



THE CALLER

July 2026

"The Stone Church with a Warm Heart"

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From the Pastor....

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people
he chose for his inheritance. (Psalm 33:12)*

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble
themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their
wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive
their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

Our nation celebrates 250 years this July. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence marked the birth of a new nation, shaped by a longing for freedom, fair representation, and the right to self-govern. Its bold vision declared that all people are created equal and endowed with the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Across our community and throughout the country, celebrations—parades, concerts, fireworks—remind us of the blessings we enjoy. As people of faith, this is also a moment to remember that our deepest identity is not only in our citizenship, but in Christ Jesus, who gives us true freedom. We give thanks for the ability to worship, pray, gather, and live out our faith in our daily lives—gifts we must never take for granted.

As we mark this milestone, we pause in gratitude for those who envisioned a nation rooted in liberty. We also acknowledge the places where that vision has fallen short. May this anniversary renew our commitment to live out both the ideals of our founders and the freedom we have in Christ—to be God's people in the world.

As fireworks brighten the July sky, let this season call us to prayer. Prayer roots and steadies us. It reminds us that God is at work, shaping us into people who proclaim the love of God filled with hope and assurance. Pray for our leaders, for those who serve in the military, for communities who feel forgotten, and for neighbors longing for peace. Pray that we, the people called Cornwall, would seek God's wisdom to be agents of healing and justice in our community and beyond.

May this 250th Independence Day be a rededication of our hearts to God's vision of life, liberty, and peace for all.

*Peace and Grace,
Pastor Deanna Geiter*

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Service 8:00 A.M.
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 A.M. —12 P.M.





**LCCM
Food Bank
Wish List**

Pasta and Noodles
(1 lb. boxes)

Rice (1 lb. bags or boxes)

Flour and Sugar
(1 lb. or 2 lb. bags or boxes)

Canned Fruit
(15 oz. cans in fruit juice)

Canned Vegetables
(15 oz. cans)

**Canned Tuna, Chicken &
Salmon** (approx. 5 oz. cans)

Chicken & Tuna Salad Kits

Spaghetti Sauce
(24 oz. cans)

Boxed Cereal
(healthy varieties)

Oatmeal
(all sizes and varieties)

Ground Coffee
(10-12 oz. bags or tubs)

Olive Oil/Cooking Oil
(8-10 oz. bottles)

Soup (24 oz. cans. Low-sodium preferred)

These are the items most needed right now. However, all non-perishable food items are always welcome.

Please note that the Food Bank **cannot** accept expired items.

All items can be placed in the grocery cart in the link.



Volunteers Needed to Serve LCCM Noon

Meals

A sign-up poster for the remainder of 2026 is posted above the grocery cart in the 1st floor link. Serving dates are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except August. (7/14, 8/25, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8)

Especially needed are volunteers for Tuesday, July 14th.

You do not need to know how to cook. We especially need someone who can lift & carry pans. Please add your name to one or more of the dates listed. Call Sue Brimmer at 717-273-6224 if you have questions or want to know how it all works. New faces are always welcome.



July Mission of the Month

TJ & Kate Renninger with Disciples Makers
Sue Tucker, champion



Started in 1981, Disciple Makers, purpose is to live out Jesus' parting words "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). DM's staff are sent to college campuses not only because the campus needs to experience the life-changing good news of Jesus

Christ, but also because college students are strategically positioned to make a big impact in the world and in the next generation for Christ.

TJ & Kate saw how DM ministry impacted their lives at a crucial time and therefore both were eager to be a part of that mission. God has gifted them with great passions – TJ, software engineering, Kate, event management. They love serving this ministry together "behind the scenes" at HQ office-Penn State University main campus to support the call to "go and make disciples".

Copies of their most recent newsletter are on the carpet wall in the church foyer. Please read how they are making an impact on the lives of college students. Included in the newsletter is a section titled "On the Homefront". TJ & Kate have a new son, Asa, who was in the Hershey Medical Ctr. for the first few months of his life. In the newsletter is Asa's story along with pictures of him and the whole family.

Please pray for and remember TJ & Kate as our July Mission of the Month Offering.



**Get ready for Vacation Bible School!!
Step into the Greatest Story Ever Told!!**



Vacation Bible School will be held every Wednesday in July from
6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. **AT SOUTH HILLS PARK!!**

JOIN US FOR THIS VBS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT!

We are still in need of helpers!



We are happy to announce
that we are again able to
provide scholarships to our
children and youth for
summer camp.

Scholarships are for half the
cost of camp **not to exceed**
\$250. (e.g., if camp cost is
\$550, scholarship will be
\$250; if camp cost is \$350,
scholarship will be \$175).

After registering, please
submit a copy of your
Statement of Account
(available from the camp
website) so that the church
can pay its portion.

Youth July Schedule

- July 4** - Happy 4th of July!
- July 5** - Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group
- July 7** - Trip to Knoebels. Meet at the church at 9:30 A.M. Return at 9:30 P.M.
- July 12** - Youth Sunday School; Youth Group Water Game Night.
- July 19** - Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group
- July 21** - Trip to Family Fun Challenge Center. Meet at the church at 11 A.M. Return at 5 P.M.
- July 26** - No Youth Sunday School; No Youth Group



Times (unless listed otherwise):
Sunday School 9 - 10 A.M.
Youth Group 6 - 8 P.M.

Need to contact Jon?
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Cornwall UMC

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

The frost got the peaches,
but the homemade goodness
is still coming—
**ice cream,
peach cobbler,
pork BBQ,
and soups!**

BY ORDER ONLY THIS YEAR

CORNWALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
50 FREEMAN DRIVE, LEBANON, PA
(717) 272-0148



ICE CREAM



PEACH COBBLER



PORK BBQ



SOUPS



ALL ORDERS DUE BY:
**MONDAY,
AUGUST 3, 2026**



PICK UP AT CORNWALL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
**ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 14, 2026**
FROM 4 - 7 PM



BAKED GOODS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AT PICK UP!



SCAN HERE
FOR
ORDER FORM

LINK TO ORDER @ <https://www.cornwallchurch.org/>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

Due to the loss of the peach crop in the northern part of the United States, we will not be hosting our annual Peach Festival. Instead, we will be selling the homemade ice cream, peach cobbler, soups, and pork BBQ for take-out. All items **must be pre-ordered** and will be available for pick-up on Friday, August 14th from 4 – 7 P.M. at the church. Forms are available:

- By scanning the QR code on the above poster
- Going to the church website www.cornwallchurch.org
- Attached to The Caller email or included in a printed Caller
- In the church bulletin.

All orders are due by Monday, August 3.

There will still be a bake sale! Baked goods will be for sale on a first come/first served basis from 4 P.M. until sold out!

Baked Goods Needed: Drop off before 3:30 P.M. on Fri., Aug. 14 or contact Jen in the church office to arrange another drop off time. All kinds of goodies are needed (cakes, brownies, etc.). Peach items are especially needed. Bring all items in disposable containers and label (i.e., banana bread, no nuts). Contact Jen Trexler in the church office, 717-272-0148, if you have any questions about the baked goods.



A PUBLIC SCHOOL MINISTRY

Bible2School Craft Days

We will be holding two craft days to prepare for B2S which will be starting in September. The dates will be July 17th & July 21st. We will be starting both days at 9 A.M.

Come join in the fun of putting together the craft kits. If you are able to help one or both of the days please let Sandy Snyder know either by email, text or phone call.

Thanks

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... **to** the women who sang in the women's choir on Father's Day. Your music was a wonderful tribute to the men of the congregation.

... **from** Cornwall Elementary. Fourth grade students from Cornwall Elementary School used our fellowship hall to meet with their Cornwall Manor pen pals. Approx. 140 students and manor residents met for the first time in person, and spent time sharing their lives with each other. The fellowship hall was filled with many smiles, laughs and hugs. Cornwall Elementary thanks us for letting them use the church annually for this event.



Summer Special Music

Musicians are needed to provide special music during the summer for the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service. You will be responsible for one piece of music, either instrumental or vocal. Pick a date and sign up on the sheet outside the choir room.



2026 Eastern PA UMC Annual Conference Summary

The 2026 Annual Conference was held in Wildwood, NJ on May 19-21, 2026. Following Clergy and Laity Sessions, the Conference opened with a spirit of worship and expectancy, celebrating ministry through baptism, retirement recognition, and the commissioning and ordination of new clergy. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi called the church to seek God's presence, feast on what truly satisfies, and partner with God in rebuilding a "new Jerusalem...as God imagines it today," echoing Isaiah 55's invitation to listen, repent, and discern God's ongoing revelation.

Conference members engaged deeply in Bible study and learned prayer practices from Korean and African American traditions—prayer as cry, liberation, persistence, and embodied hope. In her State of the Church address, Bishop Moore-Koikoi affirmed that "we've come this far by faith", urging a shift toward local church-driven mission, expanded youth leadership, and every congregation developing a comprehensive discipleship plan in the coming year. The Connectional Table identified four priorities: strengthening local churches, justice and prophetic witness, leadership and discipleship, and youth/young adult ministry.

In the legislative session, the Annual Conference affirmed several resolutions surrounding economic justice, including Ensuring Just Wages and Benefits in United Methodist Congregations, Transparency and Access to Benefits for Lay Employees and Deacons, and Exploring Pension and Health Benefits Coverage for Deacons, Deaconesses, and Home Missioners. The Conference approved major renovations to the Conference Office, funded through apportioned and trustee resources, with work beginning this summer. The Conference closed with a blessing to "go out in joy and be led in peace".

Additional legislation passed:

- #2026-01: *Updates and Changes to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Rules of Order*
- #2026-02: *Denouncing Dehumanizing Immigration Enforcement and Calling the Church to Faithful Witness*
- #2026-03: *Supporting the Shelter First Act*
- #2026-05: *Church Closures*
- #2026-10: *Nominations and Leadership Report*
- #2026-11: *Equitable Compensation*
- #2026-12: *Rental Housing Allowances*
- #2026-13: *Ministerial Pension Rate for Pre-82*
- #2026-14: *Advance Special Applications*



From Finance...

	General Fund 2026	
	May	YTD
Total Income	\$ 22,414.77	\$158,843.75
Total Expenses	\$ 32,181.55	\$164,583.31

Let's all say **Amen!**

Cornwall United Methodist Church	
Mission Funds Receipts thru 05/31/2026	
ACCOUNT NAME	RECEIPTS
Bible2School	1,901
Family Life Counseling Center	1,120
Gretna Glen Camp Support	860
Heart and Hand	5,167
Jubilee Ministries	120
LCCM Foodbank	95
Lebanon Rescue Mission	808
Mission Support Fund/Donley	245
Mission Support Fund/Hands of Hope	75
Mission Support Fund/Renninger	225
Other Designated Missions	175
True Life Youth Ministries	365
UMCOR Admin Month	859
Total	12,015



July 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 VBS @ South Hills Park 6:30pm	2	3	4 
5 Communion Men's Group 7pm	6 Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Youth Group trip to Knoebels Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	8 VBS @ South Hills Park 6:30pm	9	10	11
12 Youth Group 6pm Men's Group 7pm	13 Boy Scouts 7pm Peach Festival Mtg., 7pm	14 LCCM Noon Meal Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	15 VBS @ South Hills Park 6:30pm	16 SSCC mtg. 4pm Trustee mtg. 7pm	17 B2S Craft Day 9am	18
19 Men's Group 7pm	20 Boy Scouts 7pm Finance mtg. 7pm	21 B2S Craft Day 9am Youth Group trip to Family Fun Challenge Center 11am Praying Hands 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	22 VBS @ South Hills Park 6:30pm	23	24	25
26 Men's Group 7pm	27 Boy Scouts 7pm Ad Board mtg. 7pm	28 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	29 VBS @ South Hills Park 6:30pm	30	31	



Songs of Hope – An Afternoon with Jeremy Goodling **Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 3 P.M.**

Mark your calendars for a special afternoon of music and encouragement! Cornwall UMC is delighted to welcome Jeremy Goodling for Songs of Hope, a free concert on Sunday, August 2 at 3 pm.

For over 35 years, Jeremy has traveled throughout Pennsylvania sharing the Good News through a ministry of music. His repertoire spans a rich variety of Christian music — Southern Gospel, light contemporary, beloved hymns, and praise and worship — offering something for every heart and every generation. But Jeremy's concerts are more than just music. He has a gift for connecting the songs he sings to his own life and walk with the Lord, weaving in personal reflections that make each song come alive with meaning. His songs are filled with hope and encouragement.

This mid-summer concert is a wonderful opportunity to pause, breathe, and be refreshed. As we continue to grow as a congregation rooted in prayer and grounded in God's presence, Jeremy's music invites us to listen for the Spirit's quiet work in our lives. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone who could use an afternoon of hope and encouragement.

We look forward to gathering with you for this uplifting time of music, faith, and community.



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