



St. Thomas Speaks

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So what is this new logo all about? When did it change and why??? Back in May of 2022, a new logo (seen above) was designed to symbolize that **The United Church of Christ** was accepting of all. Therefore, the comma, in the circle. It's an easier and more appealing way of saying no matter who you are or where you are on your journey of faith,

YOU are welcome here!

Jesus loved all, ate with all and prayed with all (which was confusing to his followers). How can we not love all and help one another in these challenging times.

Best way to look at it is:

**God is still speaking;
are you listening!**



Now: St Thomas Dulcimer Society is playing their Fall concert setlist for Fort Hunter Day on September 15 from 12:30 to 2:30PM We play in the little Heckton Church near the south entrance of the Fort area. This is a drop-in stay a while sort of concert rather than a stay put kind although all are welcome to stay as long as they wish. Fort Hunter Day is sponsored by Dauphin County Parks and Recreation and features several entertainment locations along with tours of the Mansion, historic demonstrations and food trucks. There is no fee to enjoy all that Fort Hunter Day offers. We hope to see many of you there.

(Air conditioning is included)

Then: St Thomas Dulcimer Society recently played for the "Unplugged Service" at Christ Lutheran Church on 13th Street in Harrisburg. The warmth and openness we were welcomed with made the morning a very nice success. We were also treated to a lovely Latin inspired lunch after church. These were the best empanadas I've tasted since I left Florida.

Card Ministry is starting back up for the year! Please feel free to join the group. There is a job for everyone and everybody is welcome. We will be meeting once a month beginning on September 22 at 1:00PM in Room 26 (near the office). Any questions call Stephanie Hensch (717)541-8887.

September Birthdays

- 6 – Lauren Stackhouse
- 12 – Andrew Trite
- 16 – Brian Brassell
- 19 – Harriet Farling
- 20 – Bob Meehan
- 23 – Bryan Woodall
- 26 – Kathie Gifford
- 27 – Elena Hepler
- 29 – Thomas Trite,
- 30 – Deborah Hepler,
- 30 - Ella Ferguson

Did we miss your birthday, call or email the office.

Restaurant Night

The results are in from Red Robin! The church will receive a check for \$241.49 for our general fund. Brian & I thank you all who came out to dine at Red Robin that evening. Walking around it was wonderful seeing everyone enjoying a meal and fellowship plus we noticed most of you brought additional friends and family along. Thank you so much!

Our next restaurant night will be September 30 from 11:00AM-9:00PM at the Copper Pub & Grill 580 North Mountain Road. They will be donating 20% of our total that night. Go for lunch and then come back for dinner!! You will need a flyer.

ST. THOMAS UCC
DINE FOR A CAUSE
COPPER PUB AND GRILLE
580 NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD, HBG
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
20% OF FOOD SALES DONATED TO THE CHURCH!
PLEASE BRING FLYER WITH YOU!
KITCHEN HOURS



Harpist Rabea Beier joined us on August 25, 2024 for a wonderful service of beautiful music. She hails from Schloss Holte-Stukenbrock, Germany. She has a master's degree in music therapy and is working towards her doctorate in music education and community music. Currently she is working in Cape Town, South Africa for a nonprofit organization offering music to children in marginalized communities.

You Speak

Helpful Hints

We all know that we must clean our dryer lint trap before each load to prevent fire. However, if you use dryer sheets regularly, did you know that there's another step that you must take? Run the lint trap under water after removing the lint. Does the water run through the screen, or does it puddle up? If the screen is blocked, clean it with a brush and hot soapy water. The built-up residue from the dryer sheets that is causing the puddle is also preventing proper air flow in the dryer and is a potential cause of fire. Connie Stackhouse

**Do you have a helpful hint?
Why not send it to the office
and help others with your
super skills!**

Featured Recipe

CARMELITA BARS

Ingredients

1 cup flour 1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp baking soda 3/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup quick oat 3/4 cup melted butter
6 oz. chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped (coarse) nuts
3/4 cup caramel topping (purchased)
Three additional tablespoon flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together the flour, salt, baking soda, brown sugar, quick oats and melted butter.

Press half of the mixture into the bottom of an 8" square pan. Bake 10 minutes and remove from oven.

Sprinkle chocolate chips and chopped nuts over the crust.

Put caramel topping mixed with 3T flour over chocolate chips and nuts. Put remaining crumb mixture on top.

Home Hosted Dinners



Hospitality team is sponsoring **Home Hosted Dinners**. Did you sign up to come or be a host. Hosts prepare the entrée and the participants bring a side requested by the host. Does that sound like fun, or what! (don't forget to invite the Administrative Assistant, she eats too). Contact Barb Meehan with any questions.

We Speak

September Mission Focus is Central Dauphin School District NutriPacks Program.

September is Hunger action month and we highlight and support the Central Dauphin NutriPacks program in its mission to alleviate hunger.

Nutripacks is an outreach of the Panther/ Ram Foundation. This program is dedicated to helping students lead healthier lives by providing nutritious food for children in need for each weekend of the school year. Currently 1 in 5 students in the CD school district is considered food insecure. Each school building in the district has a designated staff member as its Site Facilitator and the program depends on volunteers, partners and faith organizations to fulfill its mission.

Volunteers are always needed each week to help sort and pack the meal packages. Our financial contribution of \$200 will feed one child for the school year, \$600 will feed three and \$1,000 will feed five. For more information go to cdsdnutripacks.org.

Now for the fun stuff.

Calling all committee chairpersons to send me (the office) a monthly update or something covering what you are currently working on. Also send any needs for help, tools, equipment... This page will be designed to tell your stories, provide info for everyone to see.

Newsletter articles due by September 25.

History Preservation Committee

For the past many months the Committee has been working with the local chapter of the **Daughters of the American Revolution** to confirm that nine patriots buried in our churchyard were veterans of the American Revolution:

Johan Jacob Blanck
Casper Bucher
Peter Felty
George Fiesser
Henry Fitting
Philip Heckert
Thomas Lingle
Daniel Ream
Francis Wenrich

In March 2025, with much fanfare, the DAR will present a plaque, placed on a boulder, that will honor these men. More on this as we get closer to March.

Remember: This is **YOUR** newsletter.

Please submit recipes, anecdotes, helpful hints, faith based articles and any interesting things for the church. We need encouragement from all sides: men, women, clergy, leaders and followers.

I will end this newsletter with **AMEN!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Office Closed	3 P&L 6.30	4 TOPS 9-12 Scouts 6-7	5 Bells 6p Choir 6:45p	6	7 PCC 8:30-4p
8 Church Picnic 10:30a	9 Dulcimers 9-12 Golf 6:30p Hospitality 6:30p Elders 6:30p Scouts 6-9p	10	11 TOPS 9-12	12 Rock Club 6-9 Bells 6p Choir 6:45p	13	14
15 Kitch Ded 10 a Consistory 11a	16 Dulcimers 9-12 Comm Imp 2p	17 Deacons 6:30p	18 TOPS 9-12	19 Bells 6p Choir 6:45p	20 Scrapbook 3-9	21 Scrapbook 9-9 Taste of Linglestown 2-5
22 Card Min 1-3p	23 Dulcimers 9-12 Consistory 6:45p	24 History Pres 7p	25 TOPS 9-12	26 Bells 6p Choir 6:45p	27 Lifeline 8a-4p	28
29 Firepit 5:30p	30 Dulcimers 9-12					