you may call at 717-274-3735 and leave a message to reserve your **Fair Trade Coffee-Tea Sampling Kit/s by Oct. 18.** Please include number of kits, your name, and phone number and which location you prefer for pick up.

#### When to pick it up?

You can pick up your sampling kit/s and make your donation (cash or check) at the Church of the Good Shepherd main front doors or the Palmyra First UMC picnic pavilion on **Sat. Oct. 24, 9-noon**. Checks must be made out to SCLC.

#### Thank you for your support!

SCLC is a program designed to help families and communities successfully address poverty. Everyone gives. Everyone gets.