

# The Steeple



CHIPPEWA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 2022 -January 2023  
Issue 169

Speaks the Word of God...

Shares the Love of Christ....

Makes the Kingdom of God Visible...

## Christmas

Often, we feel the pressure of Christmas approaching. So much to do. Will I get it all done? Where did the year go? Can I afford Christmas and everything that it entails? Wow, I am overwhelmed!

Can we remember when we were kids and Christmas was a magical time? Lights, wonder, hot chocolate, days off of school, singing, anticipation, hope. It was the most wonderful time of the year. But then we grew up and suddenly became responsible for Christmas. Yes, it can feel like the whole Christmas experience rests on our shoulders. We are Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and all

of the elves combined. It is too much!

***"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."***  
**Isaiah 9:2**

Can we believe that Jesus first came to be one of us, so that he can understand all the pressure the world places on us and all of the pressure we put on ourselves? Can we believe that Jesus came to walk with us in life, to stop us from striving to make it through life on our own. Can we believe that Jesus came to save us from all this Christmas stuff and every other thing that weighs us down in life?

At church we gather to remind ourselves of the good news of Christmas. To sing the carols of old with our current voice. To hear the band, the choir, the bells, and the organ proclaim that Jesus is born. That He is born for us and all the stress, pressure, and life that we are experiencing this time of year.

***"O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born King of the angels."***

Pastor Allan



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## Church Wide Christmas Dinner



Sunday, December 11

5:30pm Community Life Center

Meat and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Christmas Caroling too!

Sign up using the bulletin Connection Card or call the church office

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## Christmas and New Year's Services



Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 and New Year's Day, Sunday January 1 we will have only one worship service at 10 am in the church Sanctuary.

All Christmas Eve services are listed on the back of this Steeple.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church.

Merry Christmas and New Year Blessings.



## Christmas Bazaar

**December 3rd, 2022  
from 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 2022 CUMC Christmas Bazaar.

This will be the 19<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 approximately 70 vendors and the Winter Auction which will benefit the Chippewa Meals on Wheels.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this community event.



**Kid's Christmas Town is Dec. 3 from 9am-Noon**  
in the Fellowship Hall, the B Rooms and the Chippers Room! Join us for Breakfast with Santa in the Fellowship Hall. This pancake and sausage breakfast is made by our United Methodist Men

just for YOU! Make a donation to Children's Ministry to cover your meal cost! Get your picture taken with Santa of the Woods by our local photographer, Tracie Baker! Stop by the B Rooms and let the kids shop for special people

in their lives at the Santa Gift Shoppe! Get your Santa Shoppe gifts wrapped. It's FREE! Stop at the back of Fellowship Hall to make some Kids' Christmas Crafts to take home! Fun for the whole family!! We will see you there!

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### Mandy's Garden- Sowing the Seeds of Faith



**Children's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 7pm Christmas Eve service!** Our Children's Choir is our Sunday School children aged PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Come and see the children tell the Christmas story from the gospel of Luke this year!

There will be NO Sunday School on Dec. 25 or on Sunday Jan. 1, 2023!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!



### Angel Tree

**Angel Tree 2022 began Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and will end Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Take an angel off the tree, buy a \$25 gift by looking at what each person wishes to

get for Christmas. Return the gifts unwrapped in a Christmas bag to the tree at the top of the Welcome Center stairs! Each angel represents a per-

son from our community who lives in a group home. Make this Christmas special for an angel this year!



December 3rd the United Women in Faith will be at the Christmas Bazaar selling cookies, and the Agape Circle will have the Annual Soup Sale.



United  
Women  
in Faith

*Christmas  
Tea*  
With Cellist  
Sandy Rectanwald  
December 14, 1-3pm

Call the church office to make a reservation

# NEXT DOOR YOUTH MINISTRY

## YOUTH GROUP MONDAY NIGHTS

JR. HIGH (GRADES 6-8) MEETS FROM 5:00-7:00  
SR. HIGH (GRADES 9-12) MEETS FROM 6:00-8:00

NO YOUTH GROUP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

DECEMBER 26 JANUARY 2 MARCH 13

## DECEMBER PLANS

ICE SKATING NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY  
IN PITTSBURGH  
@ PPG PLACE  
DECEMBER 5TH  
MEET AT  
CLC @ 4:30  
THE COST  
IS FREE  
PICKUP @ 8:30

DECEMBER 19TH  
ALL STUDENTS  
WILL GATHER  
FROM 5-8  
BRING A  
GIFT FOR  
THE GIFT  
EXCHANGE

## Sunday School

Youth Sunday School @ 9:45

Grades 6-12

CLC Multipurpose Room



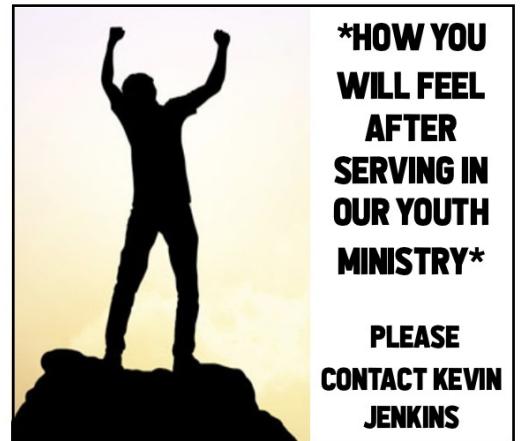
## confirmation class

- 9th grade students & up
- begins March 5th
- confirmation sunday: May 28
- no class April 2, April 9

## SPAGHETTI DINNERS

DECEMBER 15 JANUARY 19  
FEBRUARY 16 MARCH 16

## DECEMBER TEACHING SERIES



\*HOW YOU  
WILL FEEL  
AFTER  
SERVING IN  
OUR YOUTH  
MINISTRY\*

PLEASE  
CONTACT KEVIN  
JENKINS

# December 2022 -January 2023

## 7 – Week Bible Study Beginning Monday, January 9

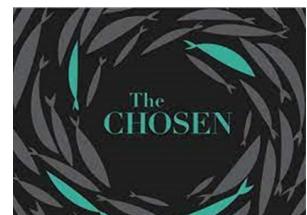
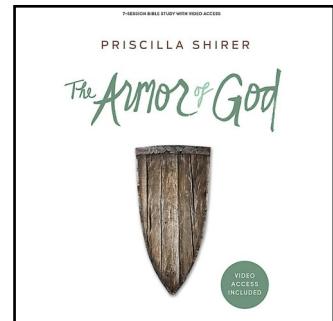
This Priscilla Shirer study, The Armor of God, is a 7-week study for women. All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your chil-

dren, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the

occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Books are \$25. Sign-up today.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Tai



## The Chosen

Join us in the church sanctuary on **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30-8pm** as we watch episodes 5 & 6 of the second season of **The Chosen!** Even if you have never seen The Chosen, you can jump right in! Don't miss this opportunity to witness a very approachable Jesus on the big screen!

## 40 Days in the Word

We spent a great 40 days intentionally in God's word. We were reminded again and again that we are to Love the Word, Learn the Word and Live the Word. Those in small groups were encouraged to Live the Word by taking part in a "Micah 6:8" project of their choosing. Between the 6 small groups and about 40

people there were letters sent to some of our Members to Remember, 20+ sets of hats and gloves donated to Central UMC meals ministry, hours on a Friday evening and Saturday morning were given to Sleep in Heavenly Peace making beds for children without beds, baked goods were donated for Meals on Wheels, desserts were made and

committed for the rest of the Spaghetti Dinners through the Spring, and keep your eyes open for a pancake breakfast that will be happening in the new year to raise money for another ministry opportunity.

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## Book Review Group

The Book Review Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month and will be reading the following selections in the coming months. We invite you to join us at anytime.

- December/January - The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
- February - The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri
- March - The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- April - Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



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## Our Church Family and Thank You



*Thank  
You*

### Baptisms

November 13, 2022  
Noelle Virginia Turner  
daughter of Amanda &  
Luke Turner  
  
November 19, 2022  
Lainey Marie Nocera  
daughter of Leah & Louis  
Nocera. Sponsors: Lauren  
Prisuta & Bobby Kettler

### Sympathy Prayers

Family & Friends of  
Merle Wagoner  
  
Family & Friends of  
Bob Beck  
  
Mike Davis & Family  
on the passing of his  
mother

**Memorials Given to the Memorial Development Fund** in memory of Merle Wagoner by Paula Garen, Judy Rogers, Bob Moore and Cindy Walsh, Stanley "Bucky" Krzemienski, Gene Wagoner, Laura Osman, Pam Rimbev

Dear Allan,  
I am writing to thank Chippewa United Methodist Church for the sheaf of wheat sent for my father's funeral. My father served in many ways at the church, and I am grateful for my earthly father who was instrumental in my knowing my Heavenly Father.  
  
I was able to meet Bill Wiggins at the funeral and to thank him for his

weekly outreach to my father these last couple of years in always sending my father the Sunday morning bulletin. My brothers and I saw many friends from the church and heard wonderful stories of my father.

I will miss my father but I can say my sadness is overshadowed by the joy I have in knowing my father is

experiencing the promises of the resurrection secured by His Lord and Savior Jesus.

If possible, please convey my appreciation to CUMC for their impact on my family. May God continue to bless the church to the Glory of God!

In Christ's love,  
Ken Wagoner

### Election Day Bake Sale

I would like to thank everyone who donated baked goods for the Election Day Sale. Donations totaled \$700.00 which will be used to purchase needed equipment.

Caren Turnbull



### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Operation Christmas Child program.

We collected 111 filled boxes to be sent to children around the world.

Thank you and God Bless.

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## THE MEN'S CORNER

Hello Brother and Sisters in Christ, Praying all is well with you and your family.

You know sometimes people approach you thinking because you're a Christian, you're always happy and filled with Joy, and something is wrong if we're not.

In the first place, don't confuse happiness with joy. Happiness comes with happy circumstances; joy wells up deep inside our souls as we learn to trust Christ.

Joy does not mean that we are never sad or that we never cry. Jesus

wept , we know that, scripture tells us that in John 11:35 and again in Luke 19:41. In Luke 22:44 He was in agony and His sweat became like drops of blood.

So joy is a quiet confidence, a state of inner peace that we can only get from GOD.

Life's troubles will rob us of our happiness, but they can never rob us of the joy GOD gives us, as we turn in FAITH to Him and seek His face.

My Christian family, this will be my last article for a while. I have some health issues going on

that I need to address. While I take a break, I will never take a break from you, My Christian Brothers and Sisters in Christ. I love you all more than words can say, GOD brought Margie and I there to be lead on the path of righteousness with all of you.

My sincere hope is that everyone at some time received a GOD wink from any of the articles. I want to thank you for your kind words and ask you to keep me in your prayers.

As always. Love ya,

Brother Al



## Schedule of Events

- Nov 26 Family Advent Party
- Nov 29 Missions Meeting
- Dec 3 Christmas Bazaar & Kids' Christmas Town
- Dec 6 Church Council Meeting
- Dec 7 UWF Board Meeting
- Dec 10 Breakfast Ministry
- Dec 11 Church Wide Christmas Dinner
- Dec 12 Trustees Meeting
- Dec 14 UWF Sweets & Tea
- Dec 15 Spaghetti Dinner
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve - See back of Steeple for details
- Dec 25 One Worship Service 10am Sanctuary
- Dec 26 & 27 Church and Office Closed
- Jan 1 One Worship Service 10am Sanctuary





## Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24**

2:00pm in the Sanctuary

4:00pm Contemporary in the Community Life Center

7:00pm with the Children's Choir in the Sanctuary

9:00pm with Youth Bells in the Sanctuary

11:00pm with the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

\* All times have candle-lighting and Silent Night\*

## Christmas Day

Sunday , December 25

10:00am in the Sanctuary

## New Year's Day

January 1, 2023

10:00am in the Sanctuary  
(no Saturday service)

Pastor Allan Brooks  
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