Chestnut Hill Church

United Church of Christ

Who are we?

Who is our neighbor?

Who is God calling us to become?

MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE,
SUPPORT & AUTHORIZATION

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to Chestnut Hill Church

Chestnut Hill Church United Church of Christ

6870 Chestnut Hill Church Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036

Keystone Conference P O Box 6625, Harrisburg, PA 17112

2026

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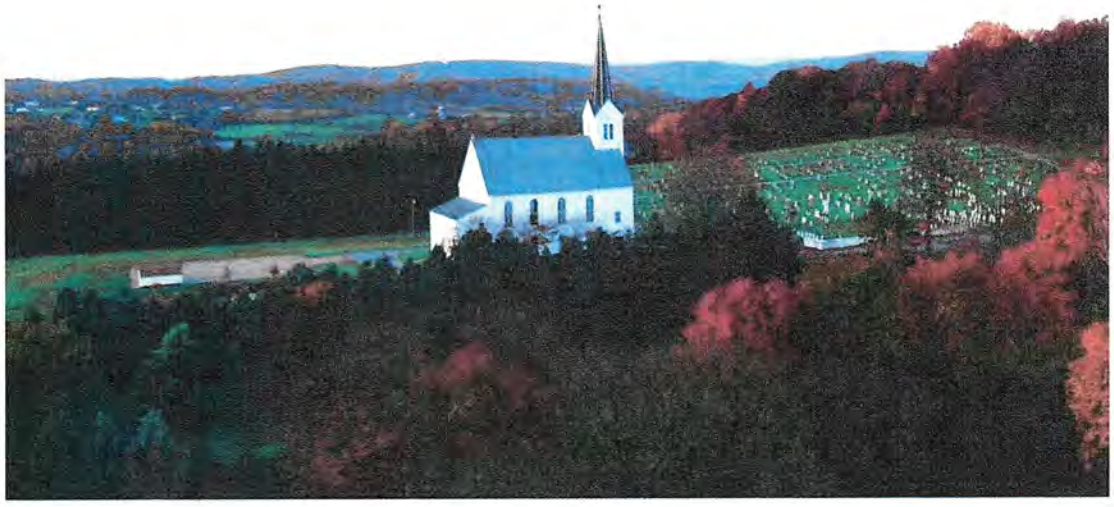

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." (Psalm 32:8, NIV)

1. POSITION POSTING

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d. WHO IS GOD CALLING TO MINISTER WITH US?

1a. LISTING INFORMATION

Church name: Chestnut Hill Church United Church of Christ
Street address: 6870 Chestnut Hill Church Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036

Supplemental web links: Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/groups/269721049717923/
requests have to be received to be added to the group
Web Address – www.chestnuthillchurch.org
Instagram – instagram.com/chestnuthillchurchucc/

Church Mission Statement: To worship, minister, and share the gifts of the Spirit with one another and the world.

Church Vision Statement: WE ARE a:
Compassionate
Helping
Community
Faithfully serving God and Neighbor

Additional ecumenical affiliations: Southern Lehigh Conference of Churches
Conference: Keystone/Penn Northeast Conference
Affiliated Association(s): Chestnut Hill Church Cemetery Association

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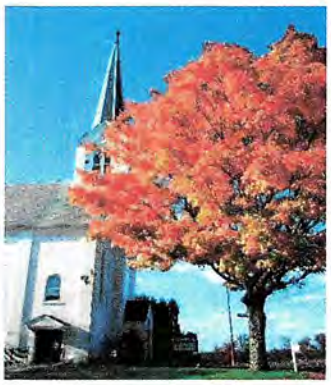
Summary Ministry Description:

We are looking to be a viable, forward moving church with a vision to make our presence known in the community through maintaining our involvement with Betty Lou's Pantry. Recently; among many others, these are a few of the local organization we have helped, The Kindness Project; Allentown Soup Kitchen; Easton's Children's Home; and the Ripple Community Home as lead through our women's group within the church. In the past we have opened our doors to New Vitae, an organization that provides day programming to Veterans diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury. A layperson of the congregation is providing a grief support group to our members once a month, while another individual member offers both chair and mat yoga to our members – even opening this up to the community this past Fall and continuing into this new year We want to continue to ever expand our mission into areas not yet explored where we can show God's love through service while growing in congregational numbers.

In order to gain more momentum toward this ministry, we need to grow in numbers within our own congregation by engaging the local community. This is a growth area for us. Currently we have average attendance of 30 members attending weekly but would like to see numbers of 70-90 worshippers or above attend on a weekly basis and look to work in partnership with a Pastor toward this goal. In the future we would like to re-establish age specific programs.

For all of this to occur, we feel strongly that having a solid leader who can direct us and provide us with other ideas, dreams, or engage us in imagining the unimaginable, would be of most benefit while also assisting us to sustain our Faith as we persist in our journey, acknowledging we are an every-changing, ever-growing work in progress.

Current size of membership: Total number of members is 235; We have 100 active members and 135 associate members; Average Sunday attendance is 30 in-person attendance.



Position Duration:

Settled – a called position intended for longer-term ministry in which the minister moves church membership to the congregation and moves standing to related conference.

Compensation Level:

½ Time – (20-22 hours per week according to conference guidelines)

Does the total support package meet conference compensation guidelines?

No. Salary is contingent upon Pastoral years of experience. $33,000. We will negotiate allocation of these monies when discussing the Pastor's call offer to the candidate.

It will NOT include:
Pension
Life Insurance
Health Insurance

Unfortunately, based upon our current membership numbers, we can only afford a part-time Pastor's salary. We are open to employing an ordained or associate minister, within the UCC denomination, and are willing to discuss employment with nondenominational candidates as well.

1b. PASTORAL DUTIES AND GOALS

EXPECTATIONS:

X Worship Leadership, Preaching, Service Preparation to include assistance with the weekly bulletin.

___ Church Administration, Newsletter, Communications, Staff Supervision

___ Leadership with Church governing body and committees.

X Pastoral care, visitation of hospitalized, homebound, and members in care facilities.

X Special services (weddings, funerals, liturgical year services)

___ Confirmation and include Children's Sermons as a part of the worship service

___ Teaching – Bible Studies, adult education, other (please provide a list of any other teaching items).

___ Maintain collegial and denominational relationships.

___ Mission and service involvements

___ Other expectations: please provide a list

PASTORAL GOALS:

Assist us to increase membership via:

Introduction of a contemporary service

Reintroduce Sunday School for both young children, adolescents, and adults

Reintroduce connection to members and others within the community via offering of taped or live church services through use of technology/streaming

Support our efforts to maintain and grow in community involvement

Support our efforts to continue to be a model of faith in action to all

Support our efforts to offer the church facility to those in need within the community

We are looking for a Pastor to:

Have Enthusiasm for spreading the Word and how it relates in today's environment

Live and model a life which is sustained on a foundation of Faith

Be Personable and Down to Earth

Be able to handle conflict when it arises

Be able to communicate ideas and concerns

1c. COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT

Part-time Position with commensurate salary.

What is the expected living situation for your next minister *(e.g. parsonage, living nearby with a housing allowance, living elsewhere to commute as needed)*?

We do not have a parsonage. We certainly would not want to dictate where a candidate would choose to live; however, the candidate should be mindful of travel time to and from the church and how this may impact work/home life balance and travel during winter months.

If applicable, describe how your church will adopt part-time adjustments in the pastoral schedule to support a minister's bi-vocational employment:

To continue to support our aging congregational members, ability to provide a Sunday service is non-negotiable. Other than that, we hope to provide the candidate with very flexible scheduling, revolving around his/her personal needs as long as the weekly 20-22 hour commitment is maintained. However, the expectation would be the Pastor provides the Congregational Council a monthly reporting of his/her duties completed each month.

Please mark any additional reimbursements the next Pastor can expect to receive as part of their employment:

_X_ Mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicle (if/when visiting shut-in members or members in the hospital or nursing home)
___ Cell Phone and/or Internet
_X_ Conference and/or Association meeting registrations locally
___ Other meeting registrations (or educational requirement registrations).
_X_ Criminal background checks
___ Other:

1d. WHO IS GOD CALLING TO MINISTER WITH US?

Describe the church's ministry goals you envision your next minister co-collaborating with the congregation to achieve.

Increase and retain membership
Increase revenue and stewardship
Teaching word of God and how it relates to daily life
Expanding our community outreach/service
Effective teacher/speaker with all age groups

2. WHO IS GOD CALLING US TO BECOME?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37 NRSV)

Who is God calling you to become as a congregation?

We believe God is calling Chestnut Hill Church United Church of Christ to be a Spiritual leader within the community, reaching out to others to engage and excite them in growing in faith thereby showing their faith in action. We believe in the Strength of Togetherness.

Describe how God is calling you to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of your community and congregation.

In the future we would like to be able to stream our services.

Chestnut Hill participates in Community Events to show our presence to members of the community. We also hold fundraisers that benefit local charities and the church.

We have one member who offers a grief support group to members and has opened it up to the community. Another member is offering yoga classes which have been attended by both members and others from the community. We are planning to continue these activities and possibly to expend more community involvement.

We believe that we live our vision statement as listed above:

WE ARE a:

Compassionate

Helping

Community

Faithfully serving God and Neighbor

Our membership is always at the ready to help others in need, either within the congregation or in the local community and beyond. We do much as a small church and we plan to continue. We look to work toward this goal in partnership with the Pastor. We most recently updated our church constitution and by-laws and have a working Policy and Procedures committee.

We also most recently completed a re-organization of our Cemetery Board who oversee the Cemetery Association that is connected with the church, under the church's umbrella.

3. WHO ARE WE NOW?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39 NRSV)

a. CONGREGATIONAL REFLECTIONS
b. CONGREGATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS
c. STAFFING
d. CHURCH FINANCES
e. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

3a. CONGREGATIONAL REFLECTIONS

Describe several strengths or positive qualities of your congregation.

As stated above, when there is a need, we are there . . . the Director of Betty Lou's Panry's had made the comment that "we are the smallest church that assists them and is known to be the one that contributes the most when specific items are requested". We open up the church to members and non-members for weddings and funerals. Our Fellowship Hall can be used for varying occasions, as we rent the hall for use to those in the community. In the past, we hosted both the Boy and Girl Scouts. In the past, we had collected donations to help 7 families within the community when the need arises. We provide a "Trunk or Treat" event during Halloween with a car show for the neighborhood children.

Describe what worship is like when your congregation gathers.

For example, where does worship take place, and what is it based around? What was a recent baptism like? What are some words used to describe good preaching?

We are a friendly place that is warm and welcoming. Our Sunday services take place in the Sanctuary and are Bible Based, ie: we follow the UCC Lectionary series with lessons taken from the Gospels, New Testament, and Old Testament. We are blessed to have talented church musicians.

We believe some words to describe good preaching are:
Engaging – Drawing people into the sermon
Participatory - Congregational involvement
Relatable – Have the preaching relate to today's challenges – how to live a Christian Life based upon the teachings from the Bible

Describe the educational program/faith formation vision of your church.

For example, how are young people in leadership? How do people continue to form their faith over a lifetime? Name a topic studied or curriculum used recently; what was the impact of this study on those who attended? Bible Studies

3b. CONGREGATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Describe those who participate in your church.

	Number	*Is this number an estimate? (check if yes)*
Membership Currently (2025)	235	Active 100 / Associate 135
Membership 5 Years Ago:	319	Yes – membership to this point had not been tracked and/or updated annually
Membership 10 Years Ago:	294	
Worship Attendance/weekly	30-35	
Weekly adult education attendance: (if any)	n/a	
Youth ministry attendance: (if any)	n/a	

Complete the following chart. Please leave blank any fields that are not applicable to your congregation. List all current staff, including ministers. Exclude the position you are seeking to fill. Indicate which staff person serves as head of staff.

Staff Position	Head of Staff?	Compensation (full time, part time, volunteer)	Supervised by	Length of Tenure for current person in this position
Church Secretary	No	Part-time – 8 hours	Personnel Team	3 years
Church Treasurer	No	Part-time – 8 hours	Personnel Team	4 years
Church Sexton	No	Part-time – 8 hours	Personnel Team	3 years
Music Pianist and Guitarist	No	Part-time – per Sunday	Personnel Team	3 years

Of the following individuals listed above, no one serves as head of staff. We have a personnel committee who provides oversight in this area and is answerable to the Congregation Council and congregational members. The personnel committee expects to consult with the Pastor regarding performance and expectations of the staff.

REFLECTION

Reflection: After reviewing the congregational demographics and activities above, what does this information reflect about your congregation's overall ministry?

We are an aging congregation and we need more young families to join us.

3d. CHURCH FINANCES

Current annual income (dollars used during most recent fiscal year)

Source	Amount
Annual Offerings and Giving (no pledged giving) As of Nov. 2025	$ 90,000.00
Endowment Proceeds *(as permitted within spending policy, such as a cap of typically 4.5%-5% on total return)*	Market value
Endowment Draw *(beyond what is permitted by spending policy, to date, we have never touched the principal monies on the account)*	$17,000.00
Fundraising Events: Women Working Wonders Fundraisers (basket raffle, Hoagie sales, Dine to Donate nights, Gift Cards; Thrivent	$10,000.00
Other (specify):	$ n/a
TOTAL	$

Current annual expenses (dollars budgeted for most recent 2025 fiscal year): $97,930.00
Attach most recent church budget, spending plan, operating statement, or annual treasurer's report as shared publicly with the congregation, or – if your church does not pass an annual budget – list current budgeted expenses here.

Below are our expenses through November 2025

Chestnut Hill United Church of Christ
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through November 2025

	January-November 2025
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
51000 · Salaries	
51100 · Pastor Compensation	
51110 · Salary	30,563.02
51152 · Mileage Expense	142.56
51165 · Supply Pastor	200.00
Total 51150 · Pastor Expenses	499.50
Total 51100 · Pastor Compensation	31,395.87
51200 · Employee Salaries	
51210 · Church Secretary	5,640.00
51225 · Supply Organist	7,350.00
51230 · Treasurer	6,072.00
51250 · Sexton	6,345.00
Total 51200 · Employee Salaries	25,407.00
51300 · Payroll Tax Expense	
51340 · FICA (Employer Portion)	3,709.31
Total 51300 · Payroll Tax Expense	
Total 51000 · Salaries	61,612.18
52000 · Pass-Thru Revenue/Support	
52220 · Betty Lou's Pantry	6,000.00
52240 – WWW Disbursements	11,519.53
52250 – Other Mission Projects	500.00
Total 52000 · Pass-Thru	21,519.25
Revenue/Support 53000 · Operating	16 .77
Expenses	
53100 · Insurance	
53110 · Liability Insurance	7,224.00
53120 · Workman's Comp Insurance	700.00
Total 53100 · Insurance	7,924.00
53200 · Utilities	
53210 · Fuel Oil	6,714.97

53215 · Electric	2,147.84
53220 · Telephone	278.67
53225 · Internet Service	2,102.43
Total 53200 · Utilities	11,243.91
53250 · Piano Tuning	430.00
53255 · Snow Removal	700.00
53300 · Office Expenses	482.54
53305 · Offering Envelopes	300.83
53310 · Office Expenses	482.54
53315 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	105.00
53320 · Postage	123.08
53325 · Printing and Copying	
53350 · Ink/Toner	1,804.10
53360 · Software - Microsoft	625.00
53365 · Online Software QB	
53370 · Web Site	351.00
53385 · Copyright Licenses	12.00
53390 · Software - Zoom	169.49
Total 53300 · Office Expenses	4,102.12
53400 · Worship Supplies	185.40
53420 – Flower Expenses	27.50
53500 · Repairs & Maintenance	2,377.35
53508 · Cleaning Supplies	
53510 · Trash Removal	110.00
53515 · Water Testing	770.00
53520 · Fire Ext. Inspection	143.64
53525 · Chairlift Inspection	259.25
53535 - Exterminator	796.42
53530 · Furnace Maintenance	334.95
53570 – Septic System	505.00
53575 – Steeple Repairs	20,215.05
Total Jan – Nov 2025 Expenses	25.766.42
54500 - Cemetery Operating Expense	4,661.69
55000 – Administrative Expenses	61.46
55110 – Payroll Expense Service	2,438.45
55140 – Consulting Fees/Magellan	4,269.39
Total Professional Fees	6,707.84
Total Expenses	**146,743.56**

Considering total budgeted expenses for the year, compare total ministerial support. What is the percentage?

Even with a part-time Pastor, we calculated Pastor's salary and staff salaries took up over 50% of our operating expenses.

Has the church ever failed to pay its financial obligations to a minister of the church? NO

Is your church 5-for-5, i.e. does it include each of the following contributions during the church year? *(indicate those included during the most recent fiscal year)*

___ Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM – Basic Support)
___ One Great Hour of Sharing
_X_ Strengthen the Church – voluntary member donation
_X _Neighbors in Need – voluntary member donation
___ Christmas Fund

In what way is OCWM (Basic Support) gathered? If calculated as a percentage of operating budget, what is that percentage? *(recommended 10%)*

It is not a budgeted item, it is a voluntary member donation.

What is the church's current indebtedness?

Total amount of loan debt: **None**
Reason for debt: **N/A**
Are capital and other payments current? **N/A**

If a building program is projected or underway, describe it, including the projected start/end date of the building project and the total project budget.

We just completed in May 2025 the purchase and installation of 8 aluminum windows in our steeple tower. Cost of $22K was raised by member contributions. We are looking to replace the 11 Fellowship Hall windows with the same in Spring of 2026. We are blessed to have a few members that do a lot, if not all our church maintenance at no cost to the church. Our bell in our tower had a crack in the frame and under the direction of The Verdin Bell Company, we were able to install metal plates to secure the crack, saving our church $5,000.00. We also are in the process of removing the damaged steeple lights and installing them inside the steeple, at no cost to the church. Our church was built in 1888, an older building with expected continuing maintenance needs.

Does your church have a parsonage? No

Describe all buildings owned by the church:

The church building/structure; a shed located on the grounds of the church; a shed located on the grounds of the cemetery across the street.

Describe non-owned buildings or space used or rented by the church: None

Which spaces are accessible to wheelchairs? ***(worship space, pulpit, fellowship space, facilities, etc.)***
Individuals with disabilities and wheelchairs can access the church fellowship hall on the ground floor through use of ADA accessible entryway. There is a handicap accessible bathroom off the fellowship hall, on the ground floor. The church sanctuary is located on the second floor and is accessible for those needing assistance via the use of a chair lift.

3e. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Name one to three significant happenings in the history of your church that have shaped the identity of your congregation. Add the most important event in the life of your church in the past 10 years.

There have been many improvements to the church building over the years, supported by the financial and physical contributions from the congregation. We started Women Working Wonders (WWW) which was organized to support local charities through fundraising events.

Reorganization of our Cemetery Board with concurrent revision and updating of the Cemetery Constitution and By-laws; Update and revision of the Church Constitution and By-Laws; Restarting of several committees that had long lay dormant; Establishment of a Policy and Procedures committee; Establishment of a Personnel committee with the concurrent establishment of written job descriptions for all paid positions.

Every church has conflict, some minor, some larger. "Where two or three are gathered, there will be disagreement...." Describe your congregation's values and practices when it comes to conflict.
For example, what is an example of a recent conflict and something your congregation learned from it? Describe an occasion when your church experienced conflict without being able to resolve it well. Does your church have policies, protocols or structures for dealing with conflict?)

We do not believe there has ever been an instance when we were unable to resolve a conflict within the church; although it is left up to personal opinion as to whether or not the conflicts encountered were "resolved well". That being said, what we have learned from several times of conflict within the church was that there has to be continual communication between staff, committees, the Church Council and the Congregation-at-large. In order to function so that we may continue to be a model of Faith in Action, all have to play a part and be held accountable to that which they promised to take care of, or serve. When this does not happen, it is encumbant on the Church leadership to step in and either take over control of a committee and assist them in re-establishing their mission or – if this committee is not functioning within the capacity with which it has been charged – to disband and/or reorganize said committee with other individuals whose charge it will be to continue on with the committee's mission. The Church leadership cannot become complacent and should handle items and situations (when warranted) before they get too far out of hand – being proactive – rather than reactive. To that end, we look to begin to incorporate and/or continue the following:

- Church Council will continue to have oversight of all committees
- Personnel team – under the purview of Council – will oversee all personnel issues and report back to Council in partnership with the Pastor
- The suggestion box located in the Church Narthex will again be advertised so that members know they may place suggesstions/concerns without fear of being identified; these concerns/suggestions will then be brought before Council*
- Church members may attend Council meetings and have their concerns heard during the initial beginning proceedings of each meeting*
- There is a form on the church website which can be used by members should they want to have their concerns addressed through this mode of communication*
- Continue with an "Open Door Policy" whereas all Church Council members can be addressed with parishioner concerns/suggestions which will be addressed at the next occuring Church Council meeting*
- The Church Congregation will be kept abreast of any/all information regarding any changes to committees, updating/revising of any church documents, etc. weekly announcements prior to the beginning of church service; and/or hard copy mailings.

*A written announcement regarding all areas above so marked will be placed in the weekly church bulletin with Pastoral encouragement to utilize these methods so that parishioner suggestions/concerns can be heard.

Ministerial History ***(include all previous ministerial staff for the past 30 years)***

Ministerial Staff member's name	Years of service	UCC Standing *(Y/N)*
Pastor Linda Rapp from 2022 to 2025	3	N
Pastor Christian Creyer from 2016 to 2021	5	Y
Pastor John Binde from 2003 to 2015	12	Y
Pastor Richard Deroko from 1993-2000	7	Y
Pastor Earl Marks from 1985 to 1992	7	Y
The Lutheran pastor was Rev Hoh while Pastor Marks was UCC pastor Lutheran and UCC Church merged in 1992	7	N

Comment on what your church has learned about itself and its relationship with persons who provided ministerial leadership:

Communication is key through all layers of church leadership, staff, and the congregation-at-large with everyone being heard. Although not everyone's point of view may be honored, it is hoped that all will keep the best interest of the Church and its continuing mission in mind, continuing to work together.

Has any past leader left under pressure or by involuntary termination?

Y/N - Yes – over 25 years ago

Has your church been involved in a Situational Support Consultation?

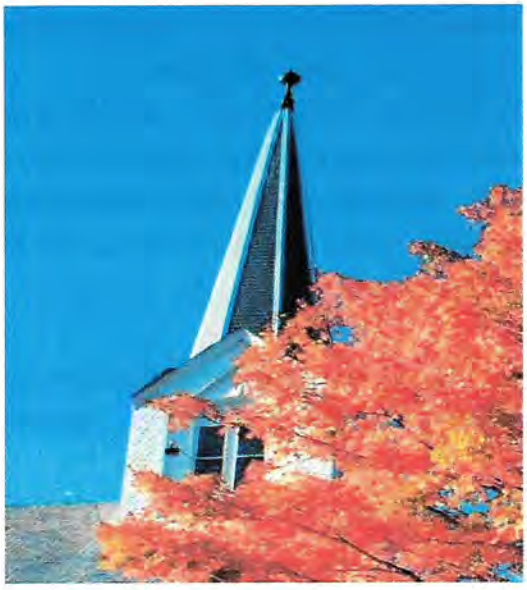
Y/N - No

Has a past pastor been the subject of a Fitness Review while at your church?

Y/N - Yes

Has any previous pastor been a contributor to conflict?

Y/N – Yes



4. WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? WHAT IS YOUR COMMUNITY'S VISION?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39 NRSV)

COMMUNITY VISION

How do the relationships and activities of your congregation extend outward in service and advocacy?

For example, which service activities has your church participated in this past year? Where has the church participated in global connections of care and justice? What is currently transformational in your church's engagement with neighbors near or far?

We feel this statement has already been addressed in several questions above and the prospective candidate will have a good idea of the relationships and activities our church has fostered and extended outward in service and advocacy. One item that has not yet been mentioned; however, is that we have an Endowment which specifically earmarks funds for needs within the local community; funds which the church oversees, but monies that cannot be accessed specifically for church ongoing daily needs. These funds have been used to assist Betty Lou's Pantry through donations that can be used to purchase more food and or household items for families served by Betty Lou's – a new dryer was also purchased in the past for a family in need. This Endowment also provided funds so that Wreaths Across America has been a reality for three years in a row – honoring all Veterans interned in Chestnut Hill Church Cemetery. It has provided funding for our local Grief Support group to continue to function and foster ongoing positive relationships for those individuals who attend.
Most recently funds through our WWW have been given to support Kindness Project, Turning Point, Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park, The Sixth Street Shelter, Children's Home of Easton, Love Ran Red, Tails of Valor, Veterans Brotherhood, Essentials Café, YMCA Warming Station, Chemo Bags, our local Fire Companies: Coopersburg, Lower Milford, Upper Milford (east and west), and Upper Saucon Ambulance.

We may not be a church that stands out with grand accomplishments or gestures; however, we are one that consistently rises when a need is heard. As Mother Teresa was quoted as saying:

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

We believe these two sentences describe our church perfectly.

5. REFERENCES

333 E. Oxford St.
Coopersburg PA 18036

Dear Chestnut Hill Church,

It was nice talking with you today. Here are my replies to your questions

1) Describe some areas of strength in this church's ministry. My experience with Chestnut Hill Church has been through their support of Betty Lou's Pantry so the strengths that I have experienced have to do with the congregation's willingness to pitch in, helping both physically and financially, many times more than other churches twice their size.
2) Describe some areas for improvement in this church's ministry. Being that I don't know the church other than through Betty Lou's Pantry, I can't really answer this question.
3) Describe a significant experience you have had of this church's ministry. On occasion, I will email the 12 covenant churches looking for household items for family who has moved into the area or a family whose appliance has died. On many occasions, Chestnut Hill Church has come through in a huge way, either with lots of used household items or offers for brand new appliances.
4) Anything else you wish to share. I have often talked about the church in terms of the little red caboose. It is not the largest church, but amazing things come out of it through the love and support of the congregation.

God bless you in your search for the next pastor.
Chris Page President - Betty Lou's Pantry 610-360-2730

Betty Lou's Pantry is a 501c3 nonprofit organization supported by Southern Lehigh area churches

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide a reference and recommendation for Chestnut Hill Church. For several years, the members of Chestnut Hill Church have generously supported The Children's Home of Easton through both monetary and in-kind donations.

Their ongoing support has directly benefited the children and youth we serve. They have donated essential items for our foster care program, contributed to our annual Christmas campaign to help us purchase gifts for children on campus, and each year reliably provide stuffed Easter eggs so we can host an Easter egg hunt for our youth. These acts of kindness bring joy, comfort, and a sense of community to the children in our care.

Chestnut Hill Church is a valued and trusted community partner, and we are truly grateful for their generosity, compassion, and continued commitment to helping children in need.
The Children's Home of Easton is a nonprofit organization that provides care, support, and guidance to children and youth who can no longer remain at home. Partnerships like the one we share with Chestnut Hill Church make a meaningful difference in our ability to fulfill this mission.

Please feel free to contact us if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Kristin Frampton
Director of Marketing & Communications
The Children's Home of Easton

6. CLOSING THOUGHTS

a. CLOSING PRAYER
b. STATEMENT OF CONSENT
c. CONFERENCE/ASSOCIATION VALIDATION

6a. CLOSING PRAYER

Our family of members of CHC are looking forward to welcoming a new energized Pastor into our family.

There have been challenging times within all churches; however, we have survived and we continue to strive. We are "keeping the light on" in our church and looking forward to the next phase of our church history that we can share with a new Pastor.

Our prayer is to ask God for continued guidance as we search for a new Pastor.

Dear Lord, please give us the knowledge, wisdom, and heartfelt devotion to promote the mission of our church. We ask for your blessing to share your love with each other and the community.

In Jesus name, Amen.

6b. STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The covenantal relationship between a church and those called by that church to serve as pastors and teachers and in other ministerial positions is strengthened when vital information is openly shared by covenantal partners. To that end, we attest that, to the best of our abilities, we have provided information in this profile that accurately represents our church. We have not knowingly withheld any information that would be helpful to candidates.

As the committee charged with the responsibility for identifying and recommending suitable new minister for our church, we have been authorized to share the information herein with potential candidates. We understand that a candidate may wish to secure further knowledge, information, and opinions about our church. We encourage a candidate to do so, recognizing that an open exchange of relevant information builds the foundation for continuing and healthy relationships between calling bodies and persons seeking a ministry position.

1. Which individuals and groups in the church contributed to the contents of this Local Church Profile?
   Our Search Committee consisted of 7 members of the congregation

Signed: *Debbie Koder and Robin Shedlauskas*

Who will be receiving pastoral profiles at the church?

Name: Debbie Koder – Debkoder@yahoo.com phone 610-390-9026
Robin Shedlauskas – rsheds@ptd.net phone 215-527-8121
Title: Co-Chairperson, Search Committee

6c. VALIDATION BY CONFERENCE/ASSOCIATION

The congregation is currently in good standing with the association / conference named.

Staff Comment: Mountain Valley Association

To the best of my knowledge, ministerial history information is complete.

Staff Comment: yes

To the best of my knowledge, available church financial information is presented thoroughly.

Staff Comment: There is no budget or endowment information but the current expenses sheet is included.

My signature below attests to the above three items.

Signature: Nora D Jonst
Name / Title: Regional Conference Minister
Email: Nora @ KeystoneUCC.org
Phone: 717-652-1560
Date: 1/20/2026

"Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God!'" – Mark 11:22

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ELEVEN YEAR CHURCH PROFILE BASED ON DATA REPORTED IN UCC YEARBOOKS

Church: 0054 - Chestnut Hill UCC - Coopersburg, PA

Assoc/Conf: **Mountain Valley (Keystone)** in **Keystone**

Schedule: 0 - UCC Church

Year	Members	AVG Weekly Attendance	CHR ED / Faith Form	Confirmation	Confession	Transfer Or Reaffirm	Death Or Trans Out	Other Losses	Net Membs Adds-Removed
2015	295	55	20	0	0	0	12	3	-15
2016	283	50	5	0	0	0	7	5	-12
2017	286	70	8	0	0	11	8	0	3
2018	290	62	8	6	0	0	5	1	0
2019	285	42	5	0	3	0	8	0	-5
2020	281	39	4	0	0	0	4	0	-4
2021	281	39	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	113	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	109	35	0	0	0	0	3	0	-3
2024	109	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Year	Current Expenses	Capital Payments	Basic Support	Additional UCC Giving	Total OCWM	Other Support	Wider Mission	Basic Supp % Curr Local	Total Expend	Pledges And Offerings
2015	$128,554.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	1%	$128,554.00	$99,000.00
2016	$98,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$10,000.00	$11,000.00	1%	$108,000.00	$83,000.00
2017	$128,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$4,218.00	$5,218.00	1%	$132,218.00	$86,000.00
2018	$146,000.00	$0.00	$2,900.00	$330.00	$3,230.00	$0.00	$3,230.00	2%	$146,000.00	$83,455.00
2019	$157,942.00	$0.00	$1,200.00	$645.00	$1,845.00	$0.00	$1,845.00	1%	$157,942.00	$0.00
2020	$145,639.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$145,639.00	$109,796.00
2021	$145,639.00	$0.00	$1,350.00	$698.00	$2,048.00	$0.00	$2,048.00	1%	$145,639.00	$0.00
2022	$145,639.00	$0.00	$0.00	$273.00	$273.00	$0.00	$273.00	0%	$145,639.00	$0.00
2023	$145,639.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00	0%	$145,639.00	$0.00
2024	$145,639.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$200.00	0%	$145,639.00	$0.00

% Change	Members	Avg Weekly Attendance	CHR ED/ Faith Form	Total Additions	Total Removals	CURR Local Expenses	Total OCWM	Total Expenditures
2020 - 2025	-61.21	-10.26	-100.00	0	-100.00	0.00	200	0.00
2015 - 2025	-63.05	-36.36	-100.00	0	-100.00	13.29	-80.00	13.29

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