

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

WHAT IS LOVE?



Why Is Love So Important in Christianity?

Love is important to Christianity because love defines it. God is love, and Christ Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the greatest expression of that love. We are commanded to love others as we have been loved, specifically to forgive as we have been forgiven out of the Father's great love for us. Far beyond a feeling, biblical love defines who and Whose we are. The source of Christian love is Christ, Himself. Love that dwells in us, because of the Holy Spirit living in us. Love isn't just important to Christianity. Love is Christianity. To love is to follow Christ.

The book of Psalms expresses worship. Throughout its many pages, Psalms encourages its readers to praise God for who He is and what He has done. The Psalms illuminate the greatness of our God, affirm His faithfulness to us in times of trouble, and remind us of the absolute centrality of His Word.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Psalms that teach us about love: [Psalm 51](#)—Love Forgives; [Psalm 139](#)—Love Is Compassionate; [Psalm 18](#)—Love is Powerful; [Psalm 71](#)—Love Gives Us Hope; [Psalm 100](#)—Love is Steadfast; [Psalm 22](#) — Love Teaches Trust; [Psalm 86](#)— Love Is Patient

The Gospel of John depicts love as a multifaceted, self-sacrificial, and active force in Christian community. It emphasizes the idea of a personal relationship with God, and the notion that God can become personal and dwell within the individual believer.

John 3:16; John 3:35; John 8:42; John 10:17; John 13:1; John 14:21; John 15:17

The Song of Songs is often interpreted as a devotional allegory in praise of the love of God and his people. Alternatively, it may be seen as a parable which, by celebrating human love, points beyond itself to the love of God.

In the account of the creation of the world, on which day were Adam and Eve made and what do their names mean?

In Genesis 2, what reasons did God give for creating woman?

Scout Sunday



February 2nd

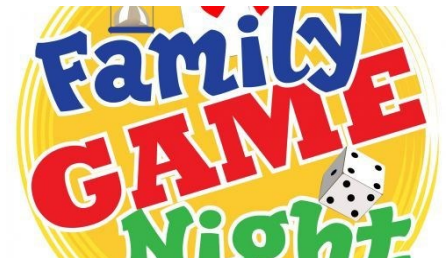
The Carlisle Christian Church would like to welcome all scouts, friends, and family to fellowship with us at 10am before worship!

Scout Sunday is a time to bring awareness to Scouting among congregations and highlight a Scout's Duty to God.

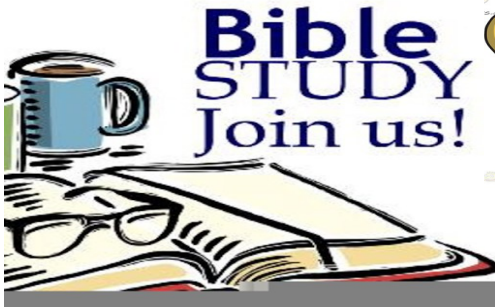
Scout Sunday is a time to meet and honor our Scouts for their volunteer activities of service in our community and our church.

Scout Sunday is the time to recognize Scout leaders for volunteering their time, in stewardship with God, to the next generation.

We thank God for you!



First Saturday of each month. Join us February 1st 6-8:00 p.m. and put your game face on. Bring a friend and/or a treat:) Community United Presbyterian Church potluck and game night is the second Saturday, February 8th 5-8:00 p.m.



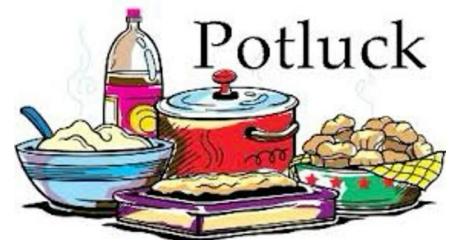
Bible STUDY
Join us!

Beginning February 4th Pastor Kristin will lead a book study at 10:00 a.m. and every Tuesday thereafter.

On Wednesdays we begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, we delve into scripture at 6:00.



Join the post-sermon discussion the second Sunday of each month following the worship service. See you on Feb. 9th. We are excited about this opportunity and hope you join us with your questions and ready to learn, explore, and grow in your faith.



Potluck

Our monthly potluck is Sunday February 16th. We will be serving up breakfast/brunch with eggs, bacon, pancakes, fruit, etc. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good food!

Evidence of a wonderful time had at the CWF Senior Ladies Christmas Party in December!

The next regular CWF meeting is March 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

April 14th brings a Spring Surprise luncheon. Hmmm, curiosity up...don't miss out! All women of the church are invited.



CARLISLE COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

A meal is served M-F at 11:00 a.m. (You may also request the meal be delivered to you.) 515-989-4367 for more details. If the Carlisle Community School District is closed due to weather, no meals will be delivered.

Most days activities begin around 10:00 a.m. and sometimes sooner:

Mondays: cards and games
Tuesdays: band starts between 9-9:30 a.m. --- cards/games after lunch
Wednesdays: Bingo 10-11:00 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays: cards and games

THE MEAL SITE IS DESPARATELY NEEDING VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AT THIS TIME! PLEASE PASS THE WORD! Only takes an hour a day to help others. Reach out to Mary at 515-989-4367. THANK YOU!

The 4th of July committee's Bingo night is the first Friday every month at the community building- Scouts serve dinner at 5:30 p.m. Come SUPPORT the community and troop (our own church member Vincent) with a fun night of food and prizes!

ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free Breakfast: Middle River Friends Church
1st Saturday each month
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Carlisle Area Historical Society Breakfast
Randleman House Adults \$10
2nd Saturday each month
8:00 -10:00 a.m.

Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford
3rd Saturday each month
7:00-10:00 a.m.

ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES

Middle Rvr Friends Church, 4057 S 23 Hwy
Mon & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1100 Market St
2nd & 4th Tues, 4-5:30 p.m.

School Food Pantry, 430 School St.
1st & 3rd Thurs, 4-5:30 p.m.

CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church
305 Market St., North side of bldg
Open 24/7 (toiletries, deodorants,
batteries, laundry items, etc.)



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is hosting a **GriefShare** group on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. GriefShare is a 13-week support program for adults who are experiencing grief through loss. The entire PEACH community is invited. The Hartford Community United Presbyterian Church and the Carlisle Christian Church are helping to sponsor this group. You are encouraged to join any week. If you or if you know someone who might benefit from this group, please call St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church office to register (515-989-0659).



Janet Ray is leading Chair Yoga and Pilates classes in the Fellowship Hall downstairs on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Chair yoga is 4-5:00 p.m. and Pilates is 5:30-6:30 p.m. She will soon begin teaching wall Pilates plus weight class for the arms, to tone, drop inches, and sculpt the body. You will feel great AND look great!

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET — Our CWF group is NOT selling canned chicken and beef at the February market, however, we hope to be there in March and April. Anyone can also call the church office at 515-989-0176 anytime to place on order. \$8 each.

Dates are: February 15th, March 8th, and April 19th. Times are 8:30—11:30 a.m.
Location: Old high school gym, aka The Barn.



Praying Together

Join with Regional Minister Josh Patty for fifteen minutes of prayer on Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 am via [YouTube](#) or Facebook. A recording of the prayer time will be available on regional [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages.

2025 Regional Calendar

For more details go to the Regional website: uppermidwestcc.org

- Feb 6 Praying Together
- Feb 16 & 23 Week of Compassion Special Offering
- Feb 22 Regional Board (online)
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Chi Rho & CYF Retreats

Week of Compassion Special Offering Feb 16 & 23

The Week of Compassion special offering goes to support all that Week of Compassion does, both nationally and internationally. They respond to natural disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes, and to humanitarian crises in war-torn countries.



2025 Camp Schedule



For more information, scan the QR code.

Another Way

- May 30-June 1 – Family Camp
- June 16-21 – ADAM Camp
- June 16-21 – Junior Camp 1
- Jun 21-22 – Grand Camp 1
- June 23-28 – Chi Rho Camp 1
- June 23-28 – CYF Camp 1
- June 30-July 5 – Junior Camp 2
- July 7-9 – Beginner Camp
- July 19-20 – Grand Camp 2
- July 21-26 – Chi Rho Camp 2
- July 21-26 – CYF Camp 2
- July 28-Aug 2 – Adventure Camp
- Aug 4-9 – Junior Camp 3
- Sept 15-17 – Senior Retreat

Save the date!

Summer Internships

Calling all young adults! Applications for summer interns are now open. Are you ready to spend your summer on Holy Ground? Are you ready for an adventure? There's no life like camp life, and summer interns get to be a part of it. [To apply, follow this link!](#) Applications are due February 14. More information coming soon. Questions? Email [Andrea](#).

The Work of Christmas

Rev. Josh Patty
Regional Minister & President

December is often an emotionally demanding time -- so many things to do, traditions we feel obligated to uphold, griefs that powerfully grasp us. It also is a time we hope to prioritize the most important things of life, which is why we try to share time with people dear to us. During this recent Christmas season, I hope that you experienced moments of great joy, deep peace, blessed assurance, and glimpses of Emmanuel, God with us.

Our invitation as disciples of Jesus is to recognize and share these important things throughout the year. Like all deep truths of faith, Christmas is meant to change who we are and what we do. Deep down, I think many know this, which is why I often see people quote and share a poem written by theologian Howard Thurman about 50 years ago, "[The Work of Christmas.](#)" Thurman's poem features words laden with meaning for Christians: find, heal, feed, release, peace, heart. I trust that you will continue to find old and new ways to bless others.

In a time such as this, I believe we may also be called upon to testify to the reality of these important things celebrated at Christmas each year. Our society is incredibly divided right now. There is widespread mistrust and deep angst in large numbers of people across the spectra of political party identification and theological beliefs. Such things manifest in so many ways: anger, cynicism, doubt, despair, fear. So much of this is the exact opposite of Christmas. Such division and discontent can easily limit the faithful work Thurman identifies.

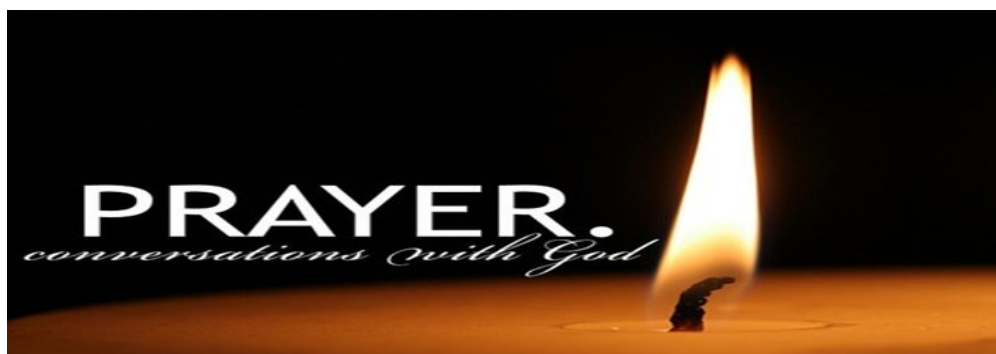
In this year, as much as we are feeding and healing, as much as we are accompanying and making peace, may we remind ourselves of the reality of Christmas. May we recognize and live the truth of God's incarnation - the person of Jesus living and being among us, and the spirit of God moving around us, and sometimes even through us - always. And may we remind others, sometimes explicitly, of this reality - and the important and good things of God that Christmas highlights. In the days ahead, we and our neighbors may need this explicit encouragement. May it be part of our ongoing, life-changing, Work of Christmas.

FEB. BIRTHDAYS

Hayley Rankin 2/10
Charlotte Miller 2/14
Kyle Nordyke 2/15
Brian Saunders 2/17
Cindy Berg 2/18
Diana Prall 2/28

FEB. ANNIVERSARIES

Dan and Cindy Berg 2/11



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Our friends in Care Centers: Doris Cully
Gordy Kain
Joan Mills

Katie Hakes
Joe Lang
Patsy Overton

Friends and family members: Cathie Berg
Barb Tate
Rodger Rothfus

Karin Doss
Nancy Jones
Nancy Klingensmith

REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

Justin Miller (NC) Tara Wesner (Kuwait) Josh Wesner (IN)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

BOARD NEWS, Dan Crum, Chair

Greetings, I hope your 2025 is going well! As we begin the new year let me take this opportunity to update you on our plans for this year. Back in December, I was able to meet with the officers of the church and all of the committee chairs. As I told the members that were there that evening. Let's take a moment and celebrate from where we've come since COVID hit. Our church was basically at a standstill after the pandemic. There were no functioning committees, the meetings we did have were short and dealt with just getting through the pandemic. Look at where we've come since, we now have a functioning Sunday school, we have a Wednesday night group meeting regularly, game night once a month, we were able to meet with other churches and host grief share, let's take this opportunity to celebrate what we have done in the past three years. But as we look forward to the future, we have other things on our plate. We have started the conversation on making our fellowship hall more accessible. This will be one of our biggest (and yes, more expensive undertaking) in sometime. I'll be sharing more with you in the future months. But I hope you will take this time in the new year to pray and search your heart, ask yourself what talents can you bring to our church? There are always things that can be shared and explored! Together, with unity, we can all work to grow our Church, and be the disciples that Christ commissioned us to be.

WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair

Special services from 2024 and what changes we may consider making for 2025 were discussed. Boy Scout Sunday is on February 2, 2025. Cookies will be served in the west room prior to our service. The Week of Compassion is February 16 - 23rd. A bread table with a donation basket will be set up in the front fellowship room on Feb 23rd for those wishing to take home-baked items home. All are encouraged to bring and share your favorite breads, muffins or rolls. A list will be made of our congregation willing to provide readings during special services. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve! - Judy Watkins

EDUCATION, Emily Nordyke, Chair

The education committee has been preparing a month full of fellowship, food, and faith flourishing opportunities to learn, love, and grow as love, and grow as members of the one body of Christ!

Beginning February 4th Pastor Kristin will be leading a book study 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

On Wednesdays we read the Bible! Dinner starts at 5:30. Delving and diving into scripture follows at 6!

Let us not be "lukewarm" in our faith and understanding! In the book of Revelation, Jesus spits out the church for neither being cold or hot but lukewarm. (Revelation 3:15-16) So, let's turn the heat up on the Holy Spirit that eagerly awaits ignition! The Holy Spirit lives and dwells inside all of us- He needs food and water regularly as well as sun and exercise! Let us be prepared when our King returns!

Maranatha!!

Fun Facts in light of Presidents' day: Did you know?

James Garfield (20th president), Lyndon B. Johnson (36th president), and Ronald Regan (40th president) were Disciples of Christ!

PROPERTY, Craig Price, Chair

We are in the process of gathering pricing for an elevator/ lift for better access to the basement. We are also considering the addition of a wheel chair ramp on the East exterior of the church leading to a new entrance door where the current window is in the coat room.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

EVANGELISM Kayla Price, Chair

We are once again planning to make homemade Valentines to send to nursing home residents, homebound residents and others. You are welcome to bring any craft supplies for Valentines or just come and use our supplies. Watch for our "crafting date" soon. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Just a reminder that during the cold weather, we are unable to use canned items in the "BLESSING BOX" as the items may freeze, thaw and refreeze several times. There are many items that we do need - toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, pasta, cake, muffin and brownie mixes, crackers, dry soup mixes, cereals, cereal bars or granola bars, popcorn, hot chocolate packets, chips, cookies, coffee, tea, sugar, flour, salt, pepper, spices, sanitary napkins and tampons, bar soap, powdered laundry soap, lip balm. Thank you for your help!

Evangelism Committee will be collecting the following items to be distributed to children at the Carlisle Community School until February 2nd. Items needed include children's underwear, children's socks, leggings, sweatpants, warm mittens or gloves. Please place in the white collection box in the coat room or on the table in the back room. Thank you!

COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair

The hearts of kindness continue to be hid around the community and beyond putting smiles on peoples faces.

Game night is Saturday, February 1st 6-8:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Our monthly potluck is Sunday February 16th immediately following the worship service. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good brunch (eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc.) food!

CWF, Linda Robinson, President

Christian Women's Fellowship met on January 13th at the church. Our successful canned chicken and beef sales were discussed. We continue to sell year-round and will also be selling at the upcoming February and April Carlisle Indoor Farmer's Market. Gloria Graham will inform members when it's time to can more chicken and beef. Help is always appreciated! CWF's next meeting will be at the church on Monday March 10th at 1:00 pm. Co hostesses are Sherril Owen's and Nancy Klingensmith. Devo-

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Game Night 6-8:00 pm
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Boy Scouts Sunday By-Laws Mtg 11:30	Worship & Educational Meeting 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due		Nancy C out of office	CUPC potluck-game night 5-8:00 p.m. Nancy C out of office
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Post-Sermon Discussion 11:30 Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 p.m. Nancy C out of office	Resource Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Elders 6:30 p.m. Hayley Rankin Bday Nancy C out of office	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m. Dan and Cindy Berg Anniversary Nancy C out of office	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due Nancy C out of office	Nancy C out of office	God is the best Valentine we could ever hope for! Charlotte Miller Bday Nancy C out of office	Kyle Nordyke Bday Nancy C out of office
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
POTLUCK Week of Compassion Begins	Evangelism and Community Life Meeting 5:30 p.m. Brian Saunders Bday	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m. Cindy Berg Bday	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due Newsletter Items due		Pastor Kristin out of office	Pastor Kristin out of office
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Week of Compassion Ends Pastor Kristin out of office		Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 a.m.	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due Board Items due		Diana Prall Bday	

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