



Chippewa

United Methodist Church



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From Our Lead Pastor Rev. Allan K. Brooks

Chippewa United Methodist Church celebrates 225 years of ministry in the name of Jesus Christ this year. From the early frontier to today's digital age, telling the story of God and inviting people into that story has been our passion. Our church has survived and thrived by the grace of God. We, like the rest of the world, saw life transformed in the quake of a global pandemic over the past year. Our church was closed, opened, closed again, and re-opened to stay.

We felt the risks as well as the sustaining power of our God through all that we were able to do. It reflected our history, for following Jesus always has its risks, but the sustaining power of our God has been with us in those risks.

We are the church, the people of God, the body of Christ here at the crossroads where people live, shop and work. Here at the crossroads where God and people meet to worship, love, and serve.

May God continue to bless you and yours,

Pastor Allan





Chippewa United Methodist Church

Speaks the Word of God...

Shares the Love of Christ...

Makes the Kingdom of God Visible...

Our Worship Schedule

Saturday Evenings

5:30pm Saturday Night Lite
in the Sanctuary

Sunday Mornings

8:30am & 11:00am Traditional
in the Sanctuary

9:45am Contemporary Worship
in the Community Life Center

Sunday School

for Adults, Youth, and Children @ 9:45am

Our History

Over two hundred years ago in 1796, a small group of believers met to establish a religious organization in what is known today as Chippewa Township. It was the beginning of the *Chippewa United Methodist Church* and evolved from the beliefs of a small number of pioneer settler families who had just moved into the area. Longing for spiritual guidance in their lives, they began to meet on a regular basis and invited others to their gatherings.

In the spring of 1796, *Abraham Powers, Thomas Stratton, and James Welsh* held the first religious convocation ever held in Beaver County. As they were all Methodist, the exercises and order observed were of course, Methodistic, consisting of reading the scripture, singing, prayer and class. In the autumn of the same year, Thomas Ross, a local preacher, came to their settlement, taught school and preached for a considerable length of time, until traveling preachers found their way to Beaver. That meeting constituted the *first Methodist class north of the Ohio River and west of the Allegheny River.*

At the time of its founding in 1796 at the home of Abraham Powers, the church was located in Beaver Township in the depreciation land area. It was first known as the *Powers Meeting House*. By a new land division in 1800, the church found itself situated in *Adams Twp.* Adams Twp. was later changed to *Chippewa*, an Indian name. The name Chippewa is a shortened English version of an old Indian word, *Chipwayanwok* which means *tailskins*. This name was given to the Indians because of the nature of their dress. The tails of the animal skins formed a fringe around the edges of their jackets and other clothing, thus they became known as the tail skins of the Chipwayanwok Tribe.

In 1796, the *Old Stone Church* was founded, three years after a treaty with the Indians opened the territory north of the Ohio River for settlement. It was built of native sandstone and was 25' x 20'.

In 1857, the *Red Brick Church* was built in its present location. The structure was 50' x 35' and much of the construction was done by church members.

In 1950, the new cornerstone for a church addition was laid and was one of the original stones from the Old Stone Church.

In 1952, the new addition added 49' to the length and 38' to the width.

In 1993, the sanctuary was remodeled.

In 2002, a new Welcome Center and Narthex was added.

In 2012, completion and opening of the new Community Life Center.

For over two hundred years, we have been a welcoming and inviting congregation. From its earliest beginnings, the church has reached out to those in need of the word of God.

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Community Life Center Scott Ensworth

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

In 2012, the Community Life Center celebrated its opening as an extension of worship for our Contemporary Worship Service. This Sunday 9:45am service provides an opportunity for the community to come together to hear Christ's message of love.

We are also able to fellowship within the community through different programs, activities and rental opportunities. Examples include:

Athletics: Adult and Youth Basketball, Pickleball, Volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments

Celebrations of Life Events: Birthday parties, Graduation parties, Retirement celebrations, Baby and Wedding Showers, Wedding Receptions, and Anniversary Parties.

Community Activities: Fall Festival, Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Nativity Showcase, Senior and Kids Expos, Business and Scout meetings

To learn more about the Community Life Center, please contact me at sensworth@chippewaumc.org.

Adult & Family Ministries

So often we hear the word “family” and we immediately think in terms of mom, dad and a few children. That certainly is a good and concise view. Yet, within the church setting, “family” means much more. It implies that all the members belong to one spiritual family, the Family of God in Jesus Christ. Thus, our families come in all shapes and sizes: dual parent families, single parent families, blended families, divorced, widow/widower, single by choice, and the list is still growing. It is our desire to maintain those ministries that are effective and meeting the needs of our adults and families. It is also our hope and prayer that we will search for those areas of Adult and Family life in which we have not yet developed a ministry to meet unmet needs.

We currently provide Sunday School classes and Bible Studies for adults of all ages. In addition, we have the following ongoing groups:

- Prayer & Witness
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men
- Christian Military Support Group
- Grief Support Group
- Adult Sunday School Classes
- Hospitality Team

Mission and Outreach

January	General Mission Outreach
February	Natural Disaster Fund
March	Holiday Food Bag Needs
April	Ashes to Life Ministry
May	China Outreach
June	Rise Against Hunger
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Adult, Youth & Children's Sunday School Classes

ADULT CLASSES

Quest Class: This is an evolving class that is striving to explore the Bible and current events using a variety of Bible centered studies as a starting point. The goal is to be a multi-generational group. All ages from college and up are welcome. Meets in the Wells Room.
(up ½ flight of stairs by the elevator and to the left)

Hope Class: All women are invited to this class.

Meets in the Café *(off the Narthex near the Sanctuary)*.

YOUTH CLASSES (Grades 5-8 and 9-12)

Both classes meet in the Church - Wesley Room and Drama Room - Wesley Room *(up the stairs by the preschool hall, through the door, turn left through door, and left again. Room is on left)*; Drama Room *(up the stairs by the elevator to the 2nd floor. Room is on the left)*.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Age 3 through 4th grade)

All classes begin in the Fellowship Hall *(downstairs by the elevator)*, then go to individual rooms.

NURSERY (Birth through Age 5)

Offered in both the Church and Community Life Center during services.

Lighthouse Young Adult Ministry

Kyle Bender

Lighthouse Young Adult exists to address a need for focused ministry towards the eighteen to thirty-five age range. Our vision is to be a group of young adults bonded through Christ and to be a network for anyone who seeks Christ through fellowship, discipleship, and love. We achieve this through twice monthly meetings, social media presence, and accountability groups.

Fellowship, discipleship, and love is at the forefront of all our group meetings. We fellowship through sharing a meal, conversation, and outings scheduled through the year. We achieve discipleship through the meetings led by one of our members. We encourage people to be bold and step up to volunteer to take charge of a meeting which can take the form of whatever style they prefer, whether it be testimony, devotion, music, art, activity, or Bible study. The young adult age range offers a large diversity of life experiences and unique struggles to each person. One voice does not suffice to reach each person, so we seek to provide a platform for voices that might not commonly be heard.

Lighthouse holds that love must be at the center of everything we do and who we are. We seek to spread Jesus' love to all who haven't experienced it yet by being open to everyone in our community, no matter what church they attend or even if they attend a church. Jesus reached out to the lost and the rejected by society, so we too will show open arms to those who are hurting. We try to meet off site whenever possible in order to make people who may feel alienated by church welcome.

We look to use social media and the connectivity of multiple avenues to achieve a network so that our group experiences and conversation reach beyond the walls of wherever we meet which is important as this age range is one with much transition whether it be college, work or family. Many people will be moving around or busy so we want to keep people connected no matter how many miles away they are.

The purpose of Lighthouse is not to create the light; only God can do that. The light is inside each of us. Our purpose is to lift each other up so that the light of Christ in us will shine, spread through, and overwhelm whatever darkness someone is feeling in their life.

Next Door Youth Ministry

Kevin Jenkins

Next Door Youth Ministry is a place for all youth to come and grow in faith and love for Jesus Christ. We believe that life is better when Christ is at the center of our lives. Our mission is to share the Good News of Jesus to our schools, families, and friends; we hope to do this by loving God and loving our neighbors. We spend time in fellowship with games and fun, Bible study, and small groups. All of it is meant to strengthen our relationships with Jesus Christ and each other, while offering a safe, loving community for our students to ask questions, be themselves, and strengthen their faith.

Children's Ministry

Proverbs 22:6 instructs us to, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This wise but simple proverb underlines our Children's Ministry philosophy. Our programs are creatively designed to teach, prepare and guide children on how to faithfully follow and live their lives through Jesus Christ. As children grow in their faith they learn to serve and witness to others. Chippewa United Methodist Church offers a variety of children's ministry opportunities that are open to all church families and to the community at large. The two main goals of the Children's Ministry are:

- To help children discover and develop an early relationship with Christ by learning His word and love through programs, events and activities that engage and connect Biblical principles to everyday life in a nurturing, relevant and fun environment.
- To teach and equip parents how to build their home and family on the spiritual foundation of Jesus Christ, helping them facilitate their child's faith development, spiritual life and church relationship.

The following is a list of our Current Children's Ministries

Nursery - The church nursery provides quality childcare for children birth through age five. Nursery care is offered at both the main church building and the Community Life Center for all weekend worship services. The nursery rooms are staffed with Safe Sanctuary trained adult caregivers who watch over and provide age appropriate ministry to the children. Parents are provided with silent vibrating pagers in the event of needed parental assistance during their child's stay in the nursery.

Children's Sunday School - Pre-school through 5th grade. Age-graded classrooms that teach core Bible lessons and offer small group activities. Sunday school hour runs from 9:45-10:45am.

Friday Night Kids - Themed Friday night activities for boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth grade, held once a month, October through April. Events are held in the Community Life Center. Friday Night Kids makes Friday nights memorable for kids by providing age appropriate Christian based activities and entertainment. Registration fee based on event.

All About Kids - Special Children's Ministry programs and events that are held throughout the year that include Trunk and Treat, Kids in the Kitchen, Kids' Christmas Town, Community Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Bash, etc.

Chippers - Christian Toddler Playgroup for toddlers eighteen months through the age of 3 accompanied by an adult. Activities include circle time music and finger plays, intro to art, and large group motor skill development. Registration space is limited. Please contact the Children's Ministry Director for more information.

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Reading with Kids - Volunteer Reading Program with School Students at Big Beaver Elementary School, Beaver Falls School District. Volunteer readers typically give an hour each week at the school. Readers are assigned two students.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) - VBS is a longstanding traditional children's ministry program of the church that reaches far out into the community at large. New and exciting themes are selected each year that include Bible lessons, crafts, songs, games and snacks. Adult and youth volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to join this spiritual, fun-filled program to make it a successful and memorable week for the children.

Safe Sanctuary - The General Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted a resolution in April 1996 aimed at reducing the risk of child abuse in the church. Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith. As a Christian community of faith and a United Methodist congregation, we have taken a pledge to conduct the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the safety and spiritual growth of all of our children and youth as well as all of the workers with children and youth. We follow reasonable safety measures in the selection and recruitment of workers; we implement prudent operational procedures in all programs and events; we educate all our workers with children and youth regarding the use of all appropriate policies and methods.

All persons volunteering their time to children & youth ministry programs must complete the Safe Sanctuary training process and obtain PA state police, child abuse and FBI fingerprint clearances. Any person wishing to volunteer their time in Children's Ministry may contact the Director of Children's Ministry for additional information.

Traditional Music

Donald Kephart

The Chippewa United Methodist Church has been blessed with a rich history of exciting and very active music programs. Children through adults have the opportunity to praise God with the gift of wonderful music. If you have musical abilities or would like the opportunity to learn, I would encourage you to consider the offerings listed below and plan to join current members who love to share and present great music together. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the music staff with questions you may have.

Donald Kephart
Director of Traditional Music

Traditional Music Ministry

YOUTH BELLS: Grades 8-12. They rehearse Sunday at 12:00pm. This choir is directed by Carol Holman.

ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR: Ages 18 and older. This choir is a skilled group which requires music reading ability. They rehearse Thursday 6:30-7:30pm. They are directed by Don Kephart.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Grades Pre-K-5th grade. They sing on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday and are directed by Carol Holman.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ENSEMBLE: This choir usually sings one Sunday a month at the 8:30am service

THE CHANCEL CHOIR: Post High School and Adults. The choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. They normally sing at the 11:00am services and one 8:30am service a month. They perform a variety of musical styles and normally do either a Christmas or Easter cantata each year. The Chancel Choir is directed by Brenda Connors.

Contact any of the Choir Directors for further information:

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Contemporary Music Ministry

Kevin Jenkins

Chippewa United Methodist Church is blessed by talented people who turn their musical gift to praise Jesus in our Contemporary Worship Service at 9:45am each Sunday in our Community Life Center. People are always needed to sing, play keyboard, guitar, drums and so much more. We need people to serve at our media and sound board.

If you feel called by God to use your talents for Jesus, please contact Kevin Jenkins, our Worship Leader, at kjenkins@chippewaumc.org

Chippewa United Methodist Preschool Chris Wilson

The Chippewa UM Preschool Program is a faith-based program, where the Golden Rule is our basis and we build on that through teaching respect, morals, and values. Also focusing on social interaction, sharing, following directions, health & hygiene habits, responsibility for oneself and belongings and most important, a love of school. These skills are the foundation for future learning.

Our program is based on the philosophy that all children grow and develop to their fullest potential if given the opportunity to explore, create and problem solve with materials appropriate to their developmental age.

We provide developmentally appropriate learning activities and materials that encourage children to achieve their developmental milestones in large and small motor skills, language development, cognitive skills, social and emotional development.

Our goal is to provide a safe, secure, healthy, consistent, creative, challenging and loving environment for each child.

ELIGIBILITY:

Toddler Class: The child must be 3 years old by September 1.

Pre-K Class: The child must be 4 years old by September 1.

All children have to be completely potty-trained. Please no Pull-ups.

Toddler 2 Day Program: 9:30am-11:30am

Pre-K 3 Day Program is Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00am-11:30am and 12:30pm-3:00pm

Pre-K 5 Day 4 or 5 year old Program is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday 8:45am-11:45am and 12:15pm-3:15pm

STAFF:

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Teacher - Bev Evans

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Aide - Chris Miller

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Each child is regarded as a unique individual and a beautiful gift from God. We *value and celebrate each child's diverse cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic background*. In consideration of the whole child, we strive to *nourish the mind, body, and sense of self* for continued growth.

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Boy Scouts of America

CUMC charters Boy Scout Troop 409 & Cub Scout Pack 409. Boy Scouts serves kids in grades 6-12, while Cub Scouts serves kids in grades 1-5. To learn more about Scouting, please contact Marc Grivna at 724-622-1439 (mgrivna@gmail.com).

Church Groups

We invite you to take part in our growth and fellowship groups

Women's Ministry

United Methodist Women: Second Wednesday of the Month

Agape Circle
Sew Many Blessings
Baking Ministry
Meals for Moms
Funeral Luncheons
Rummage Sales
Kitchen Care Ministry
Women's Ministry
Bible Study
Special Events

Men's Ministry

Various Bible Studies offered throughout the year
Community Breakfasts held quarterly as fundraisers for the
United Methodist Men's Ministry

Small Group & Leagues

Book Review: Watch the Steeple for monthly information

Support Groups

Military Christian Support Group
Grief Share Bereavement Support Group

Special Events

CUMC is involved in various special events during the year. Some are Outreach Programs to the community and others are Congregational Events.

The following is a list of some of our Special Events & Ministries:

Thank Fest Dinner/Service
Community UM Breakfasts
Lenten Community Luncheons
Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing
Christmas Bazaar
Christmas Nativity Showcase & House Tour
Spaghetti Dinners
Back to School Bash
Fall Spectacular
Spring Fling
Bake Sales
Rummage Sales
Friday Night Kids (Children's Ministry)
Vacation Bible School
Mission Trips/House Build