

# The Steeple



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## Introducing Our New Church Treasurer / Business Manager

We wish to introduce our new Church Treasurer and Business Manager, Amanda Pedaline. Amanda is married to her husband Robbie and they live with one cat in a house that they are working hard to fix up.

Amanda grew up in Rochester and graduated from Geneva College with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting with an Independent Minor. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2017.

She brings a sharp intelligence and a quick desire to learn to a complex position with many tasks and functions to juggle. She has been and will continue to shadow Michele Freed, our current Treasurer, until Michele retires on November 4. They have been working together so Amanda can learn first hand the ins and outs of the large operation that is our church.

Amanda brings experience working as a bank teller

and in accounting with the Beaver County Transit Authority.

We are delighted to welcome Amanda to our church staff and pray that she will be a blessing to the operation and practical side of our church. Please pray for her and her husband Robbie, who also works in Chippewa, as she takes the reigns of our church into the future.

If you stop in the office, go up the steps and introduce yourself to Amanda.



WE WISH TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, AMANDA PEDALINE.

## A BIG Thank You to Michele Freed as She Retires

How can we say thank you to Michele Freed, our church Treasurer and Business Manager, for over twenty years service to our church? Our church has many ministries, and all of them have passed through her office. She has paid all of the bills and made

sure our facilities were up and running. She has kept track of all the details of operating a multi-building campus of ministry, paying our mortgage, and everything else that goes into ministry. She has been quietly doing ministry and making sure everyone else can do ministry.

We say a big thank you as Michele retires as of November 4, 2021 and wish her God's continued blessing in retirement. If you wish to say a personal thank you, mail a card to the church office, and we will see that she gets them.

*Well done, good and faithful servant!*

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“DO YOU NEED TO RECOVER FROM SOME HURT? ARE YOU TIRED OF ALL THE DRAMA? COME AND BEGIN TO BE HEAL.”



## Recovery from Trauma and Drama with Pastor Allan

Right now are you holding your breath? Experiencing a traumatic event can cause us to instinctually hold our breath. Living in ongoing trauma or just being bombarded with other people’s drama without healthy resources and tools can lead to us living a breathless, toxic, and unhealthy life. We will meet for six weeks and begin to break that cycle.

We will challenge each other to navigate past and present trauma and learn to cope with all the drama.

Walking through the book, *Four Promises* will provide us with concrete and thoughtful steps to help engage with our trauma, heal, and begin to exhale.

Whether your trauma is old or new, come and assess how you are coping and how much of a hold it has

on your life. Learn to live in your trauma in a positive and healthy way.

We will give ourselves permission to be present in our trauma, and create or find rituals that help us heal. Also, we will find a circle where we can heal while still in our trauma and take authority over the telling of our story.

Come and begin to be healed.

## Christmas Bazaar

**December 4th, 2021  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Community Life Center  
118 McMillen Ave.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010**

Sponsored by the CUMC  
Community Life Center

Directed by Darcy Straley  
724-846-6310 &

Scott Ensworth 724-843-4032

We are very excited to announce we will be having a 2021 CUMC Christmas Bazaar.

This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year our church has hosted this event and although it will be a bit different, we welcome everyone to come and enjoy.

We will be having approx-

imately 60 vendors, photos with Santa for both pets and children, and the Winter Auction which will benefit the Chippewa Meals on Wheels.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this community event.

## Holiday Food Bags

We will once again fill grocery bags to be given to families and persons in need the week before Thanksgiving.

Starting the weekend of October 31 & November 1 you can pick up a couple of grocery bags with lists of food items to buy on the front.

Bags will also be available to be picked up on November 6 & 7.

Please buy the items listed and return the bags by November 14 to the church building first floor at the spot marked by a sign.

The bags will be packed and prayed over on Monday, November 15.

Please buy food for those in our community in need this Thanksgiving. We usually feed between 40-50 families.



## Mandy's Garden- Sowing the Seeds



In the blink of an eye, we are approaching the busiest season of the year! Our annual 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child became available on the weekend of October 30th-31st. Inside each box are instructions and labels for all you need to pack a box. There is also a bookmark for you to use. The boxes need to be returned to the church by November 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can begin their journey in a timely fashion. Their first stop will be our local hub, which is Pathway Church. This beautiful expression of sharing with children from all over the

world is meaningful to say the least, but this year there are coloring pages with a bit of information that your child or grandchild could share about themselves with the child who will be receiving the box. This little act of kindness could result in a Pen Pal or even lifetime friend for your child. Just imagine what your child could learn from a child in another country! You may have noticed the lovely cross in the front of our worship space. This cross was made to place the filled boxes in and was an idea that I took to our very own Chad Lew-

is! I had seen a different type of cross used at another church that participates in Operation Christmas Child and Chad's creative wheels started spinning. This sturdy cross will be with us for years to come and can be used in multiple creative ways for ministry. If you have not done so already, take an empty box, fill it, and return it by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> by taking it to the cross in the church or by placing it on the stage on Sunday mornings at the 9:45am service at the CLC.

Thanks for participating!



"OUR ANNUAL 100 BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD HAVE ARRIVED!"

## Upcoming Events with Children's Ministry

Family Advent Party-At the CLC, Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm

Angel Trees that benefit Beaver County Agency on Aging begin Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, due date for returning angel gifts will be Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The month of November, check out the bulletin board in The Fellowship Hall for our Sunday School Gratitude Tree. See the things for which our children are most grateful.

December 4<sup>th</sup> is Kid's Christmastown! Santa Breakfast from 9-12pm in The Fellowship Hall. Pancakes and sausage breakfast \$5.00, children under 3 are free. Santa will be walking around, snap a picture with your child on your phone! Santa's Gift Shoppe 9-12pm downstairs in the B Rooms. Gifts for family, friends, teachers, and pets, all priced for kids! Christmastown crafts 9-12pm at the top of the stairs of

the Welcome Center, make an ornament to take home!

The Children's Choir made up of children PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade will sing a song at the Christmas Eve family service at 7pm. Support our children as they enhance worship!



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## Please Pray for our Service Men and Women



SFC Rob Jewell US Army (Nephew of BJ & Deb Jewell)  
Staff Sgt. Andrew Clendennen US Air Force (Son of Cindy Clendennen)  
Tech Sgt. Stephen B. Kleck US Air Force (Son of Dave Kleck)  
CW2 Nicholas Kleck US Army (Son of Dave Kleck)  
Sgt. Ben Fritzley US Marines (Son of Len and Karen Fritzley)  
CW4 Adam Stratton US Army (Son of Al and Rose Stratton)  
Major Amber Stratton US Army (Daughter-in-law of Al and Rose Stratton)  
Sgt. Nicholas Fields US Army (Nephew of Al Stoker)  
Lt. John Black US Navy (Friend of Tony and Leah Pisano)  
Major David Manwiller US Marines (Son of Donna Manwiller)  
Staff Sgt. Tyler Frear US Air Force (Son of Ray and Carol Frear)  
Lt. Tabitha Sprankle-LeTourneau US Air Force (Daughter of Andy and Sandy Sprankle)  
Lt. Travis LeTourneau US Air Force (Son-in-law of Andy and Sandy Sprankle)  
Spec. Jared Holst US Army (Son of Kenny and Julie Holst)  
CM Sgt. John Schmolly US Air Force (Son of Peggy Schmolly)  
Lt. Demetrio Vega US Air Force (Son of Lee Vega)  
Lt. Allison Vega US Air Force (Daughter-in-law of Lee Vega)

## Our Church Family

### SYMPATHIES

Karen Kohlmann and family on the loss of her brother, Dr. Robert Monit.

Skip Peak on the loss of his father, William Peak.

Ruth Richter on the loss of her husband, Frank Richter.

Kim Kurella, CJ Kurella, and Kellie Coennen and family upon the passing of their husband and father, Chuck Kurella.

### MEMORIALS

#### **Memorial Development Fund**

In memory of Patty Coghlan by Rose and Al Stratton

#### **Music Memorial Fund**

In memory of Joyce Bauman by Jennifer Burke

In memory of Barbara Stinson by Beth and David Lozier

#### **Children's Ministry Fund**

In memory of Sandy Garman by Beth and David Lozier



## Reading with Kids Program

The Big Beaver Elementary School Reading Program has resumed this fall and we need more readers.

This one-on-one reading and mentoring program targets second grade students who attend Big Beaver Elementary school. Reading volunteers commit

to a one hour time frame per week. Readers are paired with two students and meet in a 30 minute session per student one time per week. Ideally, the mentors commit to participating in the program throughout the entire school year.

All adult mentors must obtain appropriate clearances.

If you want to become a reading mentor or would like more information, please contact Mandy Gilberti at the church.



## All Saints Remembrance

The church on earth is wholly connected to the Church Triumphant in heaven, so each year we remember those from our congregation that have gone to heaven since last year. This is called All Saints Sunday and is celebrated the first Sunday of November. Here are the names of the saints who have gone before us and look down upon us as we live out our faith in worship, in love

<i>Kathy Damaska</i>	12/4/2020	<i>Jim Stussy</i>	3/17/2021
<i>Marge Stoker</i>	12/15/2020	<i>Emily Cooper</i>	4/14/2021
<i>Shirley Buchholz</i>	1/3/2021	<i>Mary Alice Bernstein</i>	4/20/2021
<i>Paul Bischoff</i>	1/5/2021	<i>Joyce Bauman</i>	7/14/2021
<i>Graham Smith</i>	1/12/2021	<i>Barbara Stinson</i>	7/16/2021
<i>Marian Weister</i>	1/18/2021	<i>Bill Dawson</i>	8/15/2021
<i>Glenn Guthrie</i>	1/22/2021	<i>Sandy Garman</i>	9/13/2021
<i>Glenn Wagoner</i>	1/31/2021	<i>Frank Richter</i>	10/8/2021
<i>Kay Stevens</i>	2/23/2021	<i>Chuck Kurella</i>	10/12/2021

“BEAUTIFUL IS THE MEMORY OF YOUR SAINTS, O GOD. BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND HANDED THE FAITH TO US.”

## 50 Year Members

We celebrate the following who have been members of the Chippewa United Methodist Church for fifty years:

Dave Cleaver	Paula Ridenour
Bob and Sylvia Coughanour	Sue Scullion
Wayne Hall	Jim and Caren Turnbull
Linda Laird	Gene Wagoner
	Sue Zimmerman

## Election Day Bake Sale ~ ~ Bakers Needed

On Tuesday **November 2nd**, the Community Life Center will be an official election poll place.

Baked goods are needed for the Election Day Bake Sale,

proceeds benefitting the CLC. Please bring your baked goods to the CLC on Monday November 1st 5:00-7:00pm and place them on the table in the hallway.

The sale is November 2nd from 8:00am-12:00pm at the CLC.

Hope to see you there!





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### United Methodist Women

Sew Many Blessings sold \$665 worth of items at the Fall Spectacular! We are very thankful for the patronage and support. The group will also be at the Blackhawk Craft Show at Blackhawk High School on November 6th as well as the Christmas Bazaar at the CLC on December 4th. See you there!

Thank Offering Program will be on November 10th from 12p-2pm. Make your reservation by calling the church office.

December 4th Christmas Bazaar at the CLC from 9a-3p featuring the UMW Soup Sale.

December 8th from 1p-3pm Christmas Sweets

and Tea with harpist Anne Phipps. Make your reservation by calling the church office.

“CHRISTMAS SWEETS AND TEA WITH HARPIST ANNE PHIPPS. DECEMBER 8”

### Next Door Youth Ministry with Kevin Jenkins

The Fall has been a great time for Youth Ministry thus far. We've done a Color War, two spaghetti dinners, made many fires, had a lot of laughs with students, and we've seen a lot of students grow closer to Christ. We are still meeting on Monday evenings at the CLC from 5:00-7:00.

Our message series and small group discussions have come from the series *When Anxiety Attacks*. This series will hopefully encourage students to open up about the things that

are stressful and know that they are not alone; because God is with them, and they have a church support system who is there for them. This has been a great time so far.

The Spaghetti Dinners have made their comeback. The November Spaghetti Dinner will take place on November 11th this month. **Mark your calendars for November 11th!** Thank you to all who have come out to eat and those of you who have donated cakes. If you are interested

in donating a cake, please contact me or the church office. I am going to begin a schedule for cakes because we had way too much last time! Thank you again!

Coming up, we will have a Halloween party on November 1, and then the following week, we will be heading out to Maze Craze! Exciting stuff!

Thank you for all your love and support.

Blessings,  
Kevin Jenkins



### From Prayer and Witness

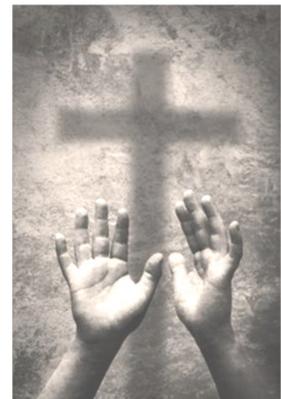
God be in my head,  
And in my understanding:

God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking:

God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking:

God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking:

God be at my end,  
And at my departing.



Hello Godly Men,  
Praying all is well with you and your family. The apostle Paul knew true success in ministry, but he also knew something about pain and turmoil. During his ministry he was hunted, imprisoned, beaten, shipwrecked, and mocked. His fellow Jews branded him a traitor, and he was often scorned or not trusted by his Christian brothers. Paul faced the worst that life had to offer, yet he retained the Joy that comes from a relationship with Jesus.

Unfortunately, many Christians and new believers assume that the saving work of Christ in their lives will prevent them from experiencing times of trials and troubles. Paul, however, disagreed. In 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, Paul illuminated the pain often associated with discipleship. Dispelling the illusion that Christians are spared hardships, Paul instead praised God for those times in which His power is revealed in human weakness. In verse 7, Paul wrote about earthen

vessels and the power of God. The New International Version translates "earthen vessels" as "jars of clay." The image here is of the unimaginable power of God being poured into fragile, cracked containers: YOU AND ME. Do you get it, men, us cracked containers with the power of God, God's glory is not revealed in spite of our brokenness, but rather THROUGH our brokenness! And as a cracked jar will seep water, the power of GOD will leak out from our fractured lives.

Got to love it, men. God's command to live righteous and Godly lives should sober us, for the Bible tells us that our lives are heaven's primary concern. Paul said, "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the chosen angels, that you guard and keep these rules" (1 Tim. 5:21) Think of it, men: Even the angels of Heaven are constantly watching how we live as Christians! Is it merely curiosity on their part, idly wondering if we will fail

or prove faithful? No. They know the hour is urgent and that what we do is important. Eternal issues are at stake, and we are in the midst of a struggle. Don't think it doesn't matter how we live; it does! It matters to God, and it matters to His Holy Angels. It also matters to those around us, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven" (Matt.5:16).

So, men let's not be ashamed of our "cracked jars", but rather examine ourselves to discover how God may be fully revealed to others through our hardships. Love ya Brothers,

As always if you need prayer or prayer for someone else, please call. I would be honored to pray with you or for you.

Brother Al

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## Thank You

Church Family,

Thank you for the care, the prayers and the cards you have sent during my recovery.

From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate all of the wonderful concern you have shown.

It means so much to me.

Thank you.

Jan Shearer

*Thank You!*



From the  
Yellow Ribbon Girls

Thank you for the donation and amazing support for the Yellow Ribbon Girls.

We are preparing our Holiday Boxes for the Troops. Your donation will go towards our postage costs.

God Bless,

Patti

## Yellow Ribbon Girls' Adopt-a-Soldier-and-Save-Christmas-2021 Campaign has started.

You can continue to help by providing postage or supplies for the packages to be mailed to the deployed soldiers.

You can also help by signing Christmas cards for the soldiers.

More information can be found in the church lobby which is also a drop off site for items or you can go to [www.yellowribbongirls.com](http://www.yellowribbongirls.com).



## Church-Wide Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 12

5:30pm

at the Community Life Center

Meat and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a cooked side dish or Dessert.

Christmas Caroling too!

Pastor Allan Brooks  
412.992.7007

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