

# CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

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Fellowship @ 10:00 a.m.  
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.  
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## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

We are a movement of more than 3,000 congregations in the United States and Canada, committed to sharing the limitless love of God throughout the world. We worship in over 17 languages, in a variety of styles and settings. We are related to 15 colleges and universities and 7 seminaries and divinity houses where new leaders are nurtured. Our 31 regions, 14 general ministries, and ministry partners throughout the world make it possible for us to love and serve our neighbors from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Lord, give us the ability to speak not in languages of hate or greed, complacency or discontent, but in love and peace, mercy and kindness; in generosity and benevolence, in humility and patience, and in truthful words of encouragement. Amen

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The history of Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) in the Disciples of Christ is rooted in the founding of the Christian Women's Board of Missions in 1874, initiated by Caroline Neville Pearre, to organize women for mission work. This movement grew to include empowering women in ministry and offering leaders training engaging in social change. In 1949 CWF was formed by 75 women in Indiana to unify various existing groups within the denomination. The CWF provided a space for women to develop their faith, connect with other women, and engage in spiritual growth and service. The mission work of women's fellowships has been significant worldwide, establishing missions, schools, and other forms of support, such as opportunities for women to develop their leadership skills and voices within the church. On October 21, 2024, CWF celebrated their 150th anniversary!

*All women in our church, please consider joining and helping us  
to discover new ways to follow God's path!*

Our CWF will meet at the Church on **Monday, September 8th at 1:00 pm.**

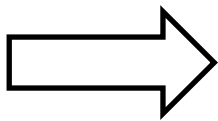
Every meeting is opened with the CWF Prayer:

Unto you, O God, we give our thanks,  
and lift our hearts in prayer.  
May your presence be with us,  
and your love surround us,  
as we work together as women of faith.  
Open our eyes to the needs of the world,  
and fill our hearts with concern for all people.  
Guide us that we may truly serve you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## REGIONAL NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE UPPER MIDWEST



Join with Executive Transitional Regional Minister Lisa Grace for fifteen minutes of prayer on **Thursday, September 4th at 9:30 a.m.** via [YouTube](#) or Facebook. A recording of the prayer time will be available on regional [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages. **Or make this a special time YOU pray specifically for your church and the global church.**



Our Regional Minister and President Rev. Josh Patty will be on sabbatical November 10, 2025 through February 9, 2026. May we all offer prayers of refreshment for him.

### UPPER MIDWEST WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Koronis Retreat Center, Paynesville, MN

September 26-28, 2025

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy

Worship Leader: Kirby Gould

What makes a place home? What makes space sacred? Through storytelling, interactive exercises, and spiritual practice, we will explore the layers of what makes a space sacred from Indigenous memory to personal experience, from loss to reclamation and how we live into that sacredness today.

Register by September 15 at: <https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/women-s-retreat>

### Regional Gathering 2025

Join with Disciples from across the region on **Saturday, Oct. 18**, as we explore what it means to listen for God.

A poster for the Regional Gathering 2025. The background is a light beige color with a blue sky area in the top left and a brown ground area in the bottom right. White swirling lines with yellow and orange autumn leaves are scattered across the poster. The text "LISTEN!" is in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, "HEARING GOD'S WISDOM IN THE STRUGGLES" is in smaller, bold, red capital letters. The hashtag "#disciplesjourneyingtogether" is in a smaller, dark red font. A red rounded rectangle contains the text "Regional Gathering", "Christian Conference Center", and "October 18, 2025". At the bottom left is the logo for "The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest" and at the bottom right is a QR code.

**LISTEN!**

**HEARING GOD'S WISDOM IN THE STRUGGLES**

#disciplesjourneyingtogether

Regional Gathering  
Christian Conference Center  
October 18, 2025

The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

## **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: Variety; cards, games, exercise  
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 DESPERATELY NEEDING VOLUNTEER DRIVERS! PLEASE PASS THE WORD! Only takes an hour a day to help others. Reach out to Mary at 515-989-4367. THANK YOU!**

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## **ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

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

***Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month  
7:00-10:00 a.m.***

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## **ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES**

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

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

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

***CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church  
305 Market St., North side of bldg  
Open 24/7 (needing donations of toiletries,  
deodorants, batteries, laundry items, sham-  
poo, liquid hand soap, dish soap etc. OR  
come help yourself also.)***

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## **VOLUNTEERS:**

**The Middle River Friends Church is needing volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays Noon to 2:30 to help with the food pantry. Please contact Cathie Zeliadt at 515-975-3815 if you are interested in helping. THANK YOU!**

**The Carlisle Care Center is needing volunteers to come and read to the residents; or to do crafts with them. They are also looking for any men who are handy to come build some things with our gentlemen. If interested, please call the facility and ask for Missi Reiland or Jennie. 515-989-0871**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE STANDING EVENTS AT YOUR CHURCH!**

(Should circumstances change for any of these events, every effort will be made to let you know via calls, website, Facebook.)



Game night is starting back up beginning Saturday, September 6th 6-8:00 p.m.; and every **first Saturday** of the month. Spread the word for this community-wide event.



**Every Wednesday** at 5:30 p.m. come join others in learning more about God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in a variety of ways. Currently we are listening/reading the **RED** letters spoken by Jesus and understanding more of his wisdom, kingdom, and His will.



Everyone is welcome to gather after the worship service on the **first Sunday** of each month to dig deeper into the sermon and to ask ANY question of the Pastor.



You are welcome to join us on the **second Sunday** of each month as we worship/sing with the residents of the **Carlisle Care Center at 1:00 p.m.** Delightful time with lots of smiles!



Pastor Kristin is leading a Bible Study on **Tuesdays beginning September 2nd** at two different times and locations. The Carlisle Christian Church study will be held at 10:00 a.m. The Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford study will be held at 6:30 p.m. Come grow your faith!



Every **third Sunday** of each month we share a potluck lunch. The church provides the main course and YOU supply the trimmings! Invite your family and friends!

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Kain 9/11  
Rev. Kristin Pike 9/15  
Marci Palar 9/18  
Karen Stuyvesant 9/28

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Karen Stuyvesant  
9/3  
Justin and Andred Chastain  
9/22



*Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. Amen*

### ***Our friends in Care Centers:***

Gordy Kain    Joe Lang    Patsy Overton

### ***Friends & family members:***

Cathie Berg    Rodger Rothfus  
Randy Skoglund (Sandee Zirkelbach's brother)  
Schools back in session

## REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

### Helpful scripture references:

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm 18:1-29

Psalm 23

Psalm 91

Exodus 14

John 3:16-17

John 15

...And the list goes on....

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **BRIEFLY FROM THE BOARD, Kayla Price, Board Secretary**

July offering \$5711.57, July expenses \$7198.53, July monthly budget \$7458.33, the Lift fundraiser \$42,800. Committee budgets for 2026 will be presented at September board meeting. Our insurance is due in October. Review of the year 2025 so far was discussed by Board Chairman Dan Crum. We have many events and activities still to take place during the remainder of 2025. This time of year is always busy in our church! If you might be interested in serving on a committee, please let us know. EVERYONE is always welcome at our monthly board meeting as well. Bylaw revisions are still being reviewed, to be voted on at our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025 directly after the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Mark Prall and our "summer campers" did a presentation regarding their camp experiences on Sunday, August 17th. Thank you for your interesting presentation! PRC Committee met with Pastor Kristin recently for review. Please note - we are currently using communion wine as well as grape juice. Both are available each Sunday.

Please check your bulletin weekly as there are many activities planned over the next few weeks.

### **BOARD, Dan Crum, Chair**

Blessings to everyone! As I write this, school is getting back into session and Fall is in the air. That means that planning for activities are well underway.

On the business end, our budget, and nomination's for officers, Elders and Diaconate are being finalized. We are also updating our bylaws. With that said, please put on your calendars, Sunday October 5th, we will hold our annual congregational meeting to review the year and vote on Budget, Nominations and Bylaws changes for 2026. Please plan on attending this important meeting immediately after worship on October 5th.

Other activities are being planned as well. Sunday School will begin September 7th at 9:00 a.m. Bible study will begin on September 2nd. You can join in at 10:00 a.m. at Carlisle Christian, or 6:30 p.m. at Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford. Whatever works best for you. The Red Letters of Jesus Study continues on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. We are also starting a Prayer Group that will begin in September. So, find ways to enrich your spiritual life by joining us this fall.

Finally, your generosity has brought in just over \$42,800 thus far for the lift. We have a way to go, so please continue to pray for what you would like to donate for this much needed project for better accessibility to our lower level.

Take Care and God Bless!

### **WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair**

Plans were discussed regarding upcoming special services, music and videos for the remaining months of 2025.

1. Outdoor Sunday Service and Potluck is on September 21st.
2. Reconciliation Special Offering is September 28th and October 5th.
2. World Communion Sunday is October 5th.
3. All Saints Day Sunday is November 2nd.
4. Veterans Day Sunday is November 9th.
5. The Hanging of the Greens is November 23rd.
6. The First Sunday of Advent is November 30th.
7. Blue Christmas Service is on Wednesday, December 17th.
8. Christmas Eve service is on Wednesday December 24th.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and participate in these special services. Also, please don't forget to sign up to be a scripture reader for our Sunday services!

### **FINANCE, Cheree Miller, Chair**

We have just over \$42,800 right now for the lift.

July Offering: \$5,711.57,  
July Actual Expense: \$7,198.53  
Shortage: **\$2,750.45**

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

### **EVANGELISM, Kayla Price, Chair**

The 2025 OPERATION BACKPACK event was hosted on Tuesday, August 5th. Four hundred bags of school supplies were assembled by volunteers to be distributed on Tuesday 8-5-25 when approximately 300 Carlisle Community School District students arrived to collect school supplies and make a backpack selection. The remaining school supplies and backpacks were distributed either at open house or the first day of school to the students who had registered but were unable to attend the event and extras for other students. The Christian Community in Action, Carlisle United Methodist Church Kids Hope USA, Carlisle Community School Support Team have worked together for over 20 years to provide supplies and backpacks to our school district. Your monetary donations and school supplies are greatly appreciated.

As September begins, the Evangelism Committee will be requesting your assistance once again with some projects - not all have been decided upon at this time, but we will keep you posted. Our BLESSING BOX can always use staples such as all kinds of soap products and paper products. Soon, when the weather cooperates, we will once again be able to place food items in the box as well. Thank you for your assistance!

### **PROPERTY, Craig Price, Chair**

Provided a key to the Girl Scout leader, they will be using the fellowship hall on the second and fourth Sunday of each month starting September 14th.

Have been emptying trash cans and separating from recyclables on Mondays before trash pick up on Tuesdays, mowing and cleaning up walnut branches.

We need to consider not placing raw vegetables in the blessing box. Last Tuesday somebody apparently dropped a rotten squash right in front of the box, did not clean it up and left the remaining vegetables on the shelf in the remnants of the rotten squash. Remaining vegetables have been removed. Perhaps a basket placed outside of the blessing box would alleviate this issue.

Had Midwest Basement come to check pump in the youth room, it is in proper working order. We had noticed the carpet was damp in the NW corner, rep thought it was probably from a leak in the old foundation.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair**

Carlisle Christian Church will be hosting a Game Night from 6-8:00 p.m. on September 6th. Bring a snack, bring a game, bring a friend, or bring nothing at all except yourself and your game face — plenty of snacks and games will be provided.

Sunday, September 21st is our church potluck on the back driveway. Come join us for lunch.

Start cleaning out your closets for our Fall free clothing give away. Dates: Friday, October 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 4th 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **CWF Judy Watkins, President**

CWF will meet at the Church on **Monday, September 8th at 1:00 pm.** Kayla Price and Margaret Cummings are Co-Hostesses. Nancy Cumberland will provide Devotions. On Tuesday, **October 7th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm** CWF will be serving beef burgers, chips, and cookies/bars. This will be a community drive-through, free will offering meal to help raise money for the lift which will aid in accessibility to the lower level.

In place of the Blessing Jars this year, beginning September 7th through November 23rd we will be collecting money in the Terrestrial Globe Collection Bank, which will be located in the south entryway of the church building. The money collected will be used towards camp tuition and other missions and needs for our church. Some people may remember this bank as the birthday offering bank collected during Sunday School in years past.

# September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	HAPPY LABOR DAY	Bible Study at CCC @ 10:00 a.m. CUPC @ 6:30 p.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m.			Game Night 6- 8:00 p.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Post-sermon discus- sions  Sunday School Re- sumes	CWF @ 1:00 p.m. at the church  Finance, Property, Evangelism @ 5:30 p.m.  By-Laws Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at CCC @ 10:00 a.m. CUPC @ 6:30 p.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m.  <b>Bulletin Items due</b>			
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	Bible Study at CCC @ 10:00 a.m. CUPC @ 6:30 p.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m.  <b>Bulletin Items due</b> <b>Board Items due</b>			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Potluck, outside		Bible Study at CCC @ 10:00 a.m. CUPC @ 6:30 p.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m.  <b>Bulletin Items due</b> <b>Newsletter Items due</b>			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit!  
Matthew 28:19

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