

The Cito Fellowship News

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An Evening of Christmas

Re-Creation, the full performance singing and dancing group from Port Trevorton, PA, will present the program "An Evening of Christmas" Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7PM in the sanctuary. This public program is free.



This celebration of Christmas features both sacred and secular songs. There will be beloved carols, Dickens Carolers, familiar Christmas characters, light comedy, multiple costume changes, and holy moments of inspiration

to celebrate the sounds of the season and ultimately the birth of Christ.

The music of Re-Creation is for audiences of all ages. Re-Creation USA, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that ministers to hospitalized veterans across the nation. The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has cited the young people of the group as "America's Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans."

Re-Creation was founded in 1976 and since that time has performed in all 50 states. Credits include appearances at some of the nation's most prestigious fairs and festivals. The group also leads a service of worship in Christian churches. The group generally does over 325 programs each year. Half of those programs are at fairs, banquets, conventions, and churches; more than 150 programs are done in VA medical centers and state veterans' homes.

A free-will offering will be received to support Re-Creation's ministry to hospitalized veterans. Information about Re-Creation's "Evening of Christmas" program in the McConnellsburg area is available by calling Pastor John Godissart at 485-4815.

Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to fill a shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse collection. You can pick up instructions and a shoebox in the narthex. Please return the filled shoeboxes by Nov. 15.



Festival Another Success

Another busy Fulton Fall Folk Festival is behind us. We made 55 gallons of ice cream, the ladies made 48 pies, and we started to prepare for breakfast at 4:30AM. Everything went smoothly and we were ready to serve when some arrived before 6AM. Thanks to all who helped to mix pancake batter, beat eggs, cook, and make juice. Everyone worked together to keep ahead of a crowd of about 400 so that we didn't run out of anything.

It turned out to be a beautiful warm sunny day. We had a good crowd for lunch too. We sold lots of ice cream, of course. The chicken corn soup sold out first as usual, and hot dogs and country ham sandwiches were popular. By 3PM we didn't have too much food left. At the end of the day we raised over \$3000.

It takes a lot of planning, preparation, time, and work to serve breakfast and lunch. With God's help it all worked out. A great big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. To God be the glory!

Trustee Meeting Update

As you may have noticed, the stained glass windows were installed. They beautifully tell the story of the Bible. If you see Sheila Bivens, tell her we appreciate her work. We were fortunate to have someone local make them. Also, thank Jeff Shearer and his crew for installing them.

In the near future we will install two skylight tubes to let light into the last two stained glass windows where the mirrors are now. Any extra money left from the windows will be used to do this project.

An endowment fund will be setup for our church. Money from estates will be placed in this fund to make bookkeeping much easier.

We are presently trying to find out where the new church roof is leaking and repair this area.

We will use the extra money from the stones and bricks to pay for the landscaping. The stones will be used in various places around the church property.

We reviewed a tentative plan for the basement project. We are setting up a long-term plan to finish those much needed rooms for our Sunday school to grow.

When we have events in each building on the same day, we do not have enough water pressure and the fellowship hall loses water at times. We will need to drill another well soon.

For the Prayer Chain,
call Beverly Smith at
485-3862.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Betty Hoffman's Birthday	31 Kellina Shives' Birthday	1 Erin Souders & Nichole Earley's Birthdays	2 Choir Practice—7PM	3 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM	4 Becky Cutchall's Birthday	5 Scrapbooking—10AM- 3PM
6	7	8 Election Day John Buterbaugh's Birthday	9 Choir Practice—7PM Jeanne & Mike Snyder's 14th Anniversary	10 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM	11 Veterans' Day Movie: Twister—7PM	12 Leadership Training— 9:15AM
13	14 Jamie Wyant's Birthday	15 Council Meeting—7PM Kendra Souders' Birthday	16 Choir Practice—7PM	17 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM	18 Bill Smith's Birthday	19 Grover Souders' Birthday
20 Seth Peters' Birthday	21 Growth Committee Meeting—7PM Newsletter Info Due	22 Kevin Mellott & Cindy Griffith's Birthdays	23 Choir Practice—7PM	24 Thanksgiving	25 Luke Mellott's Birthday	26
27 Kirby Carbaugh & Sue Barnett's Birthdays	28 Gary Morton's Birthday	29 Trustee Meeting—7PM Larkin Shearer's Birthday	30 Choir Practice—7PM	Ed Gracey's Birthday	Jim Cutchall's Birthday	3
27 Pastor John & Karen's 6th Anniversary				1 Nancy & George Shearer's Anniversary	2	


Pastor's Letter


*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.*

Psalm 100:4

The Psalmist gives us the above exhortation, yet we seldom heed his instruction. Our lives probably reflect the following:

"Fly by his gates with rushing and skip over his courts with craziness; recognize him on occasion whenever your schedule permits and tell him thank you every once in a while."

In the midst of our fast-paced lives, here are some questions for our consideration.

Do I invest time with God on a daily basis?

Psalm one hundred really puts things in perspective. It reminds us that God truly is our Creator, Sustainer, and Lord. We belong to Him. We should be shouting, singing, and ever ready to worship. We are instructed to "enter the Almighty's gates." It is pretty hard to step through a gate and into a courtyard when we are flying down the highway at ninety-five miles per hour. We need to slow down enough so that we can negotiate the curve and enter into God's gates. We need to spend time with God daily.

Do I praise and thank God any time other than Sunday morning?

You may be thinking that praising and thanking sound like a Sunday morning kind of activity. It certainly is a part of our

corporate worship as the body of Christ. Our lives are to be a continual offering to the Lord. We need to spend some time in worship on a daily basis. We can do so by telling God how great He is, praising Him for our blessings, raving about His Son Jesus, rejoicing over the Holy Spirit's power and presence, and thanking God for the great things He has done, is doing, and will do.

Is my prayer life more than a grocery list?

There are so many needs and concerns. God wants us to offer Him prayers of intercession. But there is always a danger in letting our prayer lives become a list of needs and nothing more. Our prayer lives need to reflect a healthy balance of confession, adoring God, and giving thanks.

Slow down enough to give God thanks and praise. You'll be glad you did!

Pastor John



A New Little Methodist

Congratulations to Pastor John and Karen who welcomed Elianna Ruth into their family October 13. She weighed 8lbs. 4oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

Readers' Highlights for November

Adult – *Almost Home*

Mary Chilton was one of 102 passengers to board the Mayflower. Find out what happens on her long-awaited journey to the New World.

Youth – *Little House on the Prairie*

Laura Ingles Wilder's story continues when her family has to leave the little house in the big woods.

Children – *Thanksgiving*

Learn how the Pilgrims survived the first year in their new home in America.

You can find this month's selection for check-out on the barrel. Please remember to be kind to others who may want to read these books by keeping them no longer than two weeks.

Have Info for the Next Newsletter?

Please give information for future newsletters to Kate Carbaugh by the 27th of each month. Information received after the deadline will go in the following newsletter. You can email articles or information to news@citoumc.org or call 485-3077. You can also place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

Upper Room Is Available

The October-November Upper Room issues are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one and use it for your daily devotions. They are free.

Get Well Thoughts

Martha Mowen recently fractured her hip and has been moved from Chambersburg Hospital to Falling Spring Rehabilitation Center for therapy until she is well enough to come home. Please remember her in your prayers and send her a card of encouragement as she recovers. Her address is...

Martha Mowen
Falling Spring Rehabilitation Center
Room F12
201 Franklin Farm Lane
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Women's Bible Study Update

This fall the women's Bible study has seen an increase in membership. Between 14 and 18 women attend regularly, many of them are newcomers! Our nursery is staffed with reliable women who love children and willingly share their gift from God.

We are studying the covenant God made with Israel through the building of the Tabernacle. We are learning what each piece in the Tent of Meetings means, looks like, and is used for. We also are understanding the meaning of the Royal Priesthood established through the order of Melchizedek, the priesthood of Aaron, his sons, and ours as believers in Christ. The growth in knowledge and understanding of the Old and New Testaments is such a wonderful blessing to partake in and see in others.

Attendance for October

	<u>Oct. 2</u>	<u>Oct. 9</u>	<u>Oct. 16</u>	<u>Oct. 23</u>	<u>Oct. 30</u>
Worship	158	153	105	139	
Offering	\$1557	\$1575	\$1300	\$1411	\$
Sunday School	51	41	36	51	

Daily Devotions for November

30 Acts 12:12-17	31 Luke 5:4-11	1 Acts 11:1-10	2 Acts 11:11-18	3 Acts 9:1-9	4 Acts 9:10-16	5 Acts 9:17-22
6 Acts 9:23-31	7 Hebrews 13:1-6	8 Luke 10:38-42	9 1 Peter 4:7-11	10 Acts 16:11-15	11 Acts 16:16-24	12 Acts 16:25-34
13 Acts 16:35-40	14 Luke 10:1-11	15 Luke 19:28-34	16 Acts 18:1-8	17 Acts 18:9-17	18 Acts 18:18-23	19 Acts 18:24-28
20 Romans 16:3-16	21 Ruth 1:6-14	22 1 Samuel 20:32-42	23 Acts 20:1-6	24 Acts 20:7-12	25 Acts 20:17-24	26 Acts 20:25-31
27 Acts 20:32-38	28 Isaiah 41:1-7	29 Isaiah 41:8-13	30 Isaiah 41:14-20	1 Isaiah 41:21-29	2 Isaiah 42:1-9	3 Isaiah 42:10-17