

THE UNITED MESSENGER
FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MANOR HILL CHARGE - ENNISVILLE; FAITH; WESLEY CHAPEL

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE**

15th Street UM Church

April 2nd - 7:00 p.m.

Sermon Title:

"Linger At The Table"

Holy Communion will be offered during the service.

COMMUNITY CROSS WALK AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 3RD - 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Good Friday Services which will begin at the Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ, located at 515 Sixth Street and move through seven downtown Huntingdon Churches. If you are in the area, please join with others who will be making the journey from church to church for these very meaningful services.



Donation United Methodist Church
April 5th - 7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion

Sunrise Service

Sermon Title: "Christ Is Risen"

Following the service, for those who are attending, there will be breakfast served in the social room.

Manor Hill Charge
At Faith United Methodist Church
April 5th - 8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion

Sunrise Service

Sermon Title: "Christ Is Risen"

Following the service, for those who are attending, there will be breakfast served in the social room.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday - April 5th - 10:45 a.m. - 15th Street United Methodist Church

Holy Communion

Sermon Title: "Christ Is Risen"

Following the service, there will be an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn.



**FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION /
MANOR HILL CHARGE (ENNISVILLE – FAITH – WESLEY CHAPEL)
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL, 2026**

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| April 2, 2026 | Maundy Thursday – 15th Street UM Church
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 NRSV;
I Corinthians 11:23-26 NRSV; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV
Sermon: “Linger At The Table” |
| April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday Services / Holy Communion
(Donation UMC/Manor Hill Charge/15th Street UMC)
Scripture Lessons – Acts 10:34-43 NRSV; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSV;
Colossians 3:1-4 NRSV; John 20:1-18 NRSV;
Jeremiah 31:1-6 NRSV; Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV
Sermon: “Christ Is Risen!” |
| April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday After Easter
Scripture Lessons – Acts 2:14a, 22-32 NRSV; Psalm 16 NRSV;
I Peter 1:3-9 NRSV; John 20:19-31 NRSV
Sermon: “Thomas, The Doubter” |
| April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday After Easter
Scripture Lessons – Acts 2:14a, 36-41 NRSV; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 NRSV;
I Peter 1:17-23 NRSV; Luke 24:13-35 NRSV
Sermon: “From Confusion To Conversion” |
| April 26, 2026 | Fourth Sunday After Easter
Scripture Lessons – Acts 2:42-47 NRSV; Psalm 23 NRSV;
I Peter 2:19-25 NRSV; John 10:1-10 NRSV
Sermon: “Living The Abundant Life Together” |



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EVENTS TO REMEMBER

<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Holy Communion Thursday, April 2nd – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (DOWNTOWN HUNTINGDON) Friday, April 3rd – 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNRISE SERVICE – DONATION UM CHURCH Sunday, April 5th – 7:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Breakfast Will Follow The Service.</p> <p>SUNRISE SERVICE – MANOR HILL CHARGE AT FAITH UM CHURCH Sunday, April 5th – 8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Breakfast Will Follow the Service.</p> <p>EASTER CELEBRATION – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Sunday, April 5th – 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service.</p> <p>TRUSTEE MEETING Monday, April 6th – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 15TH STREET UMC Tuesday, April 7th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ENDOWMENT MEETING Monday, April 13th – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>METHODIST MEN’S MEETING – WESLEY CHAPEL UMC Monday, April 13th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HOAGIE SALE (FUNDRAISER) Saturday, April 18th – 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – DONATION UM CHURCH Monday, April 20th – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bell Choir: 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir: 6:30 p.m. NO Choirs Wednesday, April 1st.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Choir – 6:45 p.m. – Begins Monday, April 13th.</p>
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From the Pastor...

April Devotional

“From the Cross to New Life”

April is a sacred month in the life of the church. It is the time when we have walked the road of suffering, stood at the foot of the cross, and then witnessed the miracle of resurrection. It is a journey that moves us from sorrow to joy, from darkness to light, from death to life.

The scriptures remind us that this journey is not just something that happened long ago—it is something we are invited to experience in our own lives. In the Gospel of John 19, we see Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a moment filled with pain, sacrifice, and deep love. The cross shows us the cost of grace. It reminds us that God meets us in our brokenness and does not turn away.

Many of us know what it feels like to stand in those “cross moments” of life—times of grief, uncertainty, or struggle. Moments when hope seems distant and the future unclear. But the story does not end there. “Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed!” These words echo through the sanctuary each Easter morning, reminding us of the heart of our faith: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel of John 20, the tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. And the risen Christ appears. What once held grief and finality now holds possibility and hope. The risen Christ appears to his followers, not with condemnation, but with peace: “Peace be with you.”

That message still speaks to us today. We live in a world that often feels uncertain. There are moments when we carry burdens, face challenges, or wonder how things will turn out. Yet Easter proclaims that God’s power is greater than any obstacle we face.

Resurrection is not just about what happened to Jesus—it is about what God continues to do in us. Easter reminds us that God is always at work—even when we cannot see it. Because of the resurrection, we are never without hope. We are never alone, and we are always invited into new life. This is the promise we carry into April.

To live the resurrection means: offering kindness where there is hurt, extending forgiveness where there is brokenness, working for justice where there is injustice, sharing hope where there is despair. The early church in Acts of the Apostles lived this out daily—gathering, praying, sharing, and growing together. Their lives became a witness to the power of the risen Christ. That same calling is ours today.

This April, as we celebrate Easter, let us not leave the resurrection in the sanctuary. Let us carry it into our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. Let us be people who live with joy, who serve with compassion, and who reflect the love of Christ in all we do. Because the good news of Easter is not just that Christ has risen—it is that we are invited to rise with him into new life.

Prayer: Risen and living God, we thank you for the gift of resurrection through Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with Easter joy and renewed hope. Help us to live as people of the resurrection—sharing your love, serving others, and trusting in your grace. Guide us by your Spirit to be faithful witnesses in our daily lives. Make us instruments of your peace and reflections of your light in the world. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

The Oasis of Love Church, Huntingdon - Saturday - April 4, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

This will be a vivid and exciting presentation showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, conducted by Ari Hauben of Chosen People Ministries.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER begins with the traditional Passover Seder table, complete with all the articles of this Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples. It will give the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood.

It will also help the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

The meeting is open to the public: Both the Christian and Jewish community are invited. A love offering will be received.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY, 2026

	<u>ACTUAL INCOME</u>		<u>ACTUAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME VS EXPENSE</u>	
	<u>YEAR</u>		<u>YEAR</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$18,944.18	\$30,861.90				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$20,775.21	\$43,745.13		
						-\$12,883.23
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$556.00	\$961.48				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$691.00	\$741.48		
					\$220.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$600.00	\$1,940.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$600.00	\$1,940.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$20,100.18	\$33,763.38				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$22,066.21	\$46,426.61		

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- April 5, 2026 World Hunger
(This offering is received to help resource food pantries / food banks throughout the world, United States, and locally.)
- April 12, 2026 Native American Awareness Sunday
(This collection is received to help resource the Native American Missional Annual Conference in Oklahoma.)
- April 19, 2026 Organ Fund
(This special offering pays minor repairs and tuning for the church organ and piano.)

Special Offerings For February

- Blanket Sunday \$ 55.00
 Forum Fuel Assistance \$ 25.00
 Huntingdon Fire Company \$ 250.00
 One Great Hour Of Sharing \$ 25.00
 Sandwich Sale-Donation \$ 336.00

15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

- April 3 Nancy Salter April 9 Lucenda Holland April 17 Beverly Lightner
 April 4 Bob Glenny April 10 Rick Reed April 25 Grace Peters

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- April 23 Dan and Norene Greenleaf

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

- April 20 Robert Leamer April 22 Nevin Bickle April 20 Darrell and Amy Stickler

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Ennisville United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

- April 9 Karen Davis April 16 Darla White April 21 Elwood Keller

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- April 11 William and Karen Davis

happy birthday

happy anniversary



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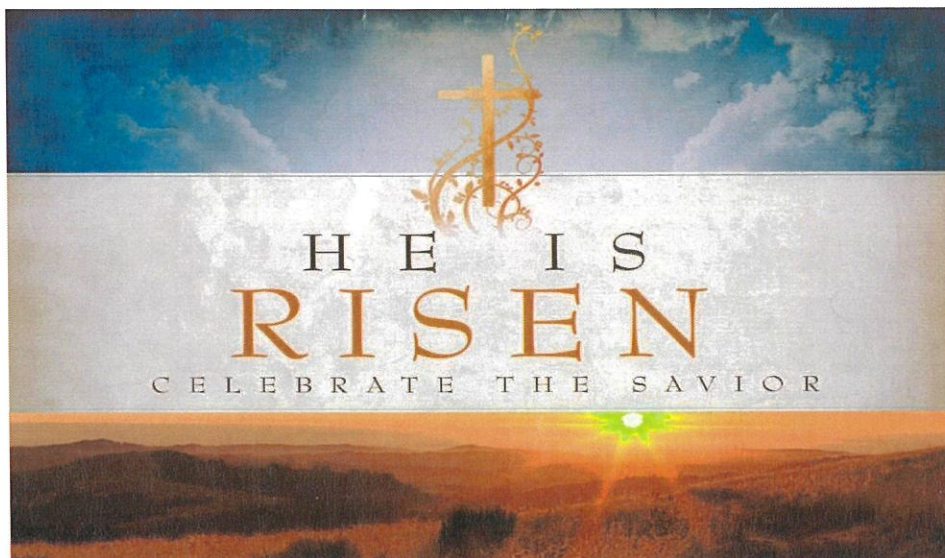
Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 NO Choir Rehearsals	2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion 15th Street UMC	3 Good Friday Services 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Downtown Huntingdon (walk begins at the Abbey Reformed)	4
Manor Hill Charge Wesley Chapel UMC-8:45 a.m.; Ennisville UMC-9:45 a.m.; Faith UMC-11:00 a.m.						
5 Donation UMC 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service Holy Communion Breakfast To Follow Manor Hill Charge 8:00 a.m. (Faith UMC) Sunrise Service Holy Communion Breakfast To Follow 15th Street UMC 10:45 a.m. Easter Celebration Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	6 3:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting	7 6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting	8 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12	13 3:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting 6:00 p.m. Methodist Men's Meeting - Wesley Chapel UMC 6:45 p.m. Music! Music! Music! Community Choir Begins	14	15 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18 10:30 a.m. Hoagie Sale Fundraiser
Pastor Barb And Jack On Vacation						
19	20 1:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC 6:45 p.m. Music! Music! Music! Community Choir	21	22 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23	24	25
Pastor Barb And Jack On Vacation						
26	27 6:45 p.m. Music! Music! Music! Community Choir	28	29 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30	Donation UMC 9:15 a.m.-Worship 15th Street UMC 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.-Worship	
Pastor Barb And Jack On Vacation						

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