

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Growing Together in Faith, Service, and Love

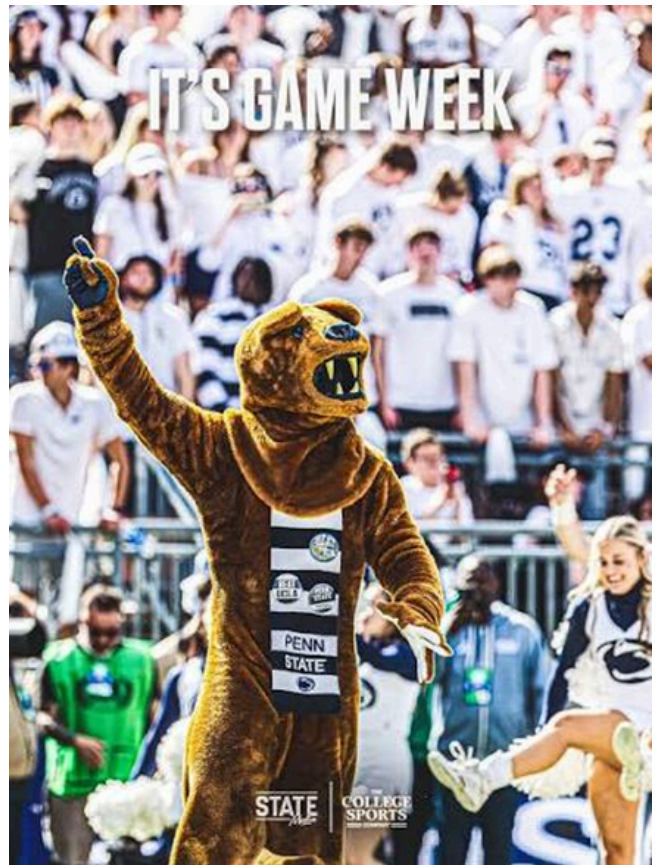


Calling all college students, graduate students, tech program students, and your parents!!

The Care & Wellness Committee of CMPC would like to let our post high school students that we are thinking of them twice a year, at Halloween and at Valentine's Day, because these are days when they are often away from home. If you are a student or the parent of a student, please send your snail mail address to Kris Bloom (kcbloom@verizon.net) by Sunday, October 17th. We would like to send a card and small gift to let them know their CMPC family is thinking of them. Even if your student is attending college, but living at home, we would still like to recognize them. Please send the snail mail address by Sunday, October 17th.

GET YOUR GAME ON!!

In celebration of the Fall Sports Season, we want you to show your team colors! Pick your sport and wear your colors proudly!!



On Sunday, October 18, 2026 we're having a new themed Fellowship Hour after the church service. Whether you're a sports fan or not, wear your high school, college, or favorite sport's team colors or team shirt to church.....it's time to GET YOUR GAME ON!!

On the menu is a Penn State classic: Grilled Stickies!
Delicious!

Let's have fun with this....I'm sure we have a few rival teams in the congregation?!#

Who's Who in the Pews



Gil Burckart moved to Columbia in 2008 after accepting a job as a pediatric clinical pharmacologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring and still works there. He joined CMPC in 2011.

He has been a Deacon and an Elder at CMPC in the past, serving on the Membership and Hospitality Committee of the diaconate and the Worship and Music Committee of the Session. He and his wife Mae currently help prepare communion for Sunday worship services.

Gil grew up in the Pittsburgh area, where he moved around for college and jobs. He was on the University of Pittsburgh pharmacy faculty from 1982 to 2002. He then moved in 2003 to Los Angeles, where he was on the pharmacy faculty at the University of Southern California until 2008. He has one son and one daughter who live in North Carolina and Connecticut, and five grandchildren spread between those states.

Gil has been an avid walker since the pandemic and says he never fails to achieve his 10,000 steps a day. He usually walks in his neighborhood, but when there's inclement weather he heads to the Mall in Columbia. He's figured out that he has to make six long loops around the inside of the mall to complete his 10,000 steps.

Two of the couple's favorite CMPC activities over the years have been the annual Musical Treats and Bountiful Sweets fundraisers, with all the talented acts and the sweets up for auction, and the dinners in Fellowship Hall for which members contribute a variety of soups. The recent restart of the music concert series at CMPC is also very special to both of them.



ELLICOTT CITY TROMBONE CHOIR

Sunday, October 18th

7:00pm in CMPC sanctuary



WHAT IS CHURCH FOR?

Beginning October 11, Pastor Janna will preach a 6-week Sermon series on "What Church is For." It's based on "The Six Great Ends of the Church" as they're outlined in the PC-USA.

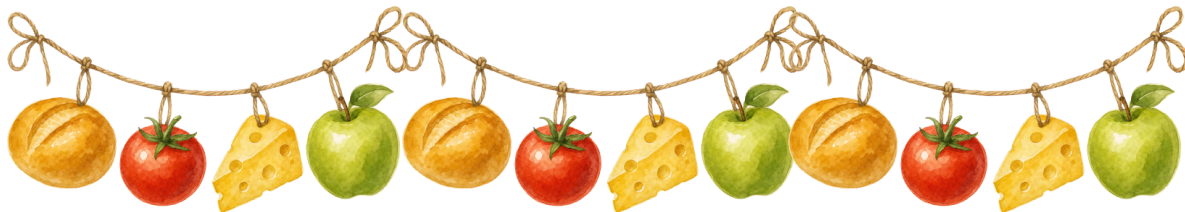
Over 7 weeks—with the joyful interruption of LOGOS Sunday---we'll look at our purposes: Salvation, Fellowship, Worship, Truth, Justice and Witness.

As we conclude this season of Pentecost and look forward to the Advent of a new church year, these "Ends" help us consider and define personal, ministry and financial goals.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 18th following worship to elect officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

FOURTH MONDAY MEAL



Please join us on Monday October 26th to provide dinner to the people of Grassroots Day Resource Center. This is an enriching opportunity to serve the greater community.

If you can prepare food or serve, please sign up below.





LOGOS 2026-2027

It's not too Late!!

LOGOS will be back in 5 days! We are looking forward to another year of fun and adventure with this intergenerational program at CMPC! Registration can be found through the church's website on the LOGOS page at <https://www.cmpcusa.org/>

There are options to register youth participants or adult volunteers through the Realm system.

Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal at LOGOS@cmpcusa.org