



# COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH LINK -N-TOWER



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### FROM THE PASTOR

Last week I was talking with someone who attends one of the several AA meetings held in our building. He is someone who has struggled with addiction most of his life but wasn't really ready to deal with it until very recently. He went on to tell me that when he walked into our building he felt something that touched him to his core: he felt love and caring.

This was a strong reminder that when we open our building to the community wonderful things happen. People are touched in ways we may never be aware of from the young parent who lives down the street who sends her child to Ancona; the very busy working woman who can't wait to spend a little time stretching and meditating with Yoga; the older woman who imagines herself to be the next Beverly Sills with the voice teacher; the addict who desperately needs that meeting so he can make it through the day; the young family who comes to our community dinners not just to eat well near the end of the month when finances are tight but to socialize and interact with other people who they may not otherwise have talked with.

Our building is a church. It is a place where we gather to celebrate and worship God and learn how to live by the teachings of Jesus. It is also a community center for those who would not otherwise have a space to do their outreach. Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in my name so will I be (Matt 18:20). Jesus also tells us to treat others the same way you want to be treated (Luke 6:31). When people walk into this building they can feel the love of God; they can feel the love and respect we have for each other as a faith community; they can see that we try to practice what Jesus preaches. The person I was talking with last week reminded me that we are a strong, loving faith community that touches people in ways we may never know... but God does.

### CALENDAR

#### Worship Opportunities:

Sundays 10:30am

#### February

3rd Annual Meeting

9th Chinese Dinner

12th Council Meeting

28th Community Dinner

#### March

6th **Ash Wednesday Service**

12th Council Meeting

16th Game Night

23rd Blood Drive

28th Community Dinner

#### CHINESE DINNER

At Feb 9th @ 6PM

Sign up sheet in sanctuary or call office and let us know how many. Price: \$19 includes dinner, drink and tip (please talk with Melanie if you do not have the funds to attend. She will make sure you can). Jeff or Pat will be in front lobby of restaurant to collect funds.

Ichiban Buffet 910 E Woodland Ave, Springfield, PA

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world with  
**love**



## February Mission of the Month **CWS BLANKETS**

Church World Service (CWS) sent out over 174,000 kits and blankets around the world. From war torn Syria to flood and tornado victims in ALabama, blankets helped to bring warmth, literally, to people whose lives were turned upside down. One blanket costs \$10 so please give generously so we can help keep people warm in their time of turmoil.

### **Game Night**

Join us for a fun fellowship activity on **March 16** . Bring a board game or some cards. We will supply some pizza and you supply the fun. 6pm.

## **COMMUNITY DINNER MARCH 28th 5-7 PM**

### **BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 23RD**

**IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR TO GIVE UP SOME OF WHAT SO MANY NEED....BLOOD! KEEP AN EYE OUT AND A VEIN READY FOR MORE INFORMATION AS WE GET NEARER TO THE DATE. GIVING BLOOD IS THE BEST LIFESAVER WE CAN GIVE TO OTHERS. LEND A VEIN.**

