

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



What's the importance of Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

While the holiday itself isn't directly from Scripture, its core practices—**fasting, prayer, and repentance**—are deeply biblical. The heart of Ash Wednesday and Lent is about turning back to God. The 40 days of Lent reflect Jesus' time in the wilderness, where He fasted and prepared for His ministry.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO:



Ash Wednesday Shepherd's Pie Supper

March 5, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Community United Presbyterian Church, 315 North Vine Street, Hartford.

Please sign up by March 2 or leave your reservation on the Hartford Church phone at 515-989-3426.



Ash Wednesday Service

March 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Community United Presbyterian Church, 315 North Vine Street, Hartford.



First Saturday of each month. Join us March 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, March 8th 5-8:00 p.m.



Pastor Kristin leads a study of Romans at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday.

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

Everyone is welcome to join in any day!



Join the post-sermon discussion with Pastor Kristin on the second Sunday of each month following the worship service. See you on March 9th. Join us with your questions and be ready to grow your faith.



Our monthly potluck is Sunday March 16th. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good food!



REMEMBER TO TURN CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY MARCH 8TH. DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR CHURCH!



National Good Samaritan Day is celebrated on March 13th each year. It's a day to recognize and celebrate people who perform acts of kindness and selflessness, especially toward strangers. The term comes from a Bible parable in Luke 10 about a Samaritan who helped a beaten and robbed stranger.

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 NEEDING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER ON THURSDAY MORNINGS! 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! See you March 7th!

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 will be selling canned chicken and beef at the market in April. Anyone can also call the church office at 515-989-0176 anytime to place an order. \$8 each.

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

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!

This year's theme is *Another Way*. "Jesus often confronted the world around him with another way of being and by his example, we are reminded that God always invites us to reimagine who we are and how we do things. In the peace of the space at camp, we will explore what would change if we lived as our authentic selves and respected the truths of others. In this humility, we will imagine how growing changes the way live."

Attending camp this year are:

Vincent Nordyke: Chi Rho Feb 28-Mar 2.

Brady Prall: CYF Feb 28-Mar 2; CYF Camp 1 June 23-28; CYF Camp 2 July 21-26; and Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

Mark Prall will be a counselor and is awaiting his assignment.

What Is the Meaning of Lent?

Lent is a 40-day period of devotion and preparation for Easter. It technically covers 46 days, but Sundays are considered feast days not included in the count. The number 40 reflects the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness prior to his public ministry ([Mark 1:12-13](#)).

Lent is a time for repentance, reflection, and spiritual rededication in light of Jesus' sacrificial death for our salvation, and for many Christians this involves fasting, refraining from things or activities that one enjoys, and/or devoting time to spiritual activities like studying Scripture, praying, giving to charity, or reading devotional works.

For both Catholics and Protestants, Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**. Church services held on this day typically involve placing ashes on the foreheads of participants, often in the shape of a cross, or sprinkling ashes on their heads. In Scripture, ashes are associated with repentance (e.g., [Jeremiah 6:26](#)), and clergy will sometimes quote [Mark 1:15](#) while applying the ashes: "Repent and believe the good news."

Here are some prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent:

- "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
 - "God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."
 - "May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth."
- "Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the [strength](#) to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."
- "God, I lift up (name of the person you'd like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."
 - "Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

BOARD NEWS, Dan Crum, Chair

Well, we are certainly making up for the lack of Winter this February. Hope you are all doing well and staying safe. I want to give you an update on a couple of the things the board has been working on.

First, we had a special board meeting in February to look at and discuss any changes we want to make to our bylaws. Thanks to Pastor Kristin and the Elders for looking at the bylaws and suggesting some changes. Our goal is to have any changes we may want to make this fall at our annual meeting.

Second, the board meet with a gentleman on how we can make our fellowship hall more accessible for those who are handicapped. Right now, we are looking at installing a lift that will accommodate a wheelchair. We will keep you updated. Once the board has a plan ready, we will meet with the congregation and fill you in with the detail.

Again, stay warm and safe, thanks to everyone for what they do for our Church!

In Christ!

Dan Crum

WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair

The Carlisle Care Center service is held on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. We are in need of people willing to attend this 30 minute music service and assist Justin, who very faithfully provides music for the residents each month. The Worship committee will be reaching out to our congregation. Please prayerfully consider helping! □

EVANGELISM Kayla Price, Chair

Thank you for the nice selection of mittens, gloves, socks, underwear, leggings and sweat pants for our local school children. These items are always needed!

Our "Blessing Box" is being utilized frequently. Paper items, boxed mixes, etc. are good choices for the frigid temperatures below freezing. Thank you for your assistance!

COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair

- * Game night is Saturday, March 1st 6-8:00 p.m.
- * Ash Wednesday (March 5th) activities are at the Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the worship service at 6:30 p.m.

CWF, Linda Robinson, President

Our next meeting is Monday, March 10th at 1:00 at the church. In preparation for our spring surprise on April 14th, I would like each woman to email or give me a baby picture of herself by the end of March. Photos will be returned. Thanks.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

EDUCATION, Emily Nordyke

Ash Wednesday will begin a new study for the Lenten Season – The *Red Letter Challenge*. The *Red Letter Challenge* is a 40-day discipleship challenge. For 40 days we will be introduced, through the words of Jesus (red letters), to the five main principles of being a disciple. If you are tired of just checking religious boxes, if you know you were made for something more, the *Red Letter Challenge* is for you! The sign-up sheet is in the coat room or you can call the church office at 515-989-0176 to register. Books will be provided! The 40-Day Challenge offers daily, practical, clear, yet challenging net steps for people to not only examine where they are in their faith today, but to push them, by grace, through faith, to become even greater followers of Jesus. Lent is the time to examine where we are in light of Jesus and come out stronger.

Friday, March 21st is WinterJam at Wells Fargo Arena and our church wants to take you there! Come see the country's top Christian artists including Skillet, Anne Wilson, KB, Colton Dixon, Newsong, Micah Tyler and more! Tickets are not required for this event so they cannot be bought ahead of time and there is no assigned seating. Please let Emily Nordyke (515-864-1133) know by March 9th if you are interested in Jammin' this Winter.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Louanna Pezzetti 3/5
Bradyn Prall 3/6
Julie Thompson 3/6
Gabe Hall 3/8
Becky Rees 3/13
Sharon Bittner 3/15
Steve Miller 3/15
Larry McKeever 3/25
Jeannie McKeever 3/27
Aaron Nordyke 3/27
Laura Rothfus 3/28

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Steve and Danyce
Warner 3/16



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Our friends in Care Centers: Doris Cully Katie Hakes
Gordy Kain Joe Lang
Patsy Overton

Friends & family members: Cathie Berg Karin Doss Nancy Jones
Rodger Rothfus Nancy Klingensmith
Barb Tate's Family (Brian Brown's sister)
Joan Mills's Family

REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Game Night 6-8:00 PM
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	Worship & Educational Meeting 5:30 PM Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Meal at CUPC @ 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service at CUPC @ 6:30 PM Bulletin Items due Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Freedom For Youth 3:30-6:00 PM		CUPC potluck-game night 5-8:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Post-Sermon Discussion 11:30 AM Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 PM	Resource Meeting @ 5:30 PM Elders 6:30 PM Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 PM Bulletin Items due Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Freedom For Youth 3:30-6:00 PM		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
POTLUCK	Evangelism and Community Life Meeting 5:30 PM Pastor Kristin out for continuing ed Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Pastor Kristin Book Study 10:00 AM Pastor Kristin out for continuing ed Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	Meal/Bible Study 5:30 PM Pastor Kristin out for continuing ed Bulletin, Board & Newsletter Items due Exercise 4-5 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM	Pastor Kristin out for continuing ed Freedom For Youth 3:30-6:00 PM		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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